



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025

With twelve (12) members present

Donald Hodge, Don Happy, G. Ray Nichols, Tina Petterson, Paul Ellison, Mike Edwards, Tim Jefferson, Ron McBee, Fr. Thomas Kirchholfer, Bud Taylor, Andrew Silva, 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.

Don Happy 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.

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 8,808.92 |
| Deposits: | \$ 685.00 |
| Withdrawals: | \$ 112.72 |
| Service Charge | \$ 3.00 |
| Ending Balance: | \$ 9,378.20 |

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

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported he had received two thousand eight hundred and twenty (\$2,820.00) dollars for Missouri Boys and Girls State donations.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported he had twenty six (26) students in Liberty applying for this years program.

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MEMBERSHIP:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported so far paid up membership was one hundred thirty four (134) with membership goal being set at one hundred seventy six (176) for 2025 membership year.

**Missouri Boys State and Missouri Girl State:**

Don Happy talked about the post needs to decide how many students to sponsor with the money the Post has available.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Post had received two thousand eight hundred and twenty (\$2820.00) dollars in donations for these programs this year and each student sponsorship cost five hundred (\$500) dollars.

Don Happy reported he had received:

Five boys (5) and four (4) girls names from Liberty High School

Five boys (5) and twelve (12) girls names from Liberty North High School

Don Happy reported students from Kearney were being sponsored by Smithville Post and Auxiliary Unit.

Post 95 Commander Tina Peterson talked about Legion Family Day at MSG and MBS

Don Happy reported he had a total of twenty six (26) student names from both Liberty and Liberty North High Schools.

Don Happy reported he had nine (9) students from Liberty High School and seventeen (17) students from Liberty North High School.

G. Ray Nichols asked how much the Post should keep in the checking account as a cushion.

After much discussion the Post decided to send nine (9) students from Liberty High School and nine (9) students from Liberty North High School.

G. Ray Nichols made a motion to send money for the eighteen (18) students. Paul Ellison Seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Honor Guard:

Post Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported the team had provided a color guard detail for a facility.

Don Happy reported on the Honor Team replacement rifles:

So far one rusted rifle has been replaced and another was waiting to be picked up so a replacement can be obtained. Another rifle would not eject the clip. Jake Samborski removed the trigger assembly to remove the stuck clip. The rifle replacement request has been submitted.

Flag Etiquette:

Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards no classes scheduled.

Oratorical: NO REPORT**Cadet Patrol:**

Robert Emery reported the 2025 session was scheduled for June 8th thru the 13th 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 held a moment of silence for KIT Bond and told some stories about him.



Old Business:

Memorial Day:

Avenue of Flags at the cemetery Don Happy reported there would be help from the Boy Scout troop and an eighth grade class. Don Happy asked for all Post members who could help to also show up. Keep eye on weather for rain.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson talked about upcoming Department Convention.

Fr Tom said the VA was building new CBOXs

CORRESPONDANCE:

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson found none to be read

Guests or New Members: Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked if there were any new members present. None were found to be present.

New Business:

None to be handled at this time

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 19:34 HRS

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