



# THE BOUTON BUGLE



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## THE AMERICAN LEGION ARTHUR E. BOUTON POST 770

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### CALENDAR – APR 2019

Mon	Apr 1	7:30 pm	SAL meeting
Tues	Apr 2	7:30 pm	Auxiliary meeting
	Apr 2	7 pm	Scouts, BSA
Wed	Apr 3	6 pm	Wednesday Pub Food
	Apr 3	6:30 pm	Dart League
	Apr 3	6:30 pm	Legion Board of Trustees meeting
	Apr 3	6 pm	Trumansburg Recreation meeting
Fri	Apr 5	5:30 pm - 8 pm	Lenten Fish Fry (Thank you for attending!)
Sat	Apr 6		Trumansburg Fire Co Annual Dinner (Thank you to our local protectors!)
Mon	Apr 8	7:30 pm	Legion Membership meeting
Tues	Apr 9	7 pm	Scouts, BSA
Wed	Apr 10	12 pm	Senior Citizens Luncheon
	Apr 10	6 pm	Wednesday Pub Food
	Apr 10	6:30 pm	Dart League (Last Dart League Night)
Fri	Apr 12	5:30 pm - 8 pm	Lenten Fish Fry
Sat	Apr 13	12 pm (Last Signups)	April 2019 Cornhole Tournament
Sun	Apr 14	4 pm	Trumansburg Robotics - RoboJam 2019 & BBQ
Mon	Apr 15		Tax Day
Tues	Apr 16	7 pm	Scouts, BSA / Cub Scouts
Wed	Apr 17	6:30 pm	Legion Board of Trustees meeting
Thurs	Apr 18	5 pm	Auxiliary Pot Roast Dinner
Fri	Apr 19	5:30 pm - 8 pm	Lenten Fish Fry (Volunteers needed!)
Sun	Apr 21	8 am - 11 am	Easter Breakfast (Large Groups Welcome!)
Mon	Apr 22	7:30 pm	Legion Membership meeting Reorganization meeting - Please attend to help shape the Post into the future. Nominations accepted tonight. (Slate of Officers due - ALL positions open!)
Tues	Apr 23	7 pm	Scouts, BSA
Wed	Apr 24	12 pm	Senior Citizens Luncheon
Sat	Apr 27	2 pm - overnight	Cub Scout Pack 3 CAMP-IN & Recruitment
Tues	Apr 30	7 pm	Scouts, BSA

#### NEWSLETTER:

Contact Lee Stepp or Patrick Richar via website at [www.Post770.com](http://www.Post770.com) or call the Legion at (607) 387-4212

Newsletter Deadline:  
15th of the Month

- If you have news or information to share with veterans and members of the post send the details along via email to [news@post770.com](mailto:news@post770.com) or the postal address below.
- Questions? Concerns? Want to be notified as soon as the newsletter is online? Please let Patrick Richar, our newsletter producer, know via the contact form at [www.Post770.com](http://www.Post770.com) or via the postal address below.
- For missing dates & times, please check our website or call the Post during business hours.

<b>Upcoming Events:</b>	
May 4	Ithaca Womens Bowling League Banquet
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 6 7:30 pm	SAL meeting
May 7 6 pm - 9 pm	Paint Night
May 7 7 pm	Scouts, BSA
May 8 12 pm	Senior Citizens Luncheon
May 10 5:30 pm - 8 pm	Fish Fry / Steak Dinner
May 13 7:30 pm	Legion Membership meeting (Elections - please attend!)
May 27	T-burg Memorial Day Parade & Open House (Marching from TCSD to Cemetery on RTE 227)

<b>Post Hours</b>			
Monday	2 pm - 9 pm	Saturday	2 pm - 11 pm
Tuesday - Thursday	4 pm - 9 pm	Sunday	1 pm - 6 pm
Friday	4 pm - 11 pm		

### SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

For current event information seek us out on Facebook and join American Legion – Post 770, Trumansburg, NY  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1382301362099616/>

**Lenten Friday Fish Fry:** Every Friday from through 4/19/19, 5:30 pm - 8 pm. Join us and enjoy your meal while supporting the Legion. Dinner includes salad bar, dinner roll, choice of baked potato or French fries, and homemade desserts. Fish for \$12.00, NY Strip Steak for \$14.00, and Chicken Tenders for \$6.00. Prices include tax.

