



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2012**

Twenty three (23) members and one (1) guest in attendance:

Jerry Pate, Robert Emery, Charles Kraft, Donna Warren, Donald Happy, Jerry Head, Judi Samborski, LeRoy Coe, Ira Hunter, Paul Ellison, Mike Edwards, Ray Nichols, Bob Beeks, Melvin Johnston, Larry Allen, Ray Cieswell, Wally Glasco, Ron Pardeck, Vern Mattocks, Charles Acock, Ron McBee, Lester Brown, William Steinkamp, and Sam Leonard,

Guest: Norma Nicholson Auxiliary Unit 95 President.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to opened the meeting at 19:03HRS

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Chaplain Paul Ellison gave the opening prayer.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led the post in the pledge of allegiance and reading of the pre-  
amble.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery to read the minutes from the last Post 95 meeting. Le Roy Coe made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with business. After a lot of complaints from the peanut gallery Le Roy Coe withdrew his motion.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery read the Post 95 meeting minutes for the April Post meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Guest and New Members:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if there were any guest or new members present.

Don Happy introduced William Steinkamp who was transferring his membership from Post 61.

Dick Rose introduced himself to the Post.

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for May 2012. The finance report was approved as read. A copy of the finance report is included with the minutes.

Membership:

LeRoy Coe reported current paid up membership was 290 with goal of 281 for 2012 putting the post at 103% for the 2012 membership year. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery thanked G. Ray Nichols and Paul Ellison for their work on the Post 1000 list and getting 18 members to transfer to Post 95. This helped push the Post membership over its membership goal for 2012.

Honor Team: Post 95 honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported the Honor Team has a funeral this week.

Flag Etiquette: No Report

Oratorical Contest: No Report

Boys State: No Report

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she had received a call from 3<sup>rd</sup> District Missouri Boys State Chairman John Kopp asking if the Post could send more funds to sponsor Missouri Boys State. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that she had replied to 3<sup>rd</sup> District Missouri Boys State Chairman John Kopp that the Post did not have the funds to help sponsor more Missouri Boys State Candidates.

BINGO at Cedars: Don Happy said that BINGO would be next Thursday. May 24<sup>th</sup>



#### Sickness and Distress:

Jerry Pate reported that Ed Baxter was out of the hospital.

#### Old Business:

Paul Ellison asked how the Thompsons were doing and what they needed in the way of donations. Larry Allen reported on the Thompsons and said that they could use anything anyone would like to donate to them. Charles "Bud" Kraft suggested that the Post hold a food drive at the next Post meeting. Larry Allen said that people should donate any non-perishable food items and he would make sure the Thompsons got the donations. Larry Allen talked about needing to get the gravel from the Kearney School District delivered to the Thompsons to fix their driveway. Larry Allen thanked everyone for their help with the Thompsons.

#### Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read flyer for the All Vets Picnic to be held June 9<sup>th</sup> in Blue Springs.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read information on the Heart of America Stand Down event to be held June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Ron McBee reported that the program helps the homeless vets in Kansas City and that the program could use some help.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read information on the Welcome Home Parade to be held May 19<sup>th</sup> starting at Washington Square Park in Kansas City starting at 10:00 HRS.

#### New Business:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski presented G. Ray Nichols, Ron McBee, and Robert Emery certificates for completing the Accelerated American Legion Extension Institute course.

#### Memorial Day:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the Avenue of Flags and the putting them up at 06:00 HRS and taking them down at 20:00 HRS Saturday, Sunday, and Monday Memorial Day Weekend.

Don Happy talked about the work day to assemble the new flags for the Avenue of Flags and check all of the other flags. Don Happy thanked all those who helped.

There was some discussion about the time of the VFW Memorial Day Ceremony and much confusion on the schedule.

Larry Allen explained to the new members and guest what the Post does on Memorial Day weekend.

Larry Allen explained the Post puts up the Avenue of Flags which consists of 311 full size flags. Larry Allen said that the Post puts the flags up at 06:00 HRS and takes them down at 20:00 HRS on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday Memorial Day weekend. Larry Allen also talked about the Memorial Day Program the Post presents at 5 nursing homes.

G. Ray Nichols asked Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy what was the cost for a flag for the Avenue of Flags. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the cost was \$25.00 per flag.

G. ray Nichols asked if the Post had any stick flags to donate for veterans graves. Jerry Head said the Post only had the little stick flags. G. Ray Nichols said that he would see if the VFW would donate 25 of the large stick flags.

Paul Ellison asked if anyone knew why the flags were at half staff today. It was reported that it was for Peace Officers Memorial Day.



Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards asked if the Post had received conformation of times for the Memorial Day programs at the nursing homes yet. Jerry Head said that he would contact the nursing homes and get the times scheduled.

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards said that he would need volunteers for the Color Guard and anyone interested to please contact him.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about holding a BBQ at the next Post meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about inviting people who were on the Post 1000 list to the BBQ.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Norma if the Auxiliary would do the deserts. Norma said yes they would. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she would get the meat from HY-VEE and everyone would bring a side dish.

G. Ray Nichols made a motion to give Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski the money to purchase the food for the BBQ. Ray Cieswell seconded the motion and the motion passed. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked who could help setup. Don Happy said that setup at the hall would start at 14:00 HRS.

Nominating Committee:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Post officers. Larry Allen reported on the Nominating Committee and that the Officer list will be the same as last years list of officers.

Don Happy made a motion that the Post pay for lunch for those who do the nursing home programs on Memorial Day. G. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Someone asked if there was any information about the Traveling Wall. It was reported that no information had been received yet.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery asked if anyone would be attending the Department of Missouri Convention and if so he needed their names so he could get their credentials ordered. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she would be attending. G. Ray Nichols made a motion to give Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski \$150.00 to help with expenses for the Department of Missouri Convention. Ira hunter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

G. Ray Nichols said the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association would be held June 5<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 HRS and all VFW and American Legion members are invited to attend.

Post 95 Chaplain Paul Ellison gave the closing prayer.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski closed the meeting in due form at 19:54 HRS

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

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Judi Samborski - Commander