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CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Fri	Apr 1		April Fool's Days
Sat	Apr 2	6:00 PM	Retirement Party
Sun	Apr 3	4:00 PM	Horse Club Dinner
		5:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
			Day Light Savings Time Begins
Tues	Apr 5	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Apr 6	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Apr 7	7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Meeting – No Dish To Share
Fri	Apr 8	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Jim Heroux’s Crew
Sat	Apr 9	1:00 PM	Shower – Meeting Room
		5:00 PM	Bill Brown Retirement Party – Hors d’oeuvres
		6:00 PM	Prime Rib Dinner
Sun	Apr 10	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
Mon	Apr 11	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Apr 13	Noon	Senior Citizen’s Meeting
Fri	Apr 15	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Sat	Apr 16	1:00 PM	Wedding Reception
Sun	Apr 17	1:00 – 4:00 PM	Memorial Luncheon
		1:00 PM	6 th District Spring Meeting at Post 616 – Richfield Springs
Tues	Apr 19	6:30 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Joint Dinner Meeting at Post 221 – Ith
Weds	Apr 20	7:00 PM	Alumni Meeting
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	Apr 22		Earth Day
Sun	Apr 24	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
Mon	Apr 25	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Apr 27	Noon	Bowling Banquet
Sat	Apr 30	6:00 PM	Trumansburg Fire Department Banquet

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint Legion Family Information Meeting – will be held on Thurs, April 7th at 7:00 PM. These meetings provide an opportunity to express your opinions and share your suggestions. They provide for an efficient and lasting Post. Please take an hour or two and attend.

Steak & Fish Fries – are back to once a month. Please join us on the 2nd Friday of each month, starting April 8th, 5:30 – 8:00 PM. It’s a great meal and fun to meet your friends at the “Fry”. See you there.

Breakfasts – from 8 – 11:00 AM continue to be held twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. These are all you can eat breakfasts and include juice and beverage for an unbelievable low price. Come and join us this month on the 10th and the 24th.

Auxiliary Dinner – is being offered on the 3rd Friday of each month starting April 15th from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. This month will be Roast Pork & Gravy with: Leek & Potato Soup, Red Boiled Potatoes, Chicken Stir Fry & Rice, Salad, Coffee, Tea, & all Homemade Desserts. Won't you come and enjoy one of the great dinners the gals' put on for only \$7.00?

Flag Raffle – There is a raffle fundraiser being offered in which the raffle winner will receive an American flag and pole – installation included! The drawing will be held on Memorial Day. Moneys taken in will be used to support our Post.

Post 770 Website – www.Post770.com – Patrick Richar at 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188-2430, is our contact for computer info of interest to our membership. We are now offering our newsletter to be sent on line to those who would prefer to receive it in this manner. All you need to do is let Patrick know and you will be put on his list of recipients via on-line preference. If you feel it to be a better solution than to receive via mail, it would save on our mailing costs and ensure prompt delivery. It's your choice.

Post Volunteers – have been responding admirably. We have received some requests to join our fish fry crews, help with bartending, laundry, etc. Please leave your name, phone number, and the area in which you want to contribute, with any officer or the bartender on duty. We will get back to you.

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP

At present our membership is 406. This was as of 2/28. I am sure it has risen since. With a quota of 446 it appears we need 40 more members to acquire our 100% membership banner. We can attain this goal with a little effort of everyone's persuasion. There are still members who haven't re-upped and eligible veterans who haven't joined. Round them up and promote our organization. If you have paid your dues and have not received your card, let us know. Sometimes the process takes a while and perhaps we can speed it up. If you have moved, keep us informed of your address change for both membership and the newsletters. Welcome new members: Raymond F. Bradham and Stan Greene. Nice to have you aboard.

THE CANNON "WALK OF HONOR" AND MEMORIAL SITE

It is getting to be that time of the year again to be thinking about our Brick "Walk of Honor". As spring brings about the melting of snow our brick inscriptions are once again becoming legible. Harold Wright will be returning from Pine Island ready to install newly etched bricks. We envision a new change taking place this summer with the addition of chains and posts surrounding the brick "Walk of Honor". We also plan to install a marker designating the site. Now is a good time to be getting your order for an etched brick into the Post. A donation of \$77 (or more) is the cost and includes the brick, etching 3 lines of your choice, installation, and up keep of the site. Money generated through these donations will also be used in future development of the grounds, site, and capital improvements. These funds have also kept our heads above water when our Post experienced some difficult financial times. You may pick up an order form at the lounge and send it to the American Legion Post 770, PO Box 456, Trumansburg, NY 14886, along with a check of your donation. Our brick "Walk of Honor" is limited to those veterans who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. One need not be a member of the American Legion to purchase a brick. We are looking forward to your application perhaps for a veteran friend or relative. It would be a nice gift for the "hard to shop for" person. Because of limited space we are allowing one brick of honor per veteran. Thank you in advance.

