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CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Sat	Aug 2	Noon	Party – Banquet Room
Mon	Aug 4	6:45 PM	Bingo
		7:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Weds	Aug 6	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting (Only One This Month)
Mon	Aug 11	6:45 PM	Bingo (See Special Events)
		7: 30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting (Only One This Month)
Tues – Sun	Aug 19 – 24		Legion Food Tent at the T-Burg Fair (See Special Events)
Fri – Thurs	Aug 22 – 28		National American Legion Convention at Phoenix, Arizona
Sat	Aug 23	5:00 PM	T-Burg Fireman’s Parade (See Special Events)
Fri – Sun	Aug 29 – 31		Post Clean Up (See Special Events)

Coming Events:

Post family Picnic @ pig roast
Sept 14 noon- 6 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Post Clean Up: Will take place Friday – Sunday, August 29th – 31st. No, not your house, but OURS! It’s time once again to give our establishment a clean sweep down fore and aft. Or to put it another way, time for a white glove zone inspection. We need your help! Watch the bulletin board for times and sign-up sheet. Many hands make little work. Let’s hope all goes well and we can give the place a good cleaning this weekend.

Legion Food Tent at the T-Burg Fair: will begin on Sunday, August 17th with putting up the tent, moving supplies, and continuing until Monday August 25th 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 the sign-up lists to see which shift suits you best. This is another one of our MAJOR fundraisers and we are counting on you.

The Fireman’s Parade: The parade will begin at 5:00 PM sharp on Saturday, August 23rd. Parade lineup will commence at 4:00 PM. We will form our color guard at the Post at 4:15PM and head over to the starting point at 4:30 PM. Uniform will be white Legion Logo shirt or white short sleeve shirt, navy or black pants and shoes, and Legion hat. Let’s have a good turnout for this event. We will be leading the parade.

Walk of Honor: We continue to accept orders for bricks to be etched and installed at our Memorial Site. Order forms are available in the entryway to the lounge. The purchase of a brick is a meaningful way to honor a veteran.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: Betty Langlois: CMC Jim Wellin: CMC – Now Home

TAPS: Harold (Harry) Teeter: Passed away at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester on Monday, June 23, 2008. Harry was a long time member of Post 770 having served in the US Navy during WWII. Harry and Freda were in attendance at most Legion activities. There was a celebration of life for Harry at the American Legion for family and friends on June 29, 2008.

Jane F. Pearsall: passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2008. Jane was a long time member of Post 770 having served in the US Navy during WWII. She received an honorable discharge on February 9, 1946. A memorial service was held at the Ness- Sibley Funeral Home on July 15, 2008.

POST NEWS

As we write this Post News our fairgrounds is becoming alive with tents, concessions, and an increase in traffic despite the high gas prices. Later this week the music will begin and people will be coming out of the woodwork so to speak. Taking a quick glance at our Legion food tent sign-up sheet, it appears most work times are covered. Thanks to all who have volunteered their services to this cause, it is one of our best fundraisers of the year. ...We thought Bingo was doing quite well judging by the cars in the parking lot, but the talk around the Post is that Bingo will wind up on August 11th due to smaller crowds and a shortage of help to operate the games. Every Monday night for months on end has apparently taken its toll. Many thanks to Cindy and Gary Reckdenwald and others who have organized Bingo and stuck with it all of this time. Who knows what the future might hold. ...It just might be that if you want to enjoy our fabulous breakfast on Sunday the 24th, you may have to head on down to our food tent at the fairgrounds. We are not quite sure at this point whether or not our usual breakfast will be served at the Post. ...**Post 770 Wins Seventh Straight** –Trumansburg American Legion team one win away from districts. This was the headline in the July 9th sports page of the Finger Lakes Community Newspapers. The more than half page article tells us a lot about our Legion baseball team, but unfortunately I haven't been able to find the outcome of their season as yet. Without a schedule and little or no news about their play in the Journal, we are kind of left in the dark. It appears, after reading the article that our Post 770 Legion baseball team had a great season – win, lose or draw in the districts. The players, coaches and all other people that were involved with the team should be given a big pat on the back for a fantastic season and a great builder of character. At the conclusion of the article it states: "The Fingers Lakes Community Newspapers is launching a brand new Web page where you can find next day scores, stories, pictures and web exclusive content. Just head to www.sportsaroundthelake.wordpress.com ... A letter from the YMCA came to our attention on the 14th of July. It states: "This is to confirm that the American Legion will be providing breakfast for 490 Bon-Ton Roulet cyclists and volunteers on Saturday July 26th between the hours of 5:30 and 8:30 AM at the price of \$7.00 per person. We just thought you might like to know that your Post is very active in community affairs and always looking for ways to pay our bills and mortgage. ...Post 770 has received a charter from the "Boys Scouts of American" in accordance to their role in sponsoring the local Boy Scout troop. ...The Post membership made a monetary donation to the Cancer Society "Relay for Life".

