



## Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2025

With twelve (12) members present

Don Happy, G. Ray Nichols, Tina Petterson, Paul Ellison, Mike Edwards, Bud Taylor, Robert Beatty, Andrew Silva, Christian Vedder, Jeff Watt, Tim Jefferson, 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 led the Post in Moment of silence for Ron Pardec.

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.

Robert Beatty made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes from the last Post 95 meeting. Paul Ellison seconded the motion and with no discussion Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked for a vote on the motion on the floor and it was positive.

### **Finance Report:**

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

#### January

Beginning Balance	\$ 5,012.11	
Deposits:	\$ 1,445.00	\$400 funerals \$1000 Boys & Girls State
Withdrawals:	\$ 482.68	
Service Charge	\$ 3.00	
Ending Balance:	\$ 5,971.43	

#### February

Beginning Balance	\$ 5,971.43	
Deposits:	\$ 2,450.00	\$400 funerals \$1470 Boys & Girls State
Withdrawals:	\$ 219.92	
Service Charge	\$ 3.00	
Ending Balance:	\$ 8,198.43	

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the CD that had recently matured. The CD was at five point one five percent (5.15%) and had earned two thousand five hundred seventy (\$2570.00) dollars in interest over the year of the CD.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported opening a money market in the amount of two thousand five hundred and seventy (\$2570.00) dollars and a new CD in the amount of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars for one (1) year at four point one five (4.15%) percent and will mature 06MAR2026.



Post 95 Finance Officer Don  
two thousand seven hundred and  
Missouri Boys and Girls State

Happy reported he had received  
twenty (\$2720.00) dollars for  
donations.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported he had thirty three names of students in  
Liberty applying for this years program.

Robert Beatty made a motion to accept finance report as given. G. Ray Nichols seconded  
the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery talked about the following items:

Missouri American Legion Collage

Department Historian position needing to be filled

Department Adjutant retiring in a few years.

Car crashing into Excelsior Springs Post building

Post 95 elections

Annual post reporting forms

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported so far paid up membership was one hundred  
twenty eight (128) with membership goal being set at one hundred seventy six (176) for  
2025 membership year.

**Honor Guard:**

Post Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported on an upcoming funeral request.

**Flag Etiquette:**

Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards talked about the program held at South Valley  
Middle School – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards read a letter from a teacher there thanking the  
Post for the fine program.

Don Happy read a letter from the Missouri National Guard Adjutant certifying the Post  
Honor Team to perform Military Funeral Honors and that the stipend for each veteran  
would be increasing to one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars starting in February and a  
bill now going thru the Senate HR8 would provide two hundred (\$200) per veteran  
funeral.

**Oratorical: NO REPORT**

**Cadet Patrol:**

Robert Emery reported the 2025 session was scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup> in  
Jefferson City at the Missouri Highway Patrol Academy.

**Sickness and Distress:**

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

G. Ray Nichols reported on the following people:

Ron Pardeck had passed away



Ray Crestwell was still in the senior home.

hospital waiting on entering a

**Old Business:**

NO business to be handled.

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson read the following correspondence:

“THANK YOU” note from the Liberty Christmas Tree thanking the Post for its donation.

“THANK YOU” note from Meals on Wheels thanking the Post for its donation.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson read a letter form the Cameron Veterans Home Assistance League asking for donations for their annual Golf Tournament.

Don Happy made a motion to send one hundred (\$100) dollars to sponsor a hole at the tournament. G. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

G. Ray Nichols made a motion to send Excelsior Springs Post two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars to help with recovering the Post home. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

**New Business:**

Jeff Watt talked about cemetery cleanup and leveling veteran grave markers

Jeff Watt asked the Post to keep in their minds many Boy Scout Troops are losing their charters because organizations cant charter them any longer and the Post consider being their chartering organization is their current one closes.

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 20:03 HRS

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