



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2006

33 members and in attendance: William "Mac" Williams, Jim Reich, Paul Riechman, Chaz Evans, Donna Warren, Ray Nichols, Robert Emery, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, Larry Allen, Ray Merrell, Don Happy, Sam Leonard, Ira Hunter, Bud McGinnis, Ted Nelson, Ray Adkins, Mike Edwards, Bobby Beeks, Ed Backstrom, John Kopp, Carl Mathiasch, Buzz Kincade, Alan Shannon, Jeff Knight, Bruce Denny, Marvin Scott, Gene Welch, Calvin Nelson, Lester Brown, Jerry Head, Harold Kopp, Dan Jurgensen, Alvy Eberle.

Commander John Kopp opened the meeting in due form at 19:05 HRS

Commander John Kopp led the pledge of allegiance, reading of the preamble and a moment of silence for those service members who have paid the ultimate price.

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer

Finance Officer Ray Nichols talked about renewing the CD that was due. Finance Officer Ray Nichols read the finance report for September. The finance report was approved as read. A copy of the report is included with the minutes.

Members in Distress

Ray Nichols talked about Roger Wade's wife being in financial distress since he passed away. She has asked the American Legion and VFW if there was any way they could help her out.

Ray Nichols made a motion the Post give her \$250. Bobby Beeks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Alan Shannon reported the Gary Davis was doing better and thanked everyone for their cards and help with his membership dues. Alan said that Gary wouldn't come to the meetings until he got his prosthesis which should be some time during the first week in December.

Committee Reports:

Honor Guard

Honor Guard Commander Mike Edwards reported that the team had performed at three funerals since the last meeting and had another funeral scheduled this Thursday.

Mike reported that he had two Flag Etiquette classes scheduled so far with the next one being November 1st at Kearney Hawthorne School starting at 13:50HRS.

John Kopp talked about his experience working a funeral and said it was a great experience and anyone could do it.

Commander asked if there were any new members and asked if they would introduce themselves.

Jeff Knight and Jerry head introduced themselves.

Ray Nichols reported that he and Foster had signed up a new member at McDonalds but Foster had the application and was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

Old Business:

Commander John Kopp talked about the Post web site and all the pictures on it including the Liberty Fall Festival Parade and Flag Disposal Ceremony.

Commander John Kopp said that his daughter was going to be the official photographer for the Post 95.



Don Happy thanked all those that helped decorate the float for the parade and Sutherlands for loaning the Post the straw for the float.

Ray Nichols thanked Bobby Beeks for getting the door prizes for the dinner. Ray also said that Lester Brown had donated a \$15 Gift Certificate to Trails Inn Restaurant.

Commander John Kopp said that he had plenty of posters, meal tickets, and raffle tickets available. Commander John Kopp talked about food handlers' certification and that there was still two classes left before the dinner.

Veterans Day:

Ray Nichols reported that he had not heard anything from the schools yet

Oratorical Contest

Ray Nichols reported that Kearney would not be participating this year

Commander John Kopp showed a copy of the Kearney Courier with an article and pictures of the POW/MIA Highway Dedication and flag raising at Holt Elementary School.

Post Family Christmas Dinner:

Commander John Kopp said that it would be held December 19th with the Post furnishing the meat, bread, and drinks.

Past Commanders Flags

Robert Emery talked about the Post sponsoring flags for all past Post 95 commanders like the VFW has with the Avenue of Flags. Don Happy will check on flag and conduit prices.

John Gibbs made a motion to give Mike Edwards and Don Happy \$50 each for gas for driving Honor Team to funerals. Don Happy said that he and Mike had just received checks last month and did not want another one. John Gibbs withdrew his motion.

Ray Nichols made a motion to give Robert Emery \$100 for all his computer work for the Post and the Post web site. Bobby Beeks seconded the motion the motion passed.

John Kopp read a request from the Liberty Fire Department for donations for Children fire safety program. Ray Nichols made a motion that the Post sponsors 40 children at a cost of \$104. Don Happy seconded the motion the motion passed.

Commander John Kopp talked about setting up a Rent-A-Flag program and asked everyone to think about it and we would bring it up again at the next meeting.

Commander John Kopp talked about Robert Cullen's Funeral Thursday and anyone going should meet at the Post at 13:00. Sam Leonard thanked everyone for performing the Military Honors.

Good of the Order

Marvin Scott talked about his neighbor having someone try and break into their house during the day while they were home.

Don Happy said that he was getting ready to place an order with emblem sales so see him about any supplies or accessories you would like to order. Don Happy also said still had eight new jackets and one other jacket someone had turned in to the Post and just needed the name removed.

Alan Shannon talked about an assistant in Sam Graves office that takes care of problems veterans are having with the VA.

Commander John Kopp reminded everyone the American Legion cannot endorse any candidate but encourages everyone to get out and vote on November 7th.



Commander John Kopp reminded everyone about BINGO at Cedars next Thursday. Don Happy said that he will bring the snacks. Ray Nichols said that he will give Don Happy a check for \$50 for BINGO prizes.

Commander John Kopp passed around sign up sheets for the November 4th Chili Dinner.

Commander John Kopp reminded everyone about Breakfast at HY-VEE on Saturday

Commander John Kopp presented a Post Everlasting Certificate to Sam Leonard's for his father in law Robert Cullen who had just passed away.

Commander John Kopp closed the meeting at 20:05HRS

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
John Kopp - Commander