



## 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 June 1, 2010. Colors being in place, all members rendered a "Hand Salute" and recited "The Pledge of Allegiance". Chaplain Robert Hunt gave the "Opening Prayer", followed by the members whom recited "The Preamble of the American Legion".

Sgt At Arms Gary King presented Deputy Sheriff Kevin D. Smith to the Post. Barb Beebe explained that the American Legion has a program entitled 'Law and Order' to recognize an emergency service person such as policeman, fireman or an EMT. A certificate of merit was presented to Deputy Sheriff Kevin D. Smith on behalf of Post 1700 and 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: present, 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, James Davis 1990-1992, Barbara J. Beebe 2006-2010, and Rob Jensen. Past County Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barbara J. Beebe 2004-2005 and Ray Beebe 2008-2010. Past District Commanders present: Rob Jensen.

**Reading of the Minutes:** The May 4, 2010 Adjutant Bob Wood read minutes. Motion made by Ray Beebe to accept the minutes as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Davis, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Membership Chairman Charlie Verno was absent therefore no report given.

**Treasurers Report:** Charlie Verno was absent Commander Joe Irons said the reports would be given at the next meeting in September.

**Back to God:** Chaplain Bob Hunt reported: John Krevanic past away and that Ray Nabinger is back home and at this meeting.

**Activities:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Ron Reece reported Johnny Stars will be DJ only one Friday night a month, most likely the last Friday of the month through-out the summer. The bar is doing well.

**Baseball:** Ray Beebe had nothing new to report. He referred to Jim Davis, County Chairman to report from a recent meeting. Umpire contract negotiations were difficult. State committee

is support the County dealing with this matter. Legion baseball will be starting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Schedules will be in the newspaper if you are interested in seeing some games.

**Boys State:** Ed Cunningham excused, Barb Beebe reported: we have four boys going to Boys State: three from Maine-Endwell and one from Union-Endicott. Boys State will be the last week of June at Morrisville State College.

**Honor Guard:** Jim Davis reported that they received a third place trophy for 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Good Will Days in Canada.

**Scholarships:** Jim Davis reported two students from UE and two students from ME were recently awarded.

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

**House:** Bob Haynes was absent; Commander Irons asked Ron Reece if he had any information. Nothing to report for this month, next month will be grillin on the deck.

**Kitchen:** Bob Haynes was absent, no report given.

**Junior Shooting:** Rob Jensen reported: We getting reading a team of shooters that will be going to Rogers, Arkansas to participate in the National BB gun championship. They will be leaving on the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month. Actual competition will conclude on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Law & Order:** Post 1700 is sponsoring a Sherriff's Deputy with the Broome County Sherriff's Department as officer of the year; Deputy Kevin D. Smith has been a deputy for 17 years and there is a letter of recommendation by Broome County Sheriff David Harder. Motion made by Bob Haynes to accept letter from Sheriff Harder recommending Deputy Smith for Department of New York American Legion Police Officer of the Year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Hunt, all in favor, motion carried.

**POW/MIA:** Commander Beebe Remembrance Day will be the 3rd Friday in September. Will be contacting Matt \*\*\*\*\* mother and invite her as my guest to the ceremony.

**Old Business:** None to report.

**New Business:** Sgt At Arms Gary King presented a proposal to the membership committee to give a letter to new members. He read the letter to the members and suggested that the preamble to the US Constitution, the American Legion Constitution and the America's Creed be included with the letter. Barb Beebe motioned to continue with the proposal. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Hunt. Discussion of proposal: Debbie Roehm asked whom or group will be responsible to give the letter out to new members. Commander Irons said that a membership committee should be doing that and the post officers should be involved also. The by-laws were changed to have the finance officer to be in charged of membership. Suggested that the post officers get together and discuss how to implement it. All in favor, motion carried.

