



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2007**

31 members and 2 guests in attendance: Paul Riechman, Donna Warren, Mike Edwards, Alan Shannon, Ray Nichols, Robert Emery, John Gibbs, Fred Cox, Ira Hunter, Larry Allen, Don Happy, Ted Nelson, Ray Merrill, Jim Riech, John Kopp, John Gibbs, Fred Cox, Lester Brown, Gary Davis, Mac Williams, Bobby Beeks, Paul Payne, Foster Sires, Marvin Scott, Calvin Nelson, Will Turpin, Jerry Head, Bud McGinnis, Dan Jurgensen, Herbert Davis, and Ketton Smith – Liberty Memorial Ron Pardeck - guest

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

Commander John Kopp led the pledge of allegiance and reading of the preamble

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer

Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes of the January meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes of the special meeting held on January 27. The minutes were approved as read.

Finance Officer Ray Nichols read the Finance Report; a copy of the report is included with the minutes. The report was approved as read.

Finance Officer Ray Nichols reported that the 2006 tax returns were ready to send in.

Finance Officer Ray Nichols talked about the CD that is ready to mature on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Foster Sires made a motion to renew the CD with Bank Liberty, Ira Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sickness and Distress

John Kopp talked about his father having heart problems and ending up in the hospital

Donna Warren talked about her mother Ivy who is 98 and in the hospital and asked everyone to keep her in their thoughts and prayers.

Honor Guard/Flag Etiquette:

Honor guard Commander Mike Edwards reported on the two funerals the honor team had performed since the last meeting.

Oratorical Contest:

Ray Nichols reported got it over with

Commander John Kopp talked about how well the boy from Liberty had represented his town, school, and the Post

Commander John Kopp asked new member Herbert Davis to introduce himself

Herbert Davis is a Vietnam veteran who served with the Air Force

Commander John Kopp asked for any guest to introduce themselves

Ron Pardeck talked about his service in the Air Force

Commander John Kopp introduced Ketton Smith from the Liberty memorial.

Mr Smith talked about the Stolen Valor Act of 2005 and the new museum in the Liberty Memorial  
Old Business:

Commander John Kopp passed around a sign up sheet for the upcoming spaghetti dinner.

Girls State Chairman Donna Warren made a motion that Post 95 sponsor three girls at \$225 each to this years Girl State session to be held June 24<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Ray Nichols seconded the motion. The



motion passed.

Commander John Kopp asked Don Happy if he would get the supplies for the spaghetti dinner, Don agreed to do so.

Ray Nichols said that he and Bobby Beeks would get the door prizes again.

Newsletter

Don Happy reported that we had lost three (3) newsletter sponsors and had picked up two new sponsors and a current sponsor wanted to go to a two space ad. Don Happy also said that he had only four (4) ads he had not yet received their money.

Commander John Kopp talked about the trailer the Post had purchased as a replacement for the current trailer.

Commander John Kopp talked about getting the bugle repaired.

Avenue of Flags:

Don Happy reported that he had not heard from Frevert's yet about the flags since she had been sick.

Don Happy also reported that arrangements had been made with J R Electrical Supply for the purchase of the conduit at a cost of \$3.60 per pole.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting

Commander John Kopp reported that there were only a few people from Richmond and Post 95 and the District Commander present at the meeting. It was not much of a meeting.

Commander John Kopp reported Bob Box 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander had given him some Post 1000 names and he had sent them all letters asking them to transfer to Post 95.

Commander John Kopp read a request for Liberty Chamber of Commerce membership renewal at a cost of \$215.

Foster Sires made a motion that the Post renews their Chamber of Commerce membership. Ray Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commander John Kopp read a request for a donation to the After Prom Party committee.

John Gibbs made a motion that the Post donates \$100 to the After Prom Party. Bobby Beeks seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commander John Kopp presented John Turpin his 60 year continuous membership certificate from the American Legion..

Robert Emery talked about the new State of Missouri Vietnam War Medallion Program.

Commander John Kopp talked about the Veterans Advisory Council meeting Sam Graves would be holding at the Post on Wednesday from 16:00 – 17:00 HRS.

Commander John Kopp reminded all about BINGO at Cedars Thursday night

Commander John Kopp about Jim Riech talking about the Post needing another fund raiser during the year since the Post had no programs currently during the summer.

Commander John Kopp read a letter talking about Missouri House Bill 636 removing income tax from military pension benefits.

Ray Nichols passed around a card for Norbert and Mary Melies who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



John Gibbs talked about the McMunny Methodist Church in ClayCoMo holding their Pancake Breakfast on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 07:00 till 11:00 HRS. Invited everyone to attend  
Commander John Kopp closed the meeting in due form at 20:02 HRS

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

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