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Flagler ALR
Chapter 115



Flagler American
Legion
Auxiliary Unit 115



Flagler American Legion Post 115
Serving Flagler's Veterans since 1937

104 years of
service



Flagler Sons of the
American Legion Squadron 115

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AUG - SEP 2022

Editor: Gary M Owens

NEXT MEETING 8 AUGUST

1800hrs @ VFW Post 8696

Member Initiations will take place

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Welcome everyone!

I mentioned in my last article that we were close to being 100% for Membership, well, we have achieved our goal, and still adding new members. This is great news, 100% for 4 years in a row, let's not stop keep, it going. The Golf committee is working hard to make our 2nd Annual Golf Outing a success, we could use a few more people to help, please contact Adjutant Gary Owens or myself CDR Joe Pepin and offer your services. It is not a great amount of time or effort, but it is fun.

Our committee will be working on the Christmas Party, if you want to help let us know.

In September we will be doing a Fundraiser for The Special Olympics Flagler County, we will need some folks to help out. Please let me know, if you will be able to help.

I would like to take a moment to thank a very special person for everything she has done and is doing for Post 115, her name is Tanya Whitaker. She has been on the Executive Board, Wreaths Across America, she takes care of our website.

I don't think she knows the word no, as I have never heard her say no to anything asked of her, I want to say THANK YOU for everything you do.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Joseph L. Pepin, CDR.



Cdr. Pepin accepting DEPT of FL Special Olympics Award from 17th Dist. Cdr. Bruce Howe

Be sure to listen to VETERANS ON POINT radio broadcasts on WNZF 94.9 FM aired Sunday mornings 0930hrs.

2023 DUES ARE NOW DUE – MEMBERSHIP YEAR STARTED 1 JULY

2023

WWW.LEGION.ORG

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The following servicemembers' remains were recovered/identified and properly interred

Bring Them All Home!

June 8, 2022

- USS Oklahoma Sailor accounted for from World War II (Blaylock, C.)

June 27, 2022

- Soldier accounted for from World War II (Alexander, R.)

- Soldier accounted for from World War II (Walker, G.)

- Soldier accounted for from World War II (Jacks, W.)

June 28, 2022

- Soldier accounted for from World War II (Martin, F.)

June 29, 2022

- Marine accounted for from World War II (Ervin, A.)
- Soldier accounted for from World War II (Smith, L.)
- Soldier accounted for from Korean War (Reiter, E.)
- Soldier accounted for from Korean War (Born, D.)
- USS Oklahoma Sailor accounted for from World War II (Hannon, F.)

June 30, 2022

- USS Oklahoma Sailor accounted for from World War II (Stout, R.)

- Airman accounted for from World War II (Wood, W.)

July 13, 2022

- Airman accounted for from World War II (Boyd, H.)

July 14, 2022

- Marine accounted for from World War II (Brown, J.)
- Airman accounted for from World War II (Tate, M.)
- Airman accounted for from World War II (Weekley, P.)
- Soldier accounted for from Korean War (Little Bear, M.)



11 JULY 2022 Post 115 Officer Installation Ceremony

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

God's Blessings to all. As this is my first Chaplains Corner so I am going to try this as I do for my congregation.

This is a very "patriotic" month for us. We have so much to be grateful for, living in the best country in the world. I know that just as all of you are proud of your service to this great Country, I am proud to be an American. We have been blessed by God with the freedoms that we enjoy. It warms my heart to attend the meetings and dinners with the members of American Legion Post 115.

So many have served and fought for all of us to enjoy our lives and our freedoms. Yes, we do not always agree with one another but as Americans we are able to enjoy the differences we share as well as all of the similarities that we enjoy. Our great Father has blessed each of us and tasks us with doing good works; it seems that Post 115 answers the calls to do these works very well. I feel very proud to be associated with all of you.

