



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2009

31 Members and 2 guest in attendance Lester Brown, Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Ray Nichols, Ray Merrill, Paul Ellison, John Kopp, John-Paul Kopp, Donald Happy, Ted Nelson, John Gibbs, Jim Rieck, Sam Leonard, Larry Allen, Leroy Coe, Bob Beeks, Mike Edwards, Mack Williams, Paul Payne, Mannon Scott, Buzz Kincaid, Ron Pardeck, Ed Backstrom, Terry Timmons, Gene Welch, Clyde Woodson, Melvin Johnson, Ray Adkins, and Bud McGinnis. 3rd District Commander Gary Nichols

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

Commander Ray Nichols asked all gathered to observe a moment of silence for the veterans that had passed away last week.

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.

Larry Allen introduced Jim Bodgrece who then told a little about his service in the Coast guard and about himself.

Commander Ray Nichols introduced Gary Nichols 3rd District Commander to Post 95.

3rd District Commander Gary Nichols thanked the Commander for letting him attend tonight's meeting.

3rd District Commander Gary Nichols talked a little about the Honors Flight Program that fly's free of charge veterans to Washington DC to see the National War Memorials.

3rd District Commander Gary Nichols presented Post Commander Ray Nichols a Post Americanism Citation for 2007 – 2008.

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

Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Post finance reports for the last two (2) months. The reports were approved as given. A copy of the finance report is included with these minutes.

Finance Officer Don Happy reported on the Certificate of Deposit with Bank Midwest that is due to expire on 26JAN2009 and the Certificate of Deposit with Bank Liberty which will mature on 29MAR2009. Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Post Building Fund currently had eleven hundred ninety eight dollars and thirty four cents (\$1198.34). Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Post had sold ninety two (92) calendars so far for a total of four hundred sixty two dollars (\$462.00) and still had one hundred twenty five (125) calendars to sell.

Finance Officer Don Happy reported that newsletter ad renewals nineteen (19) had been paid and fourteen (14) had been billed so far. This leaves the newsletter two (2) or three (3) ads short of being completely sold out. Finance Officer Don Happy said that we may need to find two (2) or three (3) new sponsors for the newsletter Larry Allen asked what impact leaving one (1) ad out of the newsletter. This is due to the fact after the newsletter is folded and taped the telephone number in one of the ads gets torn out. So dropping one (1) ad and moving the current ad to another location would fix that problem. It was decided to drop one ad spot to fix this problem. Finance Officer Don Happy reported that all the ads from the insurance companies had been modified to comply with the



United States Postal Service regulations.

John Kopp made a motion to add one dollar and sixty six cents (\$1.66) from the general fund to the current Building Fund total of eleven hundred and ninety eight dollars and thirty four cents (\$1198.34) for a total of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200.00) and open a Certificate of Deposit for the Post Building Fund. LeRoy Coe seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was amended to have Ray Nichols, Don Happy and Paul Ellison find the best rate for all the Certificates of Deposit that are about to mature and open a new Certificate of Deposit for the Post Building Fund at that bank. The amended motion passed.

LeRoy Coe said that he would collect the unpaid newsletter sponsorship from Aston Court.

Paul Ellison asked if the Post had reached the break even point for the fundraiser calendars yet? Finance Officer Don Happy reported not yet.

Sickness and Distress:

Ray Nichols pointed out Lester Brown was out of the hospital

John Kopp said that his brother in-law was in Liberty Hospital

Ray Nichols talked about Ira Hunters accident and that Ira was back home and would be in need of someone to drive him to his doctors appointment.

LeRoy Coe said that his aunt Opal was in the hospital.

Jim Riech said that his brother had lost his wife.

John Kopp talked about Anne Reno having been hospitalized for cancer but was now home again.

Commander Ray Nichols thanked Clyde Woodson for his work cleaning the rifles for both the American Legion and the VFW.

Commander Ray Nichols reported that he had presented Ira Hunter a Certificate of Appreciation at the hospital.

Commander Ray Nichols presented LeRoy Coe a certificate and medal from the state of Missouri for his service in Vietnam.

