



**American Legion Flagler Post 115
General Meeting Minutes
11 SEP 2023**

Cdr. Werner: - Opens Meeting 1800 HRS

Presentation of Colors: – Honor Guard

Cdr. Werner requests a moment of silence in recognition of 9-11

Prayer: – Asst. Chaplain Beier

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

Pledge: – Cdr. Werner

Recognition of dignitaries and guests: - Sgt @ Arms Beier

Dinner Prayer: - Asst. Chaplain Beier

Pot-Luck Dinner Break:

Membership meeting called to order: - Cdr. Werner

Introduction of guests and awards presentations:

- Recognition of 2023 Flagler Post 115 Boys & Girls State Delegates
 - Boys State - Dayshawn Clay & Benjamin C Skinner
 - Girls State – Leila Jackson
- Presentation of \$1,000 donation to Flagler County P.A.L. Program
Deputy Nicholas Champion accepts along with a few explorers.

Officer Roll Call: – Adj. Owens

- Excused – Dean, Leahy, Johnson, Holt, McNamara, Work, Card.

Minutes of previous meetings: – Adj. Owens

- Minutes of 14 AUG general meeting and 28 AUG 2023 executive meetings have been posted on-line @ www.flaglerpost115.org and printed and available @ general meeting per By-Laws. Motion and 2nd to approve as minutes as written, no discussion, unanimous approval.

Cdr. Werner Report:

- Wants to start getting more done via committees – 3 people perhaps getting together for a specific topic or task rather than only one person or too many.
- Asked about interest in a “POST 115 CRUISER GROUP” – much like the ALR, another DBA of the Post.
 - four already interested at this meeting with 5 members needed to start the group. Will gather info and pass along.
- Post 115 in need of people to help with Social Media Outreach, Photography, local media outreach, those computer savvy. Please contact Cdr. Werner or Adj. Owens.

1st VC Dean Report: excused

2nd VC Leahy Report: excused

3rd VC Campbell Report:

- 2 OCT GOLF TOURNAMENT
 - o Committee members needed.
 - o Please help to distribute flyers to get players and sponsors.

Finance Officer Ophelia Beier Report:

- Presented AUG 2023 Finance Report for audit to membership. Motion and 2nd to accept for audit as presented, no discussion, unanimous approval.

Chaplain Report: Asst. Beier reporting

- Post Everlasting – Cisco Dean
 - o Memorial to be held 27 Sep 2023 @ the Flagler County Fairgrounds Cattlemen’s Bldg. 1400hrs.
- Sick Call –
 - o Pastor John, Helen Johnson, Jeremy & Joe Holt, Bill Haseltine, Bill Goss. Sharon Raffaele, Michaela Sipes, and Armand Dupuis who is here tonight – welcome back Armand.

VAC Thorpe Report:

- Organization “Vettes 4 Vets” is offering free home repairs to a needy veteran in Flagler or Volusia County, whether it be a roof, paint, electrical, whatever. They are looking for a needy recipient for their services.
- Marine Corps League Ball 4 NOV at the Ormond Beach MOOSE Lodge. Tickets available.
- 30 SEP – REMEMBERING HEROES EVENT – Palm Coast Town Center Park. Viet Nam Wall replica, Afghanistan Wall, Car Show, Veterans Services, sales tents, kids’ area, food court, etc.
- Creekside Festival – Princess Place preserve 7/8 Oct free to veterans.
- VAC accepting Veteran of the year nominations until 30 Sep.

Service Officer Lydon Report:

- Encouraging all members to inquire about possible VA benefits and/or other help.
 - o You never know what you may have been missing out on! Ask other members.
- VETERANS DAY PARADE – SAT 11 NOV 2023 – City of Bunnell and Flagler County co-sponsoring.
 - o Parade 1000 Old Coquina City Hall Bunnell to the Flagler County administration Building with the regular County ceremony following the parade with a picnic on-site to follow.
- VFW Post 8696 has a brief service at their Post and City of Flagler Beach has their Veterans Day ceremony 1300 Flagler Beach Veterans Park.
- Always taking nominations for the “Veteran-of-the-Week” published in the Observer. Need a photo for your time in service, a current photo, and a brief bio submitted to David Lydon.

Sgt. At Arms Ed Beier Report:

- In need of additional Color Guard members
- Will present Colors @ 21 OCT 17th District Meeting hosted here by Post 115.
- Welcome new members Howard Whitehurst and Paul Bergeron.

Judge Advocate Middleton Report:

- Presenting the 1st reading of proposed amendments to Post 115 Constitution and By-Laws. Copies are available on tables at the meeting and will be broadcast via email to members. 2nd reading will be at the 9 Oct meeting and vote to approve 13 NOV.

Historian Holt Report: excused

Past Cdr. Pepin Report: n/r

ALR Chap. 115 Report:

- Dir. Rothenberger stated riders very active, funeral escorts to National Cemetery, just rode the 9/11 Memorial Flagler County ride Sunday 9/10, JAX 7 Bridges ride coming 16 Sep, attending Remembering Heroes Event 30 Sept.
- Note that if you have a motorcycle, you are welcome to ride with us once in a while but of course we encourage membership.

Member @ Large McNamara Report: excused

Member @ Large Work Report: excused

SAL Report: Adj. Campbell states membership is currently @ 80% for the year.

AUX. Unit 115 Report: n/r

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Initiations: none

For The Good of The Order:

- Member Ken Wall received wooden plaques that a friend obtained many years ago to sell and never did. Ken is offering the plaques for any donation payable to Post 115. Thanks Ken Wall!
- Past Cdr. Dave Hammond – Mentioned the importance of PROGRAMS by the Post. The more we can do for the community the better we are and the more we grow.

Great to see blue polos and uniform caps on members!

Closing Ceremony / Retirement of Colors – Post 115 Color Guard

Commander's Charge Cdr. Werner

Chaplain's Prayer: Asst. Chaplain Beier

Meeting Adjournment 1933hrs

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary M Owens, Adj. Post 115