



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2008

29 Members and one guest in attendance: Foster Sires, Donald Happy, Bud McGinnis, James Riech, Donna Warren, Ray Adkins, Mack Williams, Ted Nelson, Lester Brown, Ray Nichols, Le Roy Coe, Marvin Scott, Ira Hunter, Larry Allen, Paul Payne, Paul Ellison, Ed Eberle, Gene Welch, John Gibbs, Fred Cox, Jerry Head, Ray Merrell, Sam Leonard, Charles Kraft, Jerry Pate, Michael Robison, Calvin Nelson, Carl Mathiasch, and Robert Emery. Guest Dan Jurgensen
Commander Ray Nichols opened the meeting in due form at 19:05 HRS.

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer.

Commander Ray Nichols lead the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Preamble.

Commander Ray Nichols welcomed all and thanked them for attending tonight's meeting.

Commander Ray Nichols asked if there were any guest or new members in attendance.

Donna Warren introduced Michael Robison. Michael talked about his service.

Commander Ray Nichols conducted a poll of veterans and their eras of service.

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

Post Finance officer Don Happy gave the finance report for July. The report was approved as read and a copy is included with these minutes.

Commander Ray Nichols reported that he had completed the Post Incorporation report on line.

Sickness and Distress:

Jerry Pate reported that Larry Haney's son was not doing well and that their insurance company was balking at paying for any treatments. Jerry Pate reported that VFW Post 4043 had donated one thousand dollars (\$1000) to the Haney's to help with their medical costs. Jerry Pate also said that there was a donation jar setup in the bar and that the VFW Post 4043 would match up five hundred dollars (\$500) in donations. Jerry Pate also challenged Post 95 to match the VFW Post 4043 donation.

Ray Nichols reported that Melvin Johnston was walking with a walker. Jerry Pate said that he would check up on Melvin.

Honor Team:

Commander Ray Nichols read a letter of thanks from the Schult family thanking the Honor Team for performing funeral honors for their family member.

Commander Ray Nichols reported that the family also donated five hundred dollars (\$500) to the Post.

Commander Ray Nichols read a thank you note from the Alexander Doniphan Committee thanking the Post Honor Team for presenting the colors at the Alexander Doniphan ceremony.

Don Happy reported that he had not received any calls for funerals and thanked all that help out with the funerals.

Commander Ray Nichols thanked every one as well.

Paul Ellison reported that the Honor Team had performed thirty eight (38) funerals so far this year.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about if you had not seen the team perform at a funeral you should come out and see them in action.

Ray Merrill asked everyone to give the team a round of applause.



Don Happy passed around a Thank You card for the Schultz family to thank them for their donation and kind words.

Larry Allen said that he put the 3rd District Meeting minutes in the newsletter.

Girls State:

Girls State Chairperson Donna Warren said that she would be sending out invitations to the Girls State citizens and their sponsors to the Boys/Girls State reports meeting.

Boys State:

Boys State Chairperson Robert Emery said that he would also be sending out invitations to the Boys State Citizens and their sponsors for the Boys/Girls State reports meeting as well.

Commander Ray Nichols read a thank you card from the Miller Family

Membership:

Membership Chairperson Ted Nelson reported that the current paid up membership was at 128 and that included 38 PUFL's, 12 Active Duty, 6 nursing home, and 72 regular members.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about Paul Ellison, Jerry Head, and himself filling out grant applications to Wal-Mart. Commander Ray Nichols said the local Wal-Mart had said that they had already allocated their grant monies for the year. Commander Ray Nichols said he then took an application to the Gladstone Wal-Mart and is now waiting to hear from them.

Commander Ray Nichols turned the meeting over to Paul Ellison to install the newly elected officers of Post 95.

Commander Ray Nichols reported that the following were appointed officers:

Paul Ellison Judge Advocate, John Gibbs Sergeant at Arms, Donna Warren Chaplin and Historian.

Larry Allen took a photo of the officers. Commander Ray Nichols said that he would write up a press release and Paul Ellison would proof read the article for him.

New Business:

Sam Leonard asked everyone to write their legislators and ask them to pass the MEDICARE

Charles Kraft asked about the status of what Gary Reno had talked about.

Larry Allen made a motion that the Post donate two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to the Foster Sires Scholarship Fund. Charles Kraft seconded the motion and the motion passed.

John Gibbs made a motion that the Post donates five hundred dollars (\$500) to 40et8 Voiture 1379 Nurses Training Scholarship Fund. Ira Hunter seconded the motion. Paul Ellison talked about the 40et8 and its programs and invited everyone the Chicnic to be held September 6th at Wallace State Park. The motion passed.

LeRoy Coe made a motion that the Post donates one thousand dollars (\$1000) to the Haney family to help with their sons medical expenses. Charles Kraft seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Adjutant Robert Emery presented Continuous Membership Certificates and stars for 2008 to various Post members.

Good of the Order:

BINGO at Cedars: Don Happy said that snacks are taken care of and BINGO would be on July 24th.

LeRoy Coe talked about attending Lester Browns recent Post Meeting and said that he enjoyed it very much.



Commander Ray Nichols read a letter from the Cameron Veterans Home Assistance League asking for monthly donations. Charles Kraft made a motion to donate one hundred dollars (\$100) to the League. Ray Adkins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Don Happy talked about getting American Legion calendars and using them for a fundraiser. Don Happy said that two hundred fifty calendars would cost two dollars and fifty cents each (\$2.50) and we could sell them for five dollars (\$5.00) each. Don Happy asked everyone to think about until the next meeting.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about the Clay County Election Committee needing volunteers and if anyone was interested to contact them.

Commander Ray Nichols thanked those that helped clean and inventory the Post lockers.

Commander Ray Nichols asked that if you take something from the lockers to mark it off the inventory sheets.

Commander Ray Nichols thanked everyone that helped on July fourth put up and take down flags as well as present the colors at the fireworks.

Jerry Head talked about putting fifty flags up at the World War One Memorial tomorrow and that they would be leaving at 12:30 to put the flags up and would be leaving at 8:00 P.M. to take them down.

Commander Ray Nichols closed the meeting in due form at 20:10 HRS.

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Ray Nichols - Commander