**Flags:** meet at Grove Cemetery at 6 pm on Wednesday, May 22 to place flags on Veteran's graves for Memorial Day.

**Walk of Honor:** Contact the Post to purchase a brick (\$77) for your veteran loved one for the Post Walk of Honor.

**For veterans benefits** visit this site: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/>  
 More info at: <http://www.post770.com/veterans-benefits.htm>

**For Suicide Prevention:** [https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide\\_prevention/](https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention/)

Current VA reporting indicates that an average of 20.6 suicides every day. Of those, 16.8 were veterans and 3.8 were active-duty service members, guardsmen and reservists, the report states. That amounts to 6,132 veterans and 1,387 service members who died by suicide in one year.

Source: <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2018/06/21/va-reveals-its-veteran-suicide-statistic-included-active-duty-troops.html>

Please reach out to Veterans & Service members at all times of the year but especially during the holidays. Send suitable packages to oversees / deployed service members that are away from family during the holidays. Send appreciation of the sacrifices that are made on our behalf.

**To learn about Scouting** visit: <https://beascout.scouting.org>

**Our Troops Abroad** – please keep the Post up-to-date on our troops abroad by providing names and addresses. Thank you.

**DD Form 214** - All members who have not placed a copy of their DD214 on file with the Legion are requested to do so.

**Membership** – please renew your membership and encourage other eligible veterans to join. We all know how important our membership is and how important it is to support your Legion. Dues are \$35.

**Post Honor Guard** - If interested in helping to honor our fallen members with this important function, please call Phil Colvin at (607) 351-7394 for information.

**Newsletter** – please share your news with the members via the newsletter. Send items to Patrick, our publisher, at: [newsletter@post770.com](mailto:newsletter@post770.com).

## MEMBERSHIP

- Dues for 2019 now accepted (\$35). 162 paid to-date, quota 209. The AL new fiscal year started July 1 and dues were due by Aug. 1st. Send dues payable to Post 770, PO Box 456, Trumansburg, NY 14886. Check to see if you have a 2018 card. If not, send in your dues ASAP for continuous membership 2018 and 2019.
- **HONOR GUARD HELP!**  
Post 770 is requesting assistance from Veterans within our community to assist with our honor guard. Please volunteer for the following positions:
  - Bugler (pre-recorded device used)
  - Firer (need three volunteers)
  - Chaplain



Please contact Phil Colvin at 607-351-7394.

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

In an effort to develop better event information Post 770 has been exploring the potential of using Google Calendar to convey event information on a more regular basis in addition to our monthly newsletter. This month we have expanded the calendar into May 2019 since the newsletter is late this month.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** At our upcoming April 22nd Legion Membership meeting we will hold nominations for a new slate officers going forward. Now is the time for Veterans from 1990 until present to volunteer for positions within Post 770. Please help shape this local organization going into the future in our community. This does not exclude members from prior service eras and all are welcome to self-nominate for the positions below:

**Commander** - Our Commander has many duties, the most important of which is to inspire the growth and strength of our Post. Our Commander assesses the overall Post position and figures out what needs to be worked on. Another duty for our Commander is to supervise all of the duties of the officers of our Post. It is our Commander's responsibility to preside over the Post meetings. Our Commander sees to it that programs implemented by our Post is carried through to completion. Our Commander also familiarizes themselves with all of the policies and traditions of our Post.

**Adjutant** - Our Adjutant holds the same relative position in the Post as a secretary of any other organized group of people. The position of Adjutant serves as the "first sergeant" of our American Legion Post. Most Post activities revolve around our Adjutant. While the Commander's duties are more inspirational and executive, our Adjutant's duties are more administrative. Our Post's Adjutant is the personnel officer, the intimate contact with our Post members. These duties include maintaining membership records of our Post, minutes of meetings, checks up and assists the work of the other officers and committees, and publishes official records, announcements and instructions. Our Adjutant keeps all of our Post records in a system in which he/she sees fit to well serve the Post's needs. The office requires a great deal of work but can be very rewarding in the growth of any Post.

**First Vice Commander** - Our First Vice Commander's duty is to step up if the Commander can not perform their position for one reason or another. The First Vice Commander's focus revolves around membership. The need for membership in any post is vital to its success and therefore the First Vice Commander works diligently to obtain as many new members as

he/she can during the year. The First Vice Commander studies ceremonial procedures and protocol for regular meetings since he/she will probably have to run a meeting or two during the year.

Second Vice Commander - The main job of our Second Vice Commander is to boost moral within the post and make sure the every member is pleased to be part of the American Legion and their post. The members of the post are to have fun while at the same time working to improve the American Legion. The Second Vice Commander is the leader in this and it is a very important job and is always looked at closely by the post.

Finance Officer - The Finance Officer holds a very important responsibility of the post's finances and must be experienced in handling financial and accounting affairs. As with any post, our post relies solely on finances and does well with the expert advice and management of its finances by the Finance Officer. The Finance Officer usually serves as the chair of the finance committee and is in charge of receiving and distributing our posts funds. Our posts Adjutant and Finance Officer work closely together to financing our post events and programs.

