



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2024

With thirteen (13) members present

Don Happy, G. Ray Nichols, Tina Petterson, Paul Ellison, Tim Jefferson, Robert Beatty, Jerry Pate, Mike Edwards, Don Hodge, Judi Samborski, Jake Samborski, Jeff Watt, Christian Vedder, and Robert Emery.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson proceeded to open the meeting at 19:00 HRS

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led the Post in salute to the colors.

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

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led the post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Preamble.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked for reading the minutes from the last Post 95 meeting.

Judi Samborski made a motion to forgo reading of the minutes, Jake Samborski seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Guests or New Members: Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked if there were any new members present.

None were found to be present.

Finance Report:

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked for the finance report from Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy.

July

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,760.48
Deposits:	\$ 1405.00
Withdrawals:	\$ 550.00
Service Charge	\$ 3.00
Return Item	\$ 30.00
Return Deposit	\$ 8.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 5,574.48

Paul Ellison made a motion to accept finance report as given. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported it was too early to report on the number of paid up membership for 2025 membership year.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery talked about memberships the POST pays like for Active Duty members and members in nursing homes. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery talked about no way to verify status of these members due to new privacy rules.

Don Happy said he would try contacting these members and verifying their status.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery talked about timing of membership renewals process from Post to Department and then National.

**Honor Guard:**

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported he had turned down a funeral request on Monday since he could only get three members to participate. Don Happy reported that he needed to order more plastic cases for the spent casings and coin that was presented along with the flag at funerals.

Flag Etiquette:

Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported none were scheduled so far. He was working on the email he will send to the schools. Christian Vedder asked if the POST should schedule events during NOVEMBER instead of various dates during the school year. Mike Edwards said its up to the teachers to schedule classes. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery talked about the many events the American legion observes during November.

Oratorical:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery said the Post has not held a local contest for many years but could if some one want to chair the contest.

Boys and Girls State:

Robert Emery reported the program sessions had finished successfully.

Cadet Patrol:

Robert Emery reported the program session had finished successfully

Sickness and Distress:

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked if there were and members of family members in sickness or distress.

Paul Ellison said his brother was passing.

G. Ray Nichols said that he had taken Ray Crestwell to the E.R. but was now back out of the hospital after a few days of recovery there.

G. Ray Nichols talked about needing help sometimes to help get Ray Crestwell places.

Tina Petterson reported her husband was back at work.

G. Ray Nichols reported Frank Henderson was back home but not able to do any events anymore.

Old Business:**Post Business Checks:**

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported he was down to nine checks and needed to order more checks for the POST checking account.

G. Ray Nichols asked Don Happy how many checks he needed to order.

Don Happy said he needed to order three hundred (300) business style checks.

G. Ray Nichols made a motion to allow Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy to order three hundred (300) business checks. Judi Samborski seconded the motion and the motion passed.



CORRESPONDANCE:

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson read a “THANK YOU” letter from the Cameron Veterans Home Assistance League thanking the post for its donation to the Golf Tournament.

New Business:

Jake Samborski reported to the honor team rifles needing to be replaced since they were getting past being able to be repaired.

Jake Samborski will find the proper procedure to get the old rifles returned and request replacement rifles.

Robert Emery talked about events in September:

Missouri Department Commanders Homecoming September 14th in Kirksville

American Legion National Commanders visit to Missouri ZONE 2 September 19th to 22nd

POW-MIA Recognition Day September 20th.

American Legion National Vice Commanders visit to Missouri ZONE 4 September 26th to 29th.

Continuous Membership Certificates:

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson

Presented the following members certificates:

G. Ray Nichols 35 years

Paul Ellison 48 years

Ray Crestwell 16 years

Fr. Tom 10 years

Christian Vedder photographed the presentation.

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

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson closed the meeting in due form at 19:55 HRS

Submitted _____ Approved _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant Tina Peterson - Commander