There were so many of you at the installations this month and I was proud to be installed as Chaplain. I am here for all of you as I am a Lutheran Pastor and I take my flocks and their care very seriously. You are all one big family and I am so thankful to have a place where I can meet and develop relationships with all of you.

As we enjoy the warm (downright HOT!!!) weather, and the beach and the cookouts, let us be ever thankful for all who have served and all of those who paid the final sacrifice for our freedoms.

God Bless America and God Bless the members of American Legion Post 115,

Chaplain John Johnson



Post Chaplain John D Johnson

Note from Omer Smith

Your help as a veteran is needed by writing to Senator Marco Rubio!

A Marine Corps veteran served during Operation Desert Storm, enlisting under his Student Green Card – he was from New Zealand here in college and enlisted after promises by recruiters of Citizenship after he enlists and serves needing only his DD-214.

The Marine served and was Honorably discharged with his DD-214. He proceeded to get employment, obtain a Social Security Card, registered to vote, driver license, etc. – all using his DD-214 – and every gov't agency accepted this. All taxes always paid, a model citizen.

Then, somehow, Immigration steps in and declares him not a citizen, and he had lost Australian citizenship – so he's a ship without a rudder or port!

PLEASE WRITE TO SEN.
MARCO RUBIO:

services@rubio.senate.gov

“Honorable Marco Rubio, U.S.
Senator, Florida:

I write to you as an American
Legion member and US Veteran
out of deep concern for Marine
Veteran Paul Canton whose
naturalization was recently
denied. As your office is aware,
Marine Canton was recruited in
1991 despite being ineligible to
serve. Mr. Canton was a visa
overstay, not a Permanent
Resident or US Citizen when
recruited. Now more than 30
years later, he is not a citizen of
any country.

His service in the US Military
caused his Australian citizenship
to be revoked.

Through no fault of his own, his
active military service in the
USMC was not during a
“Designated Period of Hostility”.

However, he did enlist during
such a period with a delayed
entry date and being promised
citizenship eligibility.

As such, I request your support
and sponsorship of a Special Bill
so Paul Canton may finally be
home and be a citizen of the
country he served and loves.”

For God & Country,
Your Name Here



Omer E Smith

AMERICANISM REPORT

June 11, 2022

Ron Neff, Director –
(317) 630-1203

American Legion Child Welfare
Foundation (CWF)

Congratulations and thank you
for your support of the American
Legion Child Welfare
Foundation this past program
year. During the 2021-2022
CWF program year, which ran
from June 1, 2021 through May
31, 2022, there were \$569,012 in
donations raised. Contributions
such as those make it possible
for financial grants to be
awarded to youth-serving
nonprofit organizations whose
mission is contributing to the
physical, mental, emotional, and
spiritual welfare of children and
youth.

Dennis R. Boland
NEC, The American Legion
Department of Florida
101st Airborne Division
502nd Airborne Infantry
1962-1965

3rd VICE COMMANDER JOE LEAHY NOTES

Boys State is completed and we
will be recognizing our delegates
at the 8 AUG. meeting.

We'll be having another Lollipop
Drive coming up in September
which will be benefitting the
Commander's cause - Special
Olympics – so please be sure to
help when asked to spend only 2
hours greeting folks and getting
donations!

2nd ANNUAL POST 115 CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, 3 October, 2022
GRAND HAVEN GOLF CLUB
500 Riverfront Dr
Palm Coast 32137
\$125 / player with Game Pass
\$100 / player golf and food

Many sponsorships opportunities
are available as well! Please visit
the Post 115 website

www.FlaglerPost115.org
for more info or contact Gary
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Bugler Joe Licata

2022-2023

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JULY 4, 2022

FLAGLER BEACH PARADE

Omer Smith, Cdr. Joe Pepin, Past Cdr.

David Hammond

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



SAL MEMBERSHIP –

Post 115 members – remember that your sons and grandsons are eligible for SAL membership!

It is our goal that our SAL Squadron 115 will be able to grow and become an active and contributing part of our Legion Family.

