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### CALENDAR – DEC 2017

Sat	Dec 2	12 pm - 7 pm	Dart League Tournament
Sun	Dec 3		Bell Ringing at ShurSave
	Dec 3		Memorial Service, Banquet Room
Mon	Dec 4	7 pm	County Legion meeting
	Dec 4	7:30 pm	SAL meeting
Tues	Dec 5	7 pm - 8:30 pm	Boy Scouts - Troop 13
Wed	Dec 6	6 pm	Cub Scouts meeting
	Dec 6	6 pm	Wednesday Night Pub Food
	Dec 6	6:30 pm	Dart League
	Dec 6	7:30 pm	Legion Board meeting
Fri	Dec 8	5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Friday Night Fish Fry
Sat	Dec 9	12 pm - 4 pm	Benefit for Bonnie Everts
	Dec 9	5 pm	Volunteer Recognition
Sun	Dec 10		Bell Ringing at ShurSave
	Dec 10		Trumansburg Robotics Dinner
Mon	Dec 11	7:30 pm	Legion Membership meeting
Tues	Dec 12	7 pm - 8:30 pm	Boy Scouts - Troop 13
Wed	Dec 13	6 pm	Wednesday Night Pub Food
	Dec 13	6:30 pm	Dart League
Fri	Dec 15	5 pm - 7:30 pm	Pot Roast Dinner by SAL & Auxiliary
Sat	Dec 16	6:30 am - 12:30 pm	Blood Drive
	Dec 16		Venturing Crew Lock In, 7 pm - all night (ages 14-20)
Sun	Dec 17	11 am	Small Room rental
	Dec 17	1 pm - 3 pm	Children's Holiday Party
Tues	Dec 19	7 pm	Auxiliary Holiday Party
	Dec 19	7 pm - 8:30 pm	Boy Scouts - Troop 13
Wed	Dec 20	12 pm	Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon
	Dec 20	6 pm	Cub Scouts meeting
	Dec 20	6 pm	Wednesday Night Pub Food
	Dec 20	6:30 pm	Dart League
	Dec 20	7:30 pm	Legion Board meeting
Sun	Dec 24	4 pm - 6 pm	Christmas Eve Open House

#### 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.

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Mon	Dec 25	POST CLOSED	MERRY CHRISTMAS
Tues	Dec 26	7 pm - 8:30 pm	Boy Scouts - Troop 13
Wed	Dec 27	6 pm	Wednesday Night Pub Food
	Dec 27	6:30 pm	Dart League
Mon	Jan 1	POST OPEN	HAPPY NEW YEAR

### 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** – December 8th, 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.

**Pot Roast Dinner** – Friday, December 15th, the Auxiliary and SAL will put on a delicious Pot Roast Dinner. Come join us for a great meal and support your Legion.

**The Children’s Holiday Party** is Sunday, December 17th, 1 pm - 3 pm. Ages 0-12. Sign up at the Post or call 607-387-4212, by December 13.

**The Auxiliary Holiday Party** is December 19th at 7 pm. Bring a snack and a \$10 gift to exchange and enjoy.

**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](mailto:newsletter@post770.com).

## MEMBERSHIP

- The AL new fiscal year (2018) started July 1 and dues are due by Aug. 1st. 172 paid to-date, quota 230. 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

### HOW ARE WE DOING AS AN AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY?

We're all under one roof! The American Legion Membership, The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of the American Legion! Let's take some time to reflect on how the Post is doing just prior to the end of the year based on the 'Pillars' of the American Legion. For more detailed information on the 'Pillars' please follow the link: [https://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/four\\_pillars.pdf](https://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/four_pillars.pdf)

#### Pillar I: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

- Post 770 has conducted Job Fairs for Veterans over the past few years and continues to evolve to encourage more participation amongst a number of communities.
- The Post is also a resource for information on VA Benefits for Veterans with special needs, information on access to VA Vet Centers and Health Care.
- We actively provide for Final Respects within our community and are also actively inviting newer members to participate in rendering honors. Please learn and volunteer your time in honoring our fallen.
- Each year Arthur E. Bouton American Legion Post 770 hosts Veterans from the Bath VA for a luncheon which is always appreciated.
- We can provide direction on health care funding, networking of service officers.
- GI Bill Benefit information can be provided.

#### Pillar II: National Security

- Each year we collect items for delivery to our Overseas Service Members. The Trumansburg United Methodist Church also collected items and delivered them to us in March. Many of these items were delivered to the Bath VA Veterans during this year's luncheon. The remainder of the items collected will be distributed between our Service Members and the Bath Vets.
- We actively support our Troops and are always encouraging new members while serving.

