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Flagler American  
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Flagler American Legion Post 115  
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Flagler Sons of the  
American Legion Squadron 115

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MAR - APR 2025

Editor: Gary M Owens

**NEXT POST MEETING**  
**MONDAY JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**at the CITY OF PALM**  
**COAST SOUTHERN**  
**RECREATION CENTER -**  
**1290 BELLE TERRE**  
**PKWY - BEHIND FIRE**  
**STA. 25**

**Meeting starts 6pm -**  
**1800 - PROMPTLY so**  
**be early.**

## **COMMANDER'S** **COLUMN**

Fellow Legionnaires,

There's a proverbial Chinese saying, many say it's a curse, that goes: "May you live in interesting times." I think most everyone would agree that we are living in "interesting times." And to top it off, we, Post 115, have to find a new meeting place. So, starting next month (March) we will meet at Palm Coast's Southern Recreation Center at 1290 Belle Terre Parkway. It's a beautiful

new facility and is smoke free. Come check it out at our March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting! One note of caution: Traffic on Belle Terre can be heavy so if you approach from the North, you may want to continue south past the entrance and U-turn at the next light. Be safe,

It is my opinion that if our Post is to survive and have a future, it is vital that we have: 1) Our own home; and 2) more member involvement. Consequently, I am standing up the building committee and supporting budget changes for next fiscal year. If you have experience, skills, or interest in helping or serving on the building committee, please contact me.

Speaking of member involvement, if you'd like to get involved, please come to a meeting and talk to us. Areas of interest include fundraising, event planning, community outreach, youth programs, veteran support, and public affairs. This is not a complete list so if you have an idea of something that would benefit our post and its mission, - Supporting our 4 Pillars – Veterans Affairs & Rehab, National Security,

Americanism, and Children & Youth, then please come to a meeting and talk to us.

Post elections are coming up. Consider taking a leadership position.

Please, get involved, be part of something bigger than yourself, be an agent of change in interesting times.

Be the ONE.

For God & Country,

Paul W Werner, Cdr. Post 115

**BEACH HAVEN**  
**COMMUNITY HOA FLAG**  
**DEDICATION FEB 17, 2025**



Adj. Owens, Cdr. Werner,  
MCL 876 Frank Arce  
Feb 17, 2025

**MANY THANKS TO:**



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### **ADJUTANTS CORNER**

Hello to our Post 115 Family!  
**Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>** you'll find our ALR Riders Chapter and SAL Squadron tending to our Post 115 Membership Tent promoting and recruiting our Post – American Legion, ALR, SAL, and AUX.

This is the **SpringFest 2025** sponsored by the Palm Coast – Flagler Regional Chamber of Commerce happening @ Joanne B King Park, 300 Citrus St in Bunnell, 10am – 5pm – free to the public with music, entertainment, Pet Parade, vendors, food, and beverages.

**THANKS**



**MAJOR GOLF  
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Our next meeting – March 3 – will be held at a new location – the **City of Palm Coast Southern Recreation Center** – a new, clean, smoke-free environment.

We'll be meeting here for the foreseeable future while also beginning to earnestly search for our own home!

If you know of a building that may be available for us to lease, please pass along the info to the

E-Board. It's time for us to have a permanent home and be able to serve our Post and community even more.

The planning for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament has begun. The date for this year's tourney is Saturday October 4 and will again be held at Palm Harbor Golf Club here in town.

The planning is also on for the joint Memorial Day community picnic that will be held at the VFW Post 8696 – Post 115, VFW 8696, DAV 86, and Marine Corps League Det. 876 will be co-sponsors.

This year's American Legion National Convention will be held in Tampa August 22 - 28 and all members are welcome to attend.

Check the AL website - [www.legion.org/get-involved/meetings/national-convention/national-convention-calendar-information](http://www.legion.org/get-involved/meetings/national-convention/national-convention-calendar-information)

If there are things you'd like to see done at our Post, please speak up – we're always looking for ways to better serve the membership and community.

