



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2007**

24 members in attendance: Donna Warren, Mike Edwards, Alan Shannon, Ray Nichols, Robert Emery, John Gibbs, Ira Hunter, Larry Allen, Ted Nelson, Ray Merrill, Jim Rieck, John Kopp, Lester Brown, Mac Williams, Melvin Johnson., Paul Ellison, Foster Sires, Calvin Nelson, Clyde Woodson, Jerry Head, Paul Reichmann, Gene Welch, Buzz Kincaid  
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 April meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Ray Nichols wished Melvin Johnson a happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

Ray Nichols reported on the passing of two Post 95 members Frank Nichols and Hubert Miller.

Ray Nichols talked about Melvin Johnson being one of the five that held the Post together.

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

Sickness and Distress: None reported

Flag Equitte: Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the program in Richmond went well. Commander Kopp said that the kids from Richmond were sharp and got all the questions answered correctly even with out watching the video.

Newsletter: Paul Ellison reported that there was only one newsletter ad that had not been paid for yet. Ray Nichols said that he had emailed Frank Nichols wife asking if she wanted to pull Frank Nichols ad from the newsletter and that we would refund her the money for the ad.

Work Day: Commander John Kopp reported that the work day went off without a hitch and all the flags were now mounted on poles and ready to display.

Trailer: Alan Shannon talked about finishing the modifications to the trailer for the flags and said that he was still waiting for the cost of the lettering for the trailer. Don Happy said he checked the road around the cemetery for clearance of the trailer and reported that it looked good to him. It was reported that the cost for the lettering and decals for the trailer had already been approved. Don Happy reported that he has already ordered the American Legion Logo decals for the trailer. Don Happy also talked about completing mounts in the trailer for stowage of Avenue of Flags equipment.

Spring on the Square: Commander John Kopp reported that the Spring Festival would be held this Saturday and that he and Paul Ellison had been contacted about the Post performing a Flag Disposal and Pledge of Allegiance in the morning. Commander John Kopp passed around sign-up sheets for manning the table and helping with the Flag Disposal ceremony. Commander Kopp reported the Spring Festival would run from 08:00-16:00 HRS and he had asked and received from Department some American Legion handouts and applications as well as having had ink pens made up with the Post information on them. Mike Edwards said that he would bring his table for the booth and Don Happy would get the Post Banner and John Kopp would get the water jug.

Family Cook Out: Commander John Kopp passed around a sign up sheet for help.

John Gibbs talked about Buzz Kincaid having surgery and would like to borrow the wheelchair. All



agreed that he could use the wheelchair.

Memorial Day Weekend: Commander Kopp talked about putting up and taking the flags all weekend. Ray Nichols reported the Alan Shannon, John Kopp, Paul Ellison and he replaced the flag in the cemetery and replaced the light bulbs as well. Commander Kopp talked about the Nursing Home ceremonies. Ray Nichols talked about the VFW ceremony would be held at the cemetery at noon.

Fourth of July: Commander John Kopp said the Post would be putting up part of the Avenue of Flags as well as presenting the colors and firing a ceremonial volley, children's parade of flags and playing taps at the Liberty Fireworks.

Commander Kopp talked about election of officers at the next meeting and anyone interested in running for office should contact Paul Ellison or Don Happy.

Bulk Mailing Permit: Commander John Kopp talked about getting a non-profit bulk mailing permit for the Post. Commander Kopp reported that a permit would cost \$175 a year and an imprint would be a one time charge of \$175. Alan Shannon made a motion to purchase a bulk mailing permit and an imprint for the Post. Bobby Beeks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Fall Festival: Commander Kopp reported the Post 95 would lead the parade with the Post float following behind the color guard. Commander John Kopp said the city had also requested a Flag Disposal ceremony in the evening. Commander Kopp said that the Post could get a booth for \$150 or setup on the sidewalk for free. Everyone wanted to do the free booth thing.

Good of the Post: Post 95 member Steven Steinkamp is being deployed to IRAQ and requested help for his family in the form of lawn care and maybe repairing or replacing the deck as well as any other help she may need while he is deployed. Sam Chapman donated \$ 100 for lawn care John Kopp reported the Home Based Services would cut the grass for \$30 and keep it trimmed up. Ira Hunter made a motion to hire Home Based Services manages the lawn care. Don Happy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Buzz Kincaid said he would look at the deck and see what it would cost. Jim Rieck said that he would also take a look at the deck.

Commander Kopp introduced Richard Teal who was asking the Post for money to rent or buy a trailer for his move to Wisconsin. Foster Sires asked him what he wanted from the Post. Mr. Teal said that he wanted the money for a trailer. Don Happy asked Mr. Teal to excuse himself so the Post could discuss the matter. Foster Sires made a motion not to give Mr. Teal any money. Ira Hunter seconded the motion the motion passed.

Commander Kopp said the he had received an offer for t-shirts with the Post name on them and if anyone was interested to let him know.

BINGO: Commander John Kopp said the BINGO would be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> and needed someone to bring snacks. Don Happy said that he would bring the snacks.

Ray Nichols reminded everyone that the Veterans Memorial Building Association would be holding its annual meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 19:00. Ray also said that he would like to see the Post put up some money towards the remodeling of the building and that the VFW would be footing the cost of the remodeling of the building.

Paul Ellison reported that he had just received a check from WAL-MART for the grant he applied for last year at this time. Paul went on to say since the money was from last years request the Post could apply for one this year again.

Don Happy said if anyone needed patches to see him. Don Happy said that the flag tabs were on



order and should be here this week. Don Happy reported that the order for stick flags was on hold awaiting the proper form with the Post tax ID number.

Commander John Kopp talked about Pleasant Valley Church invitation to All Veterans Recognition services on June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

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

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