



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2014**

With thirty three (33) members and one (1) guest in attendance

Lester Brown, Donald Happy, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, LeRoy Coe, Jerry Pate, Jerry Head, Gentry Thomason, Jim Riech, Ira Hunter, Ray Nichols, Les Van Bibber, Sam Leonard, Wally Glasco, Gene Welch, Stephanie Ebner, Robert Beatty, Ted Nelson, Larry Allen, Ray Merrill, Ray Adkins, Vernon Mattock, Edward R. Jones, Ray Crestwell, Mike Edwards, Jim Elliott, Ron Pardeck, Tom Troutman, Bob Beeks, Ron McBee, and Robert Emery.

Guest: John F. Kopp Commander 3<sup>rd</sup> District of Missouri

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 18:59 HRS

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

Post 95 Chaplain G. Ray Nichols 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 held Post Everlasting for Post 95 members who passed away in the last year.

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

Guest and New Members:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if any new members were present. Edward R. Jones introduced him self to Post 95. Edward R. Jones said that he transferred from Post 359. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski welcomed Edward R. Jones to Post 95.

Guest:

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John F. Kopp congratulated Ray Nichols for his recruiting award.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John F. Kopp talked about holding membership revitalization in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John F. Kopp stated the goal was to have all current members paid up by December 31<sup>st</sup> then start working on transfer and new members after the first of the year.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John F. Kopp said that the National Vice-Commander would be visiting this fall.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John F. Kopp talked about Post 95 hosting the June 2015 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the good job the 3<sup>rd</sup> District and Post 95 had done towards membership in 2014.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the Navy Club of Missouri forming Ship three in the Kansas City area. 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John F. Kopp said dues were ten (\$10) dollars and NAVY, USMC, COAST GUARD, and Merchant Marines were all welcome to join. 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John F. Kopp said that anyone interested to either contact him or Robert Emery.



3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John F. Kopp thanked Post 95 for allowing him to visit.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John F. Kopp said that there were no boundaries on membership. If you find a member sign them up even if they will not be in your Post.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski thanked Post 95 Chaplain Ray Nichols, Post 95 Sergeant-at-Arms John Gibbs, and Bugler Gene Welch for helping with Post Everlasting.

Finance Report:

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

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following totals:

Beginning Balance: \$ 1779.42

Deposits: \$ 3369.97

Withdrawals: \$ 3391.00

Ending Balance: \$ 1758.39

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the large amount of deposits was due to dues renewal payments and large amount of withdrawals was dues to Department and National.

New Members:

Post 95 Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe indicated Edward R. Jones was a new to the Post member.

Post 95 Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe asked for help contacting unpaid Post 05 members. Ray Nichols, Paul Ellison, Bob Beeks, and Gene Welch said that they would help contact members who have not yet paid their dues.

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported Post 95 was currently at one hundred thirty four (134) members paid up.

Honor Team:

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the team did a funeral Monday and was scheduled to do one Thursday.

Flag Etiquette:

Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported that he had send letters out to all the schools and had one contact so far but no classes scheduled yet.

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 next Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup> at 18:30 HRS and could use some help with BINGO.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Larry Allen to contact the students and have them report during the September Post 95 meeting.

Sickness and Distress:

Ray Crestwell talked about a family in distress and asked if Post 95 could help.

Jerry Pate made a motion to donate one hundred (\$100) dollars to the family, Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.



Ron Pardeck thanked the Post family for all its thoughts, prayers, and cards for his family members who recently passed away.

Mike Edwards talked about his brother's wife passing away.

Old Business:

Cookout Fundraiser:

Vice Commander Stephanie Ebner thanked everyone who has helped out so far on the cookout.

Vice Commander Stephanie Ebner passed around a sign up sheet for the cookout and asked all those who could to please come out and help.

Mike Edwards said that he would be out of town attending a funeral but the Post could use his grill.

Ray Nichols made a motion to give Robert Emery seventy five (\$75) dollars to help out with Department Convention expenses. Ira Hunter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a "Thank You" cards the Post had received from Hammond Heights Homeowners Association thanking the Post Honor Team doing the funeral for Don Luis Gagnebin.

New Business:

Honor Team Rifles:

Jake Samborski talked about the Honor Team rifles in need of repairs and the research he has done trying to find someone to repair the rifles. Jake Samborski was trying to contact someone with the Department of Civilian Marksmanship Program who does repairs free of charge. Jake Samborski talked about of he was unable to have him repair the rifles he estimated the cost for parts could be as high as two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars.

Jerry Pate made a motion to allocate up to two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars towards repair of the honor team rifles. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request she had received from Ted Nelson asking for permission the give a presentation on Honor Flight Program to Post 95.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she would try scheduling the presentation for the October 21<sup>st</sup> Post meeting.

New Business:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the upcoming hearing for the dissolution of the Clay County Veterans Building Association. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that the hearing would be held August 20<sup>th</sup> at 09:00 HRS in the new court building in Judge Janet Sutter's court room. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski stated she would like to see as many Post 95 members attend that could.

Don Happy reported that he had priced the plastic boxes the Funeral Honors Team uses to present spent casings and challenge coin at one (\$1) dollar each plus handling and postage. Don reported that the last time the plastic boxes were ordered the Post had purchased one hundred (100) boxes and the total cost was one hundred eight (\$108) dollars.



Ray Nichols made a motion to authorize Don Happy up to one hundred twenty (\$120) dollars toward purchase of the plastic boxes. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Paul Ellison said that he would again print the cards that go in the plastic boxes.

Post 95 Chaplain Ray Nichols 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 19:53 HRS

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