



**American Legion Flagler Post 115
General Meeting Minutes
8 JAN 2024**

Cdr. Werner: - Opens Meeting 1800 HRS

Presentation of Colors: – Honor Guard

Prayer: – Chaplain Johnson

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

Pledge: – Cdr. Werner

Guests / New members:

- Names called by Sgt. @ Arms

Dinner Prayer: - Chaplain Johnson

Pot-Luck Dinner Break:

Membership meeting called to order: - Cdr. Werner

- Members present: 58 AL, 4 AUX, 2 SAL

Officer Roll Call: – Adj. Owens

- Excused – Leahy, O. Beier

Minutes of previous meetings: – Adj. Owens

- Minutes of 13 NOV general meeting, 27 NOV and 18 DEC executive meetings have been posted on-line @ www.flaglerpost115.org and printed and available @ general meeting for review per By-Laws, no discussion.

Cdr. Werner Report:

- Incoming Correspondence – none.
- Christmas Dinner update
 - o Very successful and enjoyable dinner.
 - Grand Haven is reserved again for 9 DEC 2024.

1st VC Dean Report:

- Membership Report: 82% of goal.

2nd VC Leahy Report: (in absentia)

- Each High School counselor has Boys & Girls State info and registration packets.
 - o Promotional ads from Dept. of FL are being played @ schools.
 - o Recruiting for Boys State delegates will occur soon at both High Schools.
 - Help needed for recruiting and later interviewing.
 - o Scholarship opportunity available for selected delegates.

3rd VC Campbell Report: n/r

Finance Officer Ophelia Beier Report: (in absentia)

- Request for motion and second to accept 2023 Nov & Dec finance reports as reported for audit. Motion and 2nd, no discussion, unanimous approval to accept for audit.

Chaplain Report:

- 4 Chaplains now 3 FEB 2024 @ VFW 8696.
- Post Everlasting – n/a
- Sick Call –
 - o Michaela Sipes, Bill Haseltine, Joe Holt, Jeremy Holt.

VAC & Service Officer Lydon Report:

- Flagler County VAC in need of a delegate from Post 115.
 - o Member Nelson Sastoque volunteered and was nominated by Cdr. Werner.
 - Past Cdr. David Hammond was also selected as alternate.
 - Letter of appointment to be sent to VAC by Adj. Owens.
- WED 14 FEB 2024 – VA HEALTH VAN will be @ VFW Post 8696 1000 – 1400hrs.
 - o Red Bus will also be there.
- SAT & SUN 23/24 MAR – WARBIRDS OVER FLAGLER @ Airport. Post 115 will have a booth set up.
- Fit-Bit Program available for free to veterans the our local Flagler County Veterans Office – administered by UNF.
- Encouraging all members to inquire about possible VA benefits and/or other help.

Sgt. At Arms Ed Beier Report:

- Color Guard will attend the 4 Chaplains Service Sat 3 FEB.

Judge Advocate Middleton Report: n/r**Historian Report:** n/r**Past Cdr. Pepin Report:** n/r**ALR Chap. 115 Dir. Rothenberger Report:**

- Chapter 115 attended WAA events @ both Espanola & Masonic cemeteries.
- next meeting 13 Jan. w ride following.
- Ride to Cedar Key 20 Jan.

Member @ Large McNamara Report:

- 1st & 3rd Saturday morning breakfasts @ Metro Diner 0800.
- 3rd Tuesday monthly @ the Daytona VA Clinic 0700 – 1100.

Member @ Large Work Report: n/r**SAL Report:** n/r**AUX. Unit 115 Report:** n/r**District 17 Report:** District 1st VC Thorpe

- District meeting Sat. 13 JAN 2024 @ Post 6 Deland
 - o ALR 1000
 - o AL & AUX 1100
- Advised that he is running for 17th District Commander for the 2024-2025 year, nominations coming and vote @ DCC.

Old Business: n/a

New Business:

- Possible change of meeting venue and date due to changes in contract with the VFW discussion led by Cdr. and officers.
 - o Cdr. Werner explained the basics of the proposal made by the executive committee to recommend we move our meeting venue to AMVETS Post 113 in Bunnell after receipt of the new 2024 hall rental contract with VFW Post 8696.
 - The floor was open to comments from the members present with a variety of views, questions, feelings, and preferences. AL member Tom Piekarski – aka VFW 8696 Cdr. – was invited to speak as well and explained their problems, needs, history, etc. He did offer the hall for free for our 4 Chaplains Ceremony to be held Sat 3 Feb.
 - Motion and 2nd made to vote, then rescinded.
 - Detailed notes available if needed.
 - A final decision by the majority in attendance was made for the executive committee to put together a detailed review of options and disburse to all Post Family members for review and vote by Post Members in attendance after item revisited as “Old Business” @ 12 FEB 2024 meeting @ VFW 8696 - usual 1800 start time.

Initiations: none

For The Good of The Order:

- Member McNamara has USA, USMC, & USN challenge coins for sale as donation to post.

Closing Ceremony / Retirement of Colors – Post 115 Color Guard

Commander’s Charge Cdr. Werner

Chaplain’s Prayer: Chaplain Johnson

Meeting Adjournment: 1947hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary M Owens, Adj. Post 115