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CALENDAR – SEPT 2018



Mon	Sept 3		Labor Day
Wed	Sept 5	7:30 pm	Legion Board of Trustees meeting
Thurs	Sept 6	2 pm	Ulysses Youth Committee meeting
Sat	Sept 8	6 pm - 10 pm	Lion's Club Sock Hop
Mon	Sept 10	7:30 pm	Legion Membership meeting
Tues	Sept 11		Patriot's Day
	Sept 11	6 pm	911 Remembrance - Troop 13 Troop 13 meeting to follow
	Sept 11	7:30 pm	Legion Auxiliary meeting
Wed	Sept 12	12 pm	Senior Citizens Luncheon
Fri	Sept 14	5:30 pm - 8 pm	Legion Friday Night Fish Fry
Sat	Sept 15		Dylan Higgins Fundraiser, Banquet Room
Sun	Sept 16	12 pm	Annual Bath Veterans Luncheon Visit
Tues	Sept 18	7 pm	Boy Scouts, Troop 13 Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Greg Marion
Wed	Sept 19	6 pm	Wednesday Pub Food
	Sept 19	6:30 pm	Dart League Starts
	Sept 19	7:30 pm	Legion Board of Trustees meeting
Thurs	Sept 20		Instant Artist Night - Cancelled
Fri	Sept 21	7 pm	Watch Fire - POW / MIA Recognition Day Myers' Park, Lansing - Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 337
Mon	Sept 24	7:30 pm	Legion Membership meeting
Wed	Sept 26	12 pm	Senior Citizens Luncheon
	Sept 26	6 pm	Wednesday Pub Food
	Sept 26	6:30 pm	Dart League
Thurs	Sept 27	7:30 pm	Joint Legion Family meeting - Public Welcome
Fri	Sept 28		Large room rental
Sat	Sept 29		T-Burg Fall Event, Small Event

Upcoming Events:

Oct 20	Comedy Show
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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.

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/>

Comedy Show: Saturday, October 20

The Arthur E. Bouton Post 770 of the American Legion and The Not Too Far From Home Comedy Tour Proudly Present: An Evening of Professional Standup Comedy Starring: Headliner, Tom Anzalone, America’s Funniest People, Showtime Comedy Club Network, All Things Considered, appears regularly in Atlantic City and Las Vegas

Feature: Erin Harkes, The Funny Bone Comedy Clubs, NYC Comedy Clubs, Comix at Foxwoods

Emcee: Aaron David Ward, TV’s Glenn Slingerland Situation, Boston Comedy Festival, World Series of Comedy Las Vegas

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Dinner 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Show 8 pm

*Tickets: \$35 per person for dinner and show (presale tickets only). Show-only tickets \$20 per person, tickets on sale at bar – we have 120 dinner and show tickets and 20 show only tickets.

November: Veterans Day Parade – Date to be announced. This is a great opportunity for all local Veterans to show up in force in an effort to promote our cause. After the parade we will gather at the Ithaca VFW and experience a bagpipe and drums serenade that you’ve not likely experienced before. Please attend!

Veterans Day Weekend Dinner & Show with The Spirit of Cash: On November 20th, 2018 Kevin Black Presents The Spirit of Johnny Cash” Veterans Day Weekend Dinner & Show November 10th at Trumansburg American Legion. “The Spirit of Johnny Cash” will hit the stage at 7pm sharp! Don’t miss this most authentic of Johnny Cash Shows. He looks like Johnny Cash, he sings like him, too.

Dinner Menu

Appetizers- Clam Chowder / Chicken Caesar Salad

Dinner- Char-Grilled Shrimp w/ Butter, Marinated Petite Tenderloin, Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Sweet Glazed Green Beans, and Texas Toast

Rotary Club:

Sept 13: Chis Padilla about his water project in Honduras

Sept 27: Tom O: Tanzania by the Bullocks

Oct. 11: Melissa Bryant will tell of her adventures in Zambia

Friday Night Fish Fry and Steak Dinner: September 14, 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.

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/

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 (2019) starts July 1 and dues are due by Aug. 1st. Legion membership quota for 2018 was 230 and 102 paid-to-date. 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

My Fellow American Legion Family Members:

Despite the Posts' collective efforts over the past few years, the financial picture of the Trumansburg American Legion Post 770 has not improved. The current financial picture, and active volunteer involvement, finds the current Officers of the Post and the Board of Trustees again in the unfortunate position to choose a responsible path for the future of American Legion Post 770.

We must face the reality of the Trumansburg American Legion Post 770's financial situation, and seriously pursue options to immediately remedy the situation. Revenue for the past few years has not supported the expenses the Post incurs to operate. The facility is not expected to close prior to the 100th Year Celebration in March 2019, however, we'll need to consider options going forward including the eventual sale of the facility and relocation of the Post to a smaller affordable facility. Of course, other options are always welcome for consideration but we need to hear them immediately.

