Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95
Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2008

31 members and 1 guest in attendance: Donna Warren, 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, Don Happy, Paul Payne, Leroy Coe, Fred Cox, Sam Leonard, John Kopp, Marvin Scott, Ray Adkins, Foster Sires, Richard Casteel, Barb Casteel, Les Vanbibber, Mike Edwards, Bob Beeks, Ed Backstrom, Gene Welch and Dan Jurgensen.

Commander Ray Nichols opened the meeting in due form at 19:00 HRS

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer. Commander Ray Nichols led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble.

Commander Ray Nichols introduced Les Vanbibber to the Post and asked him to tell a little about himself.

Commander Ray Nichols welcomed all to the meeting.

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

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

Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the Bank Liberty CD up for renewal on 28 March, 2008. It is a 100 day CD at 4.64% and is now $3742.54.

Finance Officer Don Happy reported that it had been approved to place 10% of all proceeds into the Post Building Fund and that there was currently $312.79 in the Post Building Fund.

Finance Officer Don Happy reported that he had deposited $800 in newsletter ad sponsorship monies and still had $80 billed out for newsletter ads. Finance Officer Don Happy reported that he had three (3) new newsletter ads.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about the renewal of the CD and asked if anyone else would like to help look into getting it renewed. Dan Jurgensen said that he would help out the Commander and Finance Officer.

Commander Ray Nichols complimented Larry Haney, Jim Rieck, and Norbert Melies on their good work at the VFW St. Pats Dinner.

Spaghetti Dinner:

Larry Allen asked for volunteers to help with the cooking for the spaghetti dinner.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about setting up the hall for the dinner at noon. Paul Ellison talked about keeping the tables bussed and helping people with drinks. Paul Payne said that he would make the desserts for the dinner. Don Happy said that he would check on the paper goods and carry out containers for the dinner. John Kopp said that we should get an ad put into the paper.

Sickness and Distress:

Ray talked about Mike Edwards's house fire. Mike Edwards said that he could use a little help on Thursday moving stuff out of the house into a storage container at 13:00 HRS.

Committee Reports:

Honor Guard:

Don Happy reported that the Honor Guard Team had performed at eight (8) funerals in January, five (5) in February, and seven (7) in March so far this year. Don Happy thanked everyone who has helped out with the funerals.

Fred Cox made a motion to give Don Happy and Mike Edwards fifty dollars ($50) each for gas for driving the team to the funerals. Ray Adkins seconded the motion. Paul Ellison amended the motion to one hundred dollars ($100) each. Ray Adkins seconded the amended motion and the motion passed.

John Kopp talked about the next District meeting to be held in Excelsior Springs on April 13th. John Kopp talked about the 3rd District Newsletter he is now the editor of and would like peoples email addresses so he could email them the newsletter as it comes out.

Ray Nichols talked about his cousin Jeff Nichols being the Post Commander in Bethany, MO.

Girls State:

Donna Warren talked about having eight (8) girls state candidates to sent this year. Donna Warren also recommended that we hold the Girls/Boys State Reports meeting after school starts up in order to get a better turn out.

Boys State:

Robert Emery reported that he had five (5) applications for Boys State Candidates. Robert also reported that he had money for two (2) boys from the Liberty Sertoma Club, one (1) from the Liberty Lions Club, and one (1) from VFW Post 4043. Robert Emery made a motion that Post 95 sponsor one Boys State Candidate at a cost of three hundred fifty dollars ($350). John Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Membership:

Vice Commander Ted Nelson reported that paid up membership was at two hundred fifty three (253) and that we still needed five (5) more to make goal for 2008.

Ray Nichols said that he was going to collect dues monies from Glenn Edwards. Don Happy reported that he had received four (4) renewals in the mail.

Larry Allen asked about BINGO at Cedars. Gene Welch said that he would get the snacks for BINGO next Thursday.

Good of the Order

Rich Casteel talked about the moving wall and the DAV flag retirement on Veterans Day.

Commander Ray Nichols read a thank you letter from Our Lady of Mercy Country Home for the donation the Post gave them.

Commander Ray Nichols read a request for donation from the National Military Heritage Museum in Saint Joseph Missouri. Bobby Beeks talked a little about the museum. Leroy Coe made a motion to donate fifty ($50) dollars to the museum. John Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commander Ray Nichols read a request for donation from the Gold Star Mothers Department of Missouri to help them with their national convention. With no interest shown the subject was dropped.

Commander Ray Nichols read a request for donation from Liberty High School for their After Prom Party. John Kopp made a motion to donate one hundred ($100) dollars for the After Prom Party. Leroy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

SAL:

John Kopp talked about the requirements to form a SAL Squadron and that he need ten (10) people in order to form a squadron and that he already had six (6) lined up. John Kopp said that he would have more information next month.

Ray Nichols passed out copies of the History of the Veterans Memorial Building Association.

Commander Ray Nichols closed the meeting in due form at 20:01 HRS

Submitted _____   Approved _____

            Robert C. Emery – Adjutant   Ray Nichols - Commander