



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2016**

With twenty six (26) members and two (2) guest in attendance

Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Jerry Pate, Vernon Mattocks, Donald Happy, Robert Beatty, Sam Leonard, Gene Welch, Ted Nelson, Jim Elliott, Paul Ellison, Bob Beeks, Les VanBibber, G. Ray Nichols, Gentry Thomason, Ray Adkins, Mike Edwards, James Weber, Chris Vedder, Larry Allen, Stephanie Ebner, Tom Troutman, LeRoy Coe, Wally Glasco, Ray Crestwell, Tom Rash, and Robert Emery  
Guest: Lorraine Jones and Bob Mays from Hospice Partners of America.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski introduced Lorraine Jones of Hospice Partners of America.

Lorraine Jones talked about Hospice Partners of America and their We Help Veterans Program and that they were looking for volunteers to help with the program.

Lorraine Jones introduced two (2) veteran volunteers Bob Mays and Sam Leonard.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 19:09 HRS

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

Post 95 Chaplain Robert Beatty 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 Post 95 meeting. Jake Samborski made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with business. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Members and/or Guest:

G. Ray Nichols introduced guest Tom Rash to Post 95.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance report for July:

Beginning Balance: \$ 8086.82

Deposits: \$ 6672.77

Withdrawals: \$ 2699.81

Ending Balance: \$ 12059.78

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about transferring five thousand (\$5000.00) dollars out of the Post checking account and putting it into a new CD. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that he would like to keep the CD locally in one of the banks the Post has CD's with. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that he would entertain a motion to take out a new CD in the amount of five thousand (\$5000.00) dollars. Robert Beatty made a motion to have Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy take out a CD in the amount of five thousand (\$5000.00) dollars. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion and the motion passed. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that he would check the local banks for the current best rates and obtain the new CD.



Membership: NO REPORT due to start of new membership year

Honor Team:

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards thanked everyone who helped last Saturday.

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards said that he needed volunteers for color guard at Post 61 on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Flag Etiquette:

Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported that he has sent out letters to the schools yesterday.

Chris Vedder said that he would look at the Flag Etiquette video and see about redoing it and may need some volunteers to help with the scenes in the new video.

Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards requested permission to obtain some gifts for the Flag Etiquette classes. Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards said that there were Pledge of Allegiance bookmarks available at twenty nine (\$29) dollars for one hundred (100) bookmarks. Everyone said it was OK to purchase the bookmarks.

Funeral Honors.

Oratorical Contest: NO REPORT

Missouri Boys State\ Missouri Girls State\ Missouri Cadet Patrol: NO REPORT

BINGO at Cedars:

Don Happy reported that BINGO would be next Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. and all were welcome to come out and help.

Sickness and Distress: NO REPORT

New Member: NO REPORT

Old Business:

Hat and Pin Sales:

Jerry Pate reported on the hat and pin sales and thanked Robert Beatty and Sam Leonard for helping with the table. Jerry Pate turned in one thousand thirteen (\$1013.00) dollars from two (2) weekend sales.

Jerry Pate said that he had received an offer of free tax preparation for veterans from Liberty Tax Services.

Jim Elliott reported he needed to order more inventory and requested authorization purchase up to five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. Larry Allen made a motion to authorize Jim Elliott up to five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for purchasing inventory. Bob Beeks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jim Elliott said that he would be setting up the table at the Post 61 Car and Bike Show on August 27<sup>th</sup> and would need some help manning the table.

Gun Raffle:

Jake Samborski reported that the drawing for the rifle would be on August 27<sup>th</sup> and that so far the profit from the rifle raffle was approximately eight hundred (\$800.00) dollars.

Jake Samborski talked about getting a shotgun for the next raffle.

Jim Elliott suggested that the raffle tickets should be priced at one (\$1) dollar each or six (6) for five (\$5) dollars. Jim said that his brother who does this type of raffle for the DAV makes good money and high sales at this rate.



Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she had received a "Thank You" card from Joan Gibbs with a one hundred (\$100) dollar donation in honor of John Gibbs.

New Business:

Chili Supper: Larry Allen said that the date of the dinner would be October 29<sup>th</sup> with the usual hours 16:30 till 19:00 HRS and he would have a sign up sheet at the next Post 95 meeting.

Officer Bonding:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the current Officer Bonding for Post 95 was due to expire and that he would recommend bonding the Post Commander and Post Finance Officer each at sixty five thousand (\$65,000.00) dollar rate and would cost six hundred fifty (\$650.00) dollars each for the bonding. Ray Nichols made a motion to obtain officer bonding for the two (2) Post officers at six hundred fifty (\$650.00) dollars each. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Judi Samborski reminded everyone of the Post 61 Car and Bike Show on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Don Happy asked everyone to please attend the 40et8 Voiture 1379 ChicNic this coming Saturday at Wallace State Park starting around noon.

Don Happy said that there was a raffle for three different gift cards \$300 VISA, \$200 Lowes, and \$100 QT and anyone interested to please see him after the meeting.

Paul Ellison asked how much had been donated to the Post in John Gibbs name. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that around nine hundred seventy (\$970) dollars had been donated so far.

Paul Ellison made a motion that a committee be formed to figure how to use the money to honor John Gibbs and the Honor Team and Flag Etiquette program and that the committee should consist of Mike Edwards, Don Happy, and Judi Samborski. Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mike Edwards said that he was working on a plaque in honor of John Gibbs.

Robert Beatty reported that he had received a request from AMVETS for the Post 95 Color Guard to present the Colors at the Gladstone Sam's Club on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 08:00 HRS.

Robert Beatty said that he had received a request from the Cub Scouts for a Flag Disposal Ceremony and that their leader would be contacting the Post Commander with the details.

Jerry Pate said the he would be setting up the hat and pin sales table at the Gladstone Sam's Club on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Chris Vedder asked for Judi to send him the events list and he would post them on the Post 95 FACEBOOK page.

50/50 Drawing:

Robert Beatty held the 50/50 drawing with seventeen fifty (\$17.50) dollar split.

Sam Leonard won the drawing.



Post 95 Chaplain Robert Beatty 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 19:48 HRS

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