



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

29 members and 2 guests in attendance: 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, Lester Brown, Mac Williams, Bobby Beeks, Buzz Kincaid, John Atkinson, Ed Backstrom, Gene Welch, A. E. Ederle, Darrel Grover, Melvin Johnson., Paul Ellison, Tim Coulter, Paul Payne, Foster Sires, Calvin Nelson.

Samantha McCoy - guest, Ron Craddick - guest

Commander John Kopp opened the meeting in due form at 19:02 HRS

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening invocation.

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

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

Finance Officer Ray Nichols read the finance report; a copy of the report is available with these minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

Finance Officer Ray Nichols reported that he and Commander John Kopp renewed a CD at Bank liberty on March 17<sup>th</sup> at a rate of 5.25%. Finance Officer Ray Nichols reported that another CD at Bank Midwest was due for renewal in July.

Sickness and Distress

Alan Shannon talked about newsletter sponsor C. M. Mose not doing well

Robert Emery talked about Post member Herbert Miller being in Liberty Hospital with heart trouble.

Honor Team/Flag Etiquette

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the team had performed Military Funeral Honors at five funerals since the last meeting.

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards talked about using three people to fold the flag at funerals and that there would be a flag folding practice session at the Post Monday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 HRS.

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards said that the team is always looking for help if interested please contact him.

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that there would be two flag etiquette classes April 17<sup>th</sup> at Chapel Hill School at 09:30 and 10:30. And another April 21<sup>st</sup> in Richmond MO. more information to follow.

Commander John Kopp introduced his daughter and Post photographer Samantha Kopp.

Commander John Kopp welcomed back John Atkinson

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

Commander John Kopp asked for volunteer to make deserts for the dinner. Paul Payne said that he would make the deserts.

Don Happy reported that he would be inventorying the supplies and pick up what we need for the dinner.

Don Happy reported that he still had four newsletter sponsors that still had not paid for their ads and would be sending out reminders again.

Commander John Kopp reported that the bugle had been repaired



Don Happy reported that Frevert's Hardware was selling us flags at their cost of \$20 each and that we already have the conduit and name plates. All that remains to do is assemble them and we just need the weather to get warmer.

Paul Ellison asked about signage for the trailer after some discussion someone will check with the sign company that is a newsletter sponsor and Larry Haney's Brother who is an artist about cost of signage.

#### Boys State

Robert Emery reported that there were only six applications for Boys State from Liberty and that the Liberty Lions Club would be sending money to sponsor one Boy State candidate.

A motion was made to sponsor three boys the motion was seconded and passed. It was reported that the VFW would match our sponsorship number so it was decided to split the cost for the five boys between the two groups.

Commander John Kopp talked about the Veterans Advisory Council meeting that had been held in Liberty at the Post. Commander John Kopp reported that there were 45 veterans in attendance and thanked those who helped setup and clean up.

Commander John Kopp read a thank you letter from Sam Graves's office thanking the Post.

Don Happy reported that he was getting ready to send in an order to emblems sales if you want some thing specific please let him know.

Ray Nichols made a motion to sponsor all five Boys Staters since the VFW would not be having a meeting until after we needed to get the money and applications in to Department. The motion was seconded and passed.

Donna Warren said that she had sent in seven applications to girl's state.

John Gibbs made a motion to order two large American Legion decals. Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### New Business

Commander John Kopp talked about Liberty Spring Festival and not being able to get any information.

Commander John Kopp talked about ordering ink pens with custom printing on them as give a ways. Tim Coulter made a motion to order 250 custom printed pens. Ted Nelson seconded the motion the motion passed.

Commander John Kopp talked about visiting his father at Our Lady of Mercy and noticed that their flag was tattered. Commander John Kopp donated a flag from the Post to them and they were extremely happy.

#### Good of the American Legion

Post Service Officer Tim Coulter talked about this being the first Post meeting he had attended in the nineteen years he has been an American Legion member.

Post Service Officer Tim Coulter talked about starting a program to name local Post Office building for fallen American service members.

Post Service Officer Tim Coulter talked about working with veterans that needed help with the VA. Post Service Officer Tim Coulter asked that if anyone needed or knew anyone who needed help please contact him.

Commander John Kopp reported that Don Happy had volunteered to be Nominating Committee Chairman and that he would need a couple of volunteers to help him.



Paul Ellison volunteered to help Don Happy.

Commander John Kopp reported that Don Happy would be picking up a new set of BINGO balls for use at Cedars of Liberty BINGO.

Commander John Kopp talked about his daughter Samantha wanting to get involved helping the American Legion and wanted to see about getting the Ladies Auxiliary started up again.

Ray Nichols made a motion to allow Samantha to start a Post 95 Ladies Auxiliary Unit. Foster Sires seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commander John Kopp said that there would be a 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting in Excelsior Springs on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Commander John Kopp said that we would be folding newsletters right after the meeting.

John Gibbs thanked all that came out and supported his churches pancake breakfast.

Don Happy said that he would get the snacks for BINGO.

Commander John Kopp thanked all for attending.

Commander John Kopp closed the meeting in due form at 20:13HRS.

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

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