

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

**Membership Meeting – February 13 ,2024**

The members were called to attention by Post Commander, Dave Williams, and the members saluted the Flag. Members uncovered as Doug Adams 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) – excused

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

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

Treasurer, Judge Advocate:

Adjutant & Membership Officer: Gary King – present

Chaplin & Service Officer: Joseph Irons - present

Post Historian: Gary Denmon (SAL) – excused

Post Members:

Quorum is made: Yes

Past Post Commanders present: Joe Irons

Past Broome County Commanders present: Joe Irons

District Officers present:

Past Dept of New York Officers present:

Guest Speaker:

**POST MEMBERSHIP:** (Gary King)

- 185 renewed for 2024 (2 deceased)

**FINANCE REPORTS:** (

- No report

**UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- Accepted. (Motion – Bob Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Joe Irons)

**COMMITTEES**

**BACK TO GOD:**

- Tom Esposito hospitalized with a stroke

**AMERICANISM:** (Joe Irons)

- No report

**BELL JAR:** (Bob Haynes)

- January – 12 games, \$6,527. No balance available.

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

- Joe Irons is still working with Post 1390 (Maine) and M.E. school for candidates. Papers must be submitted by April.

**SERVICE OFFICER:** (Joseph Irons)

- No report.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:** (Howard Dingman)

- No report

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:**

- Nominations for Post Officers will begin in March. Make us aware if you want to be a candidate.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** (Maggie Gagliardi, Bob Haynes, Gary Denmon, Dave Williams)

- No report

**HOMELAND SECURITY:** (Joe Irons)

- Joe reported that NYC is at level 4. Knife attack at JC school, shooting in Binghamton

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

- No report

**LEGISLATIVE:** (Dave Williams)

- Stacy Reece will represent the Post at an American Legion meeting in Albany on Jan 19-21

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

- Looking for candidates for Police, Fire fighter, EMT, Correction Officer of the year.

**ORATORICAL:** (Joe Irons)

- Two from Broome County are qualified for State and National competition.

**SCHOLARSHIP:**

- There are 2 Bruce Beebe scholarships for \$250 each. Auxiliary supports one, Legion will support the other.

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

- Committee will be meeting in the spring.

**SCOUTING:** (Howard Dingman)

- No report

**VETERAN MONUMENTS:**

- Funding for the VA has to be requested through the County

**WOMAN VETERANS:** (Stacy Reece)

- No report

**HOUSE:** (Bob Haynes)

- The sign and doors need painting

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

- Dinners and events are posted on bi-monthly newsletter calendars. Lent meals start 2/16.
- Shuffle Board event has been started.
- Chicken BBQ scheduled for April 27

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Three estimates for a new roof range from \$40,000 to \$44,000. Dave Williams has submitted for a grant from Tioga Downs.
- We are working for a grant for the parking lot resurfacing estimated at \$20,000 plus. Zuke's Excavating will provide an estimate after Christmas.
- Bob Hayes reports research Fiber Optics for TV an internet is on hold
- The Thresher submarine was lost 60 years ago on April 10, 1963. Crew included a local resident, Greg Fusco. Plans are being made to have a memorial service at our Post on April 06.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Post will approve financial aid for Tom Esposito as needed.

The Post performed a memorial service for the 4 chaplains who gave up their life vests, and thus their life, to save sailors on a sinking ship during World War II.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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*The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary King, Adjutant

## **BELL JAR OPERATING EXPENSES**

Spectrum  
NYSEG  
Loan payment for pre-approved purchases  
Rent  
Accounting Services  
CINTAS (*Cleaning supplies*)  
R&M Small Engine Repair (*Plow and salt for parking lot*)  
Endicott Electric  
Endicott Water  
NYS Gaming Commission (*bell jar*)  
Thom Norton (*Bell jar tickets*)  
USA Gaming (*Bell Jar tickets*)  
Village of Endicott (*game license – bell jar*)  
Terminex (*bell jar*)  
US Post Office (*stamps*)  
USPS Permit  
Roma's Bakery  
Action Fire (*extinguisher and hood service*)  
Grease Busters (*Hood cleaning*)  
Travel for pre-approved member services  
Sentry Alarms  
Village Printers  
Agway  
Warners Gas (*propane – Cash only*)  
Hayn Welding (*maintenance*)  
American Legion Convention and visitation  
The Night Shift (*clean floors – yearly*) (*maintenance*)  
The Hartford Insurance  
Sanico (*restroom supplies*)  
Tom Ellis Refrigerator (*repair Service – maintenance*)  
Evans Plumbing and Heating (*maintenance*)  
Hinman Howard & Kateu (*lawyers*)  
Chubb Insurance (*building & liability*)  
Sam's Club  
Lowes credit card (*hardware supplies for maintenance*)  
Office supplies for financial accounting  
5% Quarterly Payment  
Custodial Services  
Endicott Florist  
Yearly Website  
Building Maintenance expenses

01/10/2024