



American Legion 3rd District of Missouri Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2014 – Liberty, Missouri – Robert H. Baker Post 95 hosting.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski welcomes every for attending today's 3rd District Meeting.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp opened the meeting at 12:59 HRS with a salute to the Colors.

3rd District Chaplin R.E Holtz gave the opening prayer.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp read the POW/MIA Chair Remembrance.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp led the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Preamble.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp asked for roll call of Post present.

3rd District Adjutant Robert Emery read the roll call of Posts present. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that Gillman City Post was present so he declared a quorum was present.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp asked for reading of minutes from the last 3rd District Meeting.

Judi Samborski made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with business. Bob Box seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report: 3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski read the 3rd District Finance Report.

CD Balance \$3068.42

Checking Account Balance: \$3907.50

Deductions: \$100.00 – 3rd District Meeting Hosting paid to Post 95

Total Assets: \$6875.92

Finance Report: 3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski talked about receiving a letter from the IRS stating there was a problem with the 990 form she had filed.

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Finance Report: 3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski then talked about sending out Per Capita invoices to the 3rd District Posts soon after the Department Convention.

Finance Report: 3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski answered various questions about the problem with the IRS 990 form. John Kopp talked about the 3rd District not filing its 990's forms for several years.



Ray Nichols asked if maybe the problem was wrong EIN numbers. 3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski reported the problem with the EIN's had been fixed already. Bob Box made a motion to authorize Finance Report: 3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski up to two hundred (\$200) dollars towards getting a tax service help in reviewing the 990 for the 3rd District. The motion was seconded and passed.

Guest:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp introduced Neil Sleeve who just returned from serving six (6) years in Afghanistan and talked about the country, culture, and things the vets were doing to help street kids there.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp thanked Neil for attending the 3rd District Meeting..

Correspondence: None

Membership:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that the 3rd District was in 3rd place in membership in the Department of Missouri but, was down forty (40) members from the same time last year. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that there were eight (8) Post in the 3rd District at or over one hundred (100%) percent.

Missouri Boys State:

3rd District Missouri Boys State Chairman John F. Kopp talked about Missouri Boys State being held June 14 – 21 and anyone interested in visiting Missouri Boys State while it is in session to please contact Marvin Harper.

Oratorical Contest:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported the contestant from Department of Missouri had won the National Oratorical Contest.

Cadet Patrol:

3rd District Cadet Patrol Chairman Bob Box reported that three (3) applicants had been sent in and accepted. 3rd District Cadet Patrol Chairman Bob Box reported that the applicants had been sponsored by Post 58 Smithville, MO.

Americanism: No Report

Sickness and Distress: None reported

Unfinished Business:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that he had sent in Consolidated Post Reports for all the 3rd District Post that had not sent in a report already. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that this made the fifth (5th) year in a row that the 3rd District would have one hundred (100%) percent reporting.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the upcoming Department of Missouri Convention to be held July 10 – 14 in Jefferson City. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that next year the Department of Missouri Convention would be held in Springfield Missouri.



American Legion 100th Anniversary:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the American Legion has provided a web site for Posts to create a page with their individual Post histories.

New Business:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about local radio station 101 the FOX and that every Monday was Veterans Day on the radio station and that the radio station gave away a car to a needy veteran. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp asked everyone that if they knew a needy veteran to please contact the radio station.

Certification of Post Officers Form:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp asked all Posts to get their Post Officer Certification forms send in as soon as possible. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that if a Post did not send in a form they would not get their membership cards. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the schedule for the Department Convention was on the Department of Missouri web site.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the Saint Jude House raffle and that it was a good cause to donate to.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the release of POW Bowe Bergdahl and that the important thing was that he was returned home and that anything else would be settled while he is back home.

Post 626 reported that they were in process of taking over as custodians for the Clay County Veterans Memorial and when they had more information they would be putting it out.

Post 626 talked about putting up an informational display listing what the American Legion does and how veterans can join up.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about Post visits and Post not wanting to brag about all the things they do. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the importance of letting the world know about the good the American Legion does.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the Charities run by the American Legion and that all donations go to the programs and not for running the programs.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the National Emergency Fund (NEF) and that it was in dire need of donations. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the NEF helping veterans and posts. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp asked everyone who could to please donate to the NEF.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp thanked Post 95 for hosting today's 3rd District meeting.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp said that once he had setup a location for the September 3rd District Meeting he would send letters out to all 3rd District Post Adjutants with the meeting information.



Good of the American Legion: No Report

With no further business 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp proceeded to close the 3rd District Meeting in due form.

3rd District Chaplin R.E Holtz gave the closing prayer

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp closed the meeting in due form at 13:58 HRS

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp thanked everyone for attending the 3rd District meeting and Post 95 for hosting the meeting.

Submitted by:

Robert C. Emery
3rd District Adjutant

Approved by:

John F. Kopp
3rd District Commander