



## 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 May 3, 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: present, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Deb Roehm: present, Chaplain Bob Hunt: present, Historian Ray Beebe: present, Treasurer Charlie Verno: present and Sgt-at-Arms Gary King: present. **Past Post Commanders present:** Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Jim Davis 1990-1992, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006, Barb Beebe 2006-2010 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 Butch Nabinger to accept minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Beebe, all in favor, motion carried.

**Membership/Treasurers Report:** Charlie Verno reported that the Post paid membership for 2011 as of May 2, 2011 was 425. We are 13 members short of 438 for 97%. Post has a bank balance as of May 2, 2011 of \$1,474.05.

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

**Back to God:** Bob Hunt reported that he was unaware of any deaths of members. Charlie Verno said Raymond Minni passed away. Ray Beebe reported that Chet Dearing is still in the hospital.

### Committee Reports:

**Americanism:** Ray Beebe reported Memorial Day is coming up, if you have a flag, get them out. This is to honor veterans who gave their lives for their country. Honor Guard will be changing flags at the Post at 7:00 AM, then march to West Endicott, change the flag. Go to Union Center to change the flag there. Jim Davis said the Endicott parade line up will be at 10:00 AM in the Huron parking lot. Parade begins at 10:30 ending up at Endicott Veterans Memorial for a ceremony there.

**Baseball:** Ray Beebe reported that Post 1700 will not be able to field a team. There's no coach, field to use and only have 8 boys for a team, you need 18 for a team. Post 82 will have a team. Bob Wood asked if any money has been paid out yet, Ray said the team was only registered, no money was paid out? Charlie Verno asked what is going to be done about the equipment and uniforms. Ray said he talked to the former coach tonight to be sure of his decision not to coach the team, also to have the uniforms and equipment returned. He said that he would be getting back with Ray on that.

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

**Boys State:** Barb Beebe and Jim Davis reported that the Legion has two boys, SAL have one. Paperwork has to be turned into at the County meeting.

**Honor Guard:** Jim Davis said the Ray Beebe covered what would be going on for Memorial Day.

**Scholarships:** Jim Davis reported that the paperwork that's out there hasn't been picked up yet. Probably next week he will check to see if anyone requested a scholarship.

**House\Kitchen:** Bob Haynes reported Friday Nite Dinners are done with great success. Pig Roast will be on June 11<sup>th</sup>, Post Cleanup Day will be May 14<sup>th</sup>. He hasn't heard anything yet from the vendor on the air conditioner for the hall when they are going to start the installation. Lawncare contract was delivered today. Ice machine was fixed.

**Junior Shooting:** Rob Jensen reported the Binghamton Rifle Club is offering their place for shooting. He'll be working on the insurance and need equipment to continue.

**Hands Across The Border:** Barb Beebe reported it will be on June 20-22, 2011 at Alexandria Bay, NY. Have hotel reservations at the Otter Creek Inn for the Color Guard. Also have the Map Quest directions and itinerary.

**POW/MIA:** Barb Beebe had nothing to report. Cmdr Irons said that the Post owes about \$2300.00 on the Memorial. He said that Gary King will be having a meeting with the SAL and Auxiliary to see what we can do together. Maggie Gagliardi said that at the end of monthly breakfasts, the proceeds are split up three ways between the Post, Auxiliary and SAL. The total amount of the proceeds could pay off the Memorial. So Cmdr Irons said that the Auxiliary and the SAL will donate their proceeds along with the Post's share to finally pay off the loan by June. Cmdr Irons motioned to use the Post's third of the breakfast proceeds to help pay off the loan for the POW/MIA Memorial. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Jensen, all in favor, motion carried.

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

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

**Old Business:** Butch Nabinger reported that the raffle tickets reimbursements are ready to go back to 17 members with the \$200.00 from the bank account. Each will receive a check from the Post. Susan Testa's check of \$25.00 wants to have \$5.00 donated to the Auxiliary Cancer Fund. The \$20.00 will be returned to her. Bob Wood will be making an insert explaining to all who bought tickets that the minimum amount of tickets were not sold and their money will be returned to them. Once Bob does that Butch will stuff the enveloped with the insert and who ever makes the checks out he will send them out. Gary King and Paula Shofkom didn't want their money back. Charlie Verno said that he has nothing to do with that account; it's not Post's money. Butch was instructed by Cmdr Irons to bring all he had to the Adjutant and it will be taken care of.

