



## George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700

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Commander Joseph N. Irons called the regular meeting of George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700 to order @ 1900hrs, Tuesday April 5, 2011. Colors being in place, all members rendered a "Hand Salute". Chaplain Bob Hunt gave the "Opening Prayer". All members recited "The Pledge of Allegiance", followed by the members whom recited "The Preamble of the American Legion".

**Roll Call:** Commander Joseph N. Irons: present, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Ron Reece: present, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Robert F. Wood: excused absent, Barb Beebe will assume his duties for tonight's meeting. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Deb Roehm: present, Chaplain Bob Hunt: present, Historian Ray Beebe: present, Treasurer Charlie Verno: absent and Sgt-at-Arms Gary King: present. **Past Post**

**Commanders present:** Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006, Barb Beebe 2006-2001 and Rob Jensen 1997-2002. Past County Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, and Ray Beebe 2008-2010. Past District Commanders present: Rob Jensen, 2003.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Motioned by Rob Jensen to accept minutes as emailed to members, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Reece, all in favor, motion carried.

**Membership/Treasurers Report:** Charlie Verno reported that the Post paid membership for 2011 as of April 5, 2011 was 422. We are 16 members short of 438 for 96.3%. Post has a bank balance of \$2062.55.

Motioned by Bob Haynes to accept treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Bebee, all in favor, motion carried.

**Back to God:** Bob Hunt reported Floyd Jachimowicz had died he was 25 veteran of the US Army and that Chet Deering is at Lourdes and Fred Raub is home now.

Bob Haynes mentioned that he had a conversation with a young man and said that no one ever had sent a card when his father died. We do have Sympathy cards and Get Well card at our Post. Barbara mentioned that she is placing a flyer, "When Veteran Dies", in the next newsletter so families realize what they need to do upon the death of the family member and will keep some here at the Post for those who receive their newsletter via e-mail and they may pick one up. She also is going to write a letter to the Broome County Funeral Director giving advice to the individual Funeral Homes that when a veteran dies for the family to mention what organization they belong to and if they need an Honor Guard and or the Broome County Memorial Service that it is the protocol for the funeral home to call the organization, request an Honor Guard and or Memorial Service at the cemetery for the family.

Phil Dillenbeck pointed out that past commander Tom Brown's picture needs a gold star and has pointed that out to several people. Ray Beebe said that he ordered a star for that purpose.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Americanism:** Ray Beebe nothing to report.

**Baseball:** Ray Beebe reported that we registered our team with the National Legion via on-line today as required; we have a month to file insurance payment & fees. We also need a new coach, Dave Van Woert will be leaving due to his work scheduling and the fact of baseball teams will be traveling 1st game will be on 7 June 2011. Need to find a field to play baseball on as MEHS 's fields closed due to construction.

**Historian:** Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

**Boys State:** In Jim Davis's absence Barb Beebe mentioned that he had taken the Boys State forms to MEHS and she already has the boy for UEHS and that Col Ben Margolius of the MOAA was interested in sponsoring a Boy also and she would help him to go to the Schools Jim will be back next week. The form for the SAL is in the office for them to pick up and Togo to the schools too as the sponsor one junior. Barb also asked Gary King is he was still interested in taking the Boys State Chairman and that he should come along on the Boys State Bus to familiarize him with the boys to SUNY Morrisville and also to go to the Parade to see the event as it unfolds.

**Honor Guard:** Barb Beebe spoke on behalf of Jim Davis who is out of town. Memorial Day as usual begin a 0700 here at Post - lay Memorial wreath & taps – Honor Guard will march to West Endicott's GFJ Monument repeat ceremony - then come back to drive to Union Center and repeat the Memorial Ceremony. We'll ask West Endicott Fire Dept to escort again as last year.

The Endicott Parade will form up at Huron Parking lot at 10:00 am, step off at 10:30 am, march down Washington Avenue to the Endicott Veterans Memorial Park for service at 11:00 afterwards go to Vestal take part in their ceremony. Then at 2 PM go to Binghamton to parade in Broome County parade if there is one ; as having difficulty the Binghamton's levying a cost on the American Legion members to parade. Sandra Junker will let us know if a parade will happen this year.

