



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2024

With ten (10) members present

Don Happy, G. Ray Nichols, Tina Petterson, Paul Ellison, Tim Jefferson, Ron McBee, Mike Edwards, Fr. Tom Krichhoefer, Don Hodge, and Robert Emery.

GUEST:

Gordon Williams – Cole Camp

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 reading of the minutes, Ron McBee seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

G. Ray Nichols introduced Fr. Tom Krichhoefer who just transferred to Post 95 from Florida.

Fr. Tom Krichhoefer talked a little about himself. The Post welcomed Fr. Tom to the Post

Finance Report:

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

June

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,870.13
Deposits:	\$ 1095.00
Withdrawals:	\$ 201.65
Service Charge	\$ 3.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 4,760.48

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about donations the Post had received

Thanking the Post for Performing Military Funeral Honors. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked how much the family and friends have appreciated this service.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said the post had received four hundred (\$400) stipends from the state for performing Military Funeral Honors for veterans

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about Jeff Watt arranging service at Leavenworth Cemetery for a veteran recently..

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

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported paid up membership for 2024 membership year was currently at one hundred seventy seven (177) renewals so far with our membership goal set at one hundred seventy (170) for 2024 membership year.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported the Post was over one hundred (100%) percent 2024 membership goal.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported he had received the membership cards for 2025.

Honor Guard:

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported no funerals scheduled.

Flag Etiquette:

Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported none were scheduled so far. He was waiting on the start of the new school year.

Oratorical: NO REPORT**Boys and Girls State:**

Robert Emery reported the program sessions had finished successfully.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson read some of the Thank You letters from the MGS and MBS students sponsored by the Post.

Sickness and Distress:

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

Tina Petterson reported her husband has not been allowed to return to work yet. Tina Petterson had talked to Jim Elliott and he and his wife were not feeling well yet.

Don Happy reported his wife Julie was waiting on her knee replacement surgery.

G. Ray Nichols reported Ray Crestwell has been staying indoors recovering from his radiation treatments.

Robert Beatty said he was having issues with his medicine for treating his Agent Orange sickness.

Old Business:**Liberty Fourth of July**

The question was asked if the Post had been asked to do anything for the rescheduled Liberty 4th of July program. No one has been contacted to ask the Post to help.

The city said they would be getting their own flags and putting them out.

So no participation from the Post would be needed or wanted.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson reported that there was no correspondence to be read at this time.



New Business:

Ron McBee gave a report on the recent Department on Missouri Convention.

VA&R committee was working on increasing VSO office hours to forty (40) Hours

The Veterans Commission was working on finding steady income resources since the funds from gambling and marawana sales were spread to to many other programs throughout the state.

VA Hospital in Saint Louis was undergoing construction and upgrades.

Subside Prevention program training was held at the General Session.

Question – Persuade – Refer

Annual Memorial Service was held

Presentations of various awards was held

Department Elections were held

Department instillation of officers was held

Due to to C&B issue with number of votes in the DEC

Calvin Bumgarner was selected to be Zone 2 Commander and Ed Weaverling would be 3rd District Commander.

Flag Retirement Ceremony at mike Edwards home would be held on Saturday September 14th starting at 17:00 HRS.

Ron McBee reported the Department Color Guard Competition was going to be restarted.

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 19:43 HRS

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