#### Pillar III: Americanism

- We are stewards of the American Flag. Although we acknowledge trouble with our flag pole early this year we have members that consistently convey the importance of our Flag as well as its handling and proper disposal. For those that do not know, a receptacle is placed at the entrance to the lounge for collection of unserviceable American Flags.
- Boys State / Girls State: We promote both programs within our community but could do a better job of conveying the opportunity to eligible junior class members.
- Boy Scouts of America Programs are very active within the Post. We are encouraging our youth to become familiar with so many aspects of Americanism through these programs that I will not start to list them as it would be a rather lengthy Newsletter. For more information on the Cub Scouts, Boys Scouts and Venturing Program opportunities please follow the link: <https://www.scouting.org/>

#### Pillar IV: Children & Youth

- The Post offers scholarships and American Legion Awards to youth in the senior class each year. We can still do more with interest in bolstering the scholarship program. A link for donations to the scholarship programs is provided here: <https://squareup.com/store/arthur-e-bouton-american-legion-post-770>
- Through the Boy Scouts of America programs, we address many issues that children face in society today:
  - Promoting family integrity, drug awareness & prevention, personal safety awareness, safe internet use are only a few examples.
- Our Post is host to many benefits for those in need in our community during the course of the year.
- Holiday parties for children are commonly hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary each year as well as continuing the 'Poppy Princess' tradition.

#### Foundation: Our Volunteers

- Without the time generously donated by the volunteers that contribute to so many events during the course of the year this would not be possible. In a time where the importance of community service is not being realized to its

fullest potential, we say THANK YOU to each and every one of you. You make all that we do possible.

- A sign up board has been posted in the Lounge for sign-up to attend the Post's recognition event on 12/9/17. Please sign up in advance so that we can have a proper count.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- - If you haven't already, please sign up for an hour or so of your time to volunteer as a bell ringer. This year the Post is ringing on Sunday 12/3 and Sunday 12/10. A sign-up board is posted in the lounge.

**New Members & Volunteers are always welcome! – Please see below for ways you can volunteer:**

- Help with a fish fry, dinner or breakfast. Fish Fries are every 2nd Friday of the month. Breakfasts can be scheduled with involvement of a solid crew to run them.
- Volunteer a few hours here and there as a bartender. We'll train you.
- Organize a community event at the Post. We're up for new ideas. Some ideas that have been floated as ideas are a paint and sip type of event, a wine tour, pool league, craft fair, family game night, youth safety training. Please come with new ideas as we would love to hear them.

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**Financials: We're maintaining**

- With our current volunteer base, we bring in enough to cover our monthly bills and to pool away funds to support the programs we offer over the course of the year. We can do better with more involvement!
- With more volunteer involvement we can offer more programs which will benefit the community.

**Mortgage Principal Drive: Help American Legion Post 770 to pay off the mortgage principal:**

- We only have around \$27,000 left on our mortgage!
- Choose the amount you can assist with donate through the following link:  
<https://squareup.com/store/arthur-e-bouton-american-legion-post-770>

**Trumansburg United Methodist Church:**

- A special thank you goes out to the Trumansburg United Methodist Church for being such a great community partner! This year you have collected goods for our Veterans, held an outstanding Veterans Day Breakfast for our service members and families and help our Scouts to collect over 700 items for donation to the food pantry. Thank you for all that you do in our community!

**Red Cross Blood Drive:**

- The next blood drive is 12/16 at the Post. Please donate! Lives depend on it.

All in all for what our Post does during the course of a year within our community, I'd have to say that we're doing quite well in our mission. Again, thank you all that volunteers! Happy Holidays!

Lee Stepp

Commander

Arthur E. Bouton American Legion Post 770

**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).



## CHAPLAINS CORNER

### Thinking of You:

### Taps:

Condolences to the family of Legion member, Harold Hunter.



