



## Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2023

With eighteen (18) member present

Don Happy, Julie Barron Happy, Mike Edwards, Tim Jefferson, John Wingate, G. Ray Nichols, Jerry Pate, Robert Beatty, Donald Hodge, Ray Crestwell, Jim Elliott, Jeff Watt, Richard Bennett, Ron McBee, Tina Petterson, Ronald Harris, Willard Yanks, and Robert Emery.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson proceeded to open the meeting at 19:00 HRS

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

Post 95 Chaplin 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.

Robert Beatty made a motion to forgo reading of the minutes Ray Crestwell seconded the motion and the motion passed

**New Members:** Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked if here were any new members present. None were found to be present.

### **Finance Report:**

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

August

Beginning Balance	\$	8944.01
Deposits:	\$	1807.00
(\$200 Our Lady of Mercy Country Home refund, \$500 Missouri Girls State Refund)		
Withdrawals:	\$	1361.50
Service Charge	\$	3.00
Ending Balance:	\$	8586.51

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson said she would entertain a motion to accept the finance report as given.

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

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the Building Fund CD with Capitol Federal which is due to expire on 22OCT22023. was created in the amount of nine thousand one hundred forty two dollars and thirty cents (\$9142.30).

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said he would check on current CD rates.

A new CD will be created with the current amount and adding the ten percent funds collected since last year and adding to the new CD. The ten percent is seven hundred seventeen dollars and ninety nine cents (\$717.99)

G. Ray Nichols made a motion Don Happy, Tina Peterson, and Jeff Watt handle the Building Fund CD. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion and the motion passed.



Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported he had received notice from the IRS that the Post had not filed its 990N in 2021 and needed to respond by October 18<sup>th</sup>. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy had J&J Business handle filing the Post 990N.

**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.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported would be razing national dues to forty five dollars (\$45)

**Honor Guard:**

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

There would be a funeral Wednesday and Thursday.

Post 95 Honors Team Commander Mike Edwards said he had received a request from Carstar asking for rifle team and flags for their annual veterans appreciation day event on 02NOV2023.

Don Happy talked about recent funeral the team had done for a young veteran who had committed suicide.

A member talked about not saying the word because it may give people ideas.

Robert Emery talked about the need to talk about it and give people support. There is also an American Legion team that will give a free program to anyone so people could handle giving support to those may be contemplating suicide.

**Flag Etiquette:**

Mike Edwards reported no request so far.

**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 Commander Tina Petterson asked if there were and members of family members in sickness or distress.

G. Ray Nichols reported on Gordon Wood and Sam Leonard.

**Old Business:**

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked Jeff Watt how Wreaths Across America was doing.



Jeff Watt reported the program would start in six weeks and currently had one hundred ten wreaths (110)

Jeff Watt asked everyone to be on the lookout for potential donors and let him know.

**Correspondence:**

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson read the following request for donations:

Liberty Community Christmas Tree

G. Ray Nichols made a motion to donate two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars, Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jeff Watt said the program also gave support to senior citizens.

Liberty Meals on Wheels

G. Ray Nichols made a motion to donate one hundred (\$100) dollars, Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

City Union Mission

Jerry Pate made a motion to donate one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars and Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson read an invitation to the Veteran Community Project open house event.

**New Business:**

Jim Elliott talked about selling off the remaining stock of hats, pins, and stickers to help recover some of the funds spent on inventory.

Robert Beatty reported the VFW had the caps and was selling some and was supposed to be splitting the money with the American Legion.

Don Happy reported he has never received a check from the VFW.

Jim Elliott said the Post need3d to get the hats back soon.

Don Happy gave an accounting of monies spent on inventory for these items.

G/ Ray Nichols will contact the VFW about getting the hats returned.

**Veterans Day**

Jeff Watt said that there would be two (2) celebrations

1. Garrison School veterans room dedicated to black veterans at 10:00 HRS
2. Liberty Community Center at 18:00 HRS

A member asked about American Legion Americanism Program and putting US Flags into school Rooms

Robert Emery said it was something that must first be permitted by the school administrations and school boards to allow flags back into schools.

G. Ray Nichols asked every one to sign two cards one for Gordon Wood and the other for Sam Leonard.

Post 95 Chaplin 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 19:48 HRS

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