See you on the 3<sup>rd</sup>!  
Best, Gary Owens, Post Adjutant

**2024-2025**

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future renewals so please be  
sure to sign up and create  
your username and  
password!**

**Help is available from  
Adjutant Owens.**

## **SAL SQUADRON 115**

SAL Squadron 115 has met their membership goal!

The Squadron is beginning a fundraising drive with a raffle and other games of chance at various locations in the area.

They are also planning several outings to public events to increase awareness of The Sons of The American Legion.

Plans also for a soon-to-come BBQ for the Squadron.

### **SQUADRON 115 OFFICERS**

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### **AUXILIARY UNIT 115**

We have had a great January and will have a great February and we're looking forward to March.

We have our delegate and our alternate for Girls State 2025 from Flagler Palm Coast High School and we have put in for another delegate hopefully our over "quota person. We had no one from Matanzas High School and next year we will remedy that.

We have had three new ladies join our group and we're hoping for more. We got a pat on the back for increasing our membership from District.

Our Bakeless Bake sale letters will be going out in a few weeks, and we hope to get a great response.

At our last meeting, Feb 6, our guest speaker was Gary Owens. He informed us of the move and that the Auxiliary will be putting more effort into our Fund Raising to help find a new home for the American Legion.

Our next auxiliary meeting for Unit 115 will be March 6 at IHOP Island Walk at noon. We invite all interested people who would like to attend our meeting and find out what we're all about.

Have a great day,  
Sally Hayes, President American Legion Auxiliary Unit 115

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## **BE THE ONE**

*On the first day of every month, The American Legion distributes content related to its primary focus, reducing the number of veterans lost to suicide. Each newsletter includes inspirational stories, updated resources, a challenge and more.*

<https://www.legion.org/newsletters>

### **The American Legion PREAMBLE**

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purpose:

To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America; To maintain law and order; To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent

Americanism; To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars; To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; To make right the master of might; To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

### **FROM OUR GRASSROOTS NEWSLETTER**

We are asking Legionnaires to contact Congress to request support for the Major Richard Star Act! This act aims to allow combat-injured veterans to receive both their earned retirement pay and disability compensation without offset. The American Legion supports this legislation, and we appreciate all the emails you have sent so far. Go to the Action Center to quickly email a letter of support to your members of Congress.

### **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

MAR 2025

SAT MAR 1 – ALR CHAPTER 115 MEETING @ AMEVETS 1000

FLAGLER PALM COAST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPRINGFEST 2025 JOANNE B KING PARK 10AM – 5PM 300 CITRUS ST BUNNELL

MON 3 MAR – POST 115 MEETING @ P/C SO REC CTR 1800

THU 20 MAR – POST 115 EXEC MEETING @ IHOP 1800 - DINNER 1700

APR 2025

APR 1 – 30 – DEPT OF FL ALR ROUND ROBIN

SAT 5 APRIL – ALR  
CHAPTER 115 MEETING @  
AMVETS 1000  
- Also – 17th DISTRICT  
PICNIC  
POST 270 PORT ORANGE –  
1400 – 1700  
MON APR 7 – POST 115  
MEETING @ P/C SO REC CTR  
1800  
TUE 8 APRIL – IN-STATE  
UNITY RIDE LUNCH @  
BEACHFRONT GRILLE –  
1130  
THU 17 APR – POST 115  
EXEC MEETING @ IHOP 1800  
– DINNER 1700

## **WELCOME NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS**

Josh Lemanski USAF, Jack  
Fawcett, Ron Allard USAF,  
Mary Ring USN.

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:**

### *“What is the Difference Between Happiness and Joy?”*

Do we need to experience  
happiness before we can feel  
joy? How long does happiness  
and joy last? Happiness seems to  
have a short-term life. When we  
stop feeling happy, we pursue  
the next thing that we hope will  
once again make us happy.

Look at your own life.  
Remember the times when you  
were happy. How long did this  
happiness last? What did it  
depend upon? Happiness seems  
to be something we seek on the  
outside: a raise or promotion at  
work, an unexpected gift from a  
friend, a one-week vacation.  
Now, think about the times when  
you were overcome with joy.  
Your body tingled with

excitement for life, the present  
moment was enough, it was  
perfect. You had a love for life  
that was not external but came  
from within. What did this inner  
joy depend upon? Did it have  
staying power, or did it drift  
away despite your best efforts to  
cling to it.

