



**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 2nd, 2012. Colors being in place, all members rendered a "Hand Salute". Chaplain Barb Beebe 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:** Adjutant David Jensen read roll call; Commander Bob Wood: Present, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Butch Nabinger: Present, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Ron Reece: Present, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Phil Dillenbeck: Present, Chaplain Barb Beebe: Present, Historian Ray Beebe: Present, Treasurer Charlie Verno: Present, Sgt-at-Arms Gary King: Absent and Service Officer Vic Hand: Present.

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006, Barb Beebe 2006-2010, Joe Irons 2010-2012 and Rob Jensen 1997-2002.

Past County commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, and Ray Beebe 2008-2010.

Past District Commander present: Rob Jensen 2003.

District Commander present: Barb Beebe

Vice District Commander present: Ray Nabinger

**Reading of the Minutes:** Motioned by Ray Nabinger to accept minutes as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Verno, all in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Verno asked that the minutes be amended concerning the motion to appeal Mr. Sobczak's Life Membership. Mrs. Beebe noted that Mr. Sobczak's name was misspelled in the minutes.

**Membership/Treasurer's Report:** Charlie Verno reported the Post paid membership for 2013 as of 259, 2012 was 401. We are 142 members short of 427 for 64.5 %. The Post has a bank balance of \$2181.60; Good of the Legion balance is \$932.25.

Motioned by Debbie Reohm to accept treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Butch Nabinger, all in favor, motion carried.

**Back to God: Sick Call:** Moment of Silence for Members who joined Post Everlasting for 20 September – Joseph Scordino Sr. USA WWII/Korean War

A moment of silence was also observed for Bob Hunt's wife Elva Hunt and Andy Roman's wife Margaret Roman.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Americanism:** Ray Beebe spoke about significant American events that happened during this month and proper wear of the American Legion cap.

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

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

**Boys State:** David Jensen had nothing to report. School Masters dinner will be on November 1<sup>st</sup> at Post 1254. Mr. Verno noted that the board voted to go on an austerity budget and that Boys' State is the only discretionary spending that will be sponsored by the Post. Mr Verno stated that he will recommend eliminating all discretionary spending that is not beneficial to the Post membership.

**Good Will Days:** Barb Beebe had nothing to report.

**POW/MIA:** Barbe Beebe stated that the POW/MIA Remembrance Day event at our Post was successful.

**Oratorical:** Joe Irons stated that he will be visiting high school guidance offices. The oratorical contest will be held at 1PM on December 1<sup>st</sup> at Post 1645.

**Homeland Security:** Mr. Irons passed out fire safety information.

**House/Kitchen:** Friday night dinners will resume in October.

**Scholarship/Honor Guard:** Jim Davis absent, nothing to report.

**Junior Shooting:** Rob Jensen reported that Junior Shooting practices started in September. The league will start in November. Our club will be sponsoring the regional qualifying match. The shooting team needs more members.

**Service Officer:** Vic Hand had nothing to report.

**Old Business:** Commander Wood read the letter that he sent to Mr. Sopczak explaining the appeal of his Life Membership. Cmdr Wood read the letter Mr. Sopczak wrote in return.

Mr. Verno stated Mr. Sopczak's last paid dues was 2002. There was further discussion about Mr. Sopczak's life membership.

Butch Nabinger spoke about Hands Across the Border in Clayton, NY.

The ham and turkey raffle will be on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Veteran's Day Parade will be Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The memorial service will be 11 AM followed by the parade at 1 PM.

**New Business:** Nothing to Report.

**Correspondence:** Mary McQuade sent a letter thanking the Post for including her in the POW/MIA. Glenn Bulter sent a letter asking for donations for Christmas gifts for the Bath Veteran's hospital.

There will be Veteran's Day four mile run on the Vestal rail trail. The Binghamton Community Orchestra is looking for a Veteran to conduct the Star Spangled Banner. Barb Beebe discussed correspondence with the Oxford Veteran's home. Cmdr Woods granted permission to allow the bus transporting volunteers to the Bath VA to stop at the Post.

Bob Hunt thanked the Post for the reception given to his family.

**For the Good of the Legion:**

County Meeting will be Monday, October 8, 2012 7:00 PM at Post 1390. 6<sup>th</sup> District fall meeting will be October 21<sup>st</sup> at Cortland Post 489. National Commander Dinner will be October 28<sup>th</sup> at Post 1645.

There was discussion about the failure of the government to provide military personnel at Veteran funerals. There will be a "No Veteran Left Behind" event at the Johnson City VFW on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Cmdr Woods announced a meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM to discuss the upcoming year's events for the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders.

Mr. Nabinger spoke about the importance about bringing more Veterans into the Legion.

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

For God and Country.

*David M. Jensen*

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