



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2009

30 Members in attendance Jerry Head, Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Foster Sires, John Kopp, John-Paul Kopp, Charles Kraft, Ed Backstrom, Mike Edwards, Melvin Johnston, Jim Rieck, Sam Leonard, Mac Williams, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, Ray Nichols, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Lester Brown, Gary Reno, Bobby Beeks, Don Happy, Leroy Coe, Paul Payne, Ron Pardeck, Ray Merrill, Darrel Gorley, Marvin Scott, and Bruce Neville.

Guest 2nd Lieutenant Christian Wolverton USAF, 3rd District Commander Gary Nichols

Commander Ray Nichols welcomed all to the meeting

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer

Commander Ray Nichols led the post in the pledge of allegiance and pre-ambler

Commander Ray Nichols turned the podium over to Darrel Gorley so he could introduce his granddaughter 2nd Lieutenant Christian Wolverton.

2nd Lieutenant Christian Wolverton talked about her time at the Air Force Academy and answered questions from the crowd.

Commander Ray Nichols opened the regular business meeting at 19:42 HRS

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

Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance reports for the months of April and May. Copies of the finance reports are included with the minutes. The finance reports were approved as read.

Don Happy talked about the Merchant Marine service flag needing to be replaced at a cost of fifteen dollars and ninety five cents (\$15.95). John Kopp made a motion that the Post replaces the Merchant Marine service flag. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Don Happy talked about taking a service flag to funerals and that since it would be problematic to take the ones from the Avenue of Flags. The Post should purchase a full set of new Service flags and a telescoping parade pole and eagle. Don Happy reported that the cost would be one hundred forty six dollars and sixty cents (\$146.60) to purchase a full set of service flags, pole, and eagle. Charles Kraft made a motion to purchase a full set of service flags, pole, and eagle to be used at funeral services. Foster Sires seconded the motion. Mike Edwards asked if we were going to display the service flag shouldn't it American Flag be displayed as well. Gary Reno talked about funeral honors regulations and thought it was a good idea. The motion passed.

Leroy Coe talked about the Post putting up flags for the Liberty Fourth of July celebration and handing little flags out to the kids. Leroy Coe also said that the city wanted an honor team and color guard as well. It was decided to start putting flags out at 10:00 HRS on Saturday July fourth. A sign up sheet was passed around for the Fourth of July.

Sickness and Distress:

Ray Nichols talked about Ted Nelson having hip and knee trouble.

Ray Nichols talked about Larry Haney having a burst blood vessel in his left eye and was temporarily blind in that eye.

3rd District Commander Gary Nichols presented a "Thank You" letter from the Honors Flight program for the donation Post 95 gave them.

Flag Etiquette and Honor Team:



Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that there would be two sessions of Flag Etiquette tomorrow at Chapel Hill school as well as another session on June 25th also at Chapel Hill school. Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards decided that there would be a training session on Monday the 22nd at 19:00 HRS at the Post.

Oratorical Contest: No Report

Boys State: John Kopp reported that Missouri Boys State was in session. Robert Emery passed around a copy of the Missouri Boys State daily schedule.

John Kopp reported that in the current issue of the Missouri Legionnaire there was a small article about Brittany Sanders the state Oratorical Contest winner.

Commander Ray Nichols congratulated John Kopp on being elected 3rd District Commander.

New Business:

Commander Ray Nichols read a donation request from Crawford County Post in Bourbon, MO asking for donations to help the Post purchase a Post home. There was no interest in this project.

Commander Ray Nichols passed around a flyer for the Liberty Emergency Preparedness Fair.

Commander Ray Nichols read a "Thank You" card from Kindewood Hospice for the Post donation to the Honors Flight Program.

Commander Ray Nichols reported that he had signed the Post up for the Liberty Fall festival and that if the Post wanted a table at the festival the cost would be ninety dollars (\$90.00). Commander Ray Nichols asked Leroy Coe if he would look into getting the city to reduce the price.

Donna Warren read a donation request from the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City to help keep the torch light. Donna Warren made a motion to donate one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) to the Liberty Memorial to help keep the torch light. Leroy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commander Ray Nichols reported the Bruce Neville was having financial troubles and had a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) traffic ticket that needed to be taken care of. John Kopp made a motion to give Bruce Neville two hundred dollar (\$200.00) to help take care of his outstanding traffic ticket. Leroy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commander Ray Nichols temporarily turned the meeting over to Vice-Commander Jerry Head.

Ray Nichols made a motion to give Gary Reno, John Kopp, and John-Paul Kopp each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to help defray some of the expenses of attending the Department Convention. Paul Ellison seconded the motion and the motion passed. Vice-Commander Jerry Head turned the meeting back to Commander Ray Nichols.

BINGO at Cedars: Commander Ray Nichols asked who could bring snacks next Thursday. John-Paul Kopp said that he would bring the snacks.

Commander Ray Nichols asked those VFW members to try and attend the VFW meeting on Thursday.

Don Happy talked about the lady paying for the lunch for those who went on the Nursing Home visits on Memorial Day.



Nomination Committee: Paul Ellison reported on the following nominations

Commander Jerry Head

Robert Emery Adjutant

Don Happy Finance Officer

John Gibbs Sergeant at Arms

Commander Ray Nichols passed out recruiting stars for the 2009 membership year.

Adjutant Robert Emery read a notice about the American Legion Days at Royals games.

Adjutant Robert Emery reported that he had applications for the National American Legion College for this year and any one interested please see him for an application.

Commander Ray Nichols closed the meeting in due form at 20:30 HRS.

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Ray Nichols - Commander