We begin to realize that there is  
a difference between happiness  
and joy. Happiness is short term.  
Joy is here, and it is now. Joy  
does not leave us. It is the  
ground on which we stand, walk,  
and move forward on in life.  
Where Does This Joy Come  
From?

Joy seems to surface during both  
relationship and connections. I  
have discovered that joy is in a  
friend that I can call when I need  
to talk, my spouse who I drink  
French press coffee with while  
we quietly watch our favorite TV  
show, when I walk and soak in  
the warm sun, the trees, the blue  
sky, the sounds of birds, the  
wave from a neighbor, while I sit  
at the table with my family,  
share a meal and we talk, laugh,  
and enjoy each other's company.

What does joy gift us with? Joy  
is powerful. Joy fills us with life,  
confidence, excitement, love,  
energy, power! This joy is long-  
term, lasting, eternal! Joy  
grounds us, is always with us,  
sustains us, and provides us with  
life-giving power.

Have you been in the presence of  
someone who radiates joy? They  
are pleasant to be with. They  
attract people. People gravitate  
to them. They carry an inner  
peace and confidence whether  
their environment is calm or  
chaotic. We want what they  
have. How do we access this  
same inner joy? Where does it

come from? It reminds me of  
when I sat next to someone at a  
one-day retreat. She radiated joy.  
She glowed. I could feel her  
inner peace, and confidence. I  
wanted to sit, bathe, and bask in  
her presence as long as possible.

I wanted what she had!  
How Do We Obtain This Joy?  
Joy is the fruit of a connection  
and a relationship with the  
source of all joy. What is the  
source of all joy? The large Joy:  
God. Joy brings forth  
transformation and healing.  
Joy is not pursued; Joy is a fruit of  
prayer. Prayer is the most  
important part of my day.

We prayerfully sit in silence  
because we love God. We come  
with no expectations, yet God  
graces us with inner joy as we let  
go of the barriers to this inner  
joy. What are these barriers? I  
hear people tell me they include  
fear, anxiety, loneliness, lack of  
confidence, and worry. The  
paradox is when we open to  
God, we receive Joy!

"Joy from a spiritual point of  
view then, is more than  
happiness, and happiness is more  
than pleasure. Pleasure is in the  
body. Happiness is in the mind  
and feelings, if you will, but joy  
is a deeper reality subsiding in  
the heart, the spirit, and the  
center of who we are." Joy is the  
very ground of our being! It is  
given to us by Being. We can  
open to joy within, let it out,  
carry us forward, sustain us.  
We can access this inner joy  
despite the outer chaos and  
stress. Joy is wordless. We can  
live from joy when we let go of  
our words and bask in this  
wonderful life with which God  
has graced us. When asked to  
describe our joy, we often are

without words. It just is, and we know it.

### **POST EVERLASTING**

Arlie Johnson  
Kenneth Klinkenberg  
Sheldon Reichard  
John Russell

### **SICK CALL**

John Johnson,  
Helen Johnson,  
Bina Leahy,  
Ted Listing,  
Donna Gregory,  
Jeremy Holt,  
Jim Muskopf,  
Vinnie Rafael,  
Bill Haseltine

Please keep these members in your prayers.

Blessings and peace,  
Chaplain Ophelia Beier  
For God and Country



Ophelia Beier, Chaplain Post 115

### **NEW MEMBER VIDEO**

American Legion Membership & Post Activities Committee Chairman Matt Jabaut hosts a new-member orientation video that provides a clear understanding of the nation's largest veterans organization and what the Legion does to strengthen America.

The video is ideal for new or potential members. You can find the video at this link [www.vimeo.com/americanlegion](http://www.vimeo.com/americanlegion) on the Legion's Vimeo channel.

