



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of August 21st, 2007

35 members and two guests in attendance:

John Kopp, Paul Ellison, Ted Nelson, Don Happy, Mack Williams, Jim Riech, Charles Kraft, John Gibbs, Robert Emery, Ira Hunter, Leroy Coe, Dan Jurgensen, Fred Cox, Buzz Kincade, Larry Allen, Ray Adkins, Donna Warren, Foster Sires, Lester Brown, Jerry Head, Gene Welch, Ray Nichols, Marvin Scott, Ed Backstrom, Calvin Nelson, Clyde Woodson, Ray Merrill, Sam Leonard, Mike Edwards, Carl Mathiasch, Marvin Johnson, Wesley Mairan, Barbara Casteel, Richard Casteel Samantha McCoy and Paul Dexter.

Commander John Kopp opened the meeting in due form at 19:05HRS. Chaplain Donna Warren gave the opening prayer. Commander John Kopp led the Post in the Pledge of allegiance and reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion.

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

Finance Officer Don Happy the finance report. A copy of the report is included with the minutes.

Finance Officer Don Happy reported that he had received \$100 in donations in memory of John Yackle.

Finance Officer Don Happy talked about renewing two of the Posts CD's that were due for renewal. One CD is 5.34% for nine months and one is 5.13% for four months.

Finance Officer Don Happy talked about Post Officer Bonding being due. Ray Nichols made a motion to get Post Officer Bonding for \$15,000. Ted Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sickness and Distress:

Ray Nichols talked about Wilma Foster who was active in the VFW Auxiliary and supported the American Legion having problems financially. Ray Nichols made a motion to give Wilma Foster \$500. Ira Hunter seconded the motion the motion passed.

John Kopp reported the Donna Warren was going to be under going an upper and lower GI the next few days.

Ray Nichols reported the Maureen Beeks was not doing well and passed a Get Well card around for all to sign.

Honor Team:

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the team had performed nine funeral honors since the last meeting.

Commander John Kopp talked about how well the Post honor Team performed their duties.

Oratorical Contest:

Ray Nichols said that he would like to see some one else take over for him as chairman and that he would help them with the program.

Boys and Girls State:

Commander John Kopp talked about Boys and Girls State reports were to be given at the next Post Meeting.



Introduction of Members and Guest:

Commander John Kopp asked Barbara, Richard Casteel, and Wesley Maier to introduce themselves to the Post.

Commander John Kopp introduced Paul Dexter board member of the Liberty Symphony Orchestra who thanked everyone for their service and about the orchestra and its fundraising golf tournament. Commander Kopp announced that the Post had received its bulk mailing permit and we would not need to buy stamps for the newsletter.

Commander Kopp talked about the first meeting of the Robert H. Baker Ladies Auxiliary being held on September 10th at 19:00 HRS at the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building. Commander Kopp asked if the Post would help the Ladies Auxiliary with some start up funding. Ray Nichols asked how much money they needed to get started. Samantha McCoy was not sure how much money they would need to get started. John Gibbs made a motion to give the Ladies Auxiliary one hundred (\$100) dollars in start up money. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Business:

Liberty Fall Festival

Commander Kopp said that he had not received any information from the city yet.

Flag Etiquette:

Mike Edwards said that he had sent letters to all the schools and would be emailing them as well.

Robert Emery reported that he had sent an email to all the fourth grade teachers in the Liberty School District.

Commander Kopp talked about finding someone to chair Post fundraising and everyone should think about it until the next meeting.

Commander Kopp talked about how much the cost of meat has gone up and that we would need to raise the price of our dinners. Commander Kopp talked about advertising in the newspaper and other means of getting better turnout to the dinners.

Good of the Legion:

Commander John Kopp talked about Post member John Yackle passing away and his family requesting in lieu of flowers that people should give a donation to the Post. Finance Officer Don Happy reported that he had received one hundred dollars (\$100) in donations so far. Commander John Kopp said the post should send out Thank You cards to the donors and a card to the family telling them how much had been donated in John Yackle's name. Leroy Coe said that he would send out the cards.

Commander John Kopp talked about the Blue Star Mothers and how they had asked the Post to deliver a Gold Star package to another local family. Commander John Kopp also talked about the forming of Blue Star Mothers of Missouri Chapter number 2 at the Post home on August 28th.

Commander John Kopp presented Ray Nichols a Certificate of Appreciation and a Mike Edwards American Legion Clock for all of Ray's hard work over the years. Ray Nichols thanked everyone for the certificate and clock.

Commander John Kopp talked about BINGO at Cedars as one of the great things the Post does in the community. BINGO is on the fourth Thursday of each month starting at 18:30HRS. Commander John Kopp asked if someone would bring snacks. Larry Allen said that he would bring the snacks. Paul Ellison said that it has been a while since the Post gave any gas money to those who drive to



the funerals. Paul Ellison made a motion to give the drivers – Mike Edwards, Don Happy, and Ray Nichols – one hundred dollars (\$100) each for gas money. Foster Sires seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ted Nelson asked if any one knew a Liberty Rotary Club member and that the flag at the Rotary Square downtown was really worn and needed to be replaced. Paul Ellison said that Sam Chapman is a Rotary Club Member. Leroy Coe said that he had a flag he would donate as a replacement. Ray Nichols reported that SGT. Joliffe was back from Afghanistan and that Ray was working on getting him to transfer to Post 95. Ray Nichols made a motion to Pay SGT. Joliffe's American Legion dues for 2008. Leroy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commander John Kopp talked about his son coming home for a while before he gets deployed overseas.

Commander John Kopp talked about the Saturday morning breakfast at HY-VEE

Commander John Kopp closed the meeting in due form at 20:10HRS

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
John Kopp - Commander