

**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**George F. Johnson Post 1700**  
**305 Maple Street, W. Endicott, NY 13760**

**Membership Meeting – January 03, 2023**

The members were called to attention by Post Commander, Dave Williams, and the members saluted the Flag. Members uncovered as Joe Irons offered an opening prayer. The members remained uncovered and recited “The Pledge of Allegiance”. The members then recovered and recited “The Preamble of the American Legion”. The Commander gave three raps of the mallet and the members sat down. The meeting was opened.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** (V= voting member)

Commander: Dave Williams (V) – present

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Ron Reece (V) – present

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice & Sgt at Arms: (V) Robert Haynes – present

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice: Robert Kollar - present

Treasurer, Judge Advocate:

Adjutant & Membership Officer: Gary King – present

Chaplin & Service Officer: Doug Adams – present

Post Historian: Gary Denmon (SAL) – excused

Post Members: Joseph Irons, Ken Vandermark

Quorum is made: Yes

Past Post Commanders present: Joseph Irons

Past Broome County Commanders present: Joseph Irons

District Officers present:

Past Dept of New York Officers present:

Guest Speaker:

**POST MEMBERSHIP:** (Gary King)

- 180 members for 2023.

**FINANCE REPORTS:** (

- No report

**UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- The December Post meeting minutes corrected as follows:  
ORATORICAL: Joe Irons reported he did NOT find any candidates. (*the word NOT was missing.*)

**COMMITTEES**

**BACK TO GOD:**

- Charlie Verno passed away on December 15, 2022.

**AMERICANISM:** (Joe Irons)

- Joe Irons stated he will be issuing a certificate America Rental Co., Vestal, for flying the US flag. At a request, he will be presenting the certificate at one of their staff meeting.

**BELL JAR:** (Bob Haynes)

- There were 9 games for a total of \$6,366. There is \$40,382 in the Bell Jar account..

**BOY'S STATE:** (Joe Irons)

- Classes will be held in Morrisville. Info fliers will be sent to Posts. Joe reported their will be more action after the Mid-Winter Conference

**SERVICE OFFICER:** (Doug Adams)

- Doug is doing the on-line training for this position. Training is provided on the internet at NYLEGION. Org

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

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**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:**

- Broome County has proposed a two year commitment for County Commander. They are still communicating with NY Department.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** (Charlie Verno)

- Looking for back-up for the Finance Committee.

**HOMELAND SECURITY:** (Joe Irons)

- Joe Irons stated that Homeland Security alert level is still at 3.

**JR. SHOOTING:** (Pete Matway)

- The Post will continue to support Jr. Shooting
- Two award certificates are no display on the bulletin board in the bar area.

**LEGISLATIVE:** (Dave Williams)

- No report

**LAW & ORDER:** (Robert Haynes)

- No report

**ORATORICAL:** (Joe Irons)

- Joe Irons reported that a Vestal High School student placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Broome County and District contests and is moving on to Zone competition. Another Vestal student placed 2nd in Broome County competition.

**POW/MIA:** (Joe Irons, Howard Dingman, Jackie Reece)

- Event is always scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of September. Planning will start in April

**SCOUTING:** (Howard Dingman)

- No report

### **VETERAN MONUMENTS:**

- Dave Williams wants Post members to report any monuments they see in need of repair or maintenance. We should check with VA to determine if they can help. Dave Williams and Jerry Page, Post 1390, will be inspection monuments

### **WOMAN VETERANS:**

- *Looking for a woman veteran to head up this committee.*

### **HOUSE:**

- Blinds have been added to the new windows in the hall.

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

- Doug Adams reported the Cornhole League is scheduled to start January 28 and will run for 6 weeks. A group party is planned for the March 11. The event starts at 4:00 pm, and the fee is \$5.00 per team each week. Need to sign up if interested.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Joe Irons made a motion, seconded by Bob Haynes to purchase stress pads for the kitchen. They are needed where people stand at the service window in the hall and at the dish washer. Motion carried.
- Bob Haynes reported that Charlie Verno has been removed from all financial and security accounts.
- Bob Kollar has been appointed to service as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice to replace Charlie Verno.
- Joe Irons made a motion seconded by Doug Adams to make a donation of \$500 to Judy Verno to help her with expenses following the loss of her husband, Charlie. Motion carried.
- Dave Williams made a motion, seconded by Bob Haynes to pay expenses for Joe Irons to attend Mid-Winter Conference. Motion carried.
- Elmira American Legion is doing a Post visitation on January 21 at 1:00 pm. Joe Irons made a motion, seconded by Bob Haynes to allocate \$100 for food. Motion carried
- Joe Irons is checking into CPR classes. Price range can be \$70 to \$100+ per person.
- Bob Hayes made a motion, seconded by Joe Irons to purchase a combination CO2/smoke detector for down stairs. Motion carried
- Members voted and approved payment of all listed Bell Jar operating expenses for all of year 2023. All other expenses will require an individual vote. The approved expense list is attached.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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*The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 14, 2023.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary King

## **BELL JAR OPERATING EXPENSES FOR YEAR 2023**

Spectrum  
NYSEG  
GASX  
CINTAS (*Cleaning supplies*)  
Snow removal and yard maintenance  
R&M Small Engine Repair (*Plow and salt for parking lot*)  
Endicott Electric  
NYS Gaming Commission  
Thom Norton (*Bell jar tickets*)  
US Post Office (*stamps*)  
Roma's Bakery  
Action Fire (*extinguisher and hood service*)  
Grease Busters (*Hood cleaning*)  
Travel for Bob Haynes  
Sentry Alarms  
Village Printers  
Agway  
USA Gaming (*Bell Jar tickets*)  
Warners Gas (*propane – Cash only*)  
Hayn Welding  
American Legion Convention  
The Night Shift (*clean floors – yearly*)  
The Hartford Insurance  
Sanico (*restroom supplies*)  
Tom Ellis Refrigerator (*repair Service*)  
Evens Plumbing and Heating  
Depart Commander visitation  
Department Convention (*Food and beverage as needed*)  
Hinman Howard & Kateu (*lawyers*)  
Chubb Insurance (*building & liability*)  
Village of Endicott (*game license*)  
Lowes credit card (*hardware supplies for maintenance*)  
Office supplies for financial accounting