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CALENDAR – AUG 2017

Tues	Aug 1	8:30 am - 10 am	Karate Classes
Wed	Aug 2	8:30 am - 10 am	Karate Classes
Thurs	Aug 3	8:30 am - 10 am	Karate Classes
Mon	Aug 7	7:30 pm	SAL meeting
Tues	Aug 8	8:30 am - 10 am	Karate Classes
Wed	Aug 9	7:30 pm	Legion Board meeting
Thurs	Aug 10	8:30 am - 10 am	Karate Classes
Fri	Aug 11	5:30 pm - 8 pm	Legion Friday Fish Fry
	Aug 11		Class of 2012 Reunion, Lounge
Sun	Aug 13	12 pm	Linda Warner Bike Run
Mon	Aug 14	6:30 pm	Mortgage Committee meeting
	Aug 14	7:30 pm	Legion Membership meeting
Tues	Aug 15	8:30 am - 10 am	Karate Classes
Thurs	Aug 17	8:30 am - 10 am	Karate Classes
Sat	Aug 19	6:30 am - 12:30 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
Sun	Aug 20	5:30 pm	Wounded Warriors in Action BBQ
	Aug 20	6 pm	Volunteers needed to set up for Fair (tent, equipment, etc)
Mon	Aug 21	6:30 pm	Job Fair meeting
Tues	Aug 22	8:30 am - 10 am	Karate Classes
	Aug 22	12 pm	Legion Fair Concession
Wed	Aug 23	12 pm	Senior Citizens BBQ at Lower Treman State Park
	Aug 23	12 pm	Legion Fair Concession
	Aug 23	7:30 pm	Legion Board meeting
Thurs	Aug 24	12 pm	Legion Fair Concession
Fri	Aug 25	8:30 am - 10 am	Karate Classes
	Aug 25	12 pm	Legion Fair Concession
Sat	Aug 26	12 pm	Legion Fair Concession
	Aug 26	4 pm	Parade. Marchers meet at the Legion at 3:30 pm
Sun	Aug 27	12 pm	Legion Fair Concession
Mon	Aug 28	6 pm	Tear down at Fair (tent, equipment, etc)
Tues	Aug 29	6 pm	Trumansburg Recreation meeting

NEWSLETTER:

Contact Lee Stepp or Patrick Richar via website at 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 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 or via the postal address below.
- For missing dates & times, please check our website or call the Post during business hours.

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Post Hours

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

Friday Fish Fry – Aug 11th, 5:30 pm - 8 pm. Join us and enjoy a great meal while supporting the Legion. The Fish Fry will be the traditional fish fry with salad bar, choice of baked potato or fries, dinner roll, and homemade Auxiliary desserts. Fish for \$12.00, NY Strip Steak for \$14.00, and Chicken Tenders for \$6.00. Prices include tax.

Fair Concession Set up – Volunteer help needed. Meet at the Legion, August 20th at 6 pm, to transport equipment and set up the Legion concession stand at the Fairgrounds. Also volunteers needed to work the various shifts at the fair concession.

Trumansburg Fair Parade - volunteer marchers needed to lead the Parade - meet at the Post at 3:30 pm on Saturday, August 26. Parade begins at 4 pm. Call Phil Colvin, 607-351-7394, if you have questions.

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

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) 387-6550 for information.

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

MEMBERSHIP

- The AL new fiscal year started July 1 and dues are due by Aug. 1st. Check to see if you have a 2017 card. If not, send in your dues ASAP for continuous membership. Send dues (payable to Post 770) to Post 770, PO Box 456, Trumansburg, NY 14886.



