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Chapter 115



Flagler American
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Auxiliary Unit 115



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

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NEXT POST MEETING MONDAY

OCTOBER 6th at the VFW Post 8696 – 47

Old Kings Rd, Palm Coast 32137.

Business Meeting starts 6pm –
1800hrs - PROMPTLY so be early.

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

My fellow Legionnaires,

Summer is winding down and the weather is slowly cooling. So now would be a good time to warm up your involvement and dedication to the American Legion Flagler Post 115. We are entering a new era of growth and change. I am asking each of you to choose to be a part of that. We heard you. We have planned the move to VFW 8696 on Old King Road as our Post meeting location. More room and better parking. If this appeals to you, come to the Post meeting on

Monday 06 October and confirm it via a membership vote.

Allow me to restate my vision and mission for our Post:

VISION: Flagler American Legion Post 115 strengthens America by improving the lives of our veterans, our National Guard and our military and their families living and working in Flagler County.

MISSION: To enhance the well-being of Flagler County veterans, their families, our local National Guard and active military, and municipalities with programs and services and a location, devoted to mutual helpfulness.

Now, more than ever, we have a golden opportunity to be part of something bigger than ourselves, on the grandest journey we have yet to undertake - getting our own post home! We undertake this journey not for ourselves but for our brother and sister veterans and our community. To be part of this journey, come to a post meeting and talk to one of us on the leadership team.

If you don't come to meetings, please do me a favor and tell me why. Also, if you have thoughts of leaving the post or not participating, please tell me your thoughts. If there is something you'd like to see us do or be involved in, let me know. My email is: werner115@protonmail.com.

The future begins on the first Monday of the month. Be part of it!

For God and Country,
Paul Werner

Commander, Florida Post 115



Ophelia & Ed Beier at the August 2025 Tampa National Convention

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ADJUTANTS CORNER

Greetings all,

It has been a busy 1st quarter for me, something new every day!

For the Post, it has also been busy, with some "Hails and Farewells", but that's the life of a Post.

The Post was represented at the Department Convention and we also had representation at the National Convention at Tampa, thanks to those that went and enjoyed their time at both,

What did come out at the Department Convention is the fact that they will be raising their dues an additional \$3,00 per year effective January 1st, .2026. This does affect us, we must now consider raising our dues, so changes are on the way. I ask that you support us with this upcoming change.

If you are a yearly paying member, please get your \$50 dues submitted prior to December 15th, 2025, to maintain that rate for the upcoming year.

You have different options, and these options were stated by the Commander in an email "Blast" to all.

As we will soon be into the final quarter of the calendar year, and the "Holiday Season" is fast approaching, in advance I would like to wish you well for the season and enjoy a happy and safe new year!

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully,

David Campbell, Adjutant

Adjutant, Flagler Post 115

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Joe Pepin grilling steaks for Emory Bennett – July 5

Be sure to listen to VETERANS ON POINT radio broadcasts on WNZF 94.9 FM aired on Sundays

0930

www.MyLegion.org

Register yourself on the MyLegion.org website!

This will be needed for your future renewals so

please be sure to sign up and create your

username and password!

Help is available from Adjutant Campbell.

SAL SQUADRON 115

Sons of The American Legion Squadron 115 membership is open to all males that are a descendant of a veteran that served in WWI or after 12/7/45. Squadron dues are \$25 annually and the membership year coincides with TAL – July 1 – June 30 annually. Current Squadron membership is 68%!

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AUXILIARY UNIT 115

This is Sally Hayes president of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 115. In the coming months, we are having a Poppy Drive, November 11 and we're also having our Christmas party on December 4. Everyone is welcome to come if they would like. Our auxiliary members will be paid and for anyone else you will have to pay. We're also conducting ideas for upcoming events that we would like to do as a group to go see distilleries which would be nice and or historical areas. We also are starting our Girls State paperwork to be sent out to both high schools and talking to our two young ladies that went last year to be advocates and talk to the girls in their classes. I hope you all have a great fall. Good Thanksgiving if that's the case be safe and hope hurricane season gets over with soon.

Sally Hayes, President American Legion Auxiliary Unit 115

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BE THE ONE



2025 ALR POW/MIA 7 Bridges Ride Jacksonville Sept 13

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.

