



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2009**

30 Members in attendance Jerry Head, Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Foster Sires, John Kopp, John-Paul Kopp, Mike Edwards, Melvin Johnston, Jim Rieck, Sam Leonard, Larry Allen, Mac Williams, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, Ray Nichols, Lester Brown, Gary Reno, Bobby Beeks, Ira Hunter, Don Happy, LeRoy Coe, Paul Payne, Ron Pardeck, Ray Merrill, Darrel Gorley, Marvin Scott, Tim Coulter, Allen Roberson, Calvin Nelson, Gene Welch, and Bruce Neville.

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-amble

Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the June meeting. Don Happy made one correction to the June minutes about the donation to Liberty Memorial amount being one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) and not two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). The minutes were approved as corrected.

Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance reports for the month of July. Copies of the finance reports are included with the minutes. The finance reports were approved as read. Finance Officer Don Happy reported that he let the CD that was about to mature roll over at a rate of 1.73% and will now mature on March 29<sup>th</sup> of 2010.

Sickness and Distress:

Ray Nichols talked about Larry Haney having a blood vessel busted in his eye and losing most of his sight in that eye and his brother still in bad shape.

Commander Ray Nichols asked Tim Coulter to report on the program Sam Graves had put on in Saint Joseph.

Tim Coulter talked about the program and that Sam Graves office wanted to help support veterans. Tim Coulter talked about his Operation Recognition website which is about getting veterans their high school diplomas.

Commander Ray Nichols thanked Tim Coulter for his report on this event.

Commander Ray Nichols asked Alan Robertson to introduce himself to the Post.

Flag Etiquette and Honor Team: No Report

Oratorical Contest: No Report

John Kopp talked about it being the time to start contacting high school councilors about the Oratorical Contest.

Boys/Girls State: No Report

Robert Emery said that the Boys/Girls State reports meeting would be held in September at the regular Post meeting night.

Membership: No Report

Liberty Fall Festival: Commander Ray Nichols reported that LeRoy Coe had got the Post a free booth space next to the fountain for free.

LeRoy Coe asked if the Post could send John Walker a thank you card for replacing the rope on the city flag pole. Commander Ray Nichols passed around a "Thank You" card for all to sign.



Commander Ray Nichols read a notice from Ray Merrill about the PBS station running a program on the North Platte Canteen which will air in August.

BINGO at Cedars: Commander Ray Nichols asked if someone would bring snacks. Paul Ellison said that he would bring the snacks.

Ray Nichols talked about the Methodist Men's garage sale to be held this Friday and Saturday.

New Business:

Jerry Head made a motion to donate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the 40et8 nurses training Scholarship Program. Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mike Edwards made a motion to donate two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to the Missouri POW/MIA Scholarship Program. John Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commander Ray Nichols stepped out of the chair and turned the meeting over to Vice Commander Jerry Head. Ray Nichols made a motion to donate two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to the Foster Sires scholarship fund. Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

John Kopp thanked the post for the monies it donated to those who attended the Department Convention.

Gary Reno talked about Missouri Veterans Commissions veteran's benefits fairs that are going to be held in Missouri.

Gary Reno reported on the Department convention and some of the resolutions that were acted upon.

Gary Reno talked about National American Legion to start filing IRS form 990's for all American Legion Posts next year.

Commander Ray Nichols asked all 3<sup>rd</sup> District Officers to stand up and be recognized.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp read the list of 3<sup>rd</sup> District Officers and Chairmen and their respective home Posts. 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp noted that most of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Officers were from Post 95 and that it was his goal to get more participation from 3<sup>rd</sup> District Posts. John-Paul Kopp talked about membership and needing to sign up younger members to the American Legion and get them active in its programs.

John-Paul Kopp talked about getting approval for emblem use from American Legion national.

John-Paul Kopp talked about getting the Post entered in various Department contests like Post History Book, Newsletter and toot you horn.

Larry Allen thanked Ed Eberly for his contributions to the Post newsletter. Larry Allen asked that anyone who wanted to submit articles for the newsletter to please do so.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about breakfast at HY-VEE on Saturdays.

Bruce Nevils said that he had received a request from Aston Court asking the Post to hold a BINGO night there. It was decided that the Post just didn't have the personnel to hold another BINGO night right now.

Nomination Committee:

Paul Ellison read the list of Post Officers that needed to be elected as specified by the Constitution and by-laws. Those officers were Commander, Vice-Commanders, Finance Officer, Adjutant, and Sergeant at arms. All other positions were to be appointed by the Post Commander.

Paul Ellison read the nominations for Vice-Commanders – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bruce Nevils and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe.

Commander Ray Nichols asked for a vote on these two (2) nominations for Vice-Commanders.



The two(2) nominees were elected to office.

Instillation of Officers:

Commander Ray Nichols turned the meeting over to 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp to install the Post Officers for 2010.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp installed the Post officers and presented them to the Post.

Ray Nichols turned the gavel over to the new Post Commander Jerry Head who proceeded to close the meeting.

Commander Jerry Head closed the meeting in due form at 20:20 HRS.

Submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Head - Commander