



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2007**

24 members in attendance: Donna Warren, Mike Edwards, Alan Shannon, Ray Nichols, Robert Emery, John Gibbs, Fred Cox, Ira Hunter, Larry Allen, Ted Nelson, Ray Merrill, Jim Rieck, John Kopp, Lester Brown, Mac Williams, Ed Backstrom, Melvin Johnson., Paul Ellison, Foster Sires, Calvin Nelson, Clyde Woodson, Dan Jurgensen, Jerry Head, Paul Riechman..

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 March 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 talked about the Bank Midwest CD being due in August and not July.  
Sickness and Distress

Ray Nichols said that Donna Warren was going to have eye surgery on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

John Kopp thanked every one for their thoughts and prayers for his father.

Honor Guard:

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported there had not been any funerals since last meeting.

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards talked about the flag etiquette programs held today at Chapel Hill School. .

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards said that he needed help for the program in Richmond Saturday night at 19:30 HRS at the Richmond fair grounds. Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards said if you can go meet at the Post at 18:30 and we will car pool from there.

Girls State

Girls State Chairperson Donna Warren said that we could not send the seventh girl due to lack of space available.

Boys State

Boys State Chairperson Robert Emery reported that Missouri Boys State had not yet received the applications from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chairperson.

New Members

John Kopp talked about the two new members he had signed up.

Spaghetti Dinner:

Commander John Kopp reported that the dinner was a lot of fun and a lot of work and the Post made money as well.

Newsletter:

Paul Ellison reported that there were still three newsletter ads we had not received payment for.

Avenue of Flags:

Fred Cox said we need to set up a work day to assemble the new flags and poles. Fred Cox also said that the trailer may not be ready by Memorial Day.

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that we need to order more flag tabs.



Commander John Kopp talked about noticing the flags at funerals were not standard sizes or materials and that they were not made in the USA.

Commander John Kopp wrote a letter to Sam Grave's office telling him about the flag issue and that a flag made in the USA should be used to honor a veteran at his funeral.

Monday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 09:00 HRS will be the work day to assemble the flags for the Avenue of Flags. Liberty Spring Festival:

Commander John Kopp reported that he had not received any information the festival that will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Commander John Kopp said that Don Happy had received permission to set up a table in front of Peters Insurance Agency. Commander John Kopp said that there would be a flag disposal ceremony during the festival as well.

Paul Ellison asked if anything had been done about the Citizenship awards.

Commander John Kopp said that the award ceremonies would be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

The school at Kansas Avenue would be on the 14<sup>th</sup> and South Valley would be on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 18:30 HRS.

New Business:

Commander John Kopp asked if the Post wanted to hold its spring family cookout at the next meeting. Fred Cox suggested avoiding conflict with the citizenship awards ceremony we should do the cook out at the June meeting. All agreed that we should have the dinner in June.

Fred Cox asked if the next issue of the newsletter would be out before the dinner so everyone would get the information on the dinner. Larry Allen said that he could get the next issue out before the dinner.

Memorial Day:

Commander John Kopp asked who he needed to contact about getting the extra stakes for the flags.

Paul Ellison said that we needed to contact the city about it.

Commander John Kopp reported that he had received a call from Cedars of Liberty asking if the Post was going to hold a Memorial Day program at Cedars.

Post Elections

Commander John Kopp talked about holding elections at the June meeting and holding instillation of officers at the July meeting.

Commander John Kopp reported that at the last 3<sup>rd</sup> District meeting Donna Warren had been appointed to the District Chaplin position.

Commander John Kopp talked about not hearing about what activities the American Legion was doing.

Fall Festival:

Commander John Kopp reported that he had already sent in the application to march and have a float in the parade. Commander John Kopp talked about not being in the parade if the Post was not first in line.

Fourth of July

Commander John Kopp reported that Liberty would be holding its Fourth of July festival at Fountain Bluff Sports Park and that there would be a planning meeting at the community center on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 17:00HRS.

Missouri Veterans Medals

Commander John Kopp reported that he had sent in all medal requests he had received and requested



an awards ceremony.

Ray Nichols reported the Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> will be Donna Warren's birthday

Ray Nichols reported that there would be a Veterans Memorial Building Association meeting June 5<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 HRS.

Commander John Kopp talked about needing to get as many people there as possible to hear and help make decisions on the building.

Alan Shannon thanked John Kopp for helping clean up brush from the removal of a tree at the post.  
BINGO

Commander John Kopp said that the next BINGO would be on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Ray Nichols said that he would bring the snacks.

Commander John Kopp asked for volunteers to present the Citizenship awards

Jerry Head, Foster Sires, and Paul Ellison will present at South Valley on the 15<sup>th</sup> and Larry Allen, Ray Nichols, and Donna Warren will present at Kansas Avenue on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

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