



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

26 Members in attendance Lester Brown, Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Foster Sires, Ray Nichols, Ray Merrill, John Kopp, John-Paul Kopp, Donald Happy, Ted Nelson, John Gibbs, Jim Rieck, Judi Sambroski, Sam Leonard, Larry Allen, Leroy Coe, Bob Beeks, Mike Edwards, Darrel Gourley, Mack Williams, Ira Hunter, Paul Payne, Calvin Nelson, Carl Mathiasch, Melvin Johnson, and Bud McGinnis.

Commander Ray Nichols opened the meeting in due form at 19:05 HRS.

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer.

Commander Ray Nichols led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Preamble.

Commander Ray Nichols welcomed all to the meeting

Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the October Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Commander Ray Nichols passed around a Thank You card for the Liberty Sertoma Club for their donation to Boys and Girls State.

Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Post finance report. The reports were approved as given.

A copy of the finance report is included with these minutes.

Finance Officer Don Happy reported on Chili Supper finances and reported a total surplus from the dinner and raffle was \$868.68. Finance Officer Don Happy thanked everyone for their help making the dinner a success. Finance Officer Don Happy reported that last years Chili Supper surplus was \$629.91 and the surplus from this year Spaghetti Dinner was \$936.77. Finance Officer Don Happy asked if there were any other outstanding bills for the Chili Dinner.

Commander Ray Nichols told Finance Officer Don Happy to give the check for the payment to the VFW to Ira Hunter.

John Kopp talked about some 12" cast iron skillets he had seen at Wal-Mart.

Ira Hunter made a motion to have John Kopp purchase two of the 12" cast iron skillets from Wal-Mart. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and after some discussion the motion was amended to allow up to \$50 for John Kopp to purchase some cast iron skillets for the Post. The motion passed.

Larry Allen thanked those who helped in the kitchen cooking, cleaning, and buying supplies.

Commander Ray Nichols thanked everyone for their hard work making the dinner such a success and it was all due to teamwork.

Sickness and Distress:

Ray Nichols reported that Larry Haney's son had had his bone marrow transplant and a MRI and hoped that they would be going home Thursday.

Ted Nelson said that his wife's brother had passed away and his sister in law had also passed away.

Ray Nichols said that his uncle had passed away.

Bobby Beeks said that Ron Pardeck's son was going to be having a MRI.

Commander Ray Nichols reported that Foster Sires was 90 years old today.

District: John Kopp talked about needing to find a place to hold the District Oratorical Contest.

John Kopp talked about attending the Department Fall Conference.

John Kopp talked about ideas to help generate interest in the Oratorical Contest and get better



participation from the schools.

John Kopp talked about legislation that had passed allowing combat veterans since 2001 to be able to attend a state funded school for \$50 a credit hour and that it was only good until August 2009 when the new G.I. Bill goes into affect.

John Kopp talked about the annual newsletter contest and that with a few modifications we could enter our Post newsletter.

John Kopp talked about the Toot Out horns program and we had most of the requirements fulfilled.

John Kopp made a motion to start awarding the County Oratorical Contest winner cash prize of \$250. Le Roy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

John Kopp talked about working on a recruiting program and would give details about the plan at a later meeting.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about working on contacting people on the Post 1000 lists to help increase Post membership.

County Oratorical Contest:

Ray Nichols said that the contest would be December 1st at Liberty High School at 19:00 HRS and ask everyone that could to please show up and help out.

Girls State: No Report

Boys State: No Report

John Kopp talked about being 3rd District Boys State Chairman and meeting with Missouri Boys State official.

Flag Etiquette:

Mike Edwards talked about two upcoming programs one at St. James school and the other at Hawthorne, and that there may be two more soon.

Commander Ray Nichols thanked everyone for their help on Veterans Day.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about National Education Week program Monday and that Post members would be leading the Pledge of allegiance at the schools. Commander Ray Nichols also asked those who could to help lead the High School in the Pledge of Allegiance on Thursday at 10:45 HRS

Honor Guard:

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards said that if anyone was interested in joining the team to let him know.

John Kopp talked about talk given by Missouri Military Funeral Honors coordinator and that two active duty service members are supposed to be at every funeral to fold and present flag.

BINGO

Commander Ray Nichols said that the November BINGO would be Thursday 20th at 18:30HRS.

John Kopp said that he would bring snacks.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about December BINGO will be held on December 19th.

Post Family Christmas Dinner:

Commander Ray Nichols said that he had invited someone to give a presentation on the VA Vets Centers and how to get help from the VA faster.

Larry Allen made a motion that the Post buys the meat and bread for the dinner. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed. Paul Payne said that he would take care of ordering the meat from HY-VEE.



Commander Ray Nichols said that the dinner would be on December 16th at 18:30HRS and passed around a side dish sign up sheet.

Commander Ray Nichols asked that those who could help setup for the dinner meet at the Post at 13:00HRS.

John Kopp talked about meeting a man wanting to record the stories of WWII vets.

Don Happy talked about needing to get out and sell the fundraiser calendars. Don Happy reported that we had sold 45 of the 250 calendars purchased.

Commander Ray Nichols closed the meeting in due form at 19:55 HRS

Larry Allen made an after meeting motion to donate \$100.00 dollars to the Liberty Mayors Christmas Tree Fund. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Ray Nichols - Commander