The Officers and Members charged with financial concerns of the Post have worked hard to avoid the need to sell the building, and over the past several years have made adjustments quarterly, even monthly, to keep the Legion home afloat by reallocating funds to pay our monthly bills, and these funds are now depleted. I remind everyone the costs are: payroll for the bar coordinator and bookkeeping, monthly/yearly expenses for utility and insurance bills, mortgage payments, supplies, cleaning, lawn care, snow removal, and maintenance/upkeep costs of our facility. The expenses are substantially more than the incoming revenue.

The lack of revenue is evident in all areas – attendance continues to decrease at Post Fish Fries, Breakfast, and other events we have attempted over the past few years. Our catering and outside events have increased but do not meet the needs of sustaining the facility. Our facility is in increasing demand of maintenance and Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning Systems are in dire need of replacement as well as our paved surfaces. While our efforts with Grassroots in July and the Trumansburg Fair in August help us a great deal, these events are not enough to keep the Post running effectively through the rest of the year. In fact, these funds have already been exhausted to meet current financial obligations. In sum, the money is not coming in to support our current facility.

The Trumansburg American Legion serves as a meeting place for a number of community based organizations within our

community. The Trumansburg Seniors, Trumansburg Lion's Club, Trumansburg Rotary Club, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Trumansburg Recreation, occasionally Girl Scouts, and others commonly utilize the facility, and we welcome even more involvement within our community. Our local churches help our mission by collecting goods for our Bath VA Veterans and honoring our local Veterans with a breakfast. We thank all of our community partners for the efforts they have put forward. With that in mind, we could use more help on a regular basis from these organizations to hold events at the Post, and volunteers to help with breakfast and dinners through the Post. Other ideas are needed and welcome.

We thank all of the loyal Post Family Members, and the community who do regularly visit the Post for cocktails, our events, and for breakfast or dinner. Unfortunately, more is needed. Too few members and community patrons visit the Post. Even if a 100% volunteer force existed it would still not meet our monthly bills. In past years campaigns for funds from the membership brought in funds, but again, not enough. To all who have donated, on behalf of the Post, please know the assistance has always been greatly appreciated.

The community largely comprised of non-members do not realize the Legion is an option for them to access, and do not come to patronize our fine establishment either.

We have a fish fry the second Friday of every month, and previously a breakfast the fourth Sunday of every month which could resume with more volunteer involvement. The same 9-12 people have worked these events month after month for whom I am so very thankful to. We simply need more help. It is unfair to expect the consistent efforts of the few to continue as they have for years without developing new active members to carry on the efforts and mission of the organization as volunteers and Post officers creating a stronger volunteer base. With a stronger active membership/volunteer base, and considering the potential to hold a great variety of events at our Post, we should be thriving and supporting ourselves. All members can contribute to the wellness of the Post by offering/volunteering their professional expertise in all areas: legal, accounting, facility repairs, event organization, and more.

We have arranged for a Joint Meeting for all American Legion Family members to attend in an effort to inform our local American Legion Family members of the State of the Post as well as to hear options going forward within our community that pertain to the facility. This meeting will occur on September 27, 2018, at 7:30PM. We do welcome the community to this joint meeting in an effort to collect ideas as well as active members. Ideas are great, but please come with the initiative to run an event as well. Inevitably, we must also begin planning for the sale of the facility in the event that we are not successful in bringing the community as well as contributing membership to aid our cause.

Ultimately, our mission comes first over the facility! 1) Americanism, 2) Support of our Veterans and Active Duty Members, 3) Promoting a Strong National Defense, and 4) Children and Youth.

Sincerely,

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

100th Year anniversary for the American Legion is next year:

We are in need of our members to march with us and participate in ceremonies to honor our fallen. When more of us participate it's easier for the community to recognize part of what we do as The American Legion.

Special Events / Volunteering:

The Post could use some help planning and executing events. We're also looking for some new ideas. If you have an interest, please reach out to me on Facebook or via email. Some examples might be:

- Painting type of Event – Planned for September but the first was cancelled due to low participation
- Dart Tournaments
- Corn-hole Tournaments
- Wing Nights

- Bands
- Social Dances or DJ type parties
- Art shows

Thank you to the following for recent donations to American Legion Post 770: Dr. Orzek, Walter Harford, Edwin Brown. Also in memory of Phyllis Brooks: Southern Cayuga Lake Inter-municipal Water Commission
Thank you to Dave Brown – Restaurant Equipment for repairing the Post 770 grills prior to Grassroots!

Lee Stepp
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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.



AUXILIARY NEWS



Meetings:

Sept 11 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 21 [20 seniors, 1 junior]. 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 it its' entirety 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 the Friday Night Fish Fry and Steak Dinner. September 14, 5:30-8 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.
- The Bath Veterans will visit on Sunday, September 16 at Noon. Please come help serve lunch to our guests.

Have a safe and happy summer.

– 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.

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.]



Meghan at the Concession Tent (Photo courtesy of Marti Clark)


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