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CALENDAR – MAY 2019

Thurs	May 2	7 pm	Rotary Club meeting
Sat	May 4		Ithaca Bowling Banquet
Mon	May 6	7:30 pm	SAL meeting
Tues	May 7		Paint Night, Hospital Auxiliary Fundraiser
	May 7	7 pm	Scouts meeting
	May 7	7:30 pm	Auxiliary meeting
Wed	May 8	6:30 pm	Legion Board of Trustees meeting
	May 8	12 pm	Senior Citizens Luncheon
Thurs	May 9	7 pm	Rotary Club meeting
Sat	May 11	11 am	5k May Day Chicken BBQ
Sun	May 12	7:30 am - 11 am	Mother's Day Breakfast
Mon	May 13	7:30 pm	Legion Membership meeting (Elections!)
Tues	May 14	7 pm	Scouts, BSA
Thurs	May 16	7 pm	Rotary Club meeting
	May 16		IAC Track, Off site catering
Fri	May 17		IAC Track, Off site catering
Sat	May 18		SAL BBQ
	May 18		Small Room rented
Tues	May 21	7 pm	Scouts, BSA
Wed	May 22	6:30 pm	Legion Board of Trustees meeting
	May 22	12 pm	Senior Citizens Luncheon
	May 22	6 pm	Flags on Grove Cemetery
Thurs	May 23	7 pm	Rotary Club meeting
Sat	May 25	2 pm - 8 pm	BBQ with Steve Southworth & The Rockabilly Rays (Band at 4 pm)
Mon	May 27	10 am	Memorial Day Parade (meet at Legion at 9:30 am) Marching from TCS to St. James Catholic Cemetery Open House at Post 770 following Ceremony at Cemetery
Tues	May 28	7 pm	Scouts, BSA
Thurs	May 30	7 pm	Rotary Club 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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Upcoming Events:	
June 14	5:30 pm - 8 pm Fish Fry / Steak Dinner
June 16	Father's Day Event (TBD)
June 22	12 pm Outdoor Cornhole Tournament (1 pm shoot)

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 Fish Fry / Steak Dinner: May 10, 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.

Memorial Day Parade: Marchers meet at the Post at 9:30 am, May 27. Parade begins at 10 am, marching from Trumansburg Central School St. James Catholic Cemetery. Ceremony following parade. Open House at the Post following ceremony until 1 pm.

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/

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.

MEMBERSHIP

- Dues for 2019 now accepted (\$35). 181 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

We are BEYOND a crisis level regarding active volunteer membership at the Post. Please offer your time in assistance at the Trumansburg American Legion! Unfortunately, we needed to cancel this month's Fish Fry due to a lack of volunteers to assist in contributing to this event. We do however have a solid focus on our annual Mother's Day Breakfast (Large Groups Welcome!).

Over a hundred years ago Veterans from WWI banded together in the interest of creating an organization involving Veterans to promote values to our communities. In our 100th year, I believe that we can band together with a younger generation in an effort to continue our mission. Our current membership has aged and is in need of new blood. I recently attended Boy Power 2019 in Syracuse. This event was amazing and raised over \$700,000.00 in this one event alone to further the Scouts, BSA program in the Syracuse area. It is absolutely amazing what can be accomplished when motivated volunteers bond together toward a common goal. It is definitely possible in this community as well with active members contributing in the understanding of mutual helpfulness. Past First Lady Laura Bush was the keynote speaker at this event and a message that she relayed struck a chord with me. She indicated that over the course of an individual's lifetime, they should consider offering up 2 years (4,000 hours) of their time toward bettering their local community. In an era where so many community based organizations are suffering due to a lack of volunteer involvement, I can't agree more.

What can our Post do to encourage solid volunteer involvement in line with the mission of the American Legion? Our mission is simple and based on four pillars:

- 1) Americanism. We all live in this country and while our flag stands we have the opportunity to work together toward common goals. Regardless of your political stance, please know that the American Legion is a Non-Partisan organization per our charter with Congress.
- 2) Promotion of a strong national defense. We have a need to be protected on a national level. This comes at a cost of our volunteer service members and they require support from our citizens.
- 3) Advocating for those serving and our Veterans. Those that volunteered for service to our country deserve recognition in their selfless service.
- 4) Children and Youth. Our youth are our future. Without promoting wholesome programs and opportunities for your youth to grow, we would be irresponsible in our efforts.

Please, please, please offer up your time by offering your volunteer involvement in line with your abilities. We consistently need help with offering meals to our community as a fundraiser but we're certainly not limited by these events. We have an excellent facility and can offer the community so much more. With your involvement we can continue our mission into the future. Without it I'm afraid the writing is on the wall as far as the future of the facility goes. Now is the time to save the Post for use of the community through your volunteer involvement. Volunteer as bartender. Host an event. Whether it's a musical event, food based fundraiser, offering a class with our presentation space to help educate the community, or other events that can be envisioned, now is the time for a new generation to step forward and lead us into the future. Please get involved!

At the next American Legion Membership meeting we will hold elections for positions within the Post. Per the last newsletter, all positions are open and there are plenty of opportunities. We also foresee at least 3 open Board of Trustee seats for consideration.

On Wednesday May 22nd, The American Legion will be posting flags at Veterans gravesites at Grove Cemetery. This is a somber occasion and involves engaging in the rich history of the cemetery. All responsibly minded youth from our community are encouraged to participate in a show of respect to our departed service members.

In advance of Memorial Day, please purchase a Poppy by stopping by the Post.

On Monday May 27th we will gather at Trumansburg Central School prior to 10 am for the annual Memorial Day Parade (Marching at 10 am). Please show your support as a Veteran by marching with us. Please encourage all groups in our community to participate in a show of respect in remembrance to those that have given the ultimate sacrifice so that we may live as we do.

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.





AUXILIARY NEWS

Meetings:

May 7	7:30 pm
June 4	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 83 [79 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.
- Come out and enjoy the Friday Night Fish Fry and Steak Dinner. May 10, 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.
- Mother's Day Breakfast at the Post, May 12, 7:30 am - 11 am. Honor Moms and enjoy breakfast at the Legion.
- Memorial Day month to Honor our Veterans –wear a poppy.
- 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 Friday evening Fish Fry / Steak dinner.
- Enjoy a Happy Mother's Day and Memorial Day.

– Marge Bennett, Historian




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- 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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