



**George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700**  
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Commander Robert F. Wood called the regular meeting of George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700 to order @ 1900hrs, Tuesday, April 1, 2014. Colors being in place, all members rendered a "Hand Salute". Cmdr Wood 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 Bob Wood: Present, 1st Vice Commander & Service Officer: Ray Nabinger: Present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: Present, 3rd Vice Commander Debbie Roehm: Present, Chaplain Bob Hunt: Absent, Historian Ray Beebe: Absent, Treasurer Charlie Verno: Absent, Sgt-at-Arms Jerry Robinson: Absent.

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger, Joe Irons and Jimmy Davis.

Past County Commanders present: Ray Nabinger.

Past District Commander present: Rob Jensen.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Motioned by Ray Nabinger to accept minutes, 2nd by Joe Irons, all in favor, motion carried.

**Membership/Treasurer's Report:** No report was given.

**Back to God: Sick Call:** Cmdr Wood remembered members who entered Post Everlasting: Daniel Dellapenta – Korea – Army and Edward Shaughnessy – WWII - Army Air Corps.

**Visitation:** Ray Nabinger introduced John Knapp, candidate for Broome County Commander.

**Committee Reports:**

**Americanism:** NSTR

**Baseball:** NSTR

**Good Will Days:** NSTR

**POW/MIA:** NSTR

**Boys State:** David Jensen reported that Union-Endicott has three students who would like to attend. He will be meeting with the students in the next couple weeks.

**Oratorical:** Joe Irons reported that he sent a letter to the schools principals concerning oratorical. He is trying to get the school administrators and parents interested in the program.

**Homeland Security:** NSTR

**House/Kitchen:** Cmdr Wood reported that fish dinners are going well. Darts has concluded and Ray Nabinger discussed starting another darts league. Ray mentioned that some Members have suggested that we increase the price of the spaghetti dinner. Prices have gone up due to minimum wage.

**Color Guard:** Jimmy Davis reported that Bob Haynes will handling Post Color Guard until Charles Duvall takes over.

**Scholarship:** Debbie Rhoem reported that the scholarship paperwork has been changed to reflect the name change.

**Junior Shooting:** Pete Mateway reported that the Junior Shooter will be hosting the NYS BB Gun Championship at the Binghamton Rifle Club.

**Correspondence:** The Adjutant read a thank you letter from Mrs. Kondrach, a golf tournament invitation, a letter from the Shriner's concerning the circus and an invitation for the Bradford Co. Veterans appreciation day. Broome County will be hosting their annual Veterans of Distinction event on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Post will to sponsor a Member to attend.

The Adjutant read a letter from Treasurer Charlie Verno. The letter stated that he will accept a nomination for the position of Treasurer/Membership if and only if no one else accepts the nomination.

**Old Business:**

Cmdr Bob Wood opened the 3<sup>rd</sup> call for nominations for Post Officers.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Person Nominated</u>	<u>Accept/Decline</u>
<b>Commander:</b>	Ray Nabinger	Bob Wood	Accepted
	Joe Irons	Ray Nabinger	Declined
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:</b>	Joe Irons	Ray Nabinger	Accepted
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:</b>	Debbie Roehm	Ron Reece	Accepted
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander:</b>	Ray Nabinger	Debbie Roehm	Declined
	Ray Nabinger	David Jensen	Declined
	Joe Irons	Charles Duvall	Accepted
<b>Chaplain:</b>	Ray Beebe	Barb Beebe	Accepted
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Joe Irons	Ray Beebe	Declined/Office not filled
<b>Historian:</b>	Ray Nabinger	Ray or Barb Beebe	Declined
	Ray Nabinger	Joe Irons	Accepted
<b>Sgt At Arms:</b>	Jerry Robinson	Jerry Robinson	Accepted

Cmdr Wood called three times for nominations for Post Commander. Seeing that there were no further nominations, Ray Nabinger motioned that the Adjutant cast one vote for Bob Wood for the position of Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Jensen, all in favor, motion carried.

Cmdr Wood read Charles Verno's proxy letter accepting position of Treasurer if no-one took the position. There was discussion among several Members as to what would happen if no one accepted the nomination for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander. Ray Nabinger accepted the nomination for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice. Joe Irons mentioned that current Treasurer has not attended a Post meeting in several months. According to the Post Bylaws, Post Officers cannot miss more than three meeting in a year.

Seeing there were no more nominations, Cmdr Wood ended the call for nominations. No nominations for Treasurer were made. Ray Nabinger motioned that the Adjutant cast one vote for each accepted nomination, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Jensen, all in favor, motion carried.

Ray Nabinger discussed the proposed changes to the Post Bylaws. Under the proposed changes, the Commander will be selected for a two year term. Also, the Commander will be able to appoint Officers in the case of a vacancy. Joe Irons noted that the Pledge of Allegiance and POW/MIA Remembrance will be added to the list of tasks that must be performed at a Post meeting.

Cmdr Wood and Ray Nabinger discussed the Post's failure to nominate a Treasurer. It was agreed that the issue should be handled by the Executive Committee. Rob Jensen suggested that the Post finances are audited before turning over the books to a new Treasurer.

#### **New Business:**

David Jensen reported that he attended Hill Days since Barb and Ray Beebe were unable to attend.

#### **For the Good of the Legion:**

Ray Nabinger spoke about the contributions of John Knapp to the American Legion. Mr. Knapp is a second generation Legionnaire who has served in multiple leadership capacities in both the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion.

Fish Dinners, Every Friday through Lent, 5:30-7:30PM.

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 8-11AM.

Pasta Dinner, Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-7PM.

Twin Tiers Honor Flight, BC Airport, Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Easter Egg Hunt, Post 1700, Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Broome County Meeting, Post 1254, Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

NYS Jr. Shooters BB Gun Championship, Binghamton Rifle Club, Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Post Cleanup Day, Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9AM.

Commander Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Acting Chaplain Joe Irons gave the benediction. Meeting adjourned by Commander Wood, at 1938 hrs.

For God and Country.

Adjutant David Jensen