**House/Kitchen:** Bob Haynes reported that Friday nights are doing well. Need a new air conditioner that may run between \$7,000.00 - \$10,050.00. Will put tarp on Pavilion roof for now; if we spend over \$10,000 in a year must ask permission from NYS Wagering Board. Cmdr Irons complimented Bob on his work for the Post.

**Junior Shooting:** Rob Jensen reported Rob mentioned that our Jr Shooters are no longer attached to the 4H group. That he is seeking a place to hold his group and knows of 3 Posts in the area who are not active and may be able to get their equipment; more to follow as time goes by. Ron & Cmdr Irons will meet after the meeting for more details.

**Hands Across The Border:** Barbara Beebe reported the Goodwill Days 20-22 May and that the color guard will take part in the parade and asked if the Post could place an ad in the Goodwill Booklet as it is the 60th Anniversary & Post 1700 had taken part in it for over 30 years, and that last year we received a 3rd Place trophy for the OUTSIDE PARTY. A motion by Ron Reece to place on ad for \$60.00, 2nd by Ray Beebe, all approved, motion carried.

**Scholarships:** Jim Davis absent, nothing to report.

**Oratorical:** Barb Beebe had nothing to report.

**Law & Order:** Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

**POW/MIA:** Barb Beebe had nothing to report.

**Old Business:** Election of Post Officers will consist of three months of nominations (February, March, April). All positions are asked three times each for nominations.

<u>Office of Position</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Accept/Decline Nomination</u>
Commander	Bob Hunt	Joe Irons	Accepted - Feb
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr	Barb Beebe	Bob Wood	Accepted - Feb
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr	Ray Nabinger	Debbie Roehm	Declined - Feb
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr	Gary King	Ron Reece	Declined - Mar
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr	Ray Nabinger	Debbie Roehm	Declined - Feb
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr	Debbie Roehm	Bob Haynes	Declined - Feb
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr	Gary King	Ron Reece	Accepted - Mar
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr	Joe Irons	Debbie Roehm	Accepted - Feb
Historian	Barb Beebe	Ray Beebe	Accepted - Feb
Treasurer	Phil Dillenbeck	Gary King	Declined - Feb
Treasurer	Ray Nabinger	Bob Wood	Declined - Feb
Treasurer	Gary King	Charlie Verno	Accepted - Mar
Chaplain	Ray Beebe	Barb Beebe	Accepted - Feb
Chaplain	Ray Nabinger	Bob Hunt	Accepted - Feb
Sgt at Arms	Bob Haynes	Gary King	Accepted - Feb
Sgt at Arms	Phil Dillenbeck	Rob Jensen	Accepted - Feb

Next meeting will announce the new officers and be sworn in. May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2-7PM voting will take place at the Post.

**New Business:** Butch Nabinger reported that 50 raffle tickets were sold. He didn't expect to sell another 400 tickets from now to the drawing date. If someone else wants to take over for him, go right ahead and provided all the information of who bought tickets. He turned the tickets and the money to Cmdr Irons.

Debbie Roehm received an email from Pete Cawley's daughter as a result of our last newsletter. She had a question of the last man club which Debbie didn't know what that was. She was asking if her father was the last man standing at the Post. Gary King said there are more than one but he thought that her father was in the first cabinet. Butch Nabinger said there are about six left in that cabinet. So Debbie said that she will inform her of her findings.

Checking on information from Doug's Fish Fry for a fund raiser for the Post.

Also for the Spring Thing Trivia Thing gets together (April 30<sup>th</sup>), Pat VanWezenbeeck is asking for baby photos of legion members for a guess who this is contest. If you want have to bring, leave it at the bar for Pat.

**Correspondence:** Letter from Mom's House asking for a donation - Ronald Hopkins made a motion to give \$50.00, 2nd by Bob Hunt all in favor , motion passed.

**For the Good of the Legion:** Bob Haynes reported that Post Cleanup will be May 14<sup>th</sup>. June 11<sup>th</sup> the Pig Roast, tickets are \$10.00 for Legion Family Members. June 14 Flag Day - Barb mentioned we go to Maine Memorial & Homer Brink. Cmdr Irons stated that there will be a Flag retirement ceremony in the evening and will invite Fire Dept also the Legion Riders. Gary King will be sending out post cards for a membership meeting, scheduled for May 22.

Ray Beebe motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Roehm. Chaplain Bob Hunt gave the "Closing Prayer", Commander Irons gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Irons at 1959 hrs.