### **ALR CHAPTER 115**

ALR Chapter 115 is still meeting at the Amvets 113 post on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month at 10am. We have 38 members and enjoy getting together for “wind therapy” as often as possible. One of the major charities that we support is the FL Sheriffs Youth Ranches program. We visited the ranch in Live Oak as well as Pierson.

The FL ALR In-State Unity ride will be held April 6 – 12 with 3 different routes across the state and all ending in Clearwater on the 12<sup>th</sup> with a rally at OCC Choppers. This ride raises money and awareness for veteran suicide prevention and our Project VetRelief in the State. Last year over \$250,000 was raised during the week's ride. Our Chapter will be hosting a lunch stop at the Beach Front Grille on Tue. Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> and expecting around 50 bikes. We are available for parades, funeral services, and any other way that we can support the 4 Pillars.

Until next time, keep the shiny side up and the oily side down!

Tod Rothenberger  
Chapter 115 Director



ALR 115 and Post 115 Color Guard  
Martin Luther King Bunnell Parade  
Sat. Jan. 18

### **FLAGLER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE**

The Flagler County Veterans Services department offers a professional resource to all members of the armed forces of the United States - former, present, and future - including those with service-connected and non-service-connected disabilities.

These services include:

Aiding veterans obtain VA benefits for service-connected disability compensation, non-service-connected pension, and home loan guaranty benefits. Assisting surviving spouses, children, and parents of deceased service members and veterans with obtaining death benefits such as a burial plot in a national cemetery, reimbursed burial allowances, government grave marker or headstone, government life insurance proceeds and other survivor benefits.

Assisting eligible veterans with obtaining VA health benefits such as outpatient services, inpatient hospital care, and long-term care to promote, preserve, and restore veterans' health.

Assisting veterans obtain exemption certification for property taxes.

Assisting veterans obtain available benefits from the state. Providing veterans' advocacy.

For information contact:  
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FLORES-FEBLES  
386-313-4014

## **COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS**



AMERICAN LEGION POST 115  
PLAQUE @ PALM COAST HEROES  
PARK

*Bricks are still available for purchase and placement at the park, \$35 each. Contact Adj. Owens to obtain an order form. Dedicate a brick to yourself, a family member, perhaps a lost comrade-in-arms. The area is a very peaceful spot within the park.*

## **THE POWER OF LOYALTY**

Loyalty is a strong feeling of support—a steadfast faithfulness that remains firm even in the face of temptation to renounce, desert, or betray. In the military, we are taught to be loyal to one another, standing together and supporting each other in battle.

As members of The American Legion, we must uphold that same loyalty to those who lead us, even when we may not fully agree with their direction. We were the ones who chose them as our leaders, and therefore, we must be loyal to them and support their endeavors. Only through loyalty can we achieve true success.

- 8 Things Loyal People Do:
1. They show up—not just during the good times but also through the bad times.
  2. They communicate openly.
  3. They respect boundaries.
  4. They remain consistent.
  5. They forgive and ask for forgiveness.
  6. They support their leader’s dreams and aspirations
  7. They prioritize their leader’s goals as if they were their own.
  8. They choose to follow their leaders every day.
- If we commit to these principles, success will follow in everything we do. Loyalty is the foundation of unity, strength, and achievement.

## **POST 115 GOLOR GUARD**

Your Post 115 Color Guard also serves as an Honor Guard and has been tasked many times to stand watch during services for a veteran that has passed. The Color Guard also has a Rifle Squad that has served at events or services in both Palm Coast and Flagler Beach. ALR Chapter 115 also provides a Flag Line for memorial and burial services as well as motorcycle escort for a veteran’s service.

They are always looking “for a few good men” to help fill their ranks.

They are out in the community serving where they can with pride representing Flagler Post

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## **GRASSROOTS NOTICES**

Register for Action Alerts today at [www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/Register](http://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/Register)

## **PROJECT VETRELIEF**

**Project VetRelief** is a non-profit organization under the American Legion, Department of Florida. We are the only Department with a program of this kind. Post 115 is proud to be a partner in this mission and we also have budgeted for our own Veteran Relief funding for local veterans. [www.projectvetrelief.org](http://www.projectvetrelief.org)



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