



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2009**

28 members and 1 guest in attendance Donna Warren, Robert Emery, 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, Calvin Nelson, Gary Nichols, Carl Mathiash, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Gary Reno, Jerry Pate, Joel Doyscher, Jerry Jackson, Marvin Scott, Bill Gossett. Guest Jeff Bontrager

Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe opened the meeting at 19:01 HRS

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer

Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe led the post in the pledge of allegiance and pre-amble.

John Gibbs introduced Jerry Jackson a transfer member to Post 95. Jerry Jackson talked a little about himself.

Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe introduced Jeff Bontrager from CARSTAR. Jeff Bontrager talked about CARSTAR setting up Military Appreciation month for November and was looking for ideas along with adopting a platoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division in IRAQ. CARSTAR is collecting donations for PX gift cards and letters to be sent to the platoon. CARSTAR is also working on a military VIP card promotion.

Judi Samborski made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Sam Leonard seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance report for the months of August and September. A copy of the finance reports is included with the minutes. The finance reports were approved as read. Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the Bank Midwest CD that was due to mature on October twenty six and would roll over for nine (9) months at 1.90%. Finance Officer Don Happy said the Bank Midwest was offering a one (1) year CD at 2.25% if the Post wanted to extend the term of the CD three (3) months. Ray Nichols made a motion to move the nine (9) month CD to a one (1) year CD at 2.25%. John Gibbs seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sickness and Distress:

Don Happy reported the Bud McGinnis had had hip surgery

Ted Nelson reported that Ed Eberly was in North Kansas City Hospital and that it might be because of his medication.

John Gibbs reported the Buzz Kincaid had knee surgery.

HONOR TEAM: Don Happy reported that he had received the turtle neck shirts for the Honor Team and had most of them passed out to team members.

Don Happy also reported that the Post had received payment for six (6) funerals.

Flag Etiquette: Ray Nichols said that he had contacted the schools that had not scheduled Flag Etiquette classes yet.

Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe introduced new member Laura Goff and let introduce herself to the Post.

Membership: Post Adjutant Robert Emery reported the current paid up membership was at two hundred fourteen (214) members.



Oratorical Contest: Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck reported that the county contest would be held on December seventh and currently there were no contestants so far.

Fall Festival: Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe passed on Post Commander Jerry Head's thank you for all that helped with the Fall Festival.

BINGO at Cedars: Ray Nichols talked about the normal day for November BINGO would be Thanksgiving day and asked what day the Post should move BINGO to. It was decided to move BINGO for November to November twenty fourth (10/24/09). Don Happy made a suggestion that since the Post voted to authorize fifty dollars (\$50) for BINGO each month and that it was never used up and that the cost of sugar free snacks has risen. The Post should use part of the fifty dollars (\$50) to purchase the snacks for BINGO. Ray Nichols made a motion the Post use part for the fifty dollars (\$50) to purchase snacks for BINGO. Bobby Beeks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CHILI Supper: Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe talked about the CHILI Supper being held November seventh and that he and Ron had collected the raffle prizes. Larry Allen thanked those who had purchased the hamburger at HY-VEE and that we would be folding the newsletter after the meeting. Larry Allen talked about the donation LeRoy Coe had obtained from WENDYS for the CHILI Supper.

New Business:

Judi Samborski talked about setting up a group tour of the Liberty Memorial for the Post.

On November eighth (11/08/09) at 14:00 HRS and that those interested to contact her so she can get a head count for the tour.

VFW Commander Jerry Pate talked about an invitation he received from the Colonial Presbyterian Church inviting all veterans for a Veteran Recognition Program on November 14<sup>th</sup> (11/14/09) from 08:30 to 10:30 HRS.

VFW Commander Jerry Pate talked about the Poker Run the 129<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery would be holding next Saturday and that the Post would be the second stop on the run.

VFW Commander Jerry Pate said that the VFW would be serving Ham and Beans and corn bread on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Post.

VFW Commander Jerry Pate talked about the benefit Spaghetti Dinner being held on November fourteenth (11/14/09) from 14:00 to 20:00 HRS to.

Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe presented VFW Commander Jerry Pate a certificate of Appreciation for VFW Post 4043 support of Missouri Boys State Program.

Gary Reno talked about the problems at Arlington National Cemetery and that everyone should contact their representatives about getting this matter corrected.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe read an announcement from APPLEBEE'S restaurant veterans eat free on Veterans Day.

Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe read a Certificate of Meritorious Service that Post 95 had received from National American Legion.

Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe read an notice from MODOT that MODOT had speakers available upon request to talk about various MODOT programs.

Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe read a request from Kid Wish Network asking for a donation – no interest was shown.



Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe read a request from Liberty Memorial asking the Post to put up flags there on Veterans Day. Don Happy said that those interested in going should meet at RE-MAX parking lot at 06:30 HRS.

Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe talked about attending the Flag Etiquette classes and how impressed he was with the program.

Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe read an announcement from John Kopp that a SAL Unit was forming at Post 61 and that they would be holding a meeting on October twenty first (10/21/09) at 18:30 HRS at Post 61. Membership dues would be ten dollars (\$10) for Adults and five dollars (\$5) for juniors.

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the closing prayer

Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe closed the meeting in due form at 19:52 HRS.

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

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