## AUXILIARY NEWS

### Meetings:

Dec 19	7 pm
Jan 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. If you have not paid for the membership year 2017, please do so quickly for continuous membership. The 2018 membership year began July 1, 2017. 63 members paid [62 seniors, 1 junior], membership quota 117 for 2018.
- Thank you to all who are baking desserts for our Dinners.
- Come out and enjoy the Friday Night Fish Fry, December 8th, 5:30 pm - 8 pm.
- Come out and enjoy a Pot Roast dinner, Friday, December 15th, 5 pm sponsored by the SAL and Auxiliary.
- The Children's Holiday Party is Sunday, December 17th, 1 pm - 3 pm. Ages 0-12. Sign up at the Post or call 607-387-4212 by December 13.
- The Auxiliary Holiday Party is December 19th at 7 pm. Bring a snack and a \$10 gift to exchange and enjoy.
- Enjoy a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

– Marge Bennett, Historian

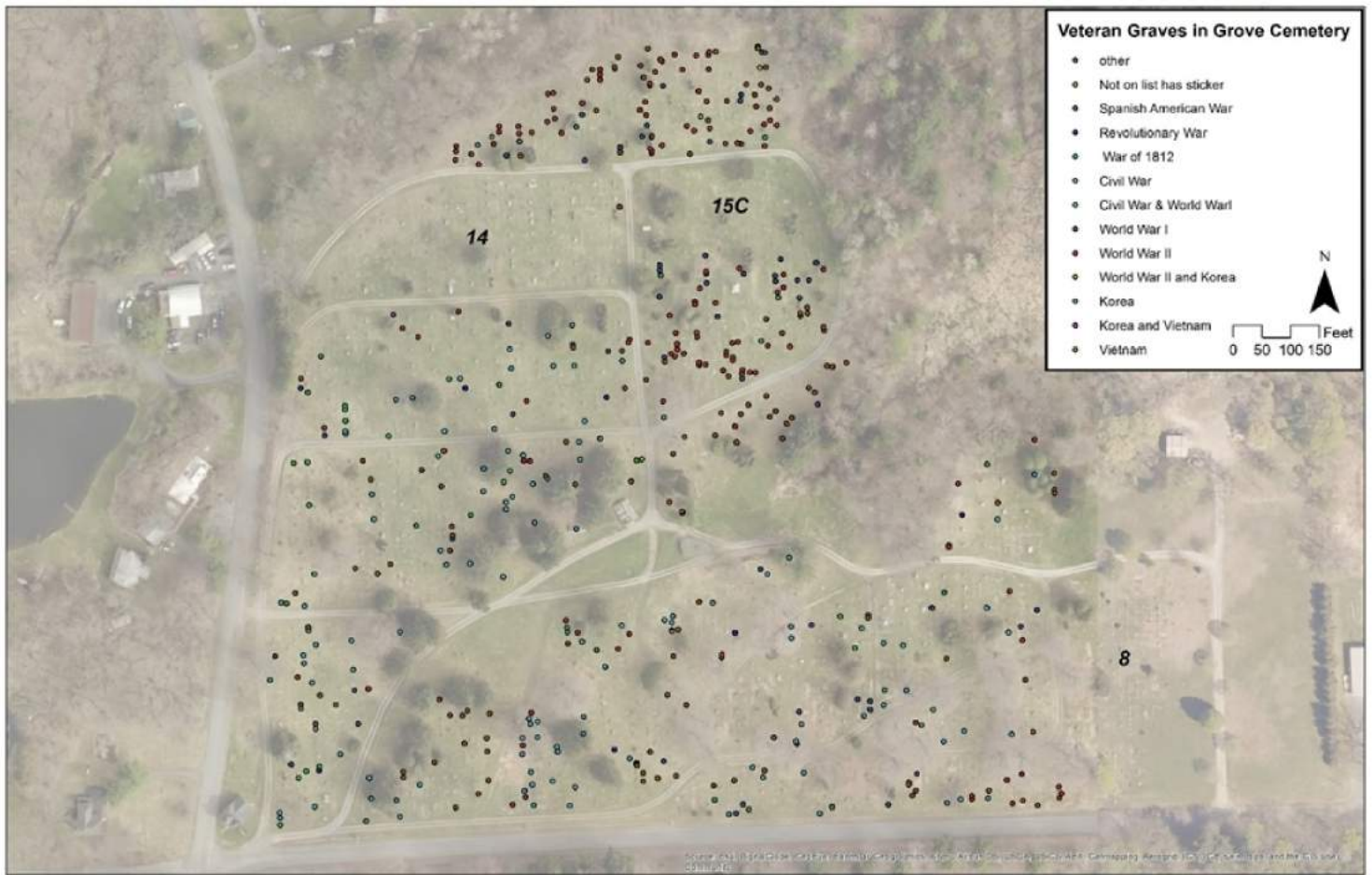


## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

- 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. Your voice is important. Please help us to help you.








### Hanlon's Eagle Scout Project Update



Trumansburg United Methodist Church - Veterans Day Breakfast

## Newsletter Sponsors:


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 Tues., Thurs., 5-7pm  
 Saturday 1-4pm  
 ALL other times by appointment



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