



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2011**

Twenty Eight (28) members and one (1) guest in attendance Jerry Head, Robert Emery, John Kopp, John-Paul Kopp, Larry Allen, Gary Reno, Ray Adkins, Paul Ellison, Mack Williams, John Gibbs, Rev. Donna Warren, LeRoy Coe, Ron Laughman, Sam Leonard, Sam Chapman, Marvin Scott, Jerry Pate, Ron McBee, Don Happy, Lester Brown, Bob Beeks, Ed Backstrom, Charles Acock, Ron Pardeck, Carl Pollard, Ray Merrill, Melvin Johnston, and Buzz Kincaid. Guest: Joy Chapman  
Post 95 Commander Jerry Head opened the meeting at 19:07 HRS

Post 95 Chaplain Donna Warren gave the opening prayer.

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

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head asked for reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

John Kopp made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Le Roy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Finance Report: Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for February.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about some of the large items in the finance report.

Five hundred (\$500) for Honor Flight donation

Six hundred Eighty (\$680) for Building Fund CD

Three Hundred Seventy Five (\$375) dollars for National Vice-Commanders visit dinner

Three hundred (\$300) dollars for purchase of raffle prizes

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the CD in Bank Liberty in the amount of four thousand three (\$4003) dollars which is at one point zero one (1.01%) interest rate was is due to mature on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2011. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about how helpful the bank had been to the Post in the past. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy made a motion to let the CD roll over at Bank Liberty. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sickness and Distress:

Jerry Head reported that Fred Thomas had had a stroke.

Membership:

Senior-Vice Commander Leroy Coe reported that current paid up membership was at two hundred sixty three (263).

Honor Guard: Honor: No Report

Flag Etiquette: No Report

Oratorical Contest: No Report

Boys State: Post 95 Missouri Boys State Chairman Robert Emery talked about this year's session being held June 11 to the 18<sup>th</sup> and that the cost per student was still three hundred fifty (\$350) dollars. Post 95 Missouri Boys State Chairman Robert Emery reported that he had sent out letters to sponsors asking for donations and had also contacted the councilors at the two (2) Liberty High Schools.

BINGO at Cedars: Don Happy reported that BINGO would be held next Thursday.

Correspondence: Post 95 Commander Jerry Head read some of the mail the Post had received.

Thank you form Honor Flight for the donation the Post had made.



A request for donations/sponsorships for Cameron Veterans Home Annual Golf Tournament Post 95 Commander Jerry Head reported that he had received four (4) certificates for sixty (60) years of continuous membership in the American Legion from National. The certificates were for Foster Sires, Sam Chapman, Fred Thomas,

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head presented Sam Chapman his sixty (60) year certificate.

Sam Chapman talked a little about Leddie Baker sister of Robert H Baker.

Spaghetti Dinner:

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head said that he had dinner and raffle tickets as well as posters for the dinner.

Larry Allen passed around a sign up sheet for help for the Spaghetti Dinner on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Larry Allen talked about the help needed to put on the spaghetti dinner and asked every one to take some tickets to sell.

Larry Allen had asked the Ladies Auxiliary to make deserts for the dinner.

Newsletter:

Post 95 Newsletter Editor Larry Allen talked about finding a new printer for the Post Newsletter and the cost savings. Post 95 Newsletter Editor Larry Allen reported that the old printer charged sixty five (\$65) a quarter to print the newsletter and the new printer charged forty five (\$45) dollars. Post 95 Newsletter Editor Larry Allen talked about the program to purchase a year worth of printing in advance for one hundred ninety two (\$192) dollars. Larry Allen made a motion to purchase one hundred ninety two (\$192) dollars of printing. John Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Newsletter Editor Larry Allen also talked about having the printer do the first fold of each page at a rate of eighteen (\$18) dollars per printing run. Everyone said that the Post could do the folding like always.

Upcoming Events:

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head talked about VFW Post 4043 Annual Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head talked about attending the meeting for the Liberty Fourth of July Parade. Post 95 Commander Jerry Head reported that he was working on getting a color guard from each of the services and that they would be getting cars for the WWII veterans to ride in cars again this year. Post 95 Commander Jerry Head said that they would be trying to schedule the parade later in the day in order to be closer to the time for the fireworks display.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp reported that the next meeting would be on April third in Liberty at Post 95.

Family Cookout:

Larry Allen talked about how good the food was for the National Vice-Commanders Visit and that maybe the Post could have the Club Room cook make the meat for the dinner. Larry Allen made a motion to have the Club Room cook make the meat for the Post Family Dinner. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion was tabled until the next meeting so more information and pricing could be collected.

Paul Ellison made a motion to hold a Post 95 Family Dinner at the June meeting. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.



3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp reminded everyone that the Post needed to work on getting nominations for Post officers and hold elections before June so Post officers could be installed on time.

Department of Missouri Spring Conference:

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp talked about the Department of Missouri Spring Conference and the Department Oratorical Contest.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp reported that Post 95 was currently on track with its membership goals and that the main message at the Spring Conference was membership.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp talked about attending the memorial program at Liberty Memorial honoring Frank Buckles the last WWI veteran last Saturday.

Department of Missouri Convention: 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp talked about the upcoming Department Convention and anyone who could to please attend.

Auxiliary Unit 95 50/50 drawing: John Kopp read the winning ticket number for the 50/50 drawing. Mac Williams was the winner and received thirty five (\$35) dollars.

John Gibbs thanked every one for attending the Pancake Breakfast at his church last Saturday.

John Kopp announced the SAL Squadron 61 would be holding its Annual Chili Cook-Off next Saturday at Post 61 and that it would be five (\$5) dollars to eat or enter the contest.

Charles Acock talked about the cemetery on Memorial day and manning the information booth.

Charles Acock also commented on everyone being impressed with the Avenue of Flags and would like more information so they could make up handouts about the Avenue of Flags.

Charles Acock talked about the need to reset the headstones for the veterans in the cemetery. Charles Acock also talked about trying to set up a service day with the various military units in the area to help with the resetting of the head stones and setting up a cooling station for the volunteers.

Paul Ellison reported that his grandson and Post 95 member John Hopkins had been deployed to Afghanistan and asked everyone to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

John-Paul Kopp suggested that the Post send care packages to John Hopkins unit overseas.

LeRoy Coe talked about there having been over three hundred thousand (\$300,00) dollars of damage done to headstones in the cemetery and that he and Charles Acock had been working on fixing things with donations that had been made for the repairs.

LeRoy Coe also reminded everyone that the flags in the Avenue of Flags were for any one who wanted to honor someone veteran or civilian.

Post 95 Chaplain Donna Warren gave the closing prayer

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head closed the meeting in due form at 19:53 HRS

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head asked all that could to stay after the meeting and help fold newsletters.

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

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Head - Commander