



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2010**

24 members in attendance Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Jim Rieck, Larry Allen, John Gibbs, Lester Brown, Gary Reno, Don Happy, Jerry Head, Mike Edwards, John Kopp, John-Paul Kopp, Bob Beeks, Mack Williams, Bruce Nevis, Ray Merrell, Lara Goff, Paul Ellison, Bill Gossett, LeRoy Coe, Ira Hunter, Ed Eberle, David Cessarich, and Sam Leonard .

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head opened the meeting at 19:03 HRS

Post 95 Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head led the post in the pledge of allegiance and reading of the preamble.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the February meeting, the minutes were approved as read.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head introduced new member David Cessarich and asked him to talk about himself.

Finance Report: Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance report for the month of March.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about funds being sent to the Post for the Liberty Salute to Freedom parade. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the 12 month Bank Liberty CD about to mature. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy suggested that the Post allow the CD to roll over at Bank Liberty since Bank Liberty has helped the Post with its Banking accounts. John Kopp made a motion to keep the CD with Bank Liberty and allow it to roll over. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed. John Kopp asked Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy if the Post was going to be receiving a lot of money for the parade shouldn't the Post start up a separate banking account just for the parade funds. That way there would not be any questions about the monies for the parade. Post 95 Commander Jerry Head said that that was the plan for the future. The finance report was approved as read.

Sickness and Distress:

It was reported that Paul Payne was in Saint Luke's hospital and may be home on Thursday.

Bob Beeks reported that Foster Sires was doing fine.

Membership: LeRoy Coe talked about going through the unpaid membership list and getting a few responses. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that Department of Missouri reported Post 95 membership was currently at two hundred fifty seven (257) and that he had received three (3) renewals plus one (1) transfer to make the paid up membership for 2010 two hundred sixty one (261) members. Post 95 Commander Jerry Head thanked LeRoy Coe for all his work on membership.

Honor guard: Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards no report. Don Happy reported that he had picked up the new honor team signs and had already put them to work for a funeral at White Chapel this afternoon.

Flag Etiquette: Mike Edwards no report. Post 95 Commander Jerry Head said that he had received an email from the Shift Captain from the Richmond MO Fire department offering to make a set of magnetic signs for the Honor Team.

John Kopp talked about the Post putting up signs at the city organizations signs at the main entries to liberty.



Mike Edwards reported that the Post needed to order more of the American Flag tabs. Don Happy said that he would get them ordered.

Oratorical Contest: No Report

Boys State: Post 95 Boys State Chairman Robert Emery reported that he had received four (4) Boys State Applications from Liberty High School. Post 95 Boys State Chairman Robert Emery also reported that he had received a check from the Liberty Lions Club in the amount of three hundred fifty (\$350) dollars to sponsor a Boys State citizen. Post 95 Boys State Chairman Robert Emery talked about needing to ask the VFW if they would like to sponsor Boys State and that Post 95 usually sponsored three (3) Boys State citizens. Jerry Head said that he would ask the VFW if they would help sponsor Boys State.

Spaghetti Dinner: Larry Allen talked about needing workers for the dinner.

John Gibbs thanked every one for supporting his church's breakfast last Saturday.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head said that he still had dinner tickets, raffle tickets, and posters available so if anyone needed any please take pick some up.

Liberty Salute to Freedom: Jerry Head talked about the Fourth of July parade and that this year the city of Liberty would take charge of setting it up this year and next year the American legion would take charge and the VFW the year after that. Jerry Head reported that the Fourth Fest (Liberty Fireworks) would be held at William Jewell College. Don Happy said that he would get the stick flags ordered this week.

Tribute to Our Troops: Jerry Head talked about the day long tribute – outdoor party the VFW and American Legion would be holding at the Post on May first. Lester Brown, Ray Merrill, Glen Edwards, and Melvin Johnston would be honored with a flag presentation.

BINGO at Cedars:

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head asked if this was handled it was reported that it was.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head read some correspondence to the Post

LeRoy Coe talked about a sponsorship request from the Freedom of the Road Riders for their annual bike show. Paul Ellison made a motion to donate fifty (\$50) dollars to the Freedom of the Road Riders for their Annual Bike Show. Bob Beeks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head read a request for donations from Liberty high School for their After Prom Party. John Gibbs made a motion to donate one hundred (\$100) dollars to the Liberty High School after Prom Party. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp talked about the proposed changes to the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Constitution and By-Laws and the resolutions required for the changes.

Resolution One: change titles for the 3<sup>rd</sup> District vice Commanders to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commanders.

Resolution Two: Modify quorum to five (5) Posts present.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp said that the resolutions would be discussed at the next 3<sup>rd</sup> District meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> in Hamilton MO and Voted on at the District Convention/3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting in June in Richmond.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp congratulated Post 95 for going over one hundred (100%) in membership.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp talked about selling a veteran on the American Legion and its programs.



Lara Goff said that one son would be graduating from NAVY boot camp this week and the other would be going into the Air Force Reserves. Lara Goff said that she would be participating in the Bataan Memorial Death March again on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

John Gibbs said that his grandson would be graduating from West Point this spring and he would be attending the graduation.

Gary Reno made a motion to have the Post purchase a two (2) star Blue Star Banner and present it to Lara Goff in honor of her two (2) sons. John Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Don Happy passed around "Get Well" cards for Paul Payne and Foster Sires so all could sign.

Paul Ellison asked about the status of the Post Newsletter. Larry Allen said that it was at the printers.

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the closing prayer

Commander Jerry Head closed the meeting in due form at 20:05 HRS.

American Auxiliary Unit 95 held its 50/50 drawing and Gary Reno won forty (\$40) dollars.

Gary Reno donated his winnings to the Post 95 Spaghetti Dinner.

American Auxiliary Unit 95 thanked Post 95 for their support.

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

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