



**American Legion Flagler Post 115
General Meeting Minutes
14 AUG 2023**

Cdr. Werner: - Opens Meeting 1800 HRS

Presentation of Colors: – Honor Guard

Prayer: – Asst. Chaplain Beier

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

Pledge and Preamble: – Cdr. Werner

Dinner Prayer: - Asst. Chaplain Beier

Dinner Break:

Membership Meeting called to order: - Cdr. Werner 1840 hrs.

2nd VC Leahy Installation:

- 17th District 1st VC Bryant Thorpe swore incoming Josph Leahy to the position of Post 115 2nd Vice Commander 2023-2024.

Officer Roll Call:

- Excused – Johnson, Holt
- 48 in attendance

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- 12 June, 10 July membership meeting and 26 June, 24 July exec. meeting minutes presented for approval by membership. Motion and 2nd made to accept minutes.

Cdr. Werner report: deferred.

1st VC Dean report:

- Membership @ %

2nd VC Leahy report:

- Boys State Delegates will be recognized and awarded at the 11 Sept. meeting. Delegates, family, and counselors invited to attend,

3rd VC Campbell report:

- GOLF TOURNAMENT –
Need BOTH players and sponsors.
Players now \$125 each.
- QUILT RAFFLE –
\$5 Tickets for available for the Quilt Raffle to be drawn Saturday 11/11/23 @ VFW Post 8696.

PLEASE REQUEST TICKETS - \$5 ea. or packets of 5 for \$25.

- We'll be holding a fundraiser soon for the Wreaths Across America Program.
- Dinner Dance evening booked Fri. 10 NOV @ VFW – Ophelia is chair.

Finance Officer Beier report:

- Finance reports for June and July 2023 presented for submission to audit.
Motion and 2nd to accept reports for audit, no discussion, unanimous approval.

Chaplain report:

- Sick Call – Chaplain Johnson, Jeremy Holt, Bill Goss, David and Donna Gregory, Helen Johnson, Bill Haseltine, Armand Dupuis, Karen Smith, Michaela Sipes.
- District 17 is setting up a prayer list for those interested.
- Post 115 has been asked to attend the 12 NOV 2023 Christ Lutheran Church Veterans Day Service.

VAC report:

- City of Bunnell and Flagler County teaming up for a Veterans Day parade ending at the Government Services Building for the Veterans Day ceremony and a community picnic to follow at the same location.
- Flagler County Veterans Services accepting applications for the Veteran of The Year until 30 Sept., award to be presented at the Veterans Day Community event.

Serv. Off. Lydon report:

- Mentioned a Navy WAVE turning 100 9/21 – ALR will follow up.
- 7 SEP 2023 @ the Government Services Bldg. – BE THE ONE – Suicide Prevention Program all day.
- Go-Fund-Me has been set up for Michaela Sipes' benefit.

Sgt @ Arms Beier report:

- Post 115 has again been asked to lead Flagler Beach Christmas Parade.
- Honor Guard recently served at 2 funerals and 1 celebration of life.
- Reminding all that the Honor Guard is available for services when needed.

JA Middleton report:

- Currently revising Post Constitution and By-Laws and will present updates to Exec. Committee for approval to forward to membership.

Historian Holt report: n/r**Past Cdr. Pepin report:**

- Update on Heroes Park bricks – they've been ordered, the company's laser etcher broke and will be repaired and running soon with delivery expected 9/18.

ALR Chap 115 report:

- Chapter 115, VFW 8696, and Combat Vets riders recently escorted the remains of veteran Chris Jones to the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery.
- Northern Area is planning on an area-wide ALR event to include Dist. 3,5,17.

Member @ Large McNamara Report:

- @ Daytona VA clinic 3rd Tuesdays every month, coffee, water, fruit donated by Walmart.

Member @ Large Work report: n/r**SONS Cdr. Card report:**

- Awards presented to Ophelia Beier, Brenda Thorpe, Joe Pepin, and Gary Owens
- With help from new Adj. Campbell plans are in the works to grow and serve the Post.

Auxiliary Unit 115 report:

- Unit officers were installed at their July meeting.
- Currently membership is at 115%
- Will make a Girls State presentation at the Sept. Post meeting

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Initiations: none

For the good of the order:

- Member Tom Piekarski discussed a Purple Heart Veteran – Scarlett Rodriguez who is vying to be the Miss Veteran America. Awards night 3 Oct. 2023 – asking the Post 115 help with a \$250 donation for Scarlett, VFW Post 8696, DAV and Marine Corps League on-board for a \$1,000 table at the dinner.

Exec. Comm. will discuss.

- Past Cdr. Hammond reported that Post 115 had 11 members in attendance at the last District meeting in Holly Hill – very proud of our Post. Next District meeting will be held @ Post 115 21 October.

Remember – your CAP is your uniform.

District 17 Christmas Dinner 9 DEC @ Post 259

District Picnic @ Post 361 April 2024.

Closing Ceremony:

Chaplain Prayer: Asst. Chaplain Beier

Commander's Charge:

Meeting Adjourned: – Cdr. Werner 1930hrs

Respectfully submitted, Gary M Owens, Adj. Post 115