COMMANDER'S CORNER

6/26/17

Well, this is my last submission for Commanders Corner. Lee Stepp, incoming Commander will be taking over. It is with a sad heart I leave you all - mostly because of the friendships that have been forged over the years but also because I fear for the future of Post 770. For 7 years I have been asking, pleading, and hoping more members would get involved with the overall operation of the Legion. I have been hoping some young persons might come forward, and join the proud ranks of our Legion. None of these things have happened. Most of the members of Post 770 exhibit an "I don't care about the Legion" attitude, which shall affect the future of Post 770. To those 10 - 12 Legion members and 4 - 5 Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) members, and a handful of American Legion Auxiliary members who continue to volunteer for function after function to ensure Post 770 stays open, I salute you. To Billy Kenney, who continues to book multiple functions and works tirelessly to ensure those functions are flawless, I salute you!! There are bills to pay - every week. By continuing these functions, we have been able to pay these bills. But because the same people do every function, those people are getting tired and burnt out. I don't have a solution. I can only hope more members might step up and help out. But in 7 years, I have not seen that happen.

John Daube
Commander
Arthur E. Bouton American Legion Post 770

7/28/17

Hello! As the incoming Commander of Arthur E. Bouton American Legion Post 770, I give a heartfelt thank you to Commander John Daube for his selfless service as Commander for the past seven years. As Commander it is not a role taken lightly and to stay strong in a period of seven years is testament to his dedication to our cause! It is now my honor to serve our Post.

Already in the past month of July, I have personally experienced the dedication of current active American Legion Family Members through our efforts at the American Legion Grassroots tent. It is a highly important fundraiser for Post 770 and admittedly complex to organize and execute. Traditions of the "ONE BIG BREAKFAST" have been realized and will continue into the future with more involvement from future members. As this is written we still require assistance in taking down the concessions tent.

GOING FORWARD:

Going forward into the month of August, the Post has a need for volunteers to participate in a number of events. The Trumansburg Fair is equally important to our Post as a fundraiser. I am calling on all members to participate in some fashion. Post 770 will have a lunch & dinner concessions tent from Tuesday 8/22 – Sunday 8/27. A sign up board will be created and Volunteers are welcomed to assist with shifts and are encouraged to sign up at the Post to assist with this event. PLEASE HELP!

On 8/11/17 the Post is holding our monthly Fish Fry / Steak Dinner (Fish Fry occurs every 2nd Friday of the month). We could also use some help of Volunteers for this event. If you wish to assist, you will not be turned away. Please reach out to me and let me know how you would like to help. We need someone for the register, serving help, help in the kitchen and someone on the register. We seek others to volunteer and learn how these events work so that they will continue into the future. PLEASE HELP!

A little about me: I am a 3rd Generation Commander. My Father and both Grandfathers served American Legion Post 1688 in Laurens, NY as Commanders. My Great-Grandmother Bertha Stepp enlisted as a WAC and my Grandfather enlisted in the US Marines during WWII when my Uncle Jim Stepp was taken captive while jumping into Italy with the 82nd Airborne. Uncle Felix has a wall dedicated to him at Post 1688 for his efforts following his escape and returning to the front and relieving his fellow captives. My Father Joseph L. Stepp served during Vietnam and has dedicated a fair amount of his life serving youth in the Laurens, NY community through Post 1688. My Mother Yvonne Susan Stepp has been an active American Legion Auxiliary Member since she was able to volunteer. My family knows the value of selfless service and importance that the American Legion projects into the community. A Great many of my Uncles, Aunts and Cousins have also heard the call of selfless service in preservation of our values as American Citizens. I have served with the U.S. Army through the 82nd CSE in the Republic of Korea and with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault!) as a US ARMY Engineer. I don't know much about sinking ships but have been taught the value of blowing things up and building them back up to be stronger.

I am presently the Chartered Organization Representative for all BSA programs at the Post as well as the Committee Chairman. I welcome others to participate in these programs as they absolutely benefit our youth. There is a wealth of value in participation of our youth through the BSA programs. These programs are by far the most versatile programs in our community and actively encourage our youth to seek out their unique interests. Please don't fall to the notion that our youth must choose between other programs and Scouting. These programs are very flexible! We need to be reminded of our Mission through the American Legion Family and bring back the focus to these efforts in Trumansburg.

