



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2010

28 members in attendance John Gibbs, Jim Rieck, Paul Ellison, Mack Williams, Jerry Head, John Kopp, John-Paul Kopp, Donald Happy, Melvin Johnson, Ron Pardeck, Ed Backstrom, Jake Sambroski, Judi Sambroski, Sam Leonard, Donna Warren, Ray Merrill, Ray Nichols, Charles Kraft, Gary Reno, Lester Brown, Larry Allen, Gene Welch, Bob Beeks, Carl Mathiasish, Keith Roth, Ron McBee, Mike Edwards, and Robert Emery.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head opened the meeting at 19:07 HRS

Post 95 Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head led the post in the pledge of allegiance and reading of the preamble.

Minutes: Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the July meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head turned the meeting over to 3rd District Commander John Kopp.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about the Legion Riders and the upcoming Legacy Run which will be coming through the 3rd District with out contacting the 3rd District Officers.

3rd District Commander John Kopp presented Robert Emery a certificate for recruiting eight (8) new members.

3rd District Commander John Kopp presented Ray Nichols 2010 Department of Missouri Top Recruiter Award for recruiting ten (10) new members.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about the new Department of Missouri Officers that had been elected at the recent Department of Missouri Convention.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about the Legion Riders Legacy Run stopping in Bethany August 23rd at Post 216 for a meal and was looking for help with the dinner. John-Paul Kopp reported that the American Legion National Commander would be in attendance.

3rd District Commander John Kopp reported that the next 3rd District Meeting would be September 12th in Bethany at Post 216.

3rd District Commander John Kopp installed the Post officers for 2011.

3rd District Commander John Kopp turned the meeting over to the newly installed Post 95 Commander Jerry Head.

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance report for the months of July and August.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about receiving a notice to renew Post 95 Officer Bonding. Ray Nichols made a motion to renew the Post 95 Officer Bonding for fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion.

Ray Nichols talked about the Post having two tax ID numbers and this caused the Department of Missouri to think the Post had not filed their form 990. Ray Nichols made a motion to allow him to terminate the old tax ID number. Charles Kraft seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The finance report was approved as read and a copy is included with the minutes.

Sickness and Distress:



Ray Nichols talked about Post 95 member Ken McCarrol was in distress and that VFW Post 4043 was helping him with some of his bills. Ray Nichols reported that Ken McCarrol needed six hundred and eight dollars (\$608) for his rent and thirty dollars (\$30) for his water bill. Ray Nichols made a motion for Post 95 to pay Ken McCarrol's rent and water bill for a total of six hundred and thirty eight dollars (\$638) and that the Post would pay the bills and not give the money directly to Ken McCarrol but pay the bills directly. Gary Reno seconded the motion and after some discussion the motion passed.

Membership: Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that current membership numbers were unavailable due to the late election and installation of the Post 95 Officers but had received about one hundred eighty (180) renewals so far.

Honor Guard: Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the team would be doing a funeral tomorrow and was needing a few more people for the funeral.

Flag Etiquette: Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards said that he will be sending letters out to the schools.

Boys/Girls State: Post 95 Commander Jerry Head asked about the Boys/Girls State Report Meeting. Post 95 Boys State Chairman Robert Emery reported that the Boys/Girls State Report Meeting will be held at the next Post 95 Meeting and that the Post usually provided refreshments. Ray Nichols made a motion to ask the Auxiliary to bring the refreshments and the Post would reimburse them for the cost of the refreshments. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

BINGO at Cedars: Post 95 Commander Jerry Head reminded everyone of BINGO on August 26th at Cedars.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head read a "Thank You" letter from the Ararat Shriner's thanking the Post for the donation it made.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head read a note from the "Buy Veteran" program and had post cards to hand out.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head read a notice from the Mid-Continent Library Platte City branch holding a Veteran Salute on October 23 from 09:30 to 16:00 HRS.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head read an announcement about the "The Wall That Heals" being in Blue Springs from September 30th until October 1st. Post 95 Commander Jerry Head said that all Vietnam Veterans visiting the Wall would receive a medal.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head read an announcement for Harry Truman and Korean War Veterans Appreciation Concert being held October 30th at the Kansas City Music Hall. Post 95 Commander Jerry Head reported that admission was free but you needed a ticket to attend and anyone that was interested see him for more information.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head talked about the WWI museum had sent brochures about the museum and brick sponsorship.

John-Paul reported that he had asked if the Post Auxiliary Unit would provide the refreshments for the Boys/Girls State Reports Meeting and they said that they would.

John-Paul reported that the Post Auxiliary had held its 50/50 Drawing and that Pat had won the drawing. John-Paul said that the winner received thirty seven dollars and fifty cents (\$37.50) and that Pat had donated twenty five dollars (\$25) back to the Auxiliary Unit.



Gary Reno talked about some recent POW/MIA news like the efforts to conduct digs in North Korea and China and that recent dig had resulted in the return of a Korean War POW remains being returned to the United States.

Carolyn Moll thanked the Post 95 Honor Team for providing the Military Funeral Honors at her father's funeral and presented the team with a check for two hundred dollars (\$200).

Ray Nichols asked if the Bethany Post is paying for the food for the Legion Riders Legacy Run. 3rd District Commander said that he thought the Legion Riders were paying for the food.

Paul Ellison made a motion the Post pay each driver fifty (\$50) dollars for driving to the funeral in Topeka. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Don Happy talked about needing to start thinking about setting a date for the fall Chili Supper.

There was some discussion about the Liberty Fall Festival and if the Post would be participating.

Gary Reno asked about getting an entry form so he could bring his little red wagon to the parade.

Gary Reno read a scam alert from the Better Business Bureau about a Bobby Thompson and the US Navy Veterans Association making off with donated funds.

Ray Nichols talked about Lester Brown's upcoming ninety fifth (95) birthday on September 20th and would be celebrating at Trails Inn at 06:00 HRS and maybe the Post should buy him a cake.

Ray Nichols talked about Foster Sires fighting his cancer and would like a phone call or visit.

3rd District Commander John Kopp reminded every one about the 3rd District Meeting in Bethany at Post 216 on September 12th with meal starting at 12:00 HRS and meeting beginning at 13:00 HRS.

Post Everlasting would be held during the 3rd District meeting.

John Kopp invited everyone to the Voiture 1379 ChicNic being held August 28th at Wallace State Park starting at 13:00 HRS.

John-Paul Kopp made a motion that the Post purchases a birthday cake for Lester Brown's birthday.

John Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Chaplain Donna Warren gave the closing prayer

Commander Jerry Head closed the meeting in due form at 20:15 HRS.

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Jerry Head - Commander