



**FLAGLER POST 115**  
**Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting**  
**24 APR 2023**  
**IHOP 1800hrs**

**Call to Order:** Cdr. Pepin - 1755

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor John

**Roll Call:** Adjutant Owens

Excused: Werner, Work

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

- Adjutant Owens –

Mar. 27 Exec. meeting and Apr. 10 general minutes offered for approval and submission to membership @ 8 May 2023 meeting. Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous approval.

**Committee Reports:**

- Cdr. Pepin –
  - Member Pete Seidel will be helping Adj. Owens
  - Heroes Park bricks update
    - Bricks are coming in and City of Palm Coast will install.
    - We'll have a dedication ceremony sometime soon.
  - Membership renewals / Buddy Check
    - 2023 non-renewed members listing was disseminated to exec. committee for contact and Buddy Check.
- 1<sup>st</sup> VC Thorpe –
  - Membership count – 404 – 89.5%
  - 2023-2024 Slate of Officers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VC Werner – n/r
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VC Leahy –
  - Sending three (3) local delegates to Boys State – 2 FPC, 1 Matanzas – other paid slot has been transferred to another post.
    - Only awaiting one form from a delegate.
    - Will conduct Orientation.
    - Awaiting info about transportation.
  - LOLLIPOP DRIVE MAY 20/21 HAMMOCK BEACH PUBIX A1A
    - Jeremy Holt is Store Captain – please offer your support.

- Finance Officer Ophelia Beier –
  - Requesting reimbursement of \$150 for attendance @ Dept. Cdr. Butts’ “Homecoming” event – uniform was required – Approved.
  - Finance Report update as of today – full report to be presented 8 May 2023.
  - BUDGET COMMITTEE formed –
    - Chair Hammond, members Beier, Middleton, Werner.
  - Post Financial Audit Committee –
    - Members Reese, Boyd, Dean.
  - Will check VyStar CD rates and make “Building Fund Transfer”.
- Adj. Owens –
  - Incoming Correspondence –
    - 14 JULY 2023 - \$1 Million FOOD-A-THON – Grace Community Pantry fundraising event.
      - Discussion regarding last year’s event and the lack of thanks for our \$1500 donation @ WNZF.
      - Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to send \$500 to Grace Community Pantry directly, no discussion, unanimous approval.
    - Post 115 Calendar
      - 8 May membership meeting
      - 22 May Exec meeting
    - 29 May – Memorial Day events and picnic@ Heroes Park, County Admin. Bldg. and VFW
    - Hotel Reservations are now open for the 2023 Dept. of Fl. Convention 15-18 June.
      - WHO HAS SIGNED UP TO REPRESENT POST 115?
        - Beier (2), Owens, Johnson
      - Special rate good until 15 May
    - Sat. 20 MAY 17<sup>th</sup> Dist. DCC Meeting Post 285 Edgewater– 1100hrs
    - K-9s for Warriors info rec’d – possible speaker and charity – works with Dept of FL Project VetRelief.
    - Request rec’d for donation to the Iraq/Afghanistan War Memorial to be dedicated on the Gulf Coast – item tabled.
- Judge Advocate Middleton – n/r
- Chaplain Johnson –
  - Sick Call – Mike Gyorkos, Bina Leahy Jeremy Holt
  - Post Everlasting – Stanton Dunayer
- Service Officer Lydon –

- 29 May Memorial Day Ceremony 1000 @ Flagler County Admin. Bldg. Veterans Monument.
- Regarding donations – recommends keeping donations local – perhaps create a Flagler County Iraq/Afghanistan Memorial here.
- Flags to be placed @ Espanola Cemetery Sat. 27 May 0900.
- Sgt/Arms Edward Beier –
  - 29 May Memorial Day
  - Will be attending Community Picnic @ VFW.
  - Ceremony 1300 @ Flagler Beach Veterans Park.
  - Supplying American Legion Flag for the Flagler County Ceremony @ 1000.
- Mentioned idea of funding a “Next of Kin Death Benefit” – item tabled for future research and discussion.
- Historian Boyd – n/r
- Past Cdr. Hammond -
  - Updated personal travel calendar.
  - Encouraging member participation @ convention in June.
    - Will try to attend.
    - Very important to decide as a Unified Post who to vote for @ convention – discussion needed @ 5/22 Exec. meeting.
- ALR Dir. Owens –
  - ALR Chapter 115 has donated \$1,000 to Florida Sheriffs Youth Summer Camp program which will fund 4 kids to camp.
- SAL –
  - Need a Cdr.
- Member @ Large McNamara –
  - @ VA Daytona Clinic week ago – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly accompanied by member Boyd.
- Member @ Large Work – n/r

**Old Business:**

- HIGH-YIELD SAVINGS ACCOUNT discussion and action?
  - Finance Off. Beier handling @ VyStar C.U.
- BUILDING COMMITTEE
  - Member survey responses are meager.

**New Business:** none

**For the Good of The Order:**

- The idea came up to have a “Uniform Cap” fund set aside to help new members obtain the meeting-required official headcover. Possible option to set up payment plans for members short on cash to get the proper “cover”- Item tabled for further research and discussion.

- Please note that the AUX Natl./State increased dues for 2023 – 2024 and Unit #115 will be forced to go to \$45 annual dues.
  - o State/Natl. do NOT offer any brochures, applications, membership paperwork – all printing costs are absorbed by the local UNIT with no help from State/Natl.

**Closing Prayer:** Chaplain Johnson

**Adjournment:** Cdr. Pepin @ 1855

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary M Owens, Post 115 Adjutant