AMERICAN LEGION MISSION:

“The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans’ organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation’s largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.”

Pillars of The American Legion:

- 1) Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- 2) National Security: A Strong National Defense
- 3) Americanism
- 4) Children & Youth

American Legion Post 770 is proud to be host to many community organizations including: Trumansburg Rotary Club, Trumansburg Lions Club, occasionally Girl Scout programs, Cub Scout Pack 3, Boy Scout Troop 13, Venturing Crew 13, Trumansburg Community Recreation, Trumansburg Robotics FRC 5354: HYPE. Wounded Warriors in Action (I don't wish to exclude any organization and encourage more to participate.)

Opportunities exist for fundraisers on a 50/50 basis for your organization after food costs are taken into account. These opportunities are better than inviting organizations outside of our community where the funds realized go to another organization in a different county. Please seek these opportunities out for your organization and our community by contacting our facility manager Billy Kenney at 387-4212.

VETERANS & SUPPORTERS OF VETERANS:

Please join our cause! If you are a Veteran that has served in an Active Duty capacity from 1990 and beyond you are eligible to be an American Legion Member, please join your local American Legion. It is OUR time! Learn from the Volunteers in your community and prolong the longevity of the American Legion and the opportunities that exist. Volunteer your time when you can. There are many benefits that you may not have already realized as a Veteran and are encouraged to seek them out. Check these out through the following link: <https://www.legion.org/benefits>

I had not joined the American Legion initially following my exit from service as many of you have with the notion that I had ‘just wanted to be done’. There is a comfortable comradery enjoyed that I hadn't counted on. Veterans communicate differently. I've found it to be a comfortable and proactive experience. Please join and help to build this program back up. Soon, we will have an on-line drive to pay off the mortgage for American Legion Post 770 in an effort to secure the facility for future generations. Please contribute in an effort to pay off the mortgage principal.

THANK YOU!

Congratulations to Zachary Yaw on becoming a Soldier in the US ARMY through completion of your training while an American Legion Member! HOOAH! The Post will continue to pay your annual membership fees while you are on active duty. This benefit is open to all active duty members while in service to our country.

Again, thank you to John Daube for leading Arthur E. Bouton American Legion Post 770 for the past seven years and securing the future of the Post!

Lee Stepp
Commander
Arthur E. Bouton American Legion Post 770



From left to right: Zachary Yaw, Liam Kieft, and Braden Munoz.

Graduated 13 Bravo Cannon (howitzer) crewmembers on July 27th, 2017, Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Zach will be stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas.

Congratulations!

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.



CHAPLAINS CORNER

Thinking of You:

Taps:

Speedy recovery to Legion member, Dick Wagner, as he recovers from heart surgery.

Condolences to the family of Legion member, Robert Herrick.

Condolences to the family of Legion member Bill Terry on the loss of his sister, Eileen MacCheyne.

Condolences to the family of Past Commander, Jim Fergus.

Condolences to the family of SAL member, Nic Boyd on the loss of his father, Kevin Boyd.



AUXILIARY NEWS

- 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. If you have not paid for the membership year 2017, please do so quickly for continuous membership. The 2017 membership year began July 1, 2018.
- Thank you to all who are baking desserts for our Dinners.
- The Bath Veterans will visit on Sunday, October 15.
- Be sure to sign up at the Post to help with the Fair food tent.
- Come out and enjoy Friday night Fish Fry and support your Legion.
- Have a safe and happy summer.

Meetings:

No meetings in
July or August
Sept 5 7:30 pm

– Marge Bennett, Historian



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

- Dues for 2017 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 (next is Monday, Aug 7th at 7:30 pm). Your voice is important. Please help us to help you.

RELAY FOR LIFE


The Post Team walked in the July 15-16 event at Ithaca College on behalf of the members of Arthur E. Bouton Post 770. Thank you to all who supported and participated in the event.



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