



**American Legion Flagler Post 115
General Meeting Minutes
13 NOV 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: – Cdr. Werner

Introduction of Guests: Sgt @ Arms Beier

17th District Cdr. Jim Bowers as well as from the 17th District 1st VC Bryant Thorpe, 2nd VC David Hammond, Chaplain Ophelia Beier, Fin. Off. Joe Pepin

Dinner Prayer: - Asst. Chaplain Beier

Pot-Luck Dinner Break:

Membership meeting called to order: - Cdr. Werner

Attendance: 38 members, 5 Aux, 3 guests

Officer Roll Call: – JA Middleton

Excused – Dean, Johnson, Holt, Owens, ALR

Minutes of previous meetings: Cdr. Werner

Minutes of 9 Oct general meeting and 22 Oct 2023 executive meetings have been posted on-line @ www.flaglerpost115.org and printed and available @ general meeting per By-Laws. Motion & second made to accept as presented, no discussion, unanimous approval as meeting minutes.

Cdr. Werner Report:

- Christmas Dinner update
 - o AL Members, Sons Members, AUX members free – spouse/guest \$35 ea.
 - Contact Adj. Owens for reservations
 - o 1600 – finger foods & credit card bar – coffee, tea, water included

1st VC Dean Report: n/r

2nd VC Leahy Report:

Our budget for Boys State allows 5 delegates but we will try to recruit and send 4 @ \$495/ea. for a total of \$1980. We'll also purchase recruiting materials to be able to spark interest at Matanzas H.S.

3rd VC Campbell Report:

- QUILT RAFFLE SALES
 - o \$1,010 total rec'd from Quilt raffle – winner Gary McNamara drawn on Sat. 11/11 @ the VFW. Many thanks to DI PEPIN for creating the beautiful quilt!!
- FALL LOLLIPOP SPECIAL OLYMPICS DRIVE – n/r

Finance Officer Ophelia Beier Report:

- Request for motion and 2nd to accept 2023 Oct finance report as reported for audit.
 - o Motion & 2nd to accept for audit, no discussion, unanimous approval to accept for audit.
- CHARITY GOLF TOURNEY REPORT
 - o Final Tourney Financials - \$9,681.25 in NET PROFIT from our 2 OCT 23 Golf Tourney
 - \$2400 share to ALR 115, AUX 115 \$800, SAL 115 \$250 with balance of \$6,231.25 to our Post 115 general fund for charity purposes.

Chaplain Report: Asst. Beier reporting

- Sick Call –
 - o Pastor Johnson, Michaela Sipes, Bill Haseltine, Joe Holt, Ophelia Beier.

VAC Thorpe Report:

- DAV Casino Night – Club 51 – 23 FEB 2024 – more to come.
- WINGS OVER FLAGLER – Sat & Sun 23-24 March 2024
- VFW collecting Toys for Tots now.

Service Officer Lydon Report:

- Encouraging all members to inquire about possible VA benefits and/or other help.
- Recommend that a letter of thanks be sent to Bunnell PD Chief David Brannon regarding the creation and leadership of the Veterans Day Parade.
- UNF Health is conducting on veterans by using a Fit Bit – 1000 – 1200 @ Flagler County Admin. Bldg. Wed. 11/29 for info and registration.

Sgt. At Arms Ed Beier Report:

- Firing Squad Attended 11/4 Ceremony @ Flagler Beach Catholic Church
- Honor Guard attended Memorial services for member Gary Hall 11/8
- Veterans Day 2023 –
 - o Bunnell Parade 1000hrs, Flagler Beach Ceremony 1330hrs., Christ Lutheran Church Service Sun. 12 Nov. 1000hrs.

Judge Advocate Middleton Report: n/r**Historian Report:** n/r**Past Cdr. Pepin Report:**

- 54 Christmas trees are on display at the Palm Coast Library on the NW corner of Belle Terre & Palm Coast Pkwy NW.

ALR Chap. 115 Dir. Rothenberger Report: n/r**Member @ Large McNamara Report:** Metro Diner breakfast 11/19 0800**Member @ Large Work Report:** Possible Post interest in supporting a Service Dog program.**Wreaths needed for Espanola Cemetery:**

- WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA UPDATE - \$17/wreath
 - o 40 wreaths needed for Espanola Cemetery
 - o 27 needed for The Masonic Cemetery
 - www.FlaglerPost115.org has a link to Wreaths Across America – purchase 3 for the price of 2.

AUX. Unit 115 Report:

- Poppy Drive 11/10 netted \$500 in donations, Bina Leahy walked the Bunnell Parade and collected an additional \$243.
- Gift awarded to Michaela Sipes

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Initiations: none

For The Good of The Order:

- Past Cdr. Hammond thanked the 2 members that attended the Emory Bennett Nursing Home Veterans Day event.
- 17th Dist. Cdr. Bowers advised that National is proposing a dues increase of \$5 per member effective 7/1/24 assessed to the Post.
- 17th District Holiday Party – 9 DEC – Post 259 Debary – 1400-1700 \$15/pp or \$25/couple.
- Next 17th District meeting to be 13 Jan 2024 @ Post 6 Deland – 1000 ALR – 1100 Legion.

Closing Ceremony / Retirement of Colors – Post 115 Color Guard

Commander's Charge Cdr. Werner

Chaplain's Prayer: Asst. Chaplain Beier

Meeting Adjournment 1935hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary M Owens, Post 115 Adj.