Ray Nabinger thanked everyone that sent him cards and visited him in the hospital. He said that he's been going to Good Will Days for the last 42 years and couldn't remember that Post 1700 received an award. For the 60<sup>th</sup> Good Will Days at Alexandria Bay, Ray wants the Post to sponsor the Maloney Bag Pipe Band. That there will be approximately 30 hotel rooms if not more up there. Suggest that a raffle that Dave Lindsey puts on has about 250 tickets for \$100 each. The County and or the Post 1700 should sponsor the hold thing. He takes in \$25,000 and gives out \$15,000 for about 7 or 8 places. \$10,000 first place goes down to \$250 prizes. If 180 tickets are not sold then no raffle will not take place. Motioned by Ray Nabinger to have a raffle to help sponsor the Maloney Bag Pipe Band to go to Good Will Days at Alexandria Bay next year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Beebe. Bob Hunt wanted to know who would be chairman of the committee. Ray Nabinger said probably someone from the Maloney Band and someone from the post. All in favor, motion carried. Ray said that he'd contact Gary Denmon and Ed Maloney to get things in motion. Ray also wants to have Barb Beebe on the committee for hotel reservation.

**Correspondence:** Broome County Parks & Recreation has relocated several flags in front of the Arena and moving the Vietnam Memorial from the east to the west side of the building. Erecting a new enclosure to honor all veterans. They are asking for uniforms, memorabilia or weapons and for the enclosure also any monetary contributions should contact Joe Coffey representing the Broome County Board of Directors. The uniforms or memorabilia should be given to them by mid July.

A stage at George W. Johnson Park in Endicott with the help of Assemblywoman Donna Lepardo was dedicated. Created to resemble the old EJ summer concert events, calling it the 'Stage of Little Italy'. And are asking for donations for upkeep. Commander Irons asked if anyone wanted to make a motion to make a contribution to the Village of Endicott. No one spoke up, so no motion was made.

52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Apalachin Fireman Field Days, having a parade on June 12<sup>th</sup>, judging floats, color guard will be taking place. If anyone wants to participate or not, return the postcard by June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Broome County American Legion Auxiliary installation dinner will be June 14<sup>th</sup> Gray Street in Binghamton, contact Diana Craig, for reservation for \$16.00 respond by June 9<sup>th</sup>, no refunds.

Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> a Vietnam Veteran Memorial Highway beginning at 10 Marvin Park in Owego ending in Fairhaven, NY going up Route 38. Anyone can participate.

**For the Good of The Legion:** Commander Irons read the many accomplishments of Barbara Beebe to be made known to the nomination committee for the 6<sup>th</sup> District of the American Legion of New York. Commander Irons asked for a motion, Bob Hunt made a motion to endorse Barbara Beebe. Rob Jenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

Broome County convention June 6<sup>th</sup>, SAL will have here also, downstairs. The 6<sup>th</sup> District convention will be June 13<sup>th</sup> in Cortland. State convention will be July 14-17 in Syracuse.

Deb Roehm and Bob Wood will be attending the American Legion College at Morrisville State College June 11-13<sup>th</sup>.

Group from the Learning Center at St. Anthony Padua stopped by the post to drop off some personal artistic pieces from the children created for Memorial Day to honor the men and women of the armed services. Barbara Beebe suggested sending them to the Krause brothers in Afghanistan and asking for their email address so the children can correspond with them.

Barbara Beebe will be in jail for the MDA and is asking for donations to be sprung. Rob Jenson suggested passing the hat. Bob Hunt made a motion to pass the hat around for donations for Barb to get out of jail. Rob Jenson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Commander Irons asked Barb Beebe to introduce Ron Terry to the post as president of the OVV. And their meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.

Ray Beebe wanted to know if there was going to be a retirement ceremony for the flags, since Flag Day will be on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Rob Jenson said that the 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day and something should have been planned out by now. Commander Irons said that there wasn't any time to do that. Ray said that we have many left over from last year and they are piling up. Commander Irons will try to get some members together for a retirement ceremony in the near future and invite all the members, OVV, OVA, Laotians, Submarine members.

Chaplain Bob Hunt gave the "Closing Prayer" and Commander Joseph N. Irons gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Irons at 2020 hrs.

For God and Country.

Robert F. Wood. Adjutant