SAL Squadron 115 in partnership with ALR Chapter 115 is sponsoring a 50/50 raffle to raise money for our Post 115 Building Fund!

50/50 Progressive Jackpot to be drawn 22 OCT 2022 – 2 tickets \$10 –

6 tickets \$20 - 20 tickets \$50
(Suggested donation amounts)

Please grab a dozen tickets to sell to friends and family!

**CONTACT RJ CARD, SAL
ADJUTANT 949-395-2578 OR
GARY OWENS, POST 115
ADJUTANT 386-585-5302 FOR
TICKETS**



SAL CDR Pete Young installation

ONLINE BASIC TRAINING COURSE

If you have not yet taken The American Legion's free online Basic Training Course, it is highly encouraged you do so.

The course covers five topics: history and organization; Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation; National Security; Americanism; and Children & Youth. See www.legion.org/training for the course.

SERVICE OFFICER IN NEED OF CLIENTS!

Legionnaires,
I'm beating the drum to encourage you to seek out your Veterans benefits, through the Department of Veterans Affairs and elsewhere.
It can start with visiting either myself or my partner Eric Flores at Flagler County Veterans Services. It doesn't cost anything, but a little bit of your time to find out what benefits you're eligible for.
Possibly there's a service-connected disability you never considered. Hearing loss and tinnitus (ringing in the ears) is quite common among Veterans who were exposed to military hazardous noise. Examples of military hazardous noise are, jets, helicopters, other aircraft, small arms fire, artillery, big ship guns, tanks, trucks, tactical vehicles, explosions, generators, and more.
There are property tax benefits as well if you receive a VA service-connected disability rating of 10% or higher.
You might like to learn about financial assistance with Assisted Living facilities or in home health care.
Burial benefits might not be the most delightful subject, but

being prepared and to take some burden off your family, come find out what your Veterans burial benefits are.

And last not but not least for this month, consider enrolling in VA Healthcare, if you have not done so already. If you've been denied before because of too high an income, come chat with me or Eric.

Even if you have other insurance and / or Medicare, it's still a good idea to enroll in the VA Healthcare system. If you like your current doctors that's fine, you don't have to give them up. However, I suggest at least getting blood work done, and visit a VA primary care doctor once a year to keep your options open. Life and health situations can change in an instant and your Veterans benefits can make the difference.

Now go find your DD FM 214 and come visit me or Eric. Call for an appointment, so we can dedicate quality time discussing what benefits you're entitled to. Thank you for your service.

David Lydon, Service Officer,
Post 115



USAFR Lt. Col. David Lydon Jr on the left at Al Asad Air Base 2019

FELLOW VETERANS NEED TRANSPORT

There are Post 115 members that are unable to drive at night as well as those in residence at

home or various assisted living facilities here in Flagler County that are in need of transport to/from meetings.

Hopefully you would be able to stop by and pick up a member on your way to a meeting? It would definitely be appreciated!

There are members in the Bunnell area and western parts of the county that are in need as well as right in Palm Coast!

Please contact Adjutant Owens @ 386-585-5302 or adjutant@flaglerpost115.org if you are able to help out, or are in need of a ride.

POST EVERLASTING

Stephen J Ciganek
02/10/2022
Walter F Hoffine
9/25/34 – 11/2/21

SICK CALL

Lenora Dean, Dino Perez,
Thomas Edmunds, Vinnie
Rafaelle, Ophelia Beier, Kathy
Owens, Sisco Deen, Mike
Gyorkos, Helena Boone, Ann
Rothenberger

FROM YOUR COLOR GUARD



POST 115 COLOR GUARD
Ed Beier, Bryant Thorpe, Mike
Cunningham, Patrick Hartnett, George
Sipes, Pete Seidel

POST HISTORIAN

Post Historian Jim Boyd is continuing collection of

memorabilia for the year's Post Scrapbook.

If anyone is handy in scrapbooking and is willing to help please let Jim know.



