



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of November 20th, 2007

22 members in attendance:

John Kopp, Paul Ellison, Ted Nelson, Don Happy, Mack Williams, Robert Emery, Ira hunter, Larry Allen, Donna Warren, Foster Sires, Gene Welch, Ray Nichols, Ray Merrill, Mike Edwards, Carl Mathiasch, Melvin Johnson, Jerry Head, LeRoy Coe, Fred Cox, Jim Rieck, Don Happy, Sam Leonard, and Marvin Scott.

Commander John Kopp opened the meeting in due form at 19:00HRS. 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.

Commander John Kopp apologized for his conduct at the last meeting.

Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the October 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:

Ray Nichols reported that Larry Haney's son's cancer was in remission and doing well.

Jim Riech asked how we did on the Chili Dinner.

Finance Officer Don Happy reported that we took in \$801 with a cost of \$218.16 for a surplus of \$518.84 on the chili supper and took in \$424 on the raffle with a total cost of \$263.05 making a surplus of \$160.95 making for a total surplus of \$627.91.

Jim Riech reported that one of the posts cooking pots was put up blackened on the inside and that it was from the time it was loaned to the VFW for their corned beef and cabbage dinner. Jim Riech said it was something to think about before loaning out post property again.

Commander John Kopp talked about how much work the Ladies Auxiliary performed for thr Chili Supper and that they deserved something for their hard work. After some discussion about how much work they did Foster Sires made a motion to give the Ladies Auxiliary \$150, Ray Nichols seconded the motion the motion passed.

More Sickness and Distress

It was reported that Ted Nelsons wife Ruth would be having an operation next month.

Paul Ellison reported that his brother's wife had back surgery.

Larry Allen talked about his brother who was not doing well from effects of Agent Orange.

Foster Sires reported that his sister was suffering from Alzheimer's.

Ray Nichols reported that Bobby Beeks was going to have hernia operated on and that Bobbies wife was still recovering from a broken hip.

Paul Ellison reported that Rex Robbins was in the hospital.

It was also reported that Tom Craig had broken his hip.

Commander John Kopp asked if there were any guest or new members in attendance. None were in attendance.



Honor Guard:

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that he had had received the new honor team signs.

Don Happy reported that the signs had been made by one of the newsletter sponsors.

Flag Etiquette

Mike Edwards reported that there were no new classes scheduled so far

Honor Guard:

Commander John Kopp passed around an envelope for cards made by kids at Alexander Doniphan Elementary School.

Oratorical Contest:

Oratorical Contest Chairperson Ray Nichols reported that the contest would be held December 3rd at 19:00 HRS at the High School.

John Kopp talked about District Commander Gary Nichols decision if the District only had two contestants the District would just send them to the Zone Contest. John Kopp reported that the District contest would be held on January 12th in Cameron at Post 33 at 13:00 HRS with the snow day being January 19th.

Chili Supper

Commander John Kopp reported that the supper had gone really great and thanked all those that helped.

Commander John Kopp talked about the newsletter being sent out late and that bulk mail was much slower than the first class mailing we have done in the past.

Veterans Day

Commander Kopp talked about the Flags at Liberty Memorial and that Fred Cox and John Kopp had been interviewed by the television station.

Commander John Kopp talked about the breakfast and program at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home.

John Kopp talked about the breakfast, program, and flag raising at the High School on Monday.

Commander John Kopp talked about receiving a call from the High School about interviewing Ira Hunter and John Kopp on the High School station.

New Business:

Commander John Kopp reported that Gary Nichols and Gary Reno of the 3rd District presenting the Post a Plaque from Department of Missouri for 4th Place Zone 2 Americanism.

Post Christmas Dinner

Commander John Kopp talked about the next meeting being the Post Christmas Dinner and passed around a sign up sheet for how many would be attending and what dish they would be bringing.

Commander John Kopp said that the Post normally provided the meat and asked what kinds of meat we should get. After some discussion it was decided that the Post would get turkey and ham from HY-VEE

Commander John Kopp talked about the Ladies Auxiliary wanting every one to bring a Christmas Ornament for a tree they would donate to a family. Fred Cox suggested that everyone bring food items to donate to the food pantry. It was decided to do that instead of the Christmas tree.

Commander John Kopp reported the Department of Missouri Commander and his wife would be attending the dinner and talking about the legionnaire of the year program.



Commander John Kopp talked about the Post does not make decisions out side of Post meetings and that anyone wanting to be on the Post call list to sign up on the sheet that was being passed around. What is A Veteran?

Commander John Kopp reported that the video had been lost and needed to be replaced. Robert Emery said he would look into getting a replacement video.

Commander John Kopp talked about it being time to set the date for the Spaghetti dinner. After some discussion April 19th was set as the date of the dinner.

Good of the Post

Commander John Kopp talked about BINGO at Cedars of Liberty on November 29th at 18:30 HRS and asked if anyone would bring snacks. Ray Nichols said that he would bring the snacks.

Ira Hunter talked about the VFW Ladies Auxiliary having a pancake breakfast December 8th from 07:00 till 11:00 HRS and the cost would be \$5 a person.

Commander John Kopp read a request for donations from the Liberty Community Christmas Tree Fund. Ray Nichols made a motion to donate \$100 to the Fund. Ira Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commander John Kopp read a request for donations from the Liberty Fire Department asking for donations towards their Fire Safety Program. Ray Nichols made a motion to donate \$56 to the Fire Department Program. Leroy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commander John Kopp asked to have a Thank You card sent Sheri Johnson for the donation of the Wall Print, flags and books the family made to the post.

Commander John Kopp said that there were some Christmas cards for deployed service members and asked everyone to sign them.

Ray Nichols talked about the KC Vet Center being opened at 301 E Armor and was a place a Veteran could get into to get the help they might need.

Ray Nichols talked about the VFW Voice of Democracy Program and made a motion that the Post make a donation of \$500 to VFW Post 4043 for the Voice of Democracy Program. Paul Ellison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John Kopp talked about his wife getting some NOVA NAX testers and if anyone was in need of one to please contact him.

Paul Ellison asked if the Post had been contacted about the Liberty Christmas parade. John Kopp reported that the city had not yet contacted him about the parade.

Larry Allen asked if it would be possible for the Post to provide lunch for the Funeral honors Team if they were out during lunch time. After much discussion it was decided that everyone could pay for their own meals. Leroy Coe said that the Post should pay for gas to those that drive the team to funerals. Commander John Kopp said that we do give monies to those who drive accept it reluctantly.

Commander John Kopp reminded everyone that the American Legion was a 501c and that gas and mileage was deductible on your income taxes but you would need to keep a log of your mileage and expenses.

Don Happy talked about the new Emblem Sales catalog being out and that he has patches in stock for honor team uniforms.

Ted Nelson talked about his daughter giving videos away

Larry Allen asked when the VA Hospital visit would be. It was reported to be set for December 9th.



John Kopp said that we still needed to get clearance for the visit.
John Kopp reported that Donna Warren had some patches to give away.
Commander John Kopp closed the meeting in due form at 20:12HRS

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
John Kopp - Commander