



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2013**

With twenty seven (27) members in attendance

Ted Nelson, Ray Crestwell, Lester Brown, Larry Allen, Charles Kraft, Ray Nichols, Ira Hunter, Mike Edwards, Donald Happy, Vern Mattocks, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, LeRoy Coe, Gene Welch, Sam Leonard, Ron Pardeck, Tom Troutman, Ray Merrill, Melvin Johnston, Jesus Torres, Jim Elliott, Wally Glasco, Jerry Pate, Jim Baker, and Robert Emery.

95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 18:59 HRS

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Chaplain Paul Ellison gave the opening prayer.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led the post in the pledge of allegiance and reading of the preamble.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery to read the minutes from the October Meeting. Jerry Pate made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with Post business. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion. The majority vote could not be determined so Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked for a visual vote. The motion passed.

Guest and New Members:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if there were any guest or new members present.

Don Happy introduced Jim Elliott and Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Jim Elliott to talk about himself.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski presented Continuous Membership Award certificates and star patches to those present.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked for committee reports.

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for October.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following:

Beginning Balance \$4389.17, Deposits \$2208.03, Withdrawals \$1697.01, and ending balance of \$4900.19. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the large amount of deposits was due to the payment from the Missouri National Guard being deposited on October fourth and would not show up in this banking statement.

New Members:

Post 95 Vice Commander LeRoy Coe reported no new members.

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that Department of Missouri had current paid up Post 95 membership as two hundred nine (209). Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported his roster showed paid up membership as two hundred seventeen (217) members and the Post 95 membership goal was three hundred (300) members.



**Honor Team:**

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards thanked all those who participated at the ceremony at Fairmont Cemetery.

**Flag Etiquette:**

Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported the following Flag Etiquette classes.

November 25<sup>th</sup> two (2) classes at Lillian Schumacher Elementary at 13:00 HRS

December 5<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> two (2) classes at Kearney Elementary at 13:00 HRS and carpool to Kearney from HY-VEE at 12:00 HRS.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski encouraged everyone that could to try and attend come of the Flag Etiquette classes.

**Oratorical Contest:**

Post 95 Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck reported that he had set the date for the County Oratorical Contest for December 9<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 HRS at Liberty North High School. Post 95 Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck reported that he had filled all the positions needed for officials at the Oratorical Contest. Post 95 Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck talked a little about the contest and past contestants.

Girls State: No Report

Boys State: No Report

**BINGO at Cedars:**

Don Happy said that BINGO would be this Thursday at 18:30 HRS and all were welcome to help out. Don Happy reported that BINGO days for November and December would be moved to the third Thursday of the month because of the holidays. November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup> are the dates for BINGO at Cedars.

**Sickness and Distress:**

Ray Nichols reported that Bob Beeks wife was in hospital with blood clots in her legs. LeRoy Coe talked about Donna Warren not doing well.

Charles Kraft asked everyone to keep his wife in their thoughts and prayers as she was not doing well.

**Old Business:**

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if there was any Old Business.

**Correspondence:**

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Place Zone two (2) Americanism plaque the Post had won.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a "Thank You" card from the Beers family thanking Post 95 for performing Military Funeral Honors. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported the family also gave Post 95 a fifty (\$50) dollar donation as their way of thanking Post 95.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a "Thank You" letter from the mayor of Liberty.



Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request for donations from “Wreaths Across America”. Don Happy reported that White Chapel Cemetery was on the list of participating cemeteries and that the wreaths would be placed on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Don Happy made a motion to donate one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars for ten (10) wreaths to be placed in White Chapel Cemetery. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request for donations from the Liberty Fire Department. Jerry Pate made a motion to donate sixty five (\$65) dollars to sponsor twenty (20) children. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion and the motion passed. Charles Kraft talked about White Chapel Cemetery putting flags on veterans’ graves.

New Business:

Post Holiday Dinner: Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the Post Family Dinner at the December meeting night starting at 18:30 HRS and that the Post would provide the meat, rolls, and drinks. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that she had invited the dance troupe to come to the dinner for the meal and to perform.

Don Happy reported that he had talked with HY-VEE about pricing the meats and rolls and was ordering enough food for one hundred (100) people.

Reserved Dates for 2014:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about getting dates reserved for the following dates in 2014.

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 Spaghetti Dinner

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Chili Supper

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about needing to purchase a stove and reported that it could be a commercial grade electric stove.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a flyer announcing American Legion Auxiliary Christmas Store in Cameron Veterans Home. Robert Emery explained that it was to let veterans be able to get items to give as gifts at Christmas time.

Don Happy asked for a head count for the Post Family Dinner. A count of about fifty (50) was reported.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked which tables the Post should setup for the dinner, the long tables or the round tables. Everyone said the long tables should be used.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that setup for the dinner would be at 14:00 HRS.

Ray Nichols talked about Mack Williams who had passed away recently and wanted to purchase a brick and flag in Mack Williams honor. Ray Nichols made a motion to purchase a memorial brick and a flag for the Avenue of Flags for a total of seventy five (\$75) dollars in honor of Mack Williams. Jerry Pate seconded the motion and the motion passed.



Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led Post in salute to colors.  
Post 95 Chaplain Paul Ellison gave the closing prayer.  
Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski closed the meeting in due form at 19:44 HRS

Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant Judi Samborski - Commander