



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

24 members and two guests in attendance: John Gibbs, Ira Hunter, Jim Riech, Don Happy, John Kopp, Paul Ellison, Charles Kraft, Dan Jurgensen, Ray Adkins, Robert Emery, Larry Allen, Ed Backstrom, Marvin Scott, Foster Sires, Ray Nichols, Lester Brown, Mike Edwards, Ray Merrell, Calvin Nelson, Alan Shannon, Carl Mathiasch, Donna Warren, Jerry Head, Larry Haney, Samantha McCoy and Ted Nelson.

Commander John Kopp opened the meeting in due form at 19:05HRS. Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer. Commander John Kopp lead the Post in the Pledge of allegiance and reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion.

Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the June meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Finance Officer Ray Nichols read the finance report. A copy of the report is included with the minutes. Finance Officer Ray Nichols talked about one of the CDs coming due and suggested leaving it where it is. Finance Officer Ray Nichols made a motion that incoming Finance Officer Don Happy and Commander John Kopp handle renewing the CD. Alan Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Paul Ellison asked if we needed to audit the Post Financial records. All agreed that an audit should take place and the Commander John Kopp and that incoming Finance Officer Don Happy set up the audit.

### **Sickness and Distress**

Commander John Kopp asked if there were any members or family members in sickness or distress. Ray Nichols reported on John Yackle who was in the hospital and not expected to recover.

Alan Shannon passed around a card for Gary Davis who was starting to have to take dialysis treatments three times a week.

Paul Payne was having problems with circulation in his legs and had been in the hospital.

### **Honor Team:**

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the team had performed four funeral honors since the last meeting. Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards thanked all those who had helped on Fourth of July. Commander John Kopp also thanked everyone for their hard work for the Fourth of July.

### **Boys and Girls State**

Commander John Kopp talked about holding Boys and Girls State reports at the September meeting and that Donna and Robert would contact the Boys and Girls State citizens and have them report on their experiences.

Commander John Kopp reported that he had not heard back from the post office about the Bulk Mail Permit for the Post.

### **New Business:**

Commander John Kopp and Fred Cox had inspected the deck at the Steinkamp home and determined that it was not a project for the Post to take on. Commander John Kopp will contact Mrs. Steinkamp and tell her the Post will not attempt the deck project.



Commander John Kopp talked about the Ladies Auxiliary needing only three more potential members before that can start the process of forming a Ladies Auxiliary Unit.

Alan Shannon talked about getting rid of the ascot from the Honor Team uniform for the summer. It was decided that the team would decide if they would keep the ascot as part of the uniform. For now the ascot will remain part of the uniform.

Larry Haney talked about VA benefits and asked everyone to fill out referral forms so they could be used to search for possible benefits members may be eligible for.

Commander John Kopp talked about a VFW representative visiting Our Lady of Mercy Country home and talking about a retirement supplement for those over sixty five and meeting certain income requirements.

Commander John Kopp turned the meeting over to Sergeant at Arms John Gibbs to install the 2008 Post Officers.

Commander John Kopp talked about the Blue Star Mothers and their request the Post deliver a package to a local family who had just lost their son in Iraq. Commander John Kopp talked about Donna Warren, Samantha and Johns wife all joining the Blue Star Mothers.

Ray Nichols talked about receiving a \$150 check from Alan Rohdus and sent him a thank you card from the Post.

Commander John Kopp talked about BINGO at Cedars and needing some one to bring the snacks. Paul Ellison said that he would bring the snacks. Paul Ellison said that someone should call Cedars and remind them to make drinks for BINGO.

Commander John Kopp thanked everyone for their support over the last year

Commander John Kopp talked about the Liberty Fall Festival and the Post leading the parade with the colors and float.

Commander John Kopp thanked Ray Nichols for his service as Finance Officer.

Commander John Kopp closed the meeting in due form at 19:45HRS.

Submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
John Kopp - Commander