



## Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2023

With seventeen (17) members and one (1) guest present

Donald Hodge, Don Happy, Julie Barron Happy, Mike Edwards, Larry Allen, G. Ray Nichols, Tina Petterson, John Wingate, Robert Beatty, Paul Ellison, Ray Creswell, Jerry Pate, Jim Elliott, Bud Taylor, Ron McBee, Jeff Watt, and Robert Emery. Guest: Jay Knight

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson proceeded to open the meeting at 18:56 HRS

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led the Post in salute to the colors.

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

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led the post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Preamble.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked for reading the minutes from the last Post 95 meeting.

Don Happy made a motion to forgo reading of the minutes Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Guest:** Jay Knight introduced himself to the Post and talked about his service.

### **Finance Report:**

Post 95 Commander Tina Peterson asked for the finance report from Post Finance Officer Don Happy.

January

Beginning Balance	\$ 10,798.20
Deposits:	\$ 47,691.84
Withdrawals:	\$ 48,600.00
Service Charge	\$ 3.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 9,887.04

Post Finance Officer Don Happy reported cashing in the CD on 01FEB2023 it totaled \$44,302.84.

Post Finance Officer Don Happy took out a new CD at Edward Jones in the amount of \$48,000 for one year at a rate of 4.75% and will mature February 2024

Post Finance Officer Don Happy reported the Building Fund CD will mature August 17, 2023 and will see what interest rates are then..

Larry Allen made a motion to accept the finance report as given. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported the paid up membership was one hundred fifty nine (159) members so far with a 2023 membership goal of one hundred ninety one (191).

**Honor Guard:**

Post 95 honor Team Commander reported having scheduled three (3) funeral for this week (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday)

**Flag Etiquette:**

Mike Edwards reported he had not yet received any requests yet for presentations.

**Boys and Girls State:**

Don Happy reported he had eight MSB applicants and seven MGS applications.

Don Happy reported he had received twenty five hundred (\$2500.00) dollars in sponsorship donations.

Robert Emery reported Jeff Watt was working on getting sponsors but nothing yet.

G. Ray Nichols reported the VFW in Kearney and in Liberty had donated for sponsorship for MBS.

Jim Elliott made a motion to sponsor all MGS and MBS applications. G. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Don Happy voiced concern over the amount in the checking account and the upcoming fundraiser dinner.

**Sickness and Distress:**

G. Ray Nichols asked for thoughts and prayers for his grandsons who lost a friend to suicide recently.

Jerry pate talked about attending the funeral for a disabled teacher who was helped by Jeff Watt last year.

**Correspondance:**

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson read the following:

Thank You from Liberty Fire Department

**Old Business:****Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:**

Jim Elliott said that he would do an inventory for the dinner supplies.

Jim Elliott said that they would cook spaghetti outside on propane cookers.

09:30 Start Cooking

13:00 Setup

Don Happy asked everyone to turn in any monies collected and any unsold tickets to be resold at the dinner.

**New Business:**

Don Happy talked about renewing the subscriptions to the military TIMES magazines and the cost associated.

Every one said the cost was excessive so don't renew the subscriptions in July.

Don Happy talked about trouble with local Post Office and their book keeping problems associated with the Post Mailing Permit.

Jeff Watt talked about recent cemetery cleanup day and installing new lighting for the flag poles at the veteran memorial and replacing the US Flag pole. Jeff Watt asked if there was any history associated with the current flag pole. G. Ray Nichols suggested that Jeff Watt check with the VF and see what records they might have on the flag pole.



**50/50 Drawing:**

Since Post 95 Vice Commander James Hare was absent there was no drawing held.

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

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson closed the meeting in due form at 19:34 HRS

Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant Tina Peterson - Commander