Commander Ray Nichols presented Melvin Johnston a Certificate of Appreciation for all of his years of service to the Post and community.

Honor Guard: Honor Guard Commander Mike Edwards talked about needing new members for the Honor Team and that a practice session would be held Monday the twenty sixth (26) at nineteen hundred hours (19:00) at the Post.

3rd District News:

County Oratorical Contest: John Kopp reported that the Zone Contest had moved to Post 189 in Lees Summit at fourteen Hundred (14:00) Hours.

New High School: John Kopp talked about the new high school Staley High School on Shoal Creek Parkway and that Post 95 was the closest Post to it. Commander Ray Nichols said that the Post needs to contact the school.

John Kopp talked about the recent 3rd District meeting and that there were only six (6) 3rd District Post present. John Kopp talked about the vote to modify the 3rd District Constitution and By-Laws quorum rules to only need five (5) Post present to have a quorum.

John Kopp said that he will be meeting with Boys State representative Bettie Rusher Friday.

3rd District Commander Gary Nichols talked about there being twenty nine (29) Posts in the 3rd District and only six (6) showed up to the last 3rd District Meeting and that the rules needed to be changed in order for the 3rd District to get business done.



3rd District Commander Gary Nichols talked about the 3rd District voting to send two (2) boys to Boys State and will be looking at the High Schools that don't have a Post nearby and sponsor Boys State Candidates from those High Schools. 3rd District Commander Gary Nichols reminded everyone to send in all applications even those with no money as alternates. Money may become available and allow them to attend.

Membership: 2nd Vice Commander Ted Nelson reported that current Post 95 paid up membership was two hundred thirty six (236) .

Mac Williams asked about the status of the Post with the Kansas Military Funeral Honor Program. Commander Ray Nichols reported that the Post must have been accepted since the Post had been called and preformed a funeral in Kansas.

Commander Ray Nichols made a motion to purchase fifty (50) clear rain ponchos for the Honor Team at one dollar twenty five cents (\$1.25) each. Paul Ellison seconded the motion and the motion passed.

BINGO: Commander Ray Nichols talked about BINGO this Thursday night and Larry Allen would be bringing the snacks. Commander Ray Nichols said that Mac Williams need a ride to BINGO. Larry Allen made a motion to give Don Happy and Mike Edwards each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for driving the team to funerals. John Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed. Larry Allen made a motion to donate one hundred dollars (\$100) to operation Comfort Warmth to help provide sweat suits to wounded vets at military and VA hospitals. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Les Vanbibber of VFW Post 4043 asked for Post 95 assistance in purchasing sneeze guard for the new steam table. Les Vanbibber made a motion to pay half of the cost for the sneeze guard or three hundred sixty five dollars (\$365.00) plus half of shipping handling charges. Paul Payne seconded the motion the motion passed.

VFW Commander Jerry Pate thanked Post 95 for all their help.

Commander Ray Nichols reported that John Brown from the VA Vet Center would be giving a presentation on the VA Vet Centers and how they may be able to get a Vet some help faster.

Commander Ray Nichols said that it would be OK for wives to attend this portion of the Post meeting.

Commander Ray Nichols reported that VFW Post 4043 would start serving breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

Commander Ray Nichols said the VFW Post 4043 would be serving Mountain Oysters during the Super Bowl.

Larry Allen talked about setting a date for the annual Post Spaghetti Dinner. It was decided to set the date for the dinner for March 21.

Correspondence:

LeRoy Coe made a motion that Post 95 sponsor the Kearney Bike Show at the fifty dollar (\$50.00) level. Clyde Woodson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commander Ray Nichols read a memo from the Missouri Military Funeral Honors Program that said that the state would no longer be providing the medallions. Don Happy said that Post had just received a shipment and would hold on to them for special cases. Don Happy also said the Post had purchased American Legion medallions to present at some funerals.



Commander Ray Nichols thanked all for attending tonight's meeting
Commander Ray Nichols closed the meeting in due form at 20:11 HRS

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Ray Nichols - Commander