



FLAGLER POST 115
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
26 JUNE 2023
IHOP 1800hrs

Call to Order: Cdr. Pepin - 1800

Opening Prayer: Rev. Beier

Roll Call: Adjutant Owens

Excused: Johnson, Campbell

Invited Guests: David Campbell incoming 3rd VC, Joe Holt incoming Historian,
Joe Licata member (spaghetti dinner input).

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- Adjutant Owens –

May 22 exec. meeting and Jun 12 general meeting minutes offered for approval and submission to membership @ 10 July 2023 meeting. Motion and 2nd to send to membership for approval, no discussion, unanimous approval.

Committee Reports:

- Cdr. Pepin –
 - Heroes Park bricks update – 3rd set of bricks have been shipped and should arrive this week – will schedule install with City of Palm Coast. 4th order of 8 so far, will order when 10 orders are rec'd.
 - Buddy Check – recommends that we all call perhaps 10 – 15 members a month to say hello and checkup. Adj. can send out contact lists.
 - Let's let our members know we care!!
- 1st VC Thorpe –
 - Membership count – 434 – 95% - we're all committed to getting 100% next year.
 - Special thanks to Past Cdr. Hammond, Past Adj. Mangels for getting financials in order, as well as Fin. Off. Beier and budget and audit committee members that do the work to ensure we follow guidelines.
- 2nd VC Werner –
 - Passing possible future speaker info to incoming 2nd VC Leahy.
- 3rd VC Leahy –
 - Need to get action going supporting 10/1/23 Golf Tournament. Need for more sponsors and players – please spread the word and pass out brochures and entry forms.

- QUILT RAFFLE (donated by Di Pepin) – propose \$5 per ticket – 500 tickets ordered in packets of 10 – drawing to be held 11/11/23 @ VFW 1500.
 - Approved by all, Adj. Owens will order tickets from Vinny the Printer at a cost of \$149.75.
 - Will also produce 8 ½ x 11 Flyers for the Raffle.
- Only two (2) delegates were sent to Boys State this year.
- Finance Officer Ophelia Beier –
 - Finance Report update as of today accepted by the officers attending – full report to be presented 10 July 2023.
 - Mentioned Post reimbursement of \$150 to members that attended at least 2 days of Dept. Convention which is already budgeted.
 - Post Financial Audit results presented, motion and 2nd approval and submit to membership.
 - Flagler Veterans Village discussion. (Tabled last meeting)
 - Decision made to table and wait for further study and local jurisdiction action.
- Adj. Owens –
 - 2023 Dept. Convention recap-
 - DEPT ELECTIONS – CDR. RAYMOND, 1st VC HEMRICK, 2nd VC MOORE, SGT @ ARMS MARTIN, HISTORIAN LEWIS, CHAPLAIN ROBERTS.
 - N. AREA CDR. LENA HEREDIA-PEREZ
 - 17TH DIST CDR. JIM BOWERS
 - AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS
 - Constitution and By-Laws update approved by membership.
 - American Legion College Resolution approved.
 - Change broadening SONS membership was rejected and was referred back for rewrite @ Nat'l. program level.
 - Resolution to share % of insurance commissions to Dept. with individual posts was not approved by committee for submission.
 - Incoming Correspondence –
 - Sat. 30 SEP 2023 – Remembering Heroes Event P/C Town Center – 0800 set-up – event 1000 – 1500.
 - We'll have our canopy and one or two motorcycles on display.
 - SAT 8 Jul 1000 @ Post 120 Holly Hill – Post Officer Training for 17th District Posts – officers recommended to attend.
- Judge Advocate Middleton –
 - Need for Constitution & By-Laws review – Copy of Dept. of FL changes provided and will review info and report at the next Exec. meeting.

- Chaplain Pastor John – n/r
 - Sick Call – Helen Johnson, Karen Smith, Bob & Jackie Carlson, Armand DuPuis, Bill Haseltine, and?
- Service Officer Lydon –
 - City of Bunnell and Flagler County would like to host a Veterans Day Parade from the old city hall and down Moody Blvd. (100) to the Flagler County Courthouse / Administration area followed by the regular County Veterans Day Ceremony and followed by a lunch provided by Flagler County under a tent next to/near the Admin. building.
 - Next VAC meeting Mon. 10 July 1600 @ the Flagler County Admin. building 1st floor chambers - will include Chief Dave Brannon – Bunnell PD – to further discuss the parade. Post 115 is invited to attend.
 - Spoke to the Flagler County School Board at their 20 June meeting to alert them to the lack of requests for Veterans in the Classroom and other outreach items.
 - Adj. Owens spoke as well about the lack of support from the Flagler County Schools and especially the lack of veteran involvement requests.
 - Mentioned the lack of a homeless veteran problem here in Flagler County area. Higher numbers seem to be in Volusia, Putnam, etc. counties.
- Sgt/Arms Edward Beier –
 - Color Guard will attend the Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church July 4th celebration on Sun. 2 July 1000.
 - 4th of July Flagler Beach Parade – 1000 Tue. 4 July – Post 115 will again lead the parade. All assemble 0900 N 6th St & A1A – parade goes south on A1A from N 6th to S 6th St.
- Historian Boyd -
 - Passing baton to Joe Holt
 - Cdr. Pepin mentioned his discussion with the OBSERVER Managing Editor who asked for photos with caption/description/names and a short/precise description of the event that does not need editing.
- Past Cdr. Hammond –
 - Budget Committee update
 - Many thanks to members that helped. The committee used the info provided them from last year and any changes needed can be addressed with membership approval.
 - Please read the new 2023/2024 Budget and advise of any recommended changes.

- ALR Dir. Owens –
 - ALR Chapter 115 is now up to 36 members with more to come!
 - 3 new SONS members as riders!
- SONS -
 - Leadership changes update –
 - For 2023/2024 Richard “RJ” Card will assume the CDR position and new SAL member David Campbell (Post 115 3rd VC) will assume the Adj/Fin Off positions.
 - Advisor Owens will meet with both for training and process.
- Member @ Large McNamara –
 - 3rd Tue. Daytona VA Clinic – serving items provided by our Palm Coast Walmart such as coffee, water, fruit (which we run out of!)
 - Post Historian Jim Boyd joined McNamara & Work 6/20.
 - Members are welcome to join them monthly on the 3rd Tue. 0800-1100 – Daytona VA Clinic.
 - Post 115 members McNamara, Work, Bugler Licata joined with the DAV Chap 86 to lay flags at St Mary’s Cemetery, Bunnell Sat. 27 May.
 - A set of photos was presented to member McNamara and will be displayed on our wall at the VFW Post 8696.
- Member @ Large Work –
 - Every Friday 0700-0900 – Veterans coffee & pastries @ the 1st Baptist Church, 6050 Palm Coast Pkwy NW – building in the rear.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Spaghetti Dinner again can be held @ VFW with Post 115 cooking, need to schedule the event, and get a committee together. – DINNER TABLED.
- Fin. Off. Beier mentioned holding a “dinner-dance” as requested by member Mary German.
 - Adj. Owens will check with VFW for a possible date and menu.

For the Good of The Order:

Closing Prayer: Rev. Beier

Adjournment: Cdr. Pepin @ 1909hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary M Owens, Adj. Post 115