JOIN US IN OUR MISSION

REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ TEACH



Scan the QR code to learn more and sponsor a wreath online, or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/FL0824

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

HELP ESPANOLA CEMETERY & MASONIC CEMETERY HONOR AND REMEMBER OUR LOCAL FALLEN HEROES.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 10/4 5th

Annual Charity Golf Tourney – Palm Harbor Golf Club 0700

Sunday 10/4

Nelson Sastoque Memorial Service Clymer Funeral Home 1200-1400

Monday 9/6

ALR Escorting Nelson Sastoque to Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

Monday 10/6

Post 115 Membership Meeting at VFW 8696 – 1800

Monday 11/3

Post 115 Membership Meeting 1800

Monday 12/1

Post 115 Annual Christmas Dinner

Saturday 12/13

Wreaths Across America
Espanola Cemetery 1200
Masonic Cemetery 1400

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Reflection for September 11th, 2025

Rev. Ophelia Beier

What is a Chaplain?

In times of grief, distress, or disruption, it is often helpful to seek out someone who can offer a keenly listening ear and valuable perspectives.

The chaplain is such a person. In her/him, you have a confidential, non-judgmental sounding board with whom to share your burden, be guided to find your own answers, and discover where God is during your journey.

At our core, Chaplains are joyful, selfless people who are emotionally and spiritually mature and able to share God's hope and comfort with those who have experienced tragedy, loss, or disruption in their lives.

The Chaplain's Corner looks to provide compassionate support to our seriously ill veterans, distressed veterans, and veterans within our American Legion Flagler Post 115 and Flagler County veterans.

Reflection:

On Tuesday morning, September 11th, 2001, little did we realize in America that in a matter of minutes, there would be the most horrific attack of terrorism that America had ever seen.

On September 11th, 2001, I was running inside the Pentagon late for work. I heard a voice telling me not to run into trouble. I did not understand what was happening to me at first, but the voice said, "Turn around and go back." The voice was low and audible. Confused and shaken, I turned around and went in the opposite direction, heading toward my budget meeting. Five minutes later, American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the area where I just stood, killing thirty-four of my colleagues. The building was shaking, parts of the ceiling fell, everything was dark, and people were screaming Get out! " There was so much smoke, you could feel the fire, smell the fumes, and hear people screaming for help. After running in the dark with no direction, only the angelic voice guiding me, no lights, no warning, just running for my life, I made it out to South Parking. I was called back to work at the Pentagon within a couple of days to a floor close to where the terrorist attack took place. As a financial analyst, I was sifting through burnt papers, calling for accounting records, and trying to put budget numbers together. I would work hours, never stopping for a break, to assist in closing out the fiscal yearend budget, where my dead colleagues had left off. These were my colleagues whom I considered family. I spend more time at work than at home. I lost thirty-four people out of thirty-seven: three survived. What was I to do? These colleagues had taught me everything I knew about the Army budget and accounting systems. As I walked the halls days later, people would scream out in fear of me because they thought I was dead too. I was reported as missing. It was horrifying.

As fire swept through the Pentagon, I saw the emergency crews, military people, FBI, Pentagon employees, doctors, and nurses helping all they could. I saw compassion in action. I went to over twenty funerals as a VIP, standing close to Gen. Collin Powell and other dignitaries. As names were read from the monitor, my face streaming with tears, I felt a sharp pain in my heart as though someone had stuck a knife through it.

Because tragedies happen to us, it gives us a greater sense of oneness with others who experience tragedy. You can feel for one another in their suffering situation. I have been comforted through the Word of God years later; therefore, I, in turn, know how to comfort others.

In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, my life was forever changed by the events of that day. I had no way of knowing back then that the Pentagon, which was the staging ground for one of the worst terror attacks on US soil, would become the place for God to start training me as a reverend, spiritual leader, and Chaplain for the American Legion Flagler Post 115.

The Bible teaches that we are to be patient in suffering. That is the hardest thing of all, to be patient. Ask God to help you have a trusting, patient attitude and flee from bitterness. Despite our shared grief in the aftermath of 9/11, hope, resilience, prayer, and unity lifted us as a nation. Twenty-four years later, these lessons are more important than ever.

The events of September 11th are etched into our hearts and minds. The horrible memories of personal tragedy and suffering will never really go away. Also, they should not. As Americans, we were all gratified to see so many of our national, state, and local leaders openly participate in prayer services and call upon people of faith to pray for the victims' families and survivors.

Wherever we are, whatever our situation, God is there. When we are rejoicing in His presence, he is there. When we are in the hospital or at home, he is there. When the sun is shining or when it is raining, God is there. God never changes. He said, "I am

God, and I change not". He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.



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 on the Legion's Vimeo channel.J.)

ALR CHAPTER 115



2025 ALR Legacy Ride Start

Fellow Post 115 members,

Your ALR Chapter 115 has been busy throughout the summer months even in the heat and rain.

