



**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, October 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 Bob Wood: Present, 1st Vice Commander & Service Officer: Butch Nabinger: Present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: Present, 3rd Vice Commander Debbie Roehm: Absent, 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, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006, Barb Beebe 2009-2010, Joe Irons 2010-2012. Past County Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, Ray Beebe 2008-2010.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Motioned by Ray Nabinger to accept minutes, 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 9/30/13 is 237. We are 163 members short of 400 for 59%. The Post has a bank balance of \$2721.65; Good of the Legion balance is \$907.00.

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

**Back to God: Sick Call:** Chaplain Hunt reported that there were no members who have passed away in the last month.

**Committee Reports:**

**Americanism:** NSTR

**Baseball:** Ray Beebe discussed the new baseball complex that Maine Endwell School District is considering building.

**Historian:** NSTR

**Good Will Days:** Ray Nabinger reported that anyone interested in going next year should contact him. A passport is now required to enter Canada.

**POW/MIA:** Barb Beebe reported on the success of the POW/MIA Ceremony. Cmdr Wood thanked Joe Irons for his hard work organizing the event.

**Boys State:** School Master's Dinner will be November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Oratorical:** Joe Irons reported on future efforts to recruit students for oratorical. Barb Beebe noted that she was invited to speak to a group of homeschoolers and that they may be potential recruits for oratorical.

**House/Kitchen:** NSTR

**Color Guard:** Jimmy Davis reported that there is no longer a Post color guard. Joe Irons reported that the County is trying to put together a Color Guard. Charles Duvall will be leading the County Color Guard. Ray Beebe discussed forming a Post Color Guard to serve at the funerals of Post Members.

**Scholarship:** NSTR

**Junior Shooting:** Barb Beebe reported that Rob Jensen was not able to attend due to flooding at his house. There are 12 shooters who are practicing at the Binghamton Rifle Club and will be competing in the Army Regional Match.

Joe Irons read the Junior Shooter awards presented to the Post at the State Convention. Barb Beebe suggested that the shooters attend the next County meeting to receive the awards.

**Correspondence:** Adjutant David Jensen read the correspondence. Mrs. McQuade sent a letter thanking the Post for the POW/MIA Ceremony. Letters were also read concerning the Navy Ball, Mom's House and the BC Bar Association.

**Old Business:** Ray Nabinger brought up the increase in Department dues by five dollars. There was discussion of future increases by Department and National. Joe Irons motioned to increase dues to \$42 next year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Robinson. There was further discussion concerning whether the Post should raise dues and how Members should be informed of any dues increase. It was agreed that the subject should be addressed at a future meeting when more information is known about Department and National dues. Joe Irons withdrew the motion. No vote was taken.

**New Business:** Joe Irons reported on the effects of the government shutdown on local and national VA services.

Cmdr Wood read the first calling of nominations for the Square Deal Association Board of Directors. The members whose term is expiring are Ray Nabinger, Gary King and Joe Irons.

Joe Irons nominated Jerry Robinson, nomination accepted.

Ray Beebe nominated Ray Nabinger, nomination deferred.

Joe Irons nominated Bob Hunt, nomination accepted.

Seeing there were no more nominations, Cmdr Wood closed the first calling of nominations.

**For the Good of the Legion:** Jimmy Davis reported that he had been in contact with the magician who visits schools with an anti-drug and alcohol message. He asked if there was money in the budget for the school drug and alcohol program. Cmdr Wood responded that there is no money in the budget for the specific program but that we could use For the Good of the Legion funds for that purpose. Joe Irons motioned to appropriate \$300 to the school drug and alcohol program, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Hunt, all in favor, motion carried.

Barb Beebe asked if there was money in the Post budget for the National and Department Commander visits. Cmdr Wood informed that it was no longer included in the budget. Barb discussed the need for Members to get "off their bar stool" and get more active in the Post. Joe Irons motioned that we give the National and Department Commander a \$100 donation each, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Beebe, all in favor, motion carried.

Ray Nabinger reported on the success of the spaghetti dinners. Ray discussed his frustration with the Board of Directors and informed the Post he is resigning as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander. Ray stated that he will not resign as Service Officer.

ALR Chili Cookoff, Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 5PM at Post 1700.

National Commander Dinner, Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 3PM at Post 1645.

County Meeting, Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 7PM at Post 1305.

Department Commander Lunch, Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM at Post 1700.

Department Commander Dinner, Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 7PM at Post 89.

Veteran's Day Ceremony, November 11<sup>th</sup> 11AM at Endicott Memorial.

Endicott Veteran's Day Parade, November 11<sup>th</sup> 7PM on Washington Avenue.

School Master's Dinner, Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 6PM at Post 1254.

Chaplain Bob Hunt gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Wood, at 2011 hrs.

For God and Country.

Adjutant David Jensen