



**American Legion Flagler Post 115  
General Meeting Minutes  
14 JUNE 2021**

**Cdr. Hammond** - Opens Meeting 1830 HRS

**SPECIAL SPEAKER** – Kurt Gies, Post 63 Winter Garden and Dept. 3<sup>rd</sup> VC candidate.

Kurt shared his ideas of the future of The American Legion stressing the importance of reaching out to “today’s” veterans from the recent conflicts whose numbers is many and should be future members. Shared need for social media interaction. Also stated a 5 and 10-year plan is needed in order to attract new members that can buy into. Was a Boys State attendee.

Post 115 Judge Advocate Omer Smith is a supporter of Kurt’s nomination to the Dept. 3<sup>rd</sup> VC position.

**Presentation of Colors** – Color Guard

**Prayer** – Chaplain Boone

**POW / MIA Empty Chair Ceremony** – Color Guard

**Pledge** – Cdr. Hammond

**Speaker** – Ray Tyner, Deputy Chief Development Officer City of Palm Coast

Presentation on development currently in the Town Center area and Palm Coast Also made mention of Palm Coast’s Interactive webpage regarding current projects either in planning or development -

<https://www.palmcoastgov.com/development-project-search>

**Special Guest** – Jim Bowers, 17<sup>th</sup> District Cdr. – presented the 2021 100% membership banner to Cdr. Hammond to be attached to the Post’s American Legion flag.

**Officer Roll Call** – Adjutant Owens

Excused – Leahy, E. Beier, O. Beier

**Minutes of previous meetings** – Adjutant Owens

Minutes of 12 APR general and 26 APR executive committee meetings have been posted on-line @ [www.flaglerpost115.org](http://www.flaglerpost115.org), also printed and available @ this general meeting per By-Laws. Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous vote to approve previous minutes.

**Cdr. report:**

Many thanks to all members that helped this year with the growth of the Post

**1<sup>st</sup> VC Pepin Report:**

Presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Dept. of FL. to Cdr. Hammond for his efforts in leading Post 115 and all of its accomplishments.

Certificate to Post 115 also received from Northern Area Cdr. Marie Conti.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VC Leahy Report:** (submitted in absence)

**Programs:**

Boys State Update

Boy's State bus leaving Post 120 20 JUNE 0245hrs

**Fundraising:**

Lollipop Drive 9 & 10 Oct @ two PUBLIX stores – dedicated to Special Olympics  
Post 115 Golf Tournament 11 OCT 2021 @ Grand Haven Golf Club  
Palm Coast Ford – F-150 hole-in-one prize  
Getting more sponsors

**Finance Officer Mangels Report:**

Offered Finance Report for May 2021 – motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept for audit, passed by unanimous vote.

Advised that Post 115 Financial Audit was completed by members O. Beier, B. Thorpe, J. Boyd with a recommendation for acceptance as all balanced.

**Judge Advocate Smith Report:**

Update on Whispering Meadows Ranch – currently operational, looking at new location near the Flagler County Fairgrounds.

**Historian Boyd Report:**

Has produced a thumb drive video with photos from the Post 115 Scrapbook to use at general meetings.

Post Scrapbook completed for 2021 year and ready for submission to Dept. of FL. As always, if members have veteran or Post photos please share with Jim Boyd.

**Chaplain Boone Report:**

Post Everlasting update

Glenwick Elliot, Lt. Cdr. USN Ret.

Sick Call

Members – Perez, Ausbrooks, Edmunds, Gyorkos, Muskopf, Klinkenberg Brothers, McNamara, Haseltine, Reese

**VAC Report:**

Flagler County Freedom Fest 2021 @ Flagler Co. Exec. Airport 3 JULY

Post 115 Color Guard will lead the opening procession and ALR Chapter 115 Riders will be a part of a “rolling thunder” for ceremonies.

“Fall Festival” honoring active duty/guard/reserve/veterans and families 25 SEP 2021

Will be at Palm Coast Town Center Park – Post 115 will have a booth there

**Member @ Large McNamara Report:**

Looks like VA Daytona will open again 1 SEP 2021

Remember 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Veterans' Breakfast @ Bob Evans 0800

**Member @ Large Whitaker Report:**

WAA update – currently 221 Veterans interred at Espanola Cemetery

Post 115 has 57 wreaths already – [www.FlaglerPost115.org](http://www.FlaglerPost115.org) has a link to WAA for donations to cause.

There has been contact with a representative of the Masonic Cemetery on Old Kings Rd and there is a possibility that Post 115 will sponsor that as well.

**ALR Director Dean Report:**

ALR Chapter has been active – visited 2 Posts this past weekend, have attended to various funeral and memorial services offering escort and flag line.  
Fundraising at Beach Front Grille in support of Post and ALA.  
Currently reviewing ceremonial uniforms and procedures – “fine-tuning”

**SAL SQUADRON 115 Report:**

Squadron Reorganization – SAL member Richard J Card replacing retiring Adjutant/Treasurer Gary M Owens effective 1 July 2021  
Gary Owens offered his resignation from the SAL positions effective 1 July 2021

**Old Business:**

1-4 JUL 2021 Dept. of Florida Convention – Post 115 sending 6 delegates  
Pepin, Owens, Leahy, Werner, Middleton, Beier – plus Past Dept. Cdr. Smith

**New Business:**

Member David Lydon has been nominated and has accepted the position of Post Service Officer replacing Ophelia Beier who has moved to Finance Officer.  
Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous vote to approve David Lydon as Post 115 Service Officer.  
Note that David has served in this position in the past and is the current Flagler County Veterans Service Officer.

**For the Good of The Order:**

**50 / 50 Drawing -**

**Closing Ceremony - Retirement of Colors**

**Commander's Charge**

**Chaplain's Prayer**

**Meeting Adjourned – 1940hrs**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary M Owens, Post 115 Adjutant