Service Officer - Our Service Officer is our biggest connection to the nation and the community. Through the Service Officer, our Post can provide our community with many unique services to veterans and other community members. With our Service Officers national connection, our Post is able to keep up to date with all the services available to veterans and programs that could be implemented within our community to benefit all. Our Service Officer works closely with the veterans affairs and rehabilitation committees as well as the children and youth committee, Post employment officer, and the hospital visitation committee.

Chaplain - Our Chaplain is a huge leader in our Post. Our Chaplain is our moral leader in ceremonial services and patriotic occasions. With the right person, the position of Chaplain greatly improves the usefulness of the Post in our community. Our Chaplain also holds the important duty of overseeing that those who have served this country and have passed have their grounds decorated accordingly on Memorial Day. Our Chaplain works with families of deceased members to see that all their wishes are taken care of.

Sergeant-At-Arms - Our Sergeant-At-Arms is knowledgeable in how to arrange the meeting hall and assists our Post's Commander and Adjutant in the preliminary arrangements for meetings which includes the proper care of the colors. Our Sergeant-At-Arms is our flag etiquette person and uses this knowledge to lead the Post color guard, burial detail, and other pageantry that is a part of The American Legion. Our Post believes every member is important and the Sergeant-At-Arms will properly welcome and introduce a new member to the Post and its members.

Historian - Our office of Historian is of growing importance. It is a suitable position for a past Post Commander to serve. Our Historian works closely with the Adjutant. Our Post Historian keeps in close contact with the Department Historian to keep records up to date. It is important to our Post that all CHANGE DOES NOT HAPPEN FROM OUTSIDE AN ORGANIZATION! Please get involved for the sake of continuing the mission of the American Legion in Trumansburg. If you've been "run-off" in the past now is a most opportune time to become involved and pave the way into the future of the Post. You'll have the opportunity to learn from those that have served selflessly within our community and carry the torch in an effort to promote our longevity.

**DUES:** Post 770 has been notified that the Department of NY will no longer be able to offset the recent increase in membership dues. This will fall on Post 770 to make up the difference that was previously being offset by the Dept. of NY. Unfortunately, the Post has a need to increase the annual dues to make up the difference. At the 4/8/19 meeting it was proposed to raise the dues to \$40 per member / year. The motion was approved by membership. This is a ten-day notification to the membership in advance of the 4/22/19 meeting in order to do so. Previously the dues were \$35 / year per member.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We recently had a fish fry crew disband. We are in dire need of ten new fish fry / chicken crew of around ten volunteers. This is incredibly important to the Post in order to bring in funds to maintain the Post. Please reach out to me (Lee Stepp) directly in order to create a new and fun crew.

In advance of Grassroots 2019 we foresee a dire need to fill crews throughout the event. Sign-ups will be introduced earlier this year in an effort to fill the need. Community organization utilizing Post 770 are highly encouraged to participate this year in an effort to maintain our meeting space.

**MEMORIAL DAY 2019: VETERANS!** Please volunteer to march with us this year.

Sincerely,

Lee J. Stepp  
Commander  
Arthur E. Bouton American Legion Post 770

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### MILITARY NEWS

- Our thoughts are with the troops!
- Welcome Home to those soldiers returning from combat duty.
- Send info to share about soldiers serving via email to [news@post770.com](mailto:news@post770.com).



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### AUXILIARY NEWS



**Meetings:**

Apr 2      7:30 pm

- Dues are due (\$25 for seniors, \$5 for juniors [under 18]). Please mail payment payable to Unit 770, American Legion Auxiliary to: Dawn Smith, 26 Cayuga St., Trumansburg, NY 14886. Our quota is 117. Paid to-date 81 [77 seniors, 4 juniors]. If you have not paid for the membership year 2018 please do quickly for continuous membership, the 2019 membership year began July 1, 2018.
- Be sure to review the calendar and announcements for other Legion functions. Come, enjoy, and support your Legion.
- Thank you to all who are baking desserts for our Dinners. More bakers needed. Please contact Dawn Smith at the Legion if you can assist with baking.
- Come out and enjoy a Pot Roast dinner, Thursday, April 18th at 5pm, sponsored by the Auxiliary.
- Come out and enjoy Friday evening Lenten Fish Fry dinners.
- Enjoy a Happy Easter.

– Marge Bennett, Historian

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### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



- Dues for 2019 are \$20 (\$8 for Junior members). If you haven't paid your dues, please do.
- SAL t-shirts are still available. Get yours now.
- All SAL members are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. Your voice is important. Please help us to help you.

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 Tues., Thurs., 5-7pm  
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