



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2019**

With twenty two (22) members and two (2) guests in attendance

Jim Elliott, G. Ray Nichols, Don Happy, Ray Crestwell, Mike Edwards, Jerry Pate, Robert Beatty, Gene Welch, John Wingate, Jim Roberts, Donald Hodge, Bob Beeks, James Hare, Sam Leonard, Ron Pardeck, Tim Jefferson, Paul Ellison, Frank Henderson, Frank Roth, Gary Petifurd, and Robert Emery

Guest: Danny Smith – Eagle Scout Candidate and Tina Petterson.

Post 95 Commander Jim Elliott introduced Danny Smith – Eagle Scout candidate

Danny Smith talked about his Eagle Scout project. Danny Smith wants to build two manual Skills Boards for Our Lady of Mercy Country Home and is looking for funding. Robert Beatty made a motion to donate two hundred (\$200) dollars toward the project. G. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Jim Elliott proceeded to open the meeting at 19:04 HRS

Post 95 Commander Jim Elliott led the Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Chaplain G. Ray Nichols asked every one to observe a moment of silence for Ray Merrell who had just passed away.

Post 95 Chaplain G. Ray Nichols gave the opening prayer.

Post 95 Commander Jim Elliott led the post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Preamble.

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

Committee Reports:

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Donald Happy gave the following Finance Report for August

Beginning Balance	\$ 3537.63
Deposits:	\$ 1137.17
Withdrawals:	\$ 3042.56
Service Charge:	\$ 3.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 1629.23

New Members: NO REPORT

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that Post 95 paid up membership was currently one hundred twenty two (122) members and that the 2020 membership year goal was two hundred fifth eight (258).

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that the Legion act had been signed so any veteran who served at least one (1) day active duty during the time period December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 to present was now eligible for membership in the American Legion.



**Honor Guard:**

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported the team had done seven (7) funerals so far this month.

**Flag Etiquette:**

Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported first class for the new school year would be held at Manor Hill Elementary at 09:30 HRS on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported the next scheduled class will be at Maple Elementary in Smithville, Missouri on September 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 HRS.

Oratorical Contest: NO REPORT

Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State/Cadet Patrol: NO REPORT

BINGO at Cedars: Don Happy reported BINGO would be held this Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 starting at 18:30 HRS. Don Happy said that all were welcome to come help out.

Don Happy reported that the POW/MIA and American Flags at Cedars have been replaced.

**Guest:**

Post 95 Commander Jim Elliott introduced Tina Petterson and asked her to talk about herself and her service.

Tina Petterson introduced herself to the Post.

**Sickness and Distress:**

G. Ray Nichols reported that Jerry Head was not doing well and Mitch Allen was recovering from second surgery on her back.

**Old Business:**

Post 95 Commander Jim Elliott asked everyone to take and sell raffle tickets and write down how many packets they take to sell.

Post 95 Finance Officer Donald Happy reported on raffle tickets totaling five hundred twenty five (\$525) dollars at the last four (4) setups.

Post 95 Finance Officer Donald Happy reported donations collected five hundred twenty nine dollars and sixty six cents (\$529.66).

**Correspondence:**

Post 95 Commander Jim Elliott read a letter about veteran interviews being conducted at the Mid Content Library and anyone interested can get the contact information.

**Old Business:**

**Liberty Fall Festival:**

Don Happy reported he had a trailer for the parade on September 28<sup>th</sup> and would be leaving the Post at 10:00 HRS.

Don Happy said that the Color Guard would be in front of the trailer.

Don Happy thanked everyone who has helped with the seven (7) funerals so far this month.



New Business:

Jerry Pate made a motion the post donate five hundred (\$500) dollars towards “Toys for Tots” in Ray Merrill’s name. Robert Beatty seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion passed

50/50 Drawing:

Jim Roberts held the 50/50 Drawing with forty six (\$46) dollars collected and split of twenty three (\$23) dollars.

Jim Elliott won the drawing.

Post 95 Chaplain G. Ray Nichols gave the closing prayer.

Post 95 Commander Jim Elliott led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Commander Jim Elliott closed the meeting in due form at 19:38

Ray Nichols presented an American Legion Centennial base ball cap to Paul Ellison.

Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant Jimmy Elliott - Commander