ALR Chapter 115 "Flying the Colors"
July 4th Flagler Beach Parade

www.MyLegion.org

***Register yourself on the MyLegion.org website!
You can renew your membership, print a replacement membership card, update your profile, contact info, and military history.***

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND TRANSFERS

Ellis Lacourt, Ed Michaud, Paul Parker, Chester Swanson, James Fridley, Bill Goss, Tony Wade, William Burke, Michael Molica, Arlie Johnson, James “Gunny” Kirk, George Armandola, Bill Lashuay, Don Thelen

ALR Chapter 115



ALR Chapter 115 @ Flagler Beach
July 4th Parade

Congratulations to the new 2022 – 2023 ALR Chapter 115 Officers:

Gary M Owens, Dir.
Ronnie D Dean, Asst. Dir.
Paul Werner, Adj.
John Pascucci, Fin. Off.
Jim Muskopf, Chaplain
Sgt. @ Arms – Willy Ledoux
Tod Rothenberger, Road Captain



I-r Ronnie Dean, Willy Ledoux,
Gary Owens

ADJUTANT’S CORNER

Once again Flagler Post 115 ended our membership year over 100% of goal, with over 90% renewals! That’s not bad when you consider we are all getting older – which brings me to RECRUITING!

As of the writing of this article we have renewed 102 of 447 members – almost 25% in a few weeks! **Please – renew on-line at www.mylegion.org or by check / cash to the Post.** 100% renewals would be great early in the year!!

Please reach out to those that have served – you see a veteran at the store wearing a cap, you go to church with a veteran, perhaps you are a member of a golf club or a social club, you can promote The American Legion by passing out our Red/White/Blue membership cards available at every meeting.

We need new – and younger – members in order for The American Legion to continue on!

Be proud of our Post!
Be Proud of our Legion Family, Members, AUX., SAL, ALR – Together we are doing great things!

We are the 2nd largest Post in the 17th District – and we do not have a building! The Dept. of Florida holds us up as an example of a successful Post without a home! This past year we were able to donate \$2,000 to The Florida Sheriff’s Youth Ranches Program, \$2,000 to The City of

Bunnell Police Dept. for officer personal safety equipment. We presented four (4) \$250 Scholarship checks to ROTC Cadets from FPC & Matanzas H.S. Our ALR Chapter 115 awarded two (2) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors that are children of active-duty servicemembers or veterans.

Through our own Post Vet Relief we were also able to help both members and veterans locally that were in financial need.

We continue to support the 4 Pillars of The American Legion – Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, Children & Youth. Many Thanks For Your Military Service and membership in the Post 115 Family!

For God & Country,
Gary M Owens
Post 115 Adjutant

Construction of Gulf War Memorial Begins on the National Mall July 12, 2022 | By Amanda Miller

The installation of a new monument in Washington, D.C., recognizing Gulf War veterans begins July 14 with the formal groundbreaking of the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial.

Situated on the National Mall to the north of the Lincoln Memorial, the new park-like monument will honor veterans who served on Active duty in support of the two operations.

The memorial commemorates “the service and sacrifice” of the military personnel who from 1991 to 1992 “liberated Kuwait from Iraq and defended Saudi Arabia and the Arabian Peninsula from further invasion,” according to information from the National Desert Storm Memorial Association. Kuwait is the lead donor contributing to the memorial.

Derived from Gulf War veterans’ responses to a five-question survey, the monument’s design presents the war’s historical events and significance along with the “unique environmental and battle conditions experienced” by the troops who fought in it, according to the association.

Survey replies led the association to conclude that the design should reflect the war’s desert environment; should include a statue of Soldiers wearing chemical warfare protective gear; and should represent the war’s so-called “left hook” maneuver by ground troops—a trick by which the U.S. Army cut off supplies and prompted Iraqi forces’ retreat.

