



**American Legion Flagler Post 115
General Meeting Minutes
8 MAY 2023**

Cdr. Pepin: - Opens Meeting 1800 HRS

Presentation of Colors: – Honor Guard

Prayer: – Chaplain Johnson

POW / MIA Empty Chair Ceremony: – Sgt. At Arms Beier

Pledge: – Cdr. Pepin

Dinner Prayer: - Chaplain Johnson

Pot-Luck Dinner Break:

Membership meeting called to order: - Cdr. Pepin 1843hrs

Officer Roll Call: – Adj. Owens

Excused – Werner, Hammond

Minutes of previous meetings: – Adj. Owens

Minutes of 10 Apr general meeting and 24 Apr 2023 executive meetings have been posted on-line @ www.flaglerpost115.org and printed and available @ general meeting per By-Laws. Request for Motion and 2nd, no discussion, unanimous approval.

Cdr. Joseph Pepin Report:

- Read a note to members – “How To Kill A Post”
- MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION – HELP RENEW & RECRUIT
 - o Post currently 40 members short of goal for new & renewal 2023 members!
 - o Need for all members to renew and recruit new members.

1st VC Thorpe Report:

- Special thanks again to our Auxiliary Unit 115 for helping serve the dinner.
 - o Many thanks to those that contribute as this seems to be a hit!
- Membership Report: 409 – 90% of goal
- 2023-2024 Post Officer elections
 - o 2023 – 2024 Slate of Officers presented for membership approval
 - Cdr. Paul Werner
 - 1st Vice Cdr. Ronnie Dean
 - 2nd Vice Cdr. Joe Leahy’
 - 3rd Vice Cdr. David Campbell – from the floor
 - Fin. Off. Ophelia Beier
 - Sgt @ Arms Edward Beier
 - Historian Joseph Holt
 - Chaplain John Johnson
 - Motion and 2nd to accept Slate of Officers as presented, no discussion, unanimous approval.

2nd VC Werner Report: n/r

3rd VC Leahy Report:

- 2023 Boys State – four (4) delegates sponsored by Post 115, 2 from FPC, 1 from Matanzas, 1 out of district.
- 2 OCT GOLF TOURNAMENT
 - o Committee members needed.
 - o Please help to distribute flyers to get players and sponsors.
 - o Next Golf committee meeting Wed. 5/10.
- Next LOLLIPOP Drive Sat/Sun 20/21 May @ Hammock Beach Publix
 - o Shifts are staffed – Many Thanks to Jeremy Holt!
 - o Will resume early fall.

Finance Officer Ophelia Beier Report:

- Request for motion and second to accept 2023 Apr finance report as reported for audit, motion and 2nd, no discussion, unanimous approval for audit.

Chaplain Johnson Report:

- Post Everlasting
 - o Mike Gyorkos – spouse Bev and son Brian survivors.
- Sick Call – Bina Leahy, Alicia Clay, Pastor John, Don Slazinik, Jeremy Holt, Jane McNamara.

VAC Thorpe Report:

- VAC meeting 8 May 2023 –
 - o Tom Piekarski (AL Member) new Cdr. VFW Post 8696
 - o VAC is in discussions with City of Palm Coast for Veterans Day and Memorial Day parades.
 - o Upcoming visit to “Golden Choice Nursing Home” to meet with veterans.
 - o AL Auxiliary Unit 115 Poppy Drive 29 May @ Beach Front Grille
 - o VFW Poppy Drive 27/28 May @ Dunkin Donuts
 - o Combat Vets have a ride coming in Sept.
 - o **Only ONE (1)** request for “Veterans in The Classroom”!
 - o Post 15 Memorial Bricks should be laid by Memorial Day

Service Officer Lydon Report:

- Encouraging all members to inquire about possible VA benefits and/or other help.
 - o Dept. of Veterans Affairs annually delivers \$60 Million to Flagler County veterans and families with approx. 2600 recipients currently receiving some kind of help.
- MON 29 May Memorial Day events update
 - o 0800 CITY OF PALM COAST HEROES PARK CEREMONY
 - Hosted by the Palm Coast Fire Dept.
 - o 1000 FLAGLER COUNTY CEREMONY – County Admin. Bldg. 2
 - o 1300 CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH CEREMONY – Veterans Park
 - o 1100 – 1700 – COMMUNITY PICNIC VFW 8696
 - Sponsored by AL Post 115, VFW Post 8696, Marine Corps. League 876

Sgt. At Arms Ed Beier Report:

- FRI 26 May – Funeral and Internment Ceremony
 - o Color Guard member Mike Gyorkos

- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church 1000 viewing, 1100 Mass, 1200 Internment Service on-site.
 - Post Honor Guard and ALR Flag Line is requested.
- MON 29 May –
 - Tending to various community events per above.

Judge Advocate Middleton Report: n/r

Historian Boyd Report: n/r

Past Cdr. Hammond: n/r

ALR Chap. 115 Report:

- ALR Chapter 115 donated over \$1,000 to the Dept. of FL Round Robin Event for the Month of April!
- 2023 In-State ALR Unity Ride collected over \$250k this year for Dept. of FL Project VetRelief and Suicide Prevention!
 - We had 4 riders join in the adventure.
- 2023-2024 elections to be held 5/13/23 meeting.

Member @ Large McNamara Report:

- 3rd Tuesday every Month @ Daytona Beach VA Clinic serving coffee, water, fruits, etc. with member Ray Work.
- Next Post 115 dinner gathering Wed. 31 May 1700 @ Metro Diner Island Walk.
- Remember Metro Diner breakfasts 1st & 3rd Saturday 0800 – Island Walk.

Member @ Large Work Report: n/r

SAL Report:

- SAL SQUADRON 115 needs a COMMANDER for the 2023-2024 year!

AUX. Unit 115 Report:

- Monday 29 May Poppy Drive @ Beach Front Grille Flagler Beach 1100 - 1700

Old Business:

- Post 115 Building Committee update.
 - Review of responses to-date is available.
 - Committee Chair Joe Licata reported the lack of replies to the Post Building Survey – only 18 responses from almost 450 members – seems there is not a true desire to support our own building at this time. Item to be tabled.

New Business:

- Certificate Presentation – Cdr. Pepin.
 - Member @ Large Gary McNamara recognized for his many years of service to the Dayton Beach VA Clinic the 3rd Tuesday each month for many years.
- Post 115, Marine Corps League Det. 876, and VFW Post 8696 will be hosting a Memorial Day Picnic on Monday 29 May 1100 – 1700. Veterans and children under 12 free, \$15 for others.
 - We have tickets available here at the meeting.
 - Many sponsors have stepped up to help and games for all ages will be available.
 - Palm Coast FD, FCSO, and Florida National Guard will also have displays.

For The Good of The Order:

Closing Ceremony / Retirement of Colors – Post 115 Color Guard

Commander's Charge – Cdr. Pepin

Chaplain's Prayer – Chaplain Johnson

Meeting Adjournment 1935hrs.

Respectfully Submitted, Gary M Owens, Post 115 Adjutant