



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2015

With twenty six (26) members and one (1) guest in attendance

Donald Happy, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, LeRoy Coe, Gentry Thomason, Jim Riech, Sam Leonard, Robert Beatty, Larry Allen, Vernon Mattock, Mike Edwards, Ron Pardeck, John Gibbs, Jerry Pate, Tom Troutman, Gene Welch, Stephanie Ebner, G. Ray Nichols, Jim Elliott, Ray Crestwell, Wally Glasco, Bob Beeks, Ron Zimmer, Jerry Head, Ray Merrill, Ray Adkins, and Robert Emery.

Guest: John F. Kopp 3rd District Commander.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 18:58 HRS

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

Post 95 Chaplain G. Ray Nichols asked every one to observe a moment of silence for departed comrade Alvy "Ed" Eberle.

Post 95 Chaplain G. Ray Nichols 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 last meeting. Stephanie Ebner made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with Post business. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Guest and New Members:

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

Ron Zimmer a long time member of Post 95 who was attending his first meeting introduced himself to the post and talked about his service.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski introduced 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp and asked if he had any thing to talk about to the post.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the following items:

- 1) Missouri Veterans History Project which is looking for veterans to interview and archive their interviews. Any veteran interested in being interviewed should contact Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski or Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery for contact information.
- 2) Special Olympics Basketball tournament being held March 7th in Tarkio, MO and was looking for teams to participate in the tournament.
- 3) Veterans Benefit Fair being held in Tarkio, MO April 25th and any veteran interested should contact Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery for more information. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp said that he was looking for donations to help support the fair.

Jerry Pate made a motion for the Post to donate fifty (\$50) dollars to the Veterans Benefit Fair. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp thanked Post 95 for letting him attend tonight's meeting.



Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for November

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following totals:

Beginning Balance: \$ 7736.18

Deposits: \$ 1657.10

Withdrawals: \$ 931.07

Ending Balance: \$ 8462.21

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for December

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following totals:

Beginning Balance: \$ 8462.21

Deposits: \$ 1516.16

Withdrawals: \$ 8217.31

Ending Balance: \$ 1761.06

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about taking out two (2) CD's at Capitol Federal in Liberty. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about this money was a donation from a long time Post 95 member who recently passed away.

CD 1 in the amount of \$1000.00 for 24 months at an interest rate of 0.9 % and due to mature 12/9/16

CD 2 in the amount of \$4000.00 for 24 months at an interest rate of 0.9% and due to mature 12/9/16.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that the committee had divided the funds this way to limit the possible penalty if the CD had to be cashed in before maturity.

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA): Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about helping out a lady veteran and her three (3) kids. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that at the Post 95 Christmas Dinner he had collected four hundred fifty (\$450) dollars in cash donations and a Post 95 member had donated another two hundred (\$200) dollars. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about Judi Samborski, Jake Samborski, and Jerry Pate had taken the vet shopping for Christmas.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that one hundred forty two dollars and forty six cents of the donated monies had been returned to the Post. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the Post membership voting to match the funds donated for the Lady Veteran but was not needed at this time. Judi Samborski said that she will be keeping in contact with the veteran to see if she needs any further assistance.

New Members:

Post 95 Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe reported he knew of no new members.

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported Post 95 was currently at two hundred fifty (250) members paid up for 2015 with the 2015 membership goal of three hundred seventeen.



Honor Team:

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the Honor Team had performed at a funeral today for Alvy “Ed” Eberle.

Flag Etiquette:

Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported that there would probably not be anything until August.

Oratorical Contest:

3rd District Oratorical Chairman G. Ray Nichols reported that the Zone 2 Oratorical Contest would be held January 25th in Richmond, MO at Post 237 at 1 P.M.

3rd District Oratorical Chairman G. Ray Nichols thanked everyone who attended and helped out at the District Oratorical Contest.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp thanked G. Ray Nichols for taking over as the 3rd District Oratorical Contest Chairman at the last minute.

Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State: Post 95 Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State Chairman Robert Emery reported that he had contacted all the High School Councilors and asked them to start turning in applications.

Cadet Patrol: Post 95 Cadet Patrol Chairman reported that he was still looking for a possible candidate but has found none yet.

G. Ray Nichols made a motion that Post 95 allocate twenty five hundred (\$2500.00) dollars for Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State/Missouri Cadet Patrol and authorize Judi Samborski, Don Happy, and Robert Emery to decide how to allocate the monies.

Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

BINGO at Cedars:

Don Happy reported that BINGO at Cedars would be this Thursday starting at 18:30 HRS and all were welcome to come out and help.

Sickness and Distress:

LeRoy Coe reported that his wife was not doing well.

Larry Allen reported that Ted Nelson had gone to the Liberty Pain Clinic.

G. Ray Nichols reported that Lester Brown was going into Alzheimer’s.

Sam Leonard reported that he was going in for surgery to remove a mass the doctor found in his lungs.

Judi Samborski talked about Stephanie Ebner had gall bladder surgery but was now recovering.

Jim Elliott reported that cap and pin sales were on hold until he could find a warm place to setup at.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request for signatures from American Legion Post in Richmond, MO looking to get the statue of “Bloody Bill” Anderson to be moved from the HERO side if the Ray County Court House property.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a “Thank You” card received fro a veteran the Post had donated one hundred (\$100) dollars to help him out in a time of need.



Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a “Thank You “card from the Commanding Officer of the 509th Security Group at Whiteman Airforce Base, thanking the Post for its donation of turkeys for the airmen in his group.

New Business:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about it being time to set the dates for the Spaghetti and Chili Supper Fundraiser dinners.

March 21st was set as the date for the Spaghetti Dinner.

October 24th was set as the date for the Chili Supper.

Larry Allen talked about the recent really cold weather and the funerals the Post 95 Honor Team had done. Larry Allen talked about getting stocking caps for the Honor Team to wear on really cold days.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the stocking caps were \$12.95.

Post 95 Honor Team Commander decided that the stocking caps would be OK as long as all of the Honor Team was wearing the same ones. Don Happy reported that there were nineteen (19) people on the Honor Team call list.

Sam Leonard made a motion that Honor Team members each purchase their own stocking cap. Bob Beeks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski gave the dates for the next two (2) 3rd District Meetings.

April 12th in Excelsior Springs

June 7th in Liberty Post 95 hosting

G. Ray Nichols made a motion that Post 95 donates one hundred (\$100) dollars towards the purchase of a replacement 3rd District flag. Jerry pate seconded the motion and the motion passed.

G. Ray Nichols talked about the Clay County Courts looking for veterans to help be mentors to veterans in trouble. G. Ray Nichols said that anyone interested in helping to take a pamphlet.

G. Ray Nichols talked about Clay County Courts holding special court sessions just for veterans.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked everyone to be sure to sign the two cards on the table.

Robert Beatty thanked the Post for the Sympathy Card it had send to his family for their recent loss.

Post 95 Chaplain G. Ray Nichols gave the closing prayer.

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

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski closed the meeting in due form at 20:01 HRS

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