

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

**Membership Meeting – May 09, 2023**

The members were called to attention by Post Commander, Dave Williams, and the members saluted the Flag. Members uncovered as Robert Haynes 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.

**NOTE: There was no meeting in March due to weather.**

**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 - absent

Treasurer, Judge Advocate:

Adjutant & Membership Officer: Gary King – present

Chaplin & Service Officer: Doug Adams – absent

Post Historian: Gary Denmon (SAL) – excused

Post Members: Joseph Irons

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)

- 201 members for 2023. (8 are deceased)

**FINANCE REPORTS:** (

- No report

**UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

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**COMMITTEES**

**BACK TO GOD:**

- Recently deceased: Barbara Beebe, Louise Irons.

**AMERICANISM:** (Joe Irons)

- No report

**BELL JAR:** (Bob Haynes)

- There were 9 games for a total of \$5,862.

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

- No report

**SERVICE OFFICER:** (Doug Adams)

- No report

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

- No report

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:**

- No reported

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- 4 members selected for finance committee will meet on May 23.

**HOMELAND SECURITY:** (Joe Irons)

- There was a helicopter crash at Fort Campbell. 4 have gone down, the helicopters have been grounded
- There was a shooting incident on Arthur Ave. Endicott. No arrests

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

- There will be an event at the Binghamton Rifle Association in July.

**LEGISLATIVE:** (Dave Williams)

- Pact Act is being considered for improved veteran benefits. Includes exposure to toxic chemicals

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

- No report

**ORATORICAL:** (Joe Irons)

- A Vestal High School student is 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the nation. Received \$23,000

**SCHOLARSHIP:**

- No report

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

- There will be a meeting after Memorial Day.

**SCOUTING:** (Howard Dingman)

- No report

### **VETERAN MONUMENTS:**

- No report.

### **WOMAN VETERANS:**

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

### **HOUSE:**

- The TV has been installed in the Hall.
- Exterior doors need to be painted.
- Potential date for Post clean up day is May13.
- Plans to clean the Pavilion on August 19.

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

- The last spaghetti dinner made \$360.
- Chicken BBQ resulted in a \$1000 profit divided equally among Legion, SAL, Auxiliary and Riders
- It was suggested the Legion have a Fathers Day “bucket” at the bar.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The digital sign is in Syracuse for assembly and testing. Still no date for installation.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The board has requested an increase for rent from \$1200 to \$1800. Decision is to hold this request until September.
- Three estimates for a new roof range from \$40,000 to \$44,000. We need a grant.
- Veteran of Distinction recommendation is Rich Long. Ceremony will be on May 18 at 5:00 at the Broome County Building
- Vestal Elks is having a flag day ceremony on June 14, We will have a service at our post at 6:00 am.
- An ADD presentation to be at the Town of Union at 3:00 on May 11.
- No new candidates were presented for final nominations for Post Officers. With no contest, Robert Hayes made a motion, seconded by Ron Reece for the Adjutant to submit one vote for each candidate.
  - Commander – David Williams
  - 1st Vice – Ronald Reece
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice - Robert Haynes
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice – Robert Kollar
  - Sgt at Arms – Robert Haynes
- Robert Haynes made a motion seconded by Joe Irons to donate \$100 to the American Diabetes Association.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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*The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jun 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM.*

*There will be no scheduled meeting during July and August.*

Respectfully submitted,

Gary King, Adjutant