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**CALENDAR FOR AUGUST**

Thurs	Aug 3-4		Department Golf Tournament
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Aug 6</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>Purple Heart Day</b>
Mon	Aug 7	7:00 PM	Sons of the American Legion Meeting
		7:00 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Organizational Meeting in Dryden
Tues	Aug 8	7:00 PM	Planning Meeting for Committee Chairs and Members of the Auxiliary's Antique Appraisal Day
Weds	Aug 9	Noon	Senior Citizens Luncheon
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	Aug 11	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Jim Heroux's Crew
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Aug 14</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>V-J Day 1945</b>
		7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Fri-Thurs	Aug 18 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>		National Convention Salt Lake City
Sat	Aug 19	1:00 – 3:00 PM	50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration
Sun	Aug 20	3:00 PM	Set up for American Legion Food Tent at the T-Burg Fairgrounds
Tues-Sun	Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>		American Legion Food Tent at the T-Burg Fair
Sat	Aug 26	5:00 PM	T-Burg Fireman's Parade
Sun	Aug 27	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast at the American Legion and the Food Tent at the Fair
<b>Looking Ahead:</b>			
Sun	Sept 10	Noon -?	Legion Family Picnic at Raymond's Pond - <b>Post Will Be Closed</b>
Tues	Sept 12	1:00-7:00 PM	Antique Appraisal Show
Fri – Sun	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup> – Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>		Cleanup of Post 770 – Fore and Aft – All Compartments and Spaces!!!!

**SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tent Rental** – has been suspended until further notice. Our 20 x 20' tent is no longer being rented because of unfortunate circumstances at this time. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**Breakfasts** – Will be served on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds and at the Legion. We now have enough equipment and help to work both of these events at the same time.

**Legion Food Tent at the Fair** – will begin on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM with putting up the tent, moving supplies, and continuing until Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> after the fair closes down. It takes a large number of volunteers to serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner each day. Please check with our chairperson and sign up lists to see which shift suits you best. This is another one of our major fundraisers and we are counting on you.

**Fireman's Parade** – the parade will begin at 5:00 PM sharp on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Parade lineup will commence at 4:00 PM. We will form our color guard at the Post at 4:15 and head over to the starting point (Big M) at about 4:30. Uniform will be white Legion logo or white short sleeve shirts, navy or black pants and shoes, and Legion hat. If you are unable to walk, we will have a flat bed transport for you. Let's have a good turn out for this event. We will be leading the parade.



**Taps: George Richardson, Sr.** – died on June 22, 2006. George was a member of Post 770. He was the father of SAL member George Richardson, Jr. and grandfather of Corey Richardson.

**Stanley Greene** - died on May 6, 2006. He was a member of Post 770.

**Esther Northrup** – died on June 26, 2006. She was the grandmother of Auxiliary member Cindy and SAL member Gary Reckdenwald.

**Sharon Houseworth** – died on June 29, 2006. She was the mother of member Patrick Houseworth.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

The new year has begun for 2007 membership: Seniors \$20 and juniors \$5. By now you should have received a notice from NATIONAL Headquarters that your dues are due. If you have paid- please discard notice. Congratulations to Jacque Boyd. She is the Senior Citizens new President. Our thoughts are with the following friends: Dawn Reeves, Barb Cole, Barb Garrett, Betty Langlois, and Elaine Joseph. We wish you the best. Our thoughts are with Shirley Willard and Mary Lou “Lulu” Powless. Our condolences to Cindy Reckdenwald and family on the loss of her grandmother, Esther Northrup. Attending Dept Convention at Rochester are Vickii Barry, Susie Smith, and Roberta Stilwell.

