American Legion Flagler Post 115
General Meeting Minutes
Palm Coast So. Rec. Ctr. – 1800hrs
7 April 2025

Adj. Owens: - Opens Meeting 1800 HRS
- 26 members present – quorum achieved

Presentation of Colors: – Honor Guard
Prayer: – Chaplain Beier
POW / MIA Empty Chair Ceremony: – Sgt. @ Arms Beier
Pledge: – Adj. Owens
Honored Guests: - Sgt at Arms Beier
- 17th Dist. Cdr. Byant Thorpe
- 17th Dist. 1st VC David Hammond
- 17th Dist. Fin. Off. Joe Pepin

Membership meeting called to order: - Adj. Owens
Officer Roll Call: - Adj. Owens
- Excused – Werner, Dean, Leahy, McNamara, Work, Lydon

Incoming Correspondence: - Adj. Owens
- Adj. Owens mentioned our Post Project VetRelief working together with the DAV Chap. 86, VFW 8696, and Brave-Aid donating $600 each to help a veteran in need with his back rent. It's great for the county's VSOs to work together to help a fellow veteran.

Cdr. Werner notes: n/r
Past Cdr Pepin: Special Presentation
- Donation checks were given to Past Cdr. Pepin and awarded to Post 115, ALR Chap. 115, and SAL Sq. 115 from the Helen & John Johnson family in remembrance and thanks for the service provided regarding the memorial service provided for our member Arlie Johnson.

1st VC Dean Report: (in absentia)
- Be The One on-line courses are available at www.Legion.org
- Our membership year started on July 1st, and we are 425 members – 92.59% of our 459 total 2025 membership goal.
    - Please be sure to renew your dues today!
    - Please use the cards you are given to pass out to veterans you meet.
- Membership vote needed to accept new members per By-Laws.
    - Motion and 2nd requested to approve the following new and transfer members:
        - Marvin Allbritton, Robert Boggs, Ronald Bowen, Edward Boyle, John Brasili, Raymond Campos, Peter Dalina, Raymond Gormley, Michael Jenkins, Waymon Johnson, Michael Keeley, Melvin Montgomery,

Proctor "Dusty" Rhodes, Donald Thelen, John Thomas, Thomas Thompson, Norman Wildberger, Ray Hightower, Jerry Smith

2nd VC Leahy Report:

Finance Off. Boyd Report:

- March 2025 finance statement presented for approval of submission for audit. Motion and 2nd made to accept report as presented for audit, no discussion, unanimous approval
- Mention made of a Project VetRelief donation from Post 115, along with VFW 8696, DAV 86, and Brave-Aid totaling $2,400 ($600 per Post) to help a local veteran in need.

Chaplain Beier Report:

- Please note that the Grand Haven Women Club has donated $1,000 to Post 115 and will also be holding a Lollipop Drive @ the Publix Flagler Beach Hwy 100 on April 27 and 28th with those proceeds to go to Post 115
- Post Everlasting –
    - Bill Haseltine
- Sick Call -
    - Pastor John Johnson, Helen Johnson, Bina Leahy, Michaela Sipes, Donna Gregory, Vinnie Raffaele, Helena Boone, Joe Pepin, Bill Klinkenberg

VAC Sastoque Report:

- Tue Apr 4/29 – HONOR CORD Ceremony @ VFW 8696 – 1800hrs
    - Post Officers – Class A uniform (no tie)
- Wed Apr 30 – FPC USAF JROTC Awards Ceremony – Flagler Auditorium – 1800hrs
    - Post Officers – Class A uniform (no tie)
- Wed May 7 – Matanzas USA JROTC Awards Ceremony – Matanzas HS Auditorium 1800hrs
    - Post Officers – Class A uniform (no tie)
- Tomorrow 8 Apr DAV Chapter 86 will be hosting Cindy ?? from Cape Canaveral Cemetery to discuss the final resting place options for veterans and their spouses
    - Possibility to offer a similar seminar to the community veterans and public at perhaps the VFW 8696 hall inviting ALL VSOs – DAV, Amvets, VFW, USMC, Navy League, etc.?
- In-home health aids available @ VFW 8696 – walkers, chairs (non-motorized), braces, knee-walkers, food trays, etc.
- MEMORIAL DAY – 26 MAY
    - City of Palm Coast Ceremony 0800
        - Heroes Park P/C Pkwy near hospital
    - Flagler County Ceremony 1000
        - Flagler County Admin Bldg. 2
            - Capt. Mark Schrieber, Ret, keynote speaker
    - VFW 8696 / AL Post 115 MEMORIAL DAY VETERAN FAMILY PICNIC
        - 1130 - 1600
        - Sponsored in part by DAN NEWLIN INJURY ATTORNEYS!

