



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2008

26 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, Lester Brown, Mac Williams, Melvin Johnson., Paul Ellison, Jerry Head, Don Happy, Paul Payne, LeRoy Coe, Larry Haney, Fred Cox, Ed Backstrom, Sam Leonard, Calvin Nelson, Norbert Melies, Craig Knouse.

Vice Commander Ted Nelson opened the meeting in due form at 18:58 HRS

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening invocation.

Vice Commander Ted Nelson led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the PREAMBLE

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

Finance Officer Don Happy read the finance reports for December and January. Copies of the reports are included with these minutes. The minutes were approved as read. Finance Officer Don Happy reported on the CDs and getting them renewed.

Finance Officer Don Happy reported that he had received a key to the Post Office Box and the title to the trailer owned by the Post.

Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the Post needing a Safety Deposit Box to store the important Post Documents. Finance Officer Don Happy reported that Bank Liberty had small box 3"x5"x18" for \$18 a year and a large 5"x5"x18" for \$25 a year.

Paul Ellison made a motion that the Post acquires a small Safety Deposit Box at Bank Liberty. Larry Allen Seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Members in Sickness or Distress

Jerry Head reported on Herb Mendenhal having his leg amputated.

Ted Nelson said that he was in pain and had a MRI and was awaiting the results from the scan. Ted Nelson also said that his wife had her surgery postponed and it was rescheduled.

Ray Nichols asked if Don Happy had any get well cards and that we should pass one around for Herb Mendenhal.

Vice Commander Ted Nelson reported that the Post had made a one hundred (100) dollar donation to a Post member that works at HY-VEE

Honor Guard:

Mike Edwards reported that the team had performed five (5) funerals so this year.

Fred Cox made a motion to give Don Happy and Mike Edwards fifty (50) dollars each for driving the team to funerals. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Le Roy Coe made a motion that the Post donates fifty (50) dollars as an event sponsor of the Freedom of the Road Riders Bike Show to be held in Kearney. Paul Ellison seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Flag Etiquette: No Report

District Oratorical Contest:

Ray Nichols reported that the contestant from Oak Park High School won the contest and would be going to the zone contest to be held in Saint Joseph next month.

Le Roy Coe introduced Liberty Police Chief Craig Knouse.

Old Business:



Vice Commander reported that he heard that the Christmas dinner had gone well. Vice Commander Ted Nelson thanked Donna and Norma for decorating the hall. Vice Commander Ted Nelson also said that two boxes of canned goods had been collected as well.

Spaghetti Dinner:

Vice Commander Ted Nelson reported that the date for the dinner had been set for April 19th and we needed to start looking for door prizes. Ray Nichols said that he would start looking for door prizes and would need some help since Bobby Beeks is busy taking care of his wife who is bed ridden. Paul Ellison reported that there were already three raffle prizes in the storage room.

Don Happy reported that he had ordered four (4) more blue star banners.

Vice Commander Ted Nelson said that we needed to order some more 3'x5' American Flags.

Don Happy said that he had ordered a 3'x5' flag through Sam Grave's office at a cost of thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50).

It was decided that the Post needed to order six (6) flags and Don Happy would try and order them through Sam Grave's office.

3rd District Meeting:

Paul Ellison talked about the district meeting and that the next meeting would be April 13th in Excelsior Springs at Post 236.

Paul Ellison talked about the precedence of flags on a common shaft American Flag – POW/MIA Flag – State Flag is the proper order for the flags on a common staff.

Paul Ellison also reported that there were several people campaigning for various offices in the Legion there.

Good of the Post:

Don Happy reported that the Post had received a thank you card for the Post donation to the Liberty Community Christmas Tree Fund.

Girls State:

Girls State Chairperson Donna Warren talked about sending letters to past sponsors and that every thing needed to be turned by March 15th and that we have always been able to send six girls to Girls State each year.

Donna Warren read a thank you note from a Chaplain with the 64th Brigade 4th Infantry Division from Fort Carson Colorado thanking the Post for their support of the troops. Donna said that she would be replying back to him as well.

BINGO at Cedars:

Vice Commander Ted Nelson talked about BINGO on January 24th and needed someone to bring snacks.

Don Happy said that he would bring the snacks.

Vice Commander Ted Nelson read a letter asking for a donation to the Liberty Spring on the Square Heritage Festival Ray Nichols made a motion to donate one hundred (100) dollars to the festival. Le Roy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Newsletter:

Don Happy reported that Paul Ellison, Le Roy Coe and himself had started getting newsletter renewals and if we are going to be expanding the newsletter the Post needed to find more sponsors to help cover printing and postage.

Vice Commander Ted Nelson asked if any one was willing to take Post Commander since John Kopp stepped down. Ray Nichols said that he would be willing to take the job.

Ira Hunter made a motion to accept Ray Nichols as Post Commander, Le Roy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ray Nichols talked about getting Blue Star Banners to anyone requesting them.

Donna Warren talked about the Blue Star Mothers of Missouri Chapter unit in Liberty and her job as Gold Star Liaisons.



Le Roy Coe asked who put flags on the veteran's graves It was reported that local Boy Scout Groups do it.
Vice Commander Ted Nelson closed the meeting in due form at 19:47 HRS

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Ted Nelson - Vice Commander