



# THE BOUTON BUGLE



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### CALENDAR – FEB 2019

Sat	Feb 2		Funeral Reception, Banquet room
Sun	Feb 3	9 am	Pinewood Derby
	Feb 3	5 pm	Superbowl Dish-to-pass
Mon	Feb 4	7:30 pm	SAL meeting
Tues	Feb 5	7 pm	Boy Scouts, Troop 13
	Feb 5	7:30 pm	Auxiliary meeting
Wed	Feb 6	6 pm	Wednesday Pub Food
	Feb 6	6:30 pm	Dart League
	Feb 6	7:30 pm	Legion Board of Trustees meeting
Fri	Feb 8	5:30 pm - 8 pm	Legion Friday Night Fish Fry
Sat	Feb 9	12 pm	Birthday Celebration, Banquet room
	Feb 9	12 pm / 1 pm	Registration / Dart Tournament
Sun	Feb 10		After Prom Breakfast Fundraiser
Mon	Feb 11	7:30 pm	Legion Membership meeting
Tues	Feb 12	7 pm	Boy Scouts, Troop 13
Wed	Feb 13	12 pm	Senior Citizens Luncheon
	Feb 13	6 pm	Wednesday Pub Food
	Feb 13	6:30 pm	Dart League
Thurs	Feb 14		Happy Valentine's Day
Sat	Feb 16	6 am - 12:30 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
	Feb 16	5 pm - 7:30 pm	Valentine's Day Dinner, sponsored by E&V Energy
	Feb 16	8 pm	Valentine's Day Dance, Steve Southworth & the Rockabilly Rays sponsored by E&V Energy
Sun	Feb 17		Baby Baptism Celebration
Mon	Feb 18		President's Day
Wed	Feb 20	6 pm	Wednesday Pub Food
	Feb 20	6:30 pm	Dart League
	Feb 20	6:30 pm	Legion Board of Trustees meeting
Thurs	Feb 21	5 pm - 8 pm	Auxiliary Pot Roast Dinner
Sun	Feb 24	7:30 am - 11 am	SAL Legion Breakfast
Mon	Feb 25	7:30 pm	Legion Membership meeting
Tues	Feb 26	7 pm	Boy Scouts, Troop 13
Wed	Feb 27	12 pm	Senior Citizens Luncheon

#### 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.

Wed	Feb 27	6 pm	Wednesday Pub Food
	Feb 27	6:30 pm	Dart League
Thurs	Feb 28	11 am - 2 pm	Pioneer Seed Luncheon
<b>Upcoming Events:</b>			
Mar 2			Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner
Mar 9	5:30 pm - 8 pm		First Lenton Fish Fry
Mar 16	12 pm		100th Year Anniversary & Appreciation Dinner
Mar 30	12 pm / 1 pm		Registration / Cornhole Tournament

#### 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

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

**Friday Night Fish Fry and Steak Dinner:** February 8th, 5:30 pm - 8 p.m. 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.

**Valentine Dinner Dance:** Saturday, February 16th. Dinner 5 pm – 7:30 pm. Roast Sirloin of Beef & Chicken Buffet Dinner. Band: 8 pm – 11 pm, Steven Southworth & The Rockabilly Rays Adults: \$10, Children \$3 Limited Seating, Pre-Buy Tickets at the Legion. Sponsored by E&V Energy. Come and enjoy dinner and support the Legion.

**Come out and enjoy a Pot Roast dinner,** Thursday, February 21st, 5 pm - sponsored by the Auxiliary.

**SAL Legion Breakfast:** Sunday, February 24th, 7:30 am – 11 am. Come out and enjoy breakfast and support the Legion.

**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 overseas / 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 from February through April 2019. 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

I am taking this opportunity to address Trumansburg American Legion's most recent opportunity to aid our post over this past holiday season. An anonymous donor offered to match donations to the Post up to \$5,000 if those donations were made prior to Christmas Day 2018. These donations were to be made in an effort to pay off the existing mortgage for the Post. This was accomplished through the efforts of our community. Funds over the amount of the existing mortgage balance were applied to bills due for the Post.

