



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

With thirty one (31) members and two (2) guest in attendance

Stephanie Ebner, Ted Nelson, Vern Mattocks, Bill Kerstin, Leslie Vanbibber, G. Ray Nichols, Le Roy Coe and Izzy, Larry Allen, John Gibbs, Jim Elliott, Donald Happy, Jerry Pate, Paul Ellison, Ray Crestwell, Gene Welch, Ron Pardeck, Jerry Head, Jim Weber, Sam Leonard, Robert Beatty, James Roberts, Tom Troutman, Gentry Thomason, Tim Jefferson, Arsenio Arciga, Walter Young, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski and Robert Emery

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski introduced Marie Walsh and 1st District Councilman Kansas City Missouri Scott Wagner and asked them to talk about Honor Flight.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski thanked them both for talking to the Post membership about Honor Flight.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 19:01 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 Lester Brown.

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

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

New Members and/or Guest:

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

Sam Leonard introduced Walter Young a transfer into Post 95 to the Post. Walter Young talked a little about himself and his service.

Jake Samborski recognized Tim Jefferson – a transfer member - and Arsenio Arciga – a new member - who talked about themselves and their service.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski welcomed them to Post 95.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance report for September.

Beginning Balance: \$ 6301.28

Deposits: \$ 1560.26

Withdrawals: \$ 764.50

Ending Balance: \$ 7097.04



New Members:

Post 95 Vice-Commander Stephanie Ebner reported that she had signed up a new member James T. Custer a USN Veteran.

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that the Post 95 paid up membership was currently at two hundred eight (208) and that the Post 95 membership goal for the 2016 membership year is two hundred seventy seven (277).

Honor Team:

Don Happy reported that there would be a funeral this Thursday and the team would be leaving the Post at 10:45 HRS and the funeral would be at Terrace Park Cemetery.

Flag Etiquette:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski the following class were scheduled so far.

November 5th at Warren Hills Elementary School 09:30 and 10:30 HRS

November 16th Smithville Upper Elementary School 09:00 HRS and 11:00 HRS

November 17th Smithville Upper Elementary School 09:00 HRS and 11:00 HRS

Oratorical Contest:

Post 95 Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck reported that the Clay County Oratorical Contest would be held on December 7th at 19:00 HRS probably at Liberty North High School.

Post 95 Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck reported that the 3rd District Oratorical Contest would be held Sunday January 10th after the 3rd District Meeting in Excelsior Springs Post.

Post 95 Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck talked about the Oratorical Program and the line up of contests. County, District, Zone, Department, and National.

Robert Emery reported that the make up day for the Oratorical Contest would be January 17th.

Jake Samborski recognized another new member who just entered the meeting.

Missouri Boys State: NO REPORT

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Missouri Cadet Patrol: NO REPORT

BINGO at Cedars:

Don Happy said that the next BINGO at Cedars would be this Thursday October 22nd starting at 18:30 and that all were welcome.

Don Happy reported that the dates for BINGO at Cedars for November and December would be November 19th and December 17th due to the holidays.

Sickness and Distress:

G. Ray Nichols talked about taking Ira Hunter to the VA to get his flu shot. G. Ray Nichols reported that Ira would be 92 years young on November 28th.

G. Ray Nichols thanked everyone who helped and attended Lester Browns funeral.

LeRoy Coe said that his wife's health was improving a little.



Old Business:

Chili Supper:

Larry Allen talked about the upcoming Chili Supper to be held on October 24th and passed around a sign up sheet and asked all those who could help to please sign up to work the Chili Supper.

Jake Samborski said that there would be a separate Veterans Only drawing for some Texas Roadhouse gift cards. Larry Allen said that Norma would decorate the tables. Larry Allen asked if anyone had taken the dinner tickets and asked if someone could return them. Don Happy asked anyone who has money to turn in to please do so before the Chili Supper to help with start up money for the Chili Supper. G. Ray Nichols asked if Don Happy needed him to bring a cash box to use during the dinner. Don Happy said that it would be a good idea.

Hat and Pin Sales:

Jim Elliott asked if someone could be in charge of selling hats and pins at the Chili Supper. Jim Elliott reported he had four hundred fifty seven dollars and forty four cents (\$457.44) in proceeds to turn in to the Post. Jim Elliott said that at the last dinner hat and pin sales were one hundred twenty five (\$125.00) dollars.

Jim Elliott said the next sale day at Sam's Club would be November 7th starting at 08:30 HRS.

Veterans Day Ceremony:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about VFW doing the Color Guard and American Legion firing the salute. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that Ted Nelson, Norbert Melies, and Glen Edwards would be honored during the ceremony.

Jim Webber talked about getting time for the buglers to practice "Echo Taps"

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read request from Heather Hall from United Methodist Church group requesting "What is a Veteran" program on Veterans Day.

G. Ray Nichols said that the event would be after the evening meal on a Wednesday.

Stephanie Ebner reported that the only available Wednesday was the 18th.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she would get the event scheduled and let everyone know.

Wicklunds CARSTAR annual Veterans Appreciation Day:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that it would be held November 3rd and that the VFW would provide the Color Guard and the American Legion would fire the salute.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked for a show of hands of those who could help out. Jim Weber asked if Post 95 would be putting flags out. LeRoy Coe said that he would find out if they wanted the flags.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request from Ed Jones asking for donations for his annual Thanksgiving food for the 509th Security Squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base. Jake Samborski made a motion to donate one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. Sam Leonard seconded the motion and the motion passed.



Liberty Community Christmas tree:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request for donation to the Liberty Community Christmas Tree Program. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that the Post had donated one hundred (\$100.00) last year. Robert Beatty made a motion to donate one hundred (\$100.00) dollars to the Liberty Community Christmas Tree. Jim Weber seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a "Thank You" from Liberty Hospital for the Posts one hundred (\$100.00) dollar donation in honor of Jim Riech.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked anyone who knew of person eligible for American Legion Auxiliary for think about joining Auxiliary Unit 61.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read "Thank You" certificates for Missouri Boys State donations.

New Business:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the five (\$5.00) dollar National dues increase that had been approved at the American Legion nation Convention. Don Happy explained the break down of the dues members paid. Larry Allen asked how that affected current PUFL members. Robert Emery reported the Post would get the current amount the Post receives from national. After discussion Jerry Pate made a motion to increase Post 95 annual dues to thirty five (\$35.00) dollars. Sam Leonard seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Free Flu Shots for Vets:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read an announcement from the VA for free flu shots.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she had received a request from 3rd District Commander R.E. Holtz asking Post 95 to host the 3rd District Meeting March 12th, 2017.

Post Christmas Dinner:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if the Post wanted to hold the dinner again. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that the dinner would be held December 15th starting at 18:30 HRS and the Post would provide the meat and everyone would bring a passing dish. Don Happy said that the details could be worked out at the next Post 95 meeting.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a notice for Heart of America Standown asking for volunteers.

G. Ray Nichols said the the Liberty Lions Club would be holding a Pancake Breakfast this coming Saturday at the Liberty United Methodists Church and asked all those who could to please come out and support the Liberty Lions Club.

50/50 Drawing:

Robert Beatty held the 50/50 Drawing and reported that the split would be twenty four dollars and fifty cents (\$24.50). ??? won the drawing.



Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about this being Breast Cancer Awareness Month and that she was a nine (9) year breast cancer survivor.

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 20:05 HRS

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