Chapter 115 Director Tod Rothenberger joined 500+ American Legion Rider members from throughout the United States for the Annual Legacy Ride – this year from So. Boston Va. To Tampa. Over \$875,000 was raised during the ride for charity! Many Thanks Tod for riding FOR THE CAUSE! **YOU WIN THE IRON BUTT!!**

At the Sept 6th meeting our 50/50 raffle was drawn and the winner received a check for \$2,500 2nd Place winner received a gift card from Teddy Morse's Destination Harley.



L-r - Cdr Werner, 50/50 Winner (name withheld), Director Rothenberger

Our ALR Adjutant Ray Krov won a Harley Davidson Logo Cooler for selling the most tickets.



l-r – Willy LeDoux, 2nd place winner, Cdr. Werner, Allen Poff

Proceeds from the raffle will go towards the many charities that your ALR Chapter sponsors such as the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Program, to which we donated money for four (4) children to enjoy their 2025 summer camp!

Many of our riders participated in the Flagler County 9/11 Memorial Ride on Sat 13 Sept as well as the Jacksonville 7-Bridges Memorial Ride Sat 20 Sep. ALR Chapter 115 members will volunteer at our Post 115 5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Sat Oct 4th in the morning and later provide a ride-by for a 100 yr-old veteran at Flagler Beach.

Sunday Oct 5 we will be attending the Memorial Service for Post & Rider Member Nelson Sastoque at Clymer Funeral Home – visitation 1200-1400 – Memorial Service 1400.

Chapter 115 will also provide Motorcycle Escort from Clymer Funeral Home to the National Cemetery at Mims on Monday Oct 6th leaving 1130hrs.

Chapter 115 will also attend our WREATHES ACROSS AMERICA Ceremonies at Espanola and The Masonic cemeteries are set for Sat Dec 13 at 1200 and 1400 respectively.

Lastly, our 2026 Dept of FL ALR 2026 Summit will be held in Daytona Beach 18 – 21 February at the Hilton Oceanfront Resort.

Respectfully Submitted,
For God & Country
Tod Rothenberger, ALR 115 Dir

Be Remembered

Like they say, “You can’t take it with you”. Yet, with careful thought, the legacy we leave behind can remain both enriching and long-lasting for many others.

As a member of Post 115, you can help us to build a new meeting place of our own that you will be a part of, and that will help others for the next 100 years or more.

How? If you own property, a vehicle, aircraft or boat that can be donated to this cause, either now or as part of your final wishes, please think carefully about doing so. It will mean so much to so many for such a very long and lasting time.

For assistance. Please contact Post Adjutant Campbell

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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POST 115 GOLOR GUARD



Post 115 Color Guard with ALR Chapter 115 – Flagler Beach 4th of July Parade

Your Flagler Post 115 Color Guard once again led the Flagler Beach 4th of July Parade joined by the ALR Chapter 115 riders.

We will be present to honor fellow member Nelson Sastoque at his Memorial Service to be held on Sunday Oct 5th at Clymer Funeral Home.

The last item for the calendar year will be participation in the Wreaths Across America ceremonies at the two cemeteries on Saturday Dec 13th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Beier, Post 115 Sargeant at Arms

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA NEWS

Post 115 members, please be advised that the Department of Florida at the June Department Convention voted to increase their dues portion by \$3 effective January 1, 2026.

Please note that Post 115 would benefit greatly if you renewed your 2026 dues coming up July 1st for three (3) years which would save both you and the Post \$\$ in the long run.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Most people buy what they think food pantry users want but have never asked them. If you help families, single people, foster youth and the homeless, this list can help better tailor your donations! Some tips and

guidance if you donate to food pantries derived from feedback by those who use them:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
 2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
 3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
 4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
 5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
 6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
 7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
 8. Sugar and flour are treats.
 9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
 10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
 11. They rarely get fresh meat.
 12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
 13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
 14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
 15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
 16. Eggs are a real commodity.
 17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
 18. Dish Soap / Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
 19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury, and women will cry over that.
 20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.
- Also, please consider donating dog and cat food. Some people have hit a temporary low point and don't want to give up their pets but find they must choose to feed themselves or their pets.

Credit: Darlene Caron



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12/20	12/25	David & Catherine Hammond
10/23	10/27	Gary & Kathy Owens
10/21	10/28	Ron & Lenora Dean
04/24	04/29	Mary Beck
04/24	04/26	Jim Boyd
04/24	04/26	RJ & Donna Card

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