



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, March 4th, 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: Present, Historian Ray Beebe: Present, Treasurer Charlie Verno: Absent, Sgt-at-Arms Jerry Robinson: Present.

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Barb Beebe 2006-2010, Joe Irons 2010-2012.

Past County Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, Ray Beebe 2008-2010.

Past District Commanders present: Rob Jensen 2003, Barb Beebe 2012.

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

Membership/Treasurer's Report: Adjutant David Jensen reported for Treasurer Charlie Verno that Post paid membership for 2014 as of 3/4/14 is 363. We are 37 members short of 400 for 91%. The Post has a bank balance of \$2121.69; Good of the Legion balance is \$108.00.

Motioned by Ray Nabinger to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Joe Irons, all in favor, motion carried.

Back to God: Sick Call: Chaplain Bob Hunt and Cmdr Wood remembered members who entered Post Everlasting: Roger E. Lilli – WWII- Army and George Kondrach – WWII – Army.

Visitation: Broome County Commander Joe Irons and Broome County 1st Vice Commander Tom Ryan were welcomed to Post 1700.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe reported on several legislative issues. The Legion is continuing to fight to legally protect the American Flag from desecration. The Legion is also advocating for Veterans' benefits, Veteran homelessness resources, and maintaining Tricare benefits.

Baseball: Tom Ryan informed the Post that there will be a coaches meeting on March 15th at 10AM at Post 89.

Good Will Days: Barb Beebe reported that there are some Legionnaires who are trying to get Good Will Days back together. Barb noted it is important that someone from the Post read the obituaries every day. The Post should try to send someone to every Veteran's funeral.

POW/MIA: NSTR

Boys State: NSTR

Oratorical: The oratorical contest will be November 16th.

Homeland Security: NSTR

House/Kitchen: Butch Nabinger reported that the spaghetti dinners have been successful. Butch noted the spaghetti dinners also bring customers to the bar and profit the house through alcohol sales.

Color Guard: Ray Nabinger formally introduced Charles Duvall, who will be leading the Broome County Color Guard.

Scholarship: Jim Davis reported that he will send out the scholarship applications at the end of the month. Some Members were not aware that the Post changed the scholarship's name to the "Bruce A. Beebe Memorial Scholarship." Jim also discussed Memorial Day and the potential movement of the Union Center WWII Monument.

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen and Pete Mateway reported that our Jr. Shooters performed well at the State Championship in Cicero. The BB gun championship will be in April at the Binghamton Rifle Club.

Correspondence: The Adjutant read a letter from Department concerning the annual dues increase. Since dues are increasing by \$5, the Adjutant will send correspondence to Department notifying them of such.

Old Business:

Cmdr Bob Wood opened the 2nd call for nominations for Post Officers.

Position	Nominated by	Person Nominated	Accept/Decline
Commander:	Butch Nabinger	Bob Wood	Accepted
	Joe Irons	Butch Nabinger	Declined
1st Vice Commander:	Joe Irons	Butch Nabinger	Differed to next meeting
2nd Vice Commander:	Debbie Roehm	Ron Reece	Accepted
3rd Vice Commander:	Butch Nabinger	Debbie Roehm	Declined
	Butch Nabinger	David Jensen	Declined
	Joe Irons	Charles Duvall	Accepted
Chaplain:	Ray Beebe	Barb Beebe	Accepted
Treasurer:	Joe Irons	Ray Beebe	Declined
Historian:	Butch Nabinger	Ray or Barb Beebe	Declined
	Butch Nabinger	Joe Irons	Accepted
Sgt At Arms:	Jerry Robinson	Jerry Robinson	Accepted

Seeing there were no more nominations, Cmdr Wood suspended the call for nominations to the next Post meeting. The 3rd and last call for nominations will be conducted at the April 1st Post meeting.

New Business: Rob Jensen noted that there were several incorrect dates in the February minutes.

For the Good of the Legion:

Butch Nabinger expressed his disapproval of the re-naming of the Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena. The name of the Arena should represent all Veterans, not just Mr. Maines. Butch stated he would like the issue to be brought up at the County meeting. Joe Irons noted that the late Floyd Maines is a distinguished WWII Veteran. Adj. David Jensen stated that the Post had received a letter from County Executive Preston several months before and the letter was read at the Post meeting. Butch also said the US should stay out of the Ukraine conflict.

Cmdr Wood read certificates from National Legion congratulating members on their years of continual membership. The certificates were for Robert Gritsavage (60 years), Robert Donovan (60 years), Gerald Conity (50 years). The recipients will be invited to receive the certificates at the April meeting or the Post will deliver them personally.

Joe Irons motioned to give \$50 dollars to Barb and Ray Beebe to cover expenses for Hill Days, 2nd by Rob Jensen, all in favor, motion carried.

- Fish Dinners, Every Friday through Lent, 5:30-7:30PM.
- Pitch Tournament, Sunday, March 9th at 1PM at Post 1700.
- Broome County Legion Meeting, Monday, March 10th at 7PM at Post 89.
- Legislative Hill Days, Tuesday, March 18th in Albany.
- Mary Tewksbury Performance, Saturday March 22nd 3:00-5:30 PM.
- Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, April 6th 8-11AM.
- Spaghetti Dinner, Monday, April 7th 5-7PM.

Commander Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Chaplain Hunt gave the benediction. Meeting adjourned by Commander Wood, at 1955 hrs.

For God and Country.
Adjutant David Jensen