



## Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2023

With seventeen (17) members and three guests present

Don Happy, Julie Barron Happy, Mike Edwards, Bud Taylor, James Hare, Tim Jefferson, John Wingate, G. Ray Nichols, Jerry Pate, Donald Hodge, Robert Beatty, Sam Leonard, Ray Crestwell, Jim Elliott, Frank Henderson, Jeff Watt, and Robert Emery.

Guests: Three (3) Ann Puck, Gary Puck, and Gordon Williams.

Post 95 Senior Vice-commander Jeff Watt proceeded to open the meeting at 19:00 HRS

Post 95 Senior Vice-commander Jeff Watt led the Post in salute to the colors.

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

Post 95 Senior Vice-commander Jeff Watt led the post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Preamble.

Post 95 Senior Vice-commander Jeff Watt asked for reading the minutes from the last Post 95 meeting.

Robert Beatty made a motion to forgo reading of the minutes Jerry Pate seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **Guest:**

Post 95 Senior Vice-commander Jeff Watt asked if here were any guest present:

Three (3) guest were found to be present.

Gary Puck and Ann Puck Post 61

Gordon Williams Cole Camp Post

**New Members:** Post 95 Senior Vice-commander Jeff Watt asked if here were any new members present. None were found to be present.

### **Finance Report:**

Post 95 Senior Vice-commander Jeff Watt asked for the finance report from Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy.

August

Beginning Balance	\$	8777.49
Deposits:	\$	2405.00
Withdrawals:	\$	2235.48
Service Charge	\$	3.00
Ending Balance:	\$	8944.05

Post Finance Officer Don Happy reported he had sent 1856.50 to Department of Missouri for Post 95 dues renewals.

Post 95 Senior Vice-commander Jeff Watt said he would entertain a motion to accept the finance report as given.

Robert Beatty made a motion to accept the finance report as given. G. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.



### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported renewals for 2024 membership year was currently at one hundred eight (108) renewals so far.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that after the Department Convention the 2024 membership goal was set at one hundred seventy (170).

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported the new goal was determined by the new algorithm set for rural districts.

Ann Puck talked about the VA Service Station at the Kansas City VA Hospital was open for groups to provide information and veteran support.

### **Honor Guard:**

Post 95 Honors Team Commander Mike Edwards reported on the following:

Liberty Fall Festival that he wanted people for the parade and Flag Disposal Ceremony and also needed volunteers for that program as well.

### **Flag Etiquette:**

Mike Edwards reported the Post had done two sessions so far and had a request from Saint James Catholic School but sessions had not been setup yet.

### **Oratorical: NO REPORT**

### **Boys and Girls State:**

Robert Emery reported the 2024 sessions dates had been set for Missouri Girls State and Missouri Boys State on June 22-29, 2024

Missouri Cadet Patrol:

Robert Emery reported the 2024 session had been set for June 22-29, 2024 in Jefferson City.

### **Sickness and Distress:**

Post 95 Senior Vice-commander Jeff Watt asked if there were and members of family members in sickness or distress. None were reported at this time

### **Old Business:**

None to be handled at this time.

### **Correspondence:**

Post 95 Senior Vice-commander Jeff Watt read two Thank You cards

“Thank You” Card from family of Ron Pardeck thanking the Post for their support.

“Thank You” Card from Mary and Mike Edwards for the recent Flag Disposal event at their house.

Post 95 Senior Vice-commander Jeff Watt read a flyer about conducting Buddy Checks

### **New Business:**

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about posy officer bonding renewal was coming up and the renewal cost was three hundred fifty nine (\$359) dollars.

G. Ray Nichols made a motion to have Don Happy renew the Post Officer bonding.

Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Don Happy reported he was getting an Emblem Sales order ready so any one needing anything to let him know so he can add it to the order.



Jeff Watt talked about a booth he would have at the Liberty Fall Festival  
Jeff Watt asked if anyone knew anyone who would know about activities the Post would have held in the Park a long time ago since the historical society was looking to make historical sign about the activities.

**Newsletter**

Someone is trying to get Larry Allen's files and archives from the newsletter so someone can restart publishing the newsletter.

Jeff Watt talked about a time capsule was discovered under the base of the Liberty American Flag.

Ann Puck talked about greeting Honor Flight vets returning home after their trip.

Jeff Watt talked about Liberty Veterans Day Celebration to be held in the Liberty Community Center upstairs in the Blue and White rooms. And the Discovery Middle School choir would be performing there as well.

Jeff Watt said the committee was looking for a guest speaker and asked if anyone knew any one.

Ann Puck suggested contacting the Genealogy Library in Independence for suggestions.

Jeff Watt reported that there is a of clean up at the Veterans Memorial of roses and bushes and no vandalism

Jeff Watt reported a new permeate American Pole would be installed in the future.

**50/50 Drawing:**

Julie Happy held the 50/50 drawing with thirty four (\$34) dollars collected and split would be seventeen (\$17) dollars to the Post and seventeen (\$17) dollars to the winner.

Ann Puck won the drawing and kept the winnings.

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

Post 95 Senior Vice-commander Jeff Watt led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Senior Vice-commander Jeff Watt closed the meeting in due form at 19:48 HRS

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