



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2006**

28 Members in attendance.

Lester Brown, Jin Rieck, Ira Hunter, Don Happy, Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Ray Nichols, Bobby Beeks, Larry Allen, John Kopp, Mike Edwards, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, Gary Evans, Charles Evans, Melvin Johnston, Bud McGinnis, Ray Adkins, Fred Cox., Ted Nelson, Bud Kraft, Ray Merrill, Gary Davis, Alan Shannon, Gene Welch, Dan Jurgensen, Sam Leonard, Clyde Woodson.

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

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer and moment of silence.

Commander John Kopp led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Preamble.

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

Finance Office Ray Nichols gave a report on the Chili Supper surplus of \$625.28

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.

Members in Distress:

Ray Nichols said he had received a thank you card from Carol Fushe and that Carol Wade had sent her thanks to the Post for their help.

Committee Reports:

Oratorical Contest

Ray Nichols reported that there was only one participant so far for the contest. The contest will be held December 4<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 in Liberty High School. Ray asked for volunteers to help if more students showed up.

Honor Guard:

Honor Team Commander reported that the Flag Etiquette Program had reached 610 students so far.

Mike Edwards reported that the honor team had performed at three funerals since the last meeting. Mike Edwards also said that there would be a Rifle Cleaning nest Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 14:00 at the Post.

Membership:

Vice Commander Ted Nelson reported that he and Bobby Beeks had been calling the list of unpaid members trying to get them to renew and would like more help calling.

New Members:

Commander asked if there were any new members present none were present. Gary Davis was in attendance since and thanked all for their support.

Old Business:

Veterans Day

Commander John Kopp talked about all the things the Post had don for Veterans Day. Our Lady of Mercy Country Home Program, Flags at Liberty Memorial, Pledge at the local schools, and Veterans program at Liberty High School.

Commander John Kopp said that the Post had gotten them all accomplished in an outstanding and professional fashion. John Kopp reported his dad had said that all the residents at Our Lady of Mercy really enjoyed the program.

Commander John Kopp talked about the parade to be held on Liberty Square on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 HRS and those who wanted to participate should meet at the city's east parking lot at 10:00 HRS

Chili Dinner:

Commander John Kopp thanked all who helped make the dinner a success.

Commander Kopp read a thank you letter from the Liberty Memorial Association thanking the Post for displaying the flags there on Veterans Day.



Commander John Kopp reported that the High School had thanked the Post for the Veterans Program and John had a DVD of the High School Program if anyone wanted a copy.

Commander John Kopp talked about the radio program he and Paul Ellison had done for Veterans Day.

Past Commanders Flags:

Ray Nichols showed the flags the VFW was selling for \$10

Don Happy reported that Freverts Hardware had flags like the ones the Post had purchased before for 3 dozen 3'x5' Nylon Flags would be \$20.25 each and 10' ½" conduit would be \$2.19. Fred Cox reported that we would need ¾" conduit. Dao Happy said that he would check pricing.

Alan Shannon made a motion that the Post purchases 50 3'x5' flags for Past Commanders of Post 95. Ira Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Fred Cox asked if the city was going to get the extra stakes for the flags. Commander John Kopp said that he will check with the city.

Post Family Dinner:

Commander John Kopp said that the Family Dinner would be December 19<sup>th</sup> at 18:30

Commander John Kopp talked about having HY-VEE cater the meat for the dinner.

John Gibbs made a motion to have HY-VEE cater the three meats Brisket, Ham, and Chicken for the dinner.

Alan Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed. Everyone thought we should ask Paul Payne if he would check with HY-VEE about catering the meat.

Commander John Kopp reported that at the last VFW meeting Cary Huffman had talked about getting a replacement stove for the kitchen and splitting the cost three ways between the VFW, American Legion, and the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association.

Commander John Kopp talked about BINGO at Cedars being held on November 30<sup>th</sup> this month because of Thanksgiving and that he would be bringing the snacks. BINGO starts at 18:30 HRS

Commander John Kopp talked about Liberty Memorial might want the flags again on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Gran Opening of the museum.

Commander John Kopp read a letter from the Mayors Christmas Tree Fund asking for donations.

Paul Ellison made a motion to donate \$100 to the Mayors Christmas Tree Fund. Ira Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John Kopp talked about purchasing a new cook pot and strainer for the Post at a cost of \$69.99 from Cabellas.

Alan Shannon made a motion to purchase a new cook pot and strainer. Ray Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John Kopp talked about creating a Post Scholarship fund of \$250 one for a boy and one for a girl.

Robert Emery talked about there being many legal aspects that needed to be considered before forming a scholarship program.

Good of the Post

Ted Nelson talked about the annual VA Hospital visit and that we try and go on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> and to meet at REMAX at 14:00 HRS.

Ray Nichols talked about the Methodist Men's Group had put together care packages for the troops overseas and got stung by the postage of \$285 and asked if the Post 95 would help with the postage. Ira Hunter made a motion to donate \$50 to the Methodist Men's Group to help them with the postage. John Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Larry Allen thanked all that helped with the cooking and prep for the Chili Supper.

Alan Shannon talked about reimbursing the drivers of the Honor Team.

Alan Shannon made a motion to reimburse Don Happy and Mike Edwards \$50 each for driving the Honor Team. Ray Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commander Kopp talked about setting up a schedule to reimburse the drivers. Don Happy said that we should look at actual expenses. The idea was tabled.



Commander John Kopp talked about Rifle Cleaning Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 14:00 HRS.  
John Gibbs talked about Ferrell Gas sending care packages to two of their workers in Afghanistan.  
Commander John Kopp closed the meeting at 20:25HRS

Submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
John Kopp - Commander