



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2009

21 members in attendance Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Melvin Johnston, Jim Rieck, Larry Allen Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, Ray Nichols, Lester Brown, Gary Reno, Don Happy, LeRoy Coe, Ron Pardeck, Ray Merrill, Jerry Jackson, Jerry Head, Marvin Scott, Mike Edwards, Ed Backstrom, John Kopp .

Commander Jerry Head opened the meeting at 19:01 HRS

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer

Commander Jerry Head led the post in the pledge of allegiance and pre-amble.

Adjutant Robert Emery read the roll call of officers.

Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the October meeting, the minutes were approved as read.

Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance report for the month of October. A copy of the finance report is included with the minutes. The finance reports were approved as read.

Finance Officer Don Happy reported on the recent chili supper fundraiser as follows:

Supplies \$232.86 took in \$968.65 for a surplus of \$735.79. The ten percent to the VFW came to \$73.58 leaving a surplus of \$662.21. Raffle took in \$524.00 cost of raffle prizes \$300.00 surplus from raffle \$224.00. Total profit from Chili Supper and Raffle came to \$886.21

Paul Ellison asked about giving some of the proceeds to the Post Auxiliary for all of their help with the dinner. Larry Allen made a motion to give the Post Auxiliary \$150.00 for their help with the Chili Supper, Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

HONOR TEAM: Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards thanked all those who have help at the funerals. Commander Jerry Head also thanked all that have helped with the Honor Team.

Ray Nichols asked if the Post had paid the VFW the \$300 for the second half of the year.

Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Post had not yet paid the \$300 to the VFW. Finance Officer Don Happy said that he would add the \$300 to the check for the VFW.

Membership: Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe reported that membership was currently at 214.

Adjutant Robert Emery reported that he had purged members whose mail had been returned as undeliverable. This brought the current paid up membership to 190. And that the Posts membership goal was 256 for 210.

Oratorical Contest: Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck reported that the Oratorical Contest would be held on Monday December 7th at 19:00 HRS at the Liberty High School. Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck reported that he currently had contestants from Oak Park, Excelsior Springs, and Liberty High Schools. Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers to help with the contest.

Commander Jerry Head talked about the recent Flag Raising the Post helped with at Liberty High School and that Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck had given a talk about the Oratorical Contest.

Commander Jerry Head talked about the tour of Liberty memorial that Judi Samborski had set up for the Post and thanked her for setting up the tour.

Commander Jerry Head talked about various events the Post participated in for Veterans Day:



Putting up flags at Liberty Memorial

Helping the VFW with their 11th Hour program on the square in Liberty

Barnes and Noble honoring Ira Hunter and Cathy Lee

Greeting students and leading the Pledge of Allegiance at Liberty Elementary Schools

Commander Jerry Head reminded everyone that November BINGO at Cedars will be held tomorrow evening.

Commander Jerry Head asked if it was alright to move December BINGO at Cedars to Wednesday December 23rd. All thought it would be acceptable.

Larry Allen thanked all that helped with the Chili Supper.

Correspondence:

Commander Jerry Head read a thank you card from the Bill Tibbets family for the memorial the Honor Team performed at recently and that the family included a \$50 donation to the Post. Don happy reported that he had sent the family a Thank You card and a copy of the Post newsletter for their donation to the Post.

Ray Nichols talked about Foster Sires 91st birthday.

It was reported that Bud McGinnis was back home and getting better.

Paul Ellison reported the Mac Williams was in Liberty Hospital.

Commander Jerry Head read various request for donations:

Hospitalized Veterans Riding Project – no interest

Liberty Community Christmas Tree – Ray Nichols made a motion to donate \$100 to the Liberty Community Christmas Tree. Mike Edwards seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Business:

Mike Edwards reported on two Flag Etiquette Classes

One Class Wednesday at Maple Woods for the Cub Scouts

Two classes Thursday at Dogwood Elementary School in Kearney.

3rd District Commander John Kopp presented the Post a photo of the current Department of Missouri Commander.

3rd District Commander John Kopp presented the Post an Americanism Citation for 2008 – 2009 from National American Legion and a Department of Missouri Americanism eight place zone two plaque.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about American Legion National Commander setting 2010 membership goals at last years membership plus one. This would make Post 95 2010 membership goal 255.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about the new PUFL program. Adjutant Robert Emery reminded every one that a DD214 needs to be included with the PUFL application.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about needing a Southern-Vice Commander for the 3rd District and anyone interested please contact him.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about reactivating the SAL unit at Post 61 and that their meetings were the third Wednesday at 18:30 HRS at Post 61.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about France looking for eligible Veterans to award the French Legion of Honor. These veterans needed to have helped out in liberating France in World War Two.



3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about his 3rd District Project of collecting Donations to help support the American Legion Orphanage in Oklahoma. 3rd District Commander John Kopp is issuing a challenge to all 3rd District Posts to donate \$50 to the 3rd District so it can be donated to the American Legion Orphanage in Oklahoma.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about a couple of awards Post 95 should be qualified to earn. The Post Excellence Award – awarded to Posts active in the following areas: membership, youth activities, community service, and troop support. Toot Our Horns award is available as well just need to enter.

LeRoy Coe talked about going to a meeting about a government program that veterans could qualify for \$2200. He will get more information and pass it on.

Larry Allen talked about the breakfast HY-VEE served to Veterans and said that the Post should present HY-VEE with something thanking them for their support of veterans. Larry Allen made a motion to present HY-VEE a plaque thanking them for their support of veterans. Paul Ellison seconded the motion and the motion passed. Jerry Head, Paul Ellison, Larry Allen, and LeRoy Coe will work on getting the plaque and presenting it to HY-VEE.

Don Happy passed around “Thank You” card for everyone to sign thanking HY-VEE for their support of veterans.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about SEARS stores offering Veterans groups an area inside their stores to setup information table during November and December.

Ray Nichols made a motion to donate \$50 to the 3rd District to be donated to the American Legion Orphanage in Oklahoma. Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about the upcoming Veterans Job Fairs to be held around the state.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about the National American Legion Vice-Commanders visit to Missouri and that he would be at Truman Days in Independence.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 95 held a 50/50 drawing. Gary Reno’s ticket was drawn and he won \$27.50. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 95 President Anne Reno thanked everyone for their support and that the Auxiliary would be holding 50/50 drawings every month.

Commander Jerry Head will contact SEARS and see about getting a table setup.

Don Happy asked id the December meeting would be the Post Family dinner or just a regular meeting. After some discussion it was decided to hold the Post Family Dinner. The Post will provide the meat, bread, and drinks and everyone will bring a passing dish. Larry Allen made a motion to get the meats (turkey and ham) and bread from HY-VEE. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the closing prayer

Commander Jerry Head closed the meeting in due form at 20:10 HRS.

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Jerry Head - Commander