



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2006

32 Members in attendance.

Foster Sires, Lester Brown, Paul Payne, Jin Rieck, Ira Hunter, Don Happy, Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Ray Nichols, Bobby Beeks, Larry Allen, Paul Reichmann, John Kopp, Mike Edwards, Paul Ellison, Marvin Scott, John Gibbs, Ed Backstrom, Gary Evans, Charles Evans, Melvin Johnston, Bud McGinnis, Ray Adkins, Fred Cox., Ted Nelson, Bud Kraft, Ray Merrill. Alvy Eberle, Clyde Woodson, Dan Jurgensen, Gene Welch, Bruce Denny, Sam Chapman.

Commander John Kopp opened the meeting in due form at 19:00 HRS

Commander John Kopp led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Preamble. Commander John Kopp asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for our service members. Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer.

Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the July meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Finance Officer Ray Nichols read the finance report. The finance report was approved as read. A copy of the finance report is included with the minutes.

Finance Officer Ray Nichols talked about one of the Posts CDs coming due before the next meeting. Ray Nichols made a motion to renew the CD with Bank Liberty; Jim Rieck seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Sick Call:

Paul Ellison reported Alan Shannon home recovering from treatment of pre cancerous cell treatments.

Honor Team

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the team had performed a funeral today and had one last week.

Color Guard

Color Guard Mike Edwards reported that there would be a Flag Etiquette class tomorrow in Kearney Southview School and other classes scheduled so far were Smithville Monday September 25th and two classes November 10th at Lewis and Clark Elementary. Mike Edwards said that he had been contacted by Kearney Junior High School to hold a What Is a Veteran Program. No date has been set yet.

Commander John Kopp talked about the Liberty Fall Festival to be held on September 23rd. Commander Kopp said that we needed volunteers for the color guard for the parade and for the Flag Disposal Ceremony to be held at 19:00HRS.

Don Happy suggested with parking being tight we should meet at the Post at 09:00HRS and leave for the parade from there at 09:15HRS so we would get there by 09:30HRS. The parade starts at 11:00HRS

New Trailer

Commander John Kopp talked about looking at trailers to replace the current trailer. The 24 foot trailer was just too big and a used trailer he had looked at in Kearney was \$3000. Fred Cox talked about looking at trailers and if we got an enclosed trailer it would add anywhere from 45 minutes to an hour extra to picking up the flags and that the current trailer was much more efficient trailer for picking up and putting out the flags. Don Happy made a motion to put off the purchase of a new trailer. The motion was seconded by Ray Nichols. The motion passed.

Commander John Kopp talked about transportation for veterans at Cedars and Our Lady of Mercy Homes. The staff at Cedars said the problem was not money or transportation it was personnel to help with the residents.

County Oratorical Contest

Ray Nichols said this years contest would be held at Liberty High School on December 4th.



New Business:

Commander John Kopp talked about the District Meeting held on Sunday in Hamilton MO and the Post had won 2nd Place in Membership for Large Posts.

Commander John Kopp talked about the POW/MIA Highway Dedication held in Kearney and that another dedication ceremony would be held on October 7th in Cameron at the Cameron Veterans Home at 14:00HRS.

Commander John Kopp reported the Post 95 web page as back up

Vice Commander Ted Nelson talked about membership and asked for help calling Post 95 members who have not renewed their membership yet.

Chili Dinner:

Commander John Kopp reminded everyone to check their food handling certificates to make sure they are current and if not there were five classes before the dinner to get certified and that the classes were free.

Commander John Kopp passed around sign-up sheets for the dinner.

Ray Nichols and Bobby Beeks volunteered to get door prizes.

Ray Nichols said the David Crouse had said that he would give us ground chuck for our dinners.

Don Happy and Paul Ellison volunteered to get raffle prizes.

Paul Ellison made a motion to set a \$300 limit on purchase of raffle prizes. Ira Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Veterans Day

Commander John Kopp said that he had not been contacted by anyone yet for Veterans Day. Ray Nichols will talk with the High School about Veterans Day.

Dues Increase

Commander John Kopp talked about Department raising dues by \$3.50 and National raising theirs by \$4.50 for a total dues increase of \$8.00. Commander John Kopp talked about PUFL membership as a way to lock in your dues and that you could pay for it all at once or on time payments.

Ray Nichols reported that the VFW had also increased their dues.

Paul Ellison made a motion the Post increase its dues to \$28. Foster Sires seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commander John Kopp passed around a contact information sheet and asked everyone to update their information.

Ray Nichols talked about the Post web site and all of the pictures that were on it.

Ray Nichols also said that on Thursday morning from 06:00 till 07:00HRS there would be a birthday party for Lester Brown who is 91 years young.

Robert Emery talked about looking into the Post holding an all vets picnic like the one Blue Springs holds every year. Paul Ellison said that we should form a committee to look into it.. Commander John Kopp said lets think about it and bring it up again at the next meeting.

Commander John Kopp talked about BINGO at Cedars of Liberty next Thursday September 28th.

Bobby Beeks made a motion to give Mike Edwards and Don Happy each \$60 for gas money for hauling the Honor Team around. Foster Sires seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Don Happy talked about the trailer we use in the parade and that George Worley let us borrow it each year and would like for the post to thank him some how.

Don Happy made a motion that the Post get a \$30 gift Certificate to a local restaurant. Paul Ellison seconded the motion the motion passed.

Sam Chapman talked about the trip he and his two sons made to the USS LST Ship Memorial – LST 325 in Evansville, Indianan. The LST 325 is the last operational LST in the world

Paul Reichmann talked about the Boy Scout Troop at St James would be holding a pancake breakfast next Sunday. Paul Reichmann said the St James would be holding a Blood Drive on Tuesday.

Ted Nelson asked everyone to start saving magazines books to give out at the VA hospital.



Lester Brown talked about his ride in a LST on D-Day
Commander John Kopp closed the meeting at 20:25HRS

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
John Kopp - Commander