



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

31 members in attendance:

John Kopp, Paul Ellison, Ted Nelson, Don Happy, Mack Williams, Charles Kraft, John Gibbs, Robert Emery, Ira hunter, Larry Allen, Donna Warren, Foster Sires, Lester Brown, Gene Welch, Ray Nichols, Ed Backstrom, Calvin Nelson, Ray Merrill, Mike Edwards, Carl Mathiasch, Melvin Johnson, Gary Reno, and Alan Shannon.

Commander John Kopp opened the meeting in due form at 19:03HRS. Chaplin 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.

Alan Shannon presented to the Post a signed and numbered print of the Wall donated to the post by Dean Johnson's widow along with several flags and books.

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

Finance Officer Don Happy read the finance report. A copy of the report is included with these minutes. The finance report was approved as read.

Sickness and Distress:

Larry Haney reported that his son was doing OK John Kopp asked everyone to keep them in their thoughts and prayers.

Commander John Kopp talked about performing funeral honors for Post member Gary Davis. Alan Shannon said that the family was impressed with the performance of the funeral honors.

Honor Guard:

Honor Guard Commander Mike Edwards reported on the number of Military Funeral Honors Performed since last meeting.

Flag Etiquette

Mike Edwards talked about the upcoming class schedule: NOV 5<sup>th</sup> Flag Presentation at Missouri City. South View Elementary in Kearney at 11:00HRS, Thursday two Flag Etiquette classes at St James School starting at 12:45, October 23 McCoy Elementary in Kansas City and November 2<sup>nd</sup> Lewis and Clark Elementary at 14:00HRS.

Oratorical Contest:

Oratorical Contest Chairperson Ray Nichols talked about how slow the responses were that he was getting from schools. Oratorical Contest Chairperson Ray Nichols reported that the Oratorical Contest was set for the first Monday in December.

Gary Reno talked about the District Oratorical Contest and that the time and place is unknown. Gary Reno said that he had talked to Gary Nichols about holding the District contest separate from the District meeting. Gary Reno also said that if the District had only two or three contestants the District would just advance them all to the Zone Oratorical Contest.

Commander John Kopp asked if there were any new members in attendance. Paul Ellison introduced Richard McClesh.

Commander John Kopp reported that current paid up membership was 198. Vice Commander Ted



Nelson asked if anyone would help call the list of unpaid members. Ray Nichols and LeRoy Coe said that they would help call.

Ted Nelson talked about the pictures and thank you card he had received from the Post that had the Blue Star memorial.

Commander John Kopp reported on the Liberty Fall Festival and that all had gone well and thanked the VFW for all their help.

Chili Dinner:

Commander John Kopp passed around sign up sheets for the Chili Dinner. Commander John Kopp reported that the Ladies Auxiliary will make the Deserts for the dinner. Larry Allen asked who had said that they would help cook. LeRoy Coe said that it was he who volunteered to help cook. Jim Riech picked up the meat at a discount. Commander John Kopp talked about people needing to get Food Handlers Certificates.

Larry Allen asked if we wanted to serve hot dogs and that we ran out last year. It was agreed to buy more.

Commander John Kopp said that setup would be between noon and 13:00. Larry Allen said that they would start cooking at 10:00HRS.

John Gibbs said that the man from Price Chopper would stuff dinner information in bags if the Post would provide the hand outs.

Newsletter: Larry Allen asked if we need to have more newsletters printed up so the Auxiliary would get copies mailed to them as well as the sponsors. Don Happy said that we keep running out of copies every time.

Commander John Kopp said that we need to be careful folding the newsletter to be sure that the mailing permit was showing. Commander John Kopp said that the only sorting would be the out of state newsletters.

Ray Nichols reported that Donna Warren and her friend Norma would decorate the Hall for the dinner.

Ray Nichols talked about talking to Paul Ellison about the 40et8 Nurses Training Scholarship. Ray Nichols made a motion to give five hundred dollars (\$500) to help support their Nurses Training Scholarships. Ira hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Veterans Day

Commander John Kopp reported the Robert Emery had sent the Post mailing list to the Liberty School so they could send out invitations to their Veterans breakfast on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 08:20.

Commander John Kopp said the there would be a flag raising ceremony and a program in the auditorium afterwards.

Commander John Kopp said that the schools had asked for veterans to come to the schools and help lead the Pledge of Allegiance during the week. Commander John Kopp passed around a sign up sheet for the schools.

Commander John Kopp talked about the High School Television station taping veterans and asking them to tell a little about their service and education.

Ray Nichols talked about having someone from the American Legion and VFW help the person raising the flag to make sure it was right side up.

Commander John Kopp talked about the Liberty Memorial wanting the Avenue of Flags again this



year on Veterans Day November 11<sup>th</sup>. They requested 200 flags and the service flags be flown. Don Happy talked about some of the service flags needing repair.

Commander John Kopp talked about Our Lady of Mercy Country Home having a Veterans Breakfast and Program again this year on Veterans Day at 08:30

Commander John Kopp talked about Golden Corral giving Veterans free dinner on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 17:00HRS to 21:00HRS.

Ray Nichols talked about the VFW holding their Veterans Day Ceremony on the Square at 11:00 HRS and serving Ham and Beans afterwards at the Hall.

Larry Haney current VFW commander talked about VFW rules against saying disparaging things against another VFW member and that a member of this Post had done so and he would be dealing with him at the next VFW meeting. Larry Haney talked about us all being veterans and doing the same job.

Commander John Kopp gave his rebuttal to Larry Haney's remarks and said that he would turn in his VFW membership card.

Larry Haney then left the meeting.

Foster Sires talked about how impressed Dr. Phil Wright was with the Boy's/Girl's State Report Meeting He wanted to do something to honor his father. Foster Sires told him he could get a brick of a flag on the Avenue of Flags.

VA Hospital Visit,

Commander John Kopp asked if the Post wanted to do it again this year. Ted Nelson said that we went on Sunday last two years and we need to get clearance to visit.

Commander John Kopp talked about buying more magnetic signs. John Gibbs made a motion to purchase two more sets of signs. Foster Sires seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mike Edwards reported that Emblem sales no longer carried the magnetic signs and we would have to find another source for them.

Don Happy talked about November fifteenth being the deadline for this years catalog and if anyone wanted to order items from the catalog he would need them right after the Chili Supper.

Ray Nichols talked about Danny Shannenburger being the Post Oratorical Contest the last two years and was now attending Rice University. Ray Nichols made a motion to give Danny two hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) to help him with his college expenses. LeRoy Coe seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commander John Kopp talked about starting a Post 95 Building Fund and start putting money away for a future Post home.

LeRoy Coe made a motion to put ten percent (10%) of Post earnings into a Post Building Fund. After much discussion Jim Riech seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commander John Kopp talked about holding a Legionnaire of the Year Award to be voted on in November and presented at the December family dinner. Gary Reno said the American Legion already had the program in place.

BINGO Commander John Kopp talked about BINGO at Cedars on the 25<sup>th</sup> and that he would bring snacks.

Alan Shannon asked if he could hang the Vietnam Wall print on the hall wall. Everyone was in favor of it.



Ray Nichols talked about the VA Hospital Drive through FLU shots and had the forms needed to get the shots.

Commander John Kopp closed the meeting in due form at 20:15HRS

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

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