Service Off. Lydon Report:

- Wants us to see through and help the veteran families in need from last December and those thereafter

Sgt @ Arms Beier Report:

- Honor Guard tended to member William "Bill" Haseltine's service
- Will be participating in the various Memorial Day ceremonies throughout the area on May 26th

Judge Advocate Campbell Report:

- 2025 / 2026 Proposed Slate of Officers is presented, and all positions are also open for nominations from the floor.
    - No nominations from the floor
    - Proposed Slate of Officers will be presented at the May general membership meeting for Post Officer Elections

Historian Kairis Report:

- Attended the Warbirds Over Flagler Event at the airport to man our tent display. Great to meet many veterans as possible new members and members that would like to transfer to our Post.
- Saturday's 50/50 raffle was won by a veteran

Past Cdr. Pepin Report: n/r

ALR Chapter 115 Report:

- We are hosting the Dept of Fl In-State Unity Ride group tomorrow – 4/8 – for lunch at the Beach Front Grille on S A1A – expecting 40 – 50 bikers somewhere around 1100 – 1130 and all are welcome to attend
    - Post 115 has donated $500 and ALR Chapter 115 $615 to total $1,115 to the Ride Charity – Dept of Fl Project VetRelief/Suicide Prevention Programs
- Thanks to RJ Card for the great display tent upgrades he has created

Post 115 Webmaster Josh Lemanski:

- Will research developing our web presence via our website, possibly updating our current email provider, and many other opportunities to get our presence out and known

Member @ Large McNamara Report: n/r

Member @ Large Work Report: n/r

- 3rd Tuesdays Monthly – Coffee, water, and fruit served to veterans at the Daytona Beach VA Clinic on Williamson Blvd – 0730 – 1100.
- Every Friday Morning 0900 the 1st Baptist Church of Palm Coast on Palm Coast Pkwy NW just before US 1 hosts a veterans' coffee and donuts.
- Saturday breakfasts at the Metro Diner – Island Walk – 8am – 1st & 3rd Saturdays

SONS Squadron 115 Report:

- Mentioned the new backdrop that was ordered for our Post Display Tent and new A-frame signs created from $$ donated by individual members.

Aux. Unit 115 Pres. Hayes: n/r

Donations Committee:

- Past Cdr. David Hammond –
    - Suggesting that Post 115 supports the Flagler County Schools students in the Future Problem Solvers program
    - Post needs to do a better job in helping local veterans and/or their family members in need

17th Dist. Cdr. Thorpe:

- Sat. May 3rd – 17th Dist. DCC hosted by Orange Baker Post 188 Deland – location is The Chisholm Community Center, 520 S Clara Ave, Deland 32720 – registration 1000 – AUX mtg. 1000 – TAL mtg. 1100 - ALR mtg. 1330
- Recommends that Post 115 have an initiation ceremony in the coming months
- Choose a charity or charities to support and start more fundraisers much like our lollipop drives, but do more of them
    - Mentioned S Daytona Post 361 – SAL has donated close to $5k to Emory Bennett Nursing home to date

Old Business –

none

New Business –

none

For The Good of The Order:

- Don't forget to submit your info for VETERAN OF THE WEEK form to Adjutant Owens.

Closing Ceremony / Retirement of Colors – Post 115 Color Guard
Commander's Charge: Ad. Owens
Chaplain's Prayer: Chaplain Beier
Meeting Adjournment Adj. Owens: 1905hrs.
Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Gary M Owens, Adjutant Post 115