MEMBERSHIP

We finished up the year 2008 with 383 members. We were about 10 short of our goal. It is now time to begin thinking about 2009 membership. Our organization is your best bet to be looking after veteran's benefits. We are only as strong as our numbers allow us to be. Don't wait another day. Join up tomorrow.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Our new Unit President, Ann Stiles Hunt, was approached with an idea to try for 100% membership for the July 2008 – 2009 year. If you pay your dues by September 30th for 2009, your name will go in a drawing to have your dues paid for the 2010 year by the Auxiliary. The drawing will be at our Oct 7th meeting. There will be TWO names drawn. You will be receiving a dues notice from the National office, but you can pay anytime without the notice and be an early bird. Our condolences to Marge Fulton of the loss of her brother at the end of June. Early in July Dawn Reeves was in CMC and now home recovering. On July 1st Jim & Cindy Dew became first time grandparents. Parents are Jamie and Amber Dew. They named the baby girl Anna Leahbelle, and Izzy Duddleston is a Great – Great Grandmother. Also, first time grandparents are Don & Mindy Coonrad. Parents are Anthony & Kati Muro. They had a 4th of July baby and named him Anthony Lewis III. Congratulations to all. Don't forget to visit our food tent at the Fair. Our next meeting is September 2nd. Have a safe summer. Respectively submitted, Marge Bennett.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

The SAL would like to thank all those who helped out at the Grassroots Food Tent. First of all, thanks and congratulations to Renee Heroux for organizing what was likely our best attended (read.. most profitable) food tent. Also our most heartfelt thanks go out to the rest of our volunteers...not necessarily in any order... Jim Heroux, Al Richar, Dave and Sue Pakala, David Wright, James Heroux II, Bobby Heroux, Jamie Heroux, Gordy Veley, Bruce and Jackie Newhart, Blair Hoover, Roger Meier, Falicia Singer, Travis Vorhis, Dawn Reeves, David LaPadula, Dana Smith, Doreen Mount, Karl Mount, Sam Ward, James Richar, Robbie Marocco, Larry Hardesty, Jim Dew, Cindy Dew, Kayla and Kevin, Phil Colvin, Lee Agard, Wayne and Ruth Doane, Howard Bunt, Dick Bordinet, Roxi Conklin, John Everhard, Ron Everhart, Dave Kauppinen, Dick Waite, Gary Waite, Elaine and Tom Joseph, Mike Pease, Brian Millspaugh, Adam Dempsey, and last and probably least, myself. If we missed anyone, our sincerest apology and let us know. Our next meeting will be August 4th. We should plan on how to be a significant workforce for the fall cleanup of the Post. We should also be a part of the volunteers for Fair Week. Guys, we need to be there for our Post. Time to step up BLR

DID YOU KNOW?

Fort Drum Wants to Lease Depot Land for Training: Romulus – After an eight-year absence, the Army could soon return to the former Seneca Army Depot in Upstate New York to train troops. Officials at the US Army's Fort Drum in northern New York are finalizing a lease with Seneca County officials to use about 3,000 acres of the 10,600-acre former weapons storage and disposal facility. Currently, county and military officials are accepting public comment on the Army's request until June 29, said Patricia Jones, executive director of the Seneca County Economic Development Corp., which has approved the plan. An environmental assessment determined there would be no significant impact from the Army's use of the depot, she said. "It's not exactly an economic development project but it will be nice having the soldiers on the depot again," said Jones, who worked as a civilian at the depot before she became the county's base reuse coordinator. Tucked between Cayuga and Seneca lakes north of the Village of Ovid, the 10,587-acre army depot opened in 1941. For more than 50 years, the depot was used to store and dispose of military explosives, including nuclear bomb materials. It ceased most operations in 1993 and officially closed in 2000. The depot is now home to a state maximum-security prison, a residential center for troubled youths, the county's jail and its law enforcement-training center as well as other light industry and business. Lt. Col. John Penree, senior planning and operations officer at Fort Drum, said the 10th Mountain Division has asked to use the depot for training up to 1,500 soldiers in two to 21 day sessions as many as 10 times a year. Penree said state officials first contacted the Army in October 2004 about using the depot for training. The training area will be in the depot's 7,000-acre conservation area and include the depot's former airfield, a large portion of the bunker area and warehouse space. Training will include weapon exercises using blanks and the use of helicopters and wheeled-vehicle convoys to ferry soldiers.