POST NEWS

In as much as we have become a snowbird for 10 days, we are writing our news at poolside at Holmes Beach on Anna Maria Island. I'm sure there is much going on at the Post while I'm gone that you will not be reading about. The following is what I learned before we left.... We were so pleased to have had 96 at our bi-monthly breakfasts on 2/27. With turnouts like this you can be assured we will continue to offer them. Many thanks to the volunteer crews who put these on and to those patrons who attend. The weekly steak & fish fries during the Lenten season have been well attended. I have figures for several weeks: 2/11- 240, 2/18- 162, 2/25- 189. Breaking this down even further: 458 adults fish were served and 114 adult steaks were served. That is a lot of cooking, eating, and people. We thank you for your attendance to what we feel is a pretty good meal and a lot of good friends getting together. ... We put on a pretty nice surprise birthday party for 94 people with a salad bar, beef and chicken dinner and a great bar with a fine selection of wines for the guests. The "surprise" evening ended up with a DJ and dancing. It is nice to hear that our Post has the facilities and the volunteers to put on such an event. This was but one of the many birthday, anniversary, and funeral receptions that we hosted during the month. It keeps our Post active and alive which is the most important part of our existence. Without our involvement in community affairs, we would

not be the exemplary Post that we are. ... Looking over my notes from the last joint meeting, I see that we are purchasing a new pull-tab machine. The old one wore out! We hate to spend the money but it helps to pay the bills. Incidentally, there were 15 present at this meeting. We are so pleased that more and more people are taking an interest in how our Post is run. ... It was decided to offer the same menu at both of our monthly breakfasts. ... Rotary is meeting weekly on Thursday nights in our meeting room although dinners are not being served as was done in the old Legion. ... It was brought up that there is a "beer" odor in the Post. Probably because there is no smoking any more and odors might be more readily detected. We will work on improvement. It was also brought up that our sidewalks were not always shoveled and some were very icy. With some volunteer help that should not be a problem. ... A Mother's Day Brunch was discussed. Look for it in our Pennysaver ads. ... There was some discussion about the increasing number of funeral receptions. We encourage the use of our facilities, especially for the family of Post members. More discussion on this subject is needed. ... A landscaping design is needed. We have 12 pine trees to plant and we have acquired new acreage with a recent purchase. We need a plan to go from here. An overall final outlook that will make us as proud of the facilities as we already are. There was some discussion of writing grants and applying for funds to be used for our memorial walks and landscaping. ... The Board of Health gave us a surprise inspection and I am happy to report we passed with no problems. That in it self is an accomplishment; and we owe it to the fine work and dedication of our crew volunteers and leaders. We are contemplating a few changes regarding safety in the kitchen proposed by our local fire department. It mostly has to do with our flame hoods over the stoves and grills. ... We have been informed that our Legion team in the pool league came in 2nd place. ... That completes the discussions rendered at our joint meeting. As you can see they are quite productive.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: **Shawn Miller** – Oxford Veterans Hospital
 Harold Suess – Hospital – Now Home

Marge Sullivan – CMC
Susie Smith – CMC – Now Home

Taps: **William H. Savey, Jr.** – peacefully left his family on February 14, 2005. He was the son of member William and Helen Savey. Bill attended Riverside Military Academy and graduated from Memphis State College. He joined the Air Force and participated in the operations in the Space and Missile programs as a combat crew commander. Bill then moved on to Vandenburg AFB where he was involved with the Defense and NASA operation. He retired from the Air Force in 1995 as a major.

Cecile M. Bonsall – went to be with her beloved husband, Bill, on February 26, 2005. Cecile was the mother of Auxiliary member Patricia Bonsall and Linda Ennis. She, her daughters, and grandson Ray Miller were frequent visitors of Post 770. A reception for family and friends was held at Post 770 following the funeral. Contributions in Cecile's memory may be directed to the Arthur E Bouton American Legion Post 770, PO Box 456, T-burg, NY, 14886.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is 179. We need 14 more to make our quota 193. Our best to Mary Ann Richar, who is recovering from a fall on 2/24. Our condolences to Pat Bonsall & Linda Ennis on the loss of their mother, Cecile Bonsall on 2/26. Thank you to Shirley Willard and Vickii Barry for putting on the funeral luncheon on 3/2. Our best to Susie Smith who had surgery on 3/14. Thanks to Mary K. Read for donating hospital equipment for home use. Thank you to the Cecile Bonsall family for the monetary donation. We are in the process of picking a person for Girls State. Will announce name later. At the April 5, 2005 meeting, the nominating committee will present names for the 2005-2006 officers to go on the American Legion Board of Directors Committee. The Dart League is over and it's now time for the Horseshoe League to start soon.

Respectively Submitted, Marge Bennett.

DID YOU KNOW

Brett Huckle, son of member Gordon and Margaret Huckle, is a senior midfielder and preseason All-American on the Ithaca College Lacrosse team. Last year the team lost in the Empire 8 Championship. With many key players returning the team is looking to have a great season and an NCAA play off spot.

Army PFC. John P Foster has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, KY. During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical

warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values. He is the son of Brayton Foster of Lower Covert Road, T-burg, NY. Foster is a 2004 graduate of Trumansburg High School.

STORY ONE

My ships newsletter, "The Leyte News", publishes some great stories. I thought you might like to read this one.

World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific. One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet. As he was returning to the carrier, he saw something that turned his blood cold. A squadron of Japanese Zeros was speeding their way toward the American Fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them. Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing mounted 50 caliber's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until finally all his ammunition was spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the Zeros, trying to at least clip off a wing or tail, in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible and rendering them unfit to fly. He was desperate to do anything he could to keep them from reaching the American ships. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his battered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The file from his gun camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He was recognized as a hero and given one of the nation's highest military honors. And today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of a great man. Story number two in a later issue.