



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2006

30 Members in attendance.

Foster Sires, Lester Brown, Paul Payne, Jin Rieck, Ira Hunter, Don Happy, Mac Williams, Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Ray Nichols, Bobby Beeks, Larry Allen, Paul Reichmann, John Kopp, Mike Edwards, Paul Ellison, Marvin Scott, John Gibbs, Ed Backstrom, Gary Evans, Buzz Kincaid, Melvin Johnston, Don Happy, Bud McGinnis, Ray Adkins, Fred Cox, .

Commander John Kopp opened the meeting in due form at 19:05 HRS

Commander John Kopp led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Preamble. Commander John Kopp asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for our service members. Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer.

Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the July meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Finance Officer Ray Nichols read the finance report. The finance report was approved as read. A copy of the finance report is included with the minutes.

Finance Officer Ray Nichols talked about Post Officer bonding and suggested that we get bonding for \$12,000 level at a cost of \$60. Finance Officer Ray Nichols made a motion to obtain bonding for the Post Officers at the \$12,000 level at a cost of \$60. Ira Hunter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sick Call:

Paul Ellison reported Ted Nelson was in the hospital.

Commander John Kopp reported that the post had not performed any funerals since July.

Commander John Kopp talked about the Liberty Fall Festival to be held on September 23rd.

Don Happy reported that he had already secured the trailer for the parade float and had the decorations for it already. Don Happy suggested that due to the assembly area for the parade being far away from any parking those wanting to participate should meet at the Post and ride the float to the parade. Don Happy also said that he would need a couple of people to go with him to Alan Shannon's and get the service flags and a couple of American flags for the parade float.

Commander John Kopp reminded every one about the next 3rd District meeting to be held in Hamilton on Sunday September 17th starting with lunch at 12:00HRS and meeting starting at 13:00HRS.

Commander John Kopp talked about the Missouri POW/MIA Highway dedication to be held in Kearney, MO on September 16th at 13:00HRS at the Kearney High School Performing Arts Center.

Flag Etiquette – Color Guard Commander Mike Edwards reported that he had sent out e-mails to all the schools the Post has conducted programs at in the past and will be setting the schedules as request come in.

Mike Edwards expected that we would be holding about twenty classes.

Alan Shannon talked about finding a new trailer for the Post to use for the avenue of flags.

Ray Nichols made a motion to form a committee to find a new trailer with a spending limit of \$3500. The committee members would be Alan Shannon, Paul Ellison, Fred Cox, and John Kopp. Ira Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commander John Kopp asked if Mike Edwards would continue on as Color Guard Commander and Flag etiquette Leader. Mike Edwards said that he would as long as he got help.

Commander John Kopp asked if Ray Nichols would continue as Post Oratorical Chairperson. Ray said he would do it for one more year.



Commander John Kopp asked if John Gibbs would stay on as Post Sergeant at Arms. John said that he would. Commander John Kopp talked about starting an Adopt a unit/ship program. Commander John Kopp also talked about seeing if we could arrange transportation from Cedars and Our Lady of Mercy Country Home so our veterans living there could attend meetings.

Buzz Kincaid talked about setting up a program to collect sweaters and sweatshirts to be donated to the veterans at the VA Hospital. Buzz Kincaid will have more information at the next meeting.

Ray Nichols presenter Past Post 95 Commander Paul Ellison an American Legion clock made by Mike Edwards for all of Paul's hard work as Post 95 Commander.

Don Happy reported that he had finally received all of the covers and other supplies the Post had ordered. Don said that if you need any patches please see him after the meeting.

Commander John Kopp talked about having a copy of American Legion Emblem Sales catalog if anyone was interested in looking through it.

Alan Shannon talked about Gary Davis and his wanting to keep his continuous years of membership and asked if the Post would be willing to help Gary with his dues. Post 95 members donated enough money to cover Gary Davis's dues for the two years.

Paul Ellison reminded everyone about BINGO at Cedars and still needed someone to bring snacks. Larry Allen said that he would bring the snacks.

Fred Cox talked about the Air Force Band will be performing at the Community Center on September 7th at 19:00 HRS. Tickets are free but you must pick them up at the Community Center.

Commander John Kopp talked about the American Legion making its mark in Liberty but cant seem to get anything printed in the newspapers. Commander John Kopp said that we needed a Post 95 PR person to write articles and get them printed in the local papers.

Buzz Kincaid suggested that we contact the Journalism Classes at the local schools to see if they would be interested in helping with Post PR.

Commander John Kopp closed the meeting in due form at 19:50HRS.

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
John Kopp - Commander