DID YOU KNOW?

Song Requests Taken for Military Members: Friends and family of military members may dedicate a song to their deployed service member via e-mail. The song will air on American Forces Network (FN)-Afghanistan's Freedom Radio. The Freedom Radio music vault contains more than 50,000 titles, R&B and classic rock. When possible, the radio jocks will pull dedications from the mailbox, read your short message and play the dedication. Freedom Radio plays "Hits from the Home Front" throughout the country of Afghanistan and at Manas Air Force Base, Kyrgyzstan. Disc jockeys based out of Bagram Airfield keep service members informed of issues at their locations as well as the latest Morale, Welfare, and Recreations events and services. To make a music request or dedication, e-mail the disk jockey's in the Freedom Radio studio at www.freedomradio@swa.army.mil.

Wow! Can You Believe It? National Guard – Military Service Your Way! Your Life! You Make the Choices!

You decide the options when joining the Army National Guard. Traditional part-time service with a bonus up to \$20,000, or our new full-time Active Duty program with an enlistment bonus of up to \$60,000. For those going to college, we offer the College First Option that lets you focus on getting your college degree while receiving up to 100% tuition assistance and GI Bill benefits. Over 100 different career training paths with numerous locations across the state. You decide the commitment, location, job and benefits. **Your Life, Your Choice. Call Today! 1-800-Go-Guard.**

ALERTING AMERICA: NALPA CRUCIAL TO NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

Written By Joe March, National Director American Legion Public Relations

With the November 4th elections on the event horizon, The American Legion is launching two information campaigns now through Nov 1st. The first campaign is one that all posts should be involved in every four years. The second is a major effort geared not only towards members, but every citizen in your community. To get started, be sure to encourage your post members to get their hands on two free booklets: The American Legion "Vote America" guide and The American Legion "Strategy to Address Illegal Immigrations in the United States. The American public is splintered on how to deal with illegal immigration. Solutions come from the far left to the far right, from strict enforcement to general amnesty, from fraternal and religious organizations, immigration reform groups and government agencies. Differences are so vast that it is unlikely any congressional immigration reform package will meet with widespread approval from the increasingly frustrated populace. Recognizing the magnitude of the issue and with the best interest of the country in mind, The American Legion is offering its assessment of the situation and a general plan on how to deal with illegal immigration problems. As a nation at war, it is imperative that our government act quickly to close our borders and regain control of our immigration process. With elections rapidly approaching, America's politicians will have their "antennae up" to listen to voters. Accordingly, The American Legion is "taking point" in giving the electorate an educational tool to demand action on this issue: the booklet, "The American Legion Policy on Illegal Immigration – A Strategy to Address Illegal Immigration in the United States." Our goal is to make this booklet available to every American, to educate and motivate them to demand answers – and action. We need your help. The National Americanism and Public Relations Commissions of The American Legion have put together a radio and print media kit available to posts at no cost. It contains a copy of the booklet that addresses illegal immigration, a sample news release for a post to issue to local media, a sample letter that provides information to radio stations about the public service announcements and the education they provide to listeners. The public service radio spots invite listeners to download a free booklet at www.legion.org/bulletins or request a free printed copy, by e-mail, at: acy@legion.org. The marketing package with these materials is available free by sending a request to pr@legion.org or by calling 317-630-1253. We encourage members of The American Legion family and PR chairpersons everywhere to order a kit, contact all radio stations in your area, send letters to the editor of your daily and weekly newspapers and send a post news release to all local media to get this campaign into high gear. Order your media marketing package today, then let the presses roll.