Butch stated that he was informed that he couldn't go the Hands Across the Border because he doesn't parade that much anymore. Also Joe Taylor couldn't go for the same reason. There are five members of

the Color Guard that have been chosen to go. Butch also questioned money paid to Post members that went to Mid-Winter Conference last January. It was explained how everyone was paid by Cmdr Irons and verified by Treasurer Charlie Verno.

The elections of Post Officers were to be from 2:00 to 7:00 PM today. It was discovered that members who wanted to vote from 2:00 to about 4:30 were not able to vote due to extenuating circumstances. After conferring with the Compliance Officer, Charlie Verno the positions of Chaplain and Sgt at Arms were asked if one of the two candidates would be will to withdraw their nomination. Cmdr Irons informed Barb Beebe, Bob Hunt, Gary King and Rob Jenson of the need for someone to remove them from the ballot. Bob Hunt said he would withdraw for the position of Chaplain; Ron Jensen withdrew for the position of Sgt at Arms. So Adjutant Bob Wood casted one for Barb Beebe as Chaplain, casted one vote for Gary King as Sgt at Arms. Cmdr Irons said that installation of officers will be after this meeting.

Other Post Officers elected are for Commander: Joseph N. Irons, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr: Robert F. Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr: Ron Reece, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr: Debbie Roehm, Treasurer: Charlie Verno and Historian: Ray Beebe.

Gary King reported that invitations have been mailed to 41 existing members (including Auxiliary & SAL), 48 existing Post 1 members for the Membership Open House being held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Final meeting will be held next Wednesday at 6:30.

**New Business:** None at this time.

**Correspondence:** Donna Ciacio, Bill Gasbarra's daughter representing the Baden Powell Council Advisory Committee for five years and requesting Post 1700 to make a donation to support the scouting programs. Phil Dillenbeck made a motion to donate \$50.00 for the scouting program. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Haynes, all in favor, motion carried.

Tribute Ride on the Vietnam Veterans VFW Memorial Highway of Valor on July 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:00 AM, Marvin Park, Owego. Everyone is invited to join, bring your bike, trucks, planes and helicopters.

**For the Good of the Legion:** Debbie Roehm said there will be a meeting on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 for the Family Picnic in August.

County meeting will be at Post 1194, Hillcrest this coming Monday at 7:00 PM. Charlie Verno made a point that County owes us \$50.00 for a needy veteran we sponsored, we owe County \$31.00 for PUFL for a net of \$19.00 still owed to the Post. Cmdr Irons said he will take care of that.

Barb Beebe received from the Endicott Sertoma Club the "Service to Mankind" because of doing volunteer work for "Meals on Wheels" program and other volunteer work for veterans. Barb received proclamations from Endicott Mayor John Bertoni, Congressman Maurice Hinchey and Congresswoman Donna Lupardo. Barb said that without her husband Ray this award would not have been possible.

Bob Haynes asked who was responsible for the vote of officers. Compliance Officer Charlie Verno said it's the responsibility of the Adjutant. Bob Wood said he was not aware of the responsibility, apologized to the members and the Post for 'dropping the ball on this'. Cmdr Irons said there was someone appointed to handle the ballot box at 2:00 PM. Obviously that didn't happen. A lesson learned and won't happen again.

Past County Commander 1984-1985 Butch Nabinger sworn in the newly elected Post Officers. They are Commander: Joseph N. Irons, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr: Robert F. Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr: Ron Reece, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr: Debbie Roehm, Chaplain: Barbara Beebe, Historian: Ray Beebe, Treasurer: Charlie Verno, Sgt At Arms: Gary King. Chaplain Bob Hunt gave a prayer for the new officers. Meeting was turned over to the new Commander Joseph N. Irons.

Chaplain Barb Beebe gave the "Closing Prayer", Commander Irons gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Irons at 20:00 hrs.