The effort to pay off the mortgage is an extreme positive for the Post and we are extremely grateful to our community. It is important to note that with the mortgage eliminated we still struggle to pay bills through the winter months. This is due to low participation at events at the Post over the winter. By paying off the existing mortgage, it gives the Post additional opportunities to consider going forward.

Trumansburg American Legion Post 770 does not receive funds to operate the facility through any other sources than our local community. Our organization survives solely on volunteerism and contributions from within the community.

The Post's leading issue is not financially related in my opinion. The issue that the Post faces primarily is a lack of active volunteers working in a uniform fashion toward mutual helpfulness. Without new and active members, we will continue to experience the same issues with longevity of the Post. This certainly does not mean that the Post isn't grateful for our dedicated volunteers that donate countless hours of their time to keep our facility running! You are the life blood of the Post and we need more volunteers with the dedication that is demonstrated by you. The American Legion has thrived in our community in the past and it can again in the future, but not without increased involvement.

Our Board of Trustees has been working through costs in an effort to create the budget for 2019-2020. Efforts are being taken to isolate expenses in an effort to lower these costs. It is true that the board was actively seeking input from realtors

prior to the mortgage being paid off. This was being done in an effort to have knowledge of the value of the property should a “plan B” be needed. Information on other options that the Post could take in an effort for the facility to be possibly be leased out for another entity to run the facility were also being explored. All viable options for the facility to be run efficiently so that the Legion Membership, American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion can focus on our mission are being considered. The board is merely looking at options going forward as the trend for what we have been doing with the Post clearly is not sustainable without change. We have invited the community to attend our Joint Meetings and will continue do so in the future. There has been NO MOTION nor a VOTE BY MEMBERSHIP to put the facility up for sale recently! There was a vote approximately four-five years ago and it was voted down by the membership.

Please continue to book events at the Post by contacting us at 607-387-4212 after 1 pm daily. We have some very positive events coming up including our The American Legion’s 100th year celebration in March. We can certainly offer more entertainment options with effort of volunteers to coordinate events. Please reach out in an effort to do so.

Please attend our meetings in an effort to be informed directly on issues that involve the American Legion. Relying on word of mouth information does not provide you with the information needed to form opinions accurately. Actually, this is good practice for those seeking information on any given community based organization. Being an active citizen is responsible, get engaged. Make positive change happen.

Sincerely,

Lee J. 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 solders serving via email to [news@post770.com](mailto:news@post770.com).





## AUXILIARY NEWS

### Meetings:

Feb 5	7:30 pm
Mar 5	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 75 [72 seniors, 3 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.
- Come out and enjoy a Pot Roast dinner, Thursday, February 21st, 5 pm sponsored by the Auxiliary.
- Members of the Legion and Auxiliary joined the Veterans at the Bath VA Residence for BINGO on Sunday, January 13. Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary members: Don & Dawn, Smith, Christina, Scott, Nate & Owen Hulslander, Lee & Sue Weaver, Nan Colvin, Brianna & Meghan Clark & Marti Smith Clark enjoyed the afternoon assisting with the Bingo fun.
- Happy Valentine's Day.

– Marge Bennett, Historian



## 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.

## CHAPLAINS CORNER


Please contact the Legion with news of loved ones for inclusion in the newsletter [members not feeling well, passing of loved ones, arrival of new children and grandchildren, accomplishments of our members. We would like to keep in contact.]

### Taps:

Condolences to the family of Legion member Pete Wright on the loss of his wife Sally Wright.

## Newsletter Sponsors:


Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 1-7pm  
 Tues., Thurs., 5-7pm  
 Saturday 1-4pm  
 ALL other times by appointment



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