After consideration, the association chose not to feature the names of service members who died in the war because doing so “would omit the names of so many of our comrades who were lost outside of the parameters” of the dates bookending the two operations; and because its educational purpose is distinct from that of monuments such as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which is meant instead as “a place of

mourning, healing, and reconciliation.”

Gulf War An artist’s rendering of the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial. Image courtesy of the National Desert Storm Memorial Association.

“This memorial represents and includes many degrees of sacrifice,” according to the association, including that of those who died in theater, those who since died as a result, “and those who are currently suffering as a result of their honorable service.”

Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. David A. Deptula, dean of AFA’s Mitchell Institute of Aerospace Studies, served as a principal architect of Desert Storm’s air campaign and said the war was historically significant because, among other reasons, it “set expectations for low casualties,” “presaged the age of precision weapons,” marked the first use of a joint force concept of operations, and was the first time “airpower was the key force” in achieving victory.

The association intends to complete the memorial’s construction by Veterans Day of 2024. The groundbreaking will be livestreamed at www.ndswm.org/live at 10 a.m. Eastern time July 14.

AUG / SEP CALENDAR AUG 2022

**7 AUG – 17TH DISTRICT
OFFICER TRAINING – VFW
POST 8696 - 0900**

**8 AUG – POST 115
GENERAL MEETING @ VFW
8696 & POTLUCK
DINNER – 1800
BOYS STATE/GIRLS
STATE/ YOUTH LAW
ACADEMY CADETS
LAW ENFORCEMENT,
FIREFIGHTER, EMT
AWARDS
MEMBER INITIATION**

**12 AUG – SHERIFF STALY -
SOUTHERN BORDER
PRESENTATION
POST 115 & VFW POST 8696
CO-SPONSORS
NOON – LUNCHEON &
PRESENTATION @ POST
8696
OPEN TO VSOs and
interested groups**

**20 AUG – ALR DISTRICT 17
MEETING – EDGEWATER
POST 285
1100hrs - 4497 US Hwy 1
Edgewater 32141**

SEP 2022

**12 SEP – POST 115
GENERAL MEETING @ VFW
8696 & POTLUCK
DINNER - 1800**

**16-18 – TRIKEFEST @
ROSSMEYERS – POST 115
BOOTH HELP NEEDED**

**24 SEP – REMBERING VETS
FESTIVAL – PALM COAST
TOWN CENTER
POST 115 WILL HAVE
DISPLAY SET UP**

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Flagler American Legion Post
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P.O. Box 1731
Bunnell, FL 32110 – 1731

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THAN THE PRINTED BLACK & WHITE
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KRIER BOOSTERS

06/20	06/25 James Canfield
12/20	12/25 David & Catherine Hammond
08/21	08/23 Gary & Kathy Owens
01/16	12/22 Deidre Jean Wright
01/18	01/23 Phyllis M Wright
08/18	07/23 John & Margaret Russell
10/18	10/23 Joe & Di Pepin
10/19	10/24 John C Clark
10/21	10/23 Ron & Lenora Dean
02/20	02/25 Joe & Bina Leahy
04/22	04/24 Mary Beck
08/22	08/24 Glenn French
08/20	08/22 Michael Sikora
10/20	10/22 R Sandy Ausbrooks
11/20	11/23 Charles & Claire Saarela
12/20	12/22 Ken & Dorothy Wall
12/20	12/22 Lois Andrs

02/21	02/31 Frank & Helena Boone
06/21	06/23 Omer E Smith
06/21	06/23 Karen J Smith
06/21	06/24 Jim Bradley
06/22	06/23 Shirley Bump
06/21	06/26 Bryant & Brenda Thorpe
08/21	08/23 Tony & Joan Libasci
10/21	10/26 Carl & Era Bertoch
02/22	02/23 Bev & Ron Kecskes

Krier Booster Donation Form

Name _____

Address _____

Start Date of Donation _____

Period Covered (1 or more years) _____

Amount Contributed (min \$10/yr) \$ _____