Don't miss the Auxiliary's Antique Appraisal Day, Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$2.00 per item or 3 for \$5 with no limit on the number of items. Bring pictures of larger items. Appraisals are by experts Tim Conroy and Bob Knapp with all proceeds donated to the Auxiliary. If you would like to be available as a buyer/dealer, you are welcome. Just let Pat Bonsall know. Food will be available: Homemade Mac & Cheese or Chili, hamburgers, hot dogs, and slices of homemade pie. Please let Pat Plat know if you would like to donate a homemade pie. We need volunteers for all areas of the event, especially foodservice, cooks, food cashier, etc. Please contact Vickii Barry if you want to be a part of this event. If you have a place to post a flyer or have any questions, contact Pat Bonsall 387-9042, chairperson of the event. Important for all committee chairs and members to attend planning meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM – **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Respectfully Submitted, Marge Bennett

## THE HISTORY OF THE POW/MIA FLAG

In 1972, Mrs. Michael Hoff, a MIA wife and member of the National league of Families, recognized the need for a symbol of our POW/MIAs. Prompted by an article in the Jacksonville, FL Times-Union, Mrs. Hoff contacted Norman Rivkees, Vice President of Annin and Co., which had made a banner for the newest member of the United Nations, the People's Republic of China, as a part of their policy to provide flags to all United Nations members states. Mrs. Hoff found Mr. Rivkees very sympathetic to the POW/MIA issue, and he, along with Annin's advertising agency, designed a flag to represent our missing men. Following League approval, the flags were manufactured for distribution. On March 9, 1989, and official League flag, which flew over the White House on 1988 National POW/MIA Recognition Day, was installed in the US Capitol Rotunda as a result of legislation passed overwhelmingly the 100<sup>th</sup> Congress. IN a demonstration of bipartisan Congressional support, the leadership of both Houses hosted the installation ceremony. The League's POW/MIA flag is the only flag ever displayed in the US Capitol Rotunda where it will stand as a powerful symbol of national commitment to America's POW/MIAs until the fullest possible accounting has been achieved for the US personnel still missing and unaccounted for from the Viet Nam War. On August 10, 1999, the 101<sup>st</sup> Congress passed US Public Law 101-355. Which recognized the league's POW/MIA flag and designed it "as the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible, missing and uncounted for in South East Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for the families Nation." The importance of the league's POW/MIA flag lies in its continued visibility, a constant reminder of the plight of America's POW/MIAs. Other than "Old Glory", the League's POW/MIA flag is the only flag ever to fly over the White House, having been displayed in this place of honor on National POW/MIA Recognition Day since 1982. Passage by the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress of Section 1082 of the 1998 Defense Authorization Act requires that the League's POW/MIA flag fly six days each year: Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day. It must be displayed at the White House, the US Capital, the Department of State, Defense and Veterans Affairs, headquarters of the Selective Service System, major military installations as designated by the Secretary of the Defense, all Federal cemeteries and all offices of the US Postal Service. By law passed in 2002, it must fly year-round at the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial, The Korean War Veterans Memorial and the World War II Memorial. Those American who fly the POW/MIA flag do so to demonstrate their loyalty and sincere dedication to all Prisoners of War and Missing in Action, and to their safe return – both alive and dead.

## HOORAY FOR THE SENIOR GENERATION

A very self-important college freshman at a recent football game, took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his own. "You grew up in a different, actually almost primitive, world," the student said loud enough for the whole crowd to hear. "We young people today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon, our spaceships have visited Mars... We even have nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers with light-speed processing, and uh." Taking advantage of a pause for breath in the student's litany, the "wizened" one said, "You're right, Son. We didn't have those things when we were young.... So, we invented them.... You arrogant little \*\*\*\*\*!!! Now, what are you doing for the next generation???"  
I love senior citizens!!! Thanks John & Izzie Duddleston

## POEM (AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

I watched the flag pass by one day; A young Marine saluted it; I looked at him in uniform, With hair cut square and eyes alert, I thought of how many men like him, How many died on foreign soil, How many foxholes were soldier's graves? I heard the sound of Taps one night, I listened to the bugler play, I wondered just how many times, When a flag had draped a coffin, I thought of all the children, Of fathers, sons, and husbands, I thought about a graveyard,	it fluttered in the breeze. and then he stood at ease. so young, so tall, so proud, He'd stand out in any crowd. had fallen through the years. how many mothers' tears? No, freedom isn't free. when everything was still, and felt a sudden chill. that Taps meant "Amen", of a brother or a friend. of the mothers and the wives, with interrupted lives. at the bottom of the sea, of unmarked graves in Arlington.
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**No freedom isn't free. Enjoy your freedom; thank a Veteran and God Bless our Troops!**