



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2014**

With twenty two (22) members in attendance

Ray Crestwell, Lester Brown, Larry Allen, Donald Happy, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, LeRoy Coe, Jerry Pate, Jerry Head, Gentry Thomason, Jim Riech, Ira Hunter, Ray Nichols, Robert Beatty, Charles Kraft, Vernon Mattock, Ray Adkins, Les Van Bibber, John-Paul Kopp, and Robert Emery.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 18:57 HRS

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 preamble.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery to read the minutes from the January meeting. Jerry Pate made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with Post business. Jake Samborski seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Guest and New Members:

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

Les Van Bibber a long time Post 95 member introduced himself.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked all those in attendance to introduce themselves.

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for April.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following totals:

Beginning Balance: \$ 2976.31

Deposits: \$ 502.64

Withdrawals: \$ 409.38

Ending Balance: \$ 3069.57

New Members:

Post 95 Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe reported none present

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery pointed out transfer member John-Paul Kopp as a new member to Post 95.

Membership

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported Post 95 paid up membership was at three hundred eight (308) members with the transfer of John-Paul Kopp.

Honor Team: No Report

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the Honor Team would be doing a funeral Friday.

Don Happy reported the Honor Team had escorted Donna Warren's cremains to the Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville last Friday.

Flag Etiquette: No Report

Oratorical Contest: No Report



Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State: No Report

Cadet Patrol: No Report

BINGO at Cedars:

Don Happy said that BINGO would be this Thursday at 18:30 HRS and all were welcome to help out.

Ray Nichols asked how many Boys and Girls Post 95 was sending the Missouri Boys/Girls State.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that four (4) girls and five (5) boys were sponsored this year.

Sickness and Distress:

Ray Nichols reported on Melvin Johnson's condition and that Melvin was not doing well.

Old Business:

Clay County Veterans memorial Building Association Meeting:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the final meeting of the Building Association would be held June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Liberty Community Center from 7 PM to 9 PM in the Red Room. Ray Nichols explained the reason for the meeting and that it was for dissolution of the Clay County Memorial Building Association.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked for all those who could to please attend.

Memorial Day:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the Avenue of Flags and getting help with the flags from the Boy Scouts.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the Nursing Home visits and ceremony on Memorial Day.

Jerry Head was still getting the schedule worked out.

Don Happy talked about getting a working party together to inventory, check, and make up some new flag sets that had been ordered. Don Happy asked for any one who could to meet tomorrow at 09:30 HRS in the back parking lot of Our Lady of Mercy Country Home to get the flags checked.

Don Happy will let LeRoy Coe know the total number of flags so LeRoy Coe can tell the city how many stakes to put out for the weekend.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked more about the Memorial Day Nursing programs and asked Paul Ellison to bring a boom box for the music.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked about raising the flag in the cemetery to full staff at noon and who would be doing it. It was decided that Post 95 would raise the flag.

LeRoy Coe talked about the bricks ordered for the monument in the cemetery being the wrong color and were being remade. LeRoy Coe talked about trying to get them installed for Memorial Day and finding how the bricks were to be placed.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about Post 95 hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked what kind of meat the Post wanted to serve. It was decided to order brisket and turkey for about one hundred (100) people. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski will take care of ordering from HY-VEE and get it delivered around 11:00 HRS.

Gentry Thomason asked if it was possible to get a head count of those who planned to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> District meeting. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski replied that it would be difficult to contact all twenty nine (29) 3<sup>rd</sup> District Posts and get a head count.

### Summer Fundraiser Dinner:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about trying to hold another fundraising dinner in the summer. Ray Nichols talked about holding it around Labor Day like the Post Open House last year that was such a success. Jake Samborski talked about holding it in August before schools start. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked everyone to think about it and she will bring it up again at the next Post meeting.

Gentry Thomason asked what the fundraising intended was for. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski replied to help support the Post and its programs.

### Correspondance:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read some correspondence the Post had received since the last meeting.

### All Vets Picnic in Blue Springs June 14<sup>th</sup>

Jerry Pate talked about how good this picnic was and that it was a good family event.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request for donation from Hanna Scott from Odessa High School and will be participating in the National History Day event.

Don Happy made a motion to make a donation of two hundred (\$200) dollars to Hanna Scott for her trip. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a flyer from the Cameron Elks Lodge for a live band concert on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a "Thank You" card from the Cessna family for the donation Post 95 made to the family.

### New Business:

Larry Allen thanked Ira Hunter and Ray Merrill for talking the students at Kearney High School about their service.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about a reporter from the local paper wanting to interview Ira Hunter and another WWII veteran and asked Ray Nichols to coordinate it if possible.

Jerry Head talked about the Liberty July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and the avenue of flags for it. Jerry Head also requested little stick flags for the Girl Scouts to hand out.

### Nominations for 2014-2015 Post Officers:

Ray Nichols read the nominations and asked for nominations from the floor for the following Post Offices.

Post Commander Judi Samborski no other nominations

Post Adjutant Robert Emery no other nominations



Post Vice Commander Stephanie  
Post Vice Commander LeRoy Coe  
After the two (2) nominees were  
was held.

Ebner no other nominations  
and Robert Beatty were nominated.  
escorted out of the meeting a vote

LeRoy Coe received nine (9) votes and Robert Beatty received four (4) votes.  
LeRoy Coe was selected to serve another term.

Post Sergeant-at-Arms John Gibbs said that he would serve again  
Post Chaplain G. Ray Nichols said that he would serve as Post Chaplain  
Post JAG John-Paul Kopp said that he would serve as Post JAG  
Ray Nichols closed the nominations and election will be held in June.  
Post 95 Chaplain Paul Ellison.  
Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led Post in salute to colors.  
Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski closed the meeting in due form at 19:51 HRS

Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant Judi Samborski - Commander