



**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 @ 7 PM, Tuesday, September 2nd, 2014. 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:** Commander/Treasurer: Bob Wood: Present, 1st Vice Commander & Service Officer: Ray Nabinger: Present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: Present, 3rd Vice Commander Charles Duval: Present, Chaplain Barb Beebe: Present, Historian Joe Irons: Present, Sgt-at-Arms Jerry Robinson: Present, Adjutant Debbie Roehm: Present.

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Jim Davis 1990-1992, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006, Barb Beebe 2006-2010, and Joe Irons 2010-2012

Past County Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, Ray Beebe 2008-2010 and Joe Irons 2010-2013

Past District Commander present: Barb Beebe 2012

**Reading of the Minutes:** Motioned by Joe Irons to accept minutes as revised, 2nd by Ray Nabinger, all in favor, motion carried.

**Membership/Treasurer's Report:** The Adjutant read the Treasurer's report. The Post paid membership for 2015 is 173. We are 227 members short of 400 for 43.25% of our goal. The Post has a bank balance of \$1,973.27; Good of the Legion balance is \$371.18, County Convention cost \$386.76; Spaghetti Dinner balance \$594.00; Legion Baseball balance \$1,229.18.

Motioned by Ray Nabinger to accept the Treasurer's report, 2nd by Ray Beebe, all in favor, motion carried.

**Back to God:** Chaplain Beebe none to report, said prayer for 9/11

**Sick Call:** Don Soloman and Ed Korba

**Committee Reports:**

**Americanism:** Ray Beebe reported about significant historical events: (BOB, I believe there were a couple things) 1945 Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri ending WWII. 1945 Hoch in Ming declared Vietnam an independent republic.

**Baseball:** 17 games played, Ray and Barb went to most games, all players to return next year. Both were disappointed on the attendance of Legion members. They went 12 and 5 in league play, finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in their division and lost in division play to Post 82. The team presented Ray and Cmdr Wood with a team picture plaque and thank you note for supporting them.

**POW/MIA:** Barb Beebe ceremony to be held Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM and OVV will be doing Watch Fire from 8:00 PM till midnight.

**Boys State:** Completed, School Master Dinner will be in Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at Post 80 at 5:30 PM.

**Oratorical:** Joe Irons, Sat 11/15 at Post 82, if working please be there by 12:30 PM.

**Homeland Security:** Joe Irons – Severe thunder storm this evening.

**House/Kitchen:** Ray Nabinger Family picnic 83 members present, Charles asked where the money made from the picnic goes, Bob Wood stated the good of the legion; ALR Grillin on the Deck Sept 5<sup>th</sup>; Spaghetti dinner Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. Joe Iron and Ron Reece questioned as to how/who/why it was determined that the money from dinner would be split up between the Legion, AUX and SAL. Debbie

Roehm stated that she went to the last Square Deal meeting and presented the idea of having the monies made from the dinner split between the 3 groups as done with them monthly breakfast. Square Deal approved. Question is why hasn't the motion been presented to the Post, Joe Irons made the motion and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Butch Nabinger, all in favor, motion was carried.

**Color Guard:** Charles Duval and Ray Nabinger suggested the outgoing Commander surrender the colors to the next Commander at the next county meeting at Post 82 but probably won't happen because the lack of participating flag bearers.

**Scholarship:** Jim Davis, all monies have been sent, thank you card from Colleen Dougherty UEHS selectee

**Junior Shooting:** NSTR

**Correspondence:** No Magic in Drugs Program, motion made to participate in this program by Ray Beebe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Dillenbeck, motion carried. Jim Davis will contact the presenter for date and cost of program (\$295.00) at Maine Memorial Elementary School. Letter from Adeline Butler was read with dates for Christmas present wrapping and gift giving for Bath Veteran (Gift to the Yanks). Cmdr Wood read a letter from Annette Egan, Army veteran asking for monetary help to move back to Baltimore since she has been evicted from her apartment in Endicott. It was determined by the membership that we can't help her because there's not enough time to verify the facts presented to the Post. Barb Beebe sent names and addresses via email of American Legions in the Baltimore area which she acknowledged of getting the information. Commander Wood will contact her and tell her that we could not honor her request for money.

**Old Business:** NSTR

**New Business:** Bob Wood, letters to go to the community for donations i.e. gift cards, items to be put together for baskets to be raffled off at the post for fund raising.

**For the Good of the Legion:**

Legion Riders Grillin on the Deck Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 PM

County Meeting, Monday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, Post 82, Endicott

Spaghetti Dinner, Monday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 5-7PM at Post 1700.

POW/MIA Meeting, Sunday Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM at Post 1700.

POW/MIA Ceremony Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 6PM at Post 1700.

Chaplain Barb Beebe gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Wood, at 8:09 PM.

For God and Country.

Adjutant Debbie Roehm