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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Fri	Dec 1	5:30 – 8:00 PM 7:40 – 8:15 PM 8:30 PM	Winter Festival Buffet With Live Music at Post 770 – Public Invited Santa Arrives Via Fire Truck- Legion Meeting Room Fireworks Behind the Legion – Public Invited
Sat	Dec 2	9:00 AM – 4:30 PM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM	Winter Festival Snowmobile Safety Course at the Legion Birthday Party Pine Tree Farms Christmas Party
Sun	Dec 3		Winter Festival
Mon	Dec 4	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Meeting at Post 1134 – Dryden Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting Snowmobile Club Meeting
Tues	Dec 5	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Dec 6	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Dec 7	FLAG 7:00 PM	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – Fly Flag at Half Mast Until Noon Joint Legion Family Meeting
Fri	Dec 8	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Phil Colvin’s Crew
Sat	Dec 9	TBA	Hog’s Christmas Party
Mon	Dec 11	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting – Only One This Month
Tues	Dec 12	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Lions Club Meeting in Small Room Auxiliary Christmas Party
Sat	Dec 16	TBA 4:00 PM	Birthday Party – Large Room Private Party – Small Room
Sun	Dec 17	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Kid’s Christmas Party – Public Invited – Sign Up Required
Tues	Dec 19	Noon	Tompkins County Highway Department Christmas Party
Weds	Dec 20	Noon 7:00 PM	Senior Citizen’s Christmas Dinner Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Dec 21	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Sun	Dec 24	8:00 – 11:00 AM 4:00 – 6:00 PM	Breakfast – Public Invited Christmas Eve Open House – Free Draft Beer, Soft Drinks, and Hors d’oeuvres
Mon	Dec 25	FLAG	Merry Christmas! – Post Closed
Sun	Dec 31	5:30 – 8:00 PM 9:00PM – 1:00 AM	New Year’s Eve Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Combination Crew New Years Eve Party Featuring Live Music from “Rawhide”

Looking Ahead to January: Jan 1 FLAG Happy New Year – Football Games on TV at the Post

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Trustees Information: Any member of the American Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL can attend a Board meeting. If they wish to speak at the meeting, they should contact the chairperson to be put on the agenda. Each organization has a representative on the Board who should disseminate pertinent information back to their organization.

Trumansburg Area Winter Festival: will take place on Friday, December 1st through Sunday, Dec 3rd. Placement of Friendship trees in the Legion hallway will occur during the month of December. Canned goods will be collected weekly until Thanksgiving. The side door entry way will be accessible during normal hours of operation to allow for tree

decorations and other affiliated activities. On Friday, December 1st, the Legion will host a Festival Buffet from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. Live music will be provided during the dinner. This is open to the public and is the feature of the opening night of the festival. Fireworks and Santa's visit will follow. On Saturday, December 2nd, the Legion will provide the facilities for a snowmobile safety course from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

Bell Ringers Needed: We have once again been asked to help with the bell ringing for the Salvation Army. It will be on Saturday, December 2nd from morning till 6:00 PM. Please sign up at the Legion for your one-hour shift. It is amazing how much good can come out of it. Sorry for the short notice.

Bar Manager Position: As of this writing we continue to accept applications for a bar manager and are looking to form a 2nd breakfast crew for the 2nd Sunday of the month. If anyone or group is interested in more information please contact Board Chairperson Dave Boyd, Jim Heroux, or Commander Al Richar.

“Walk of Honor”: We are pleased to recently place 8 more inscribed bricks in the “Walk of Honor”. We were also informed that orders are still being filled at this time. It may not be too early to think of purchasing a meaningful Christmas present for a Veteran friend, family member, or loved one. Applications may be found on the table in the entry way.

Kids Christmas Party: Will be held on Sunday, Dec 17th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Plenty of refreshments and fun are in store when Santa arrives with his bag of toys and goodies. All little boys and girls between the ages of newborn and 10 are invited to come. Bring your Mom & Dad, Grandma & Grandpa, the more the merrier. We need you to sign up and tell us the ages, sex, and how many children you are bringing by December 13th, so that Santa can fill his sack with presents for everyone.

Christmas Eve Open House: It has long been a tradition to wish our comrades a Merry Christmas at the Post on Christmas Eve. We are having a festive open house with free draft beer, soft drinks, and hor d'oeuvres from 4:00–6:00 PM. Won't you join us for a bit of comederie before Christmas?

New Years Eve Party: As you can see by our ad, we are really going all out this New Years Eve. We are looking forward to a great Fish or Steak Dinner from 5:30 – 8:00 PM to be followed by a great band from 9:00 PM – 1:00 AM. Please join us for this special occasion and ring in the New Year as it should be done. See you there!

Grandfather Clock: Have you seen the beautiful clock majestically standing in the Post hallway? It could be yours with the right raffle ticket being sold by any SAL member or from the bartender. The tickets are \$2.00 for 1 or \$5.00 for 3 tickets. The drawing will be held at Midnight on New Years Eve. Need not be present to win.

Wheel Chairs and Medical Equipment: Any equipment borrowed from the Post and which is no longer needed, please return to the American Legion Auxiliary, so that they might continue their program of aiding or providing for the needy. They can arrange for pick ups if it is a problem. Please call 387- 4212

Plastic Molding Throughout the Post: Especially the lounge, has taken a beating. Take a look for yourself. It could be replaced if we were to receive a donation of hard wood. About 1,000 board feet are needed. Denny & Doug Millsbaugh have the facilities to cut and plane them to size. We need the wood. Any takers out there?

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 333. As the year 2006 nears its end that leaves 74 short of our quota of 407. At the October 23rd meeting an amendment to the Bi-laws increasing dues from \$25 - \$30 was unanimously passed. If you pay your dues for 2007 before January 1st, they are still only \$25. It seems like a win-win situation to pay up now. After all, our Post did not have much of a choice because National raised their dues about \$5.00. It will cost our Post money after January 1st. If you have changed your address please notify us.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: Ed Wright – Sayre

Taps: John Duddleston: passed away at Hospice on Friday, October 27, 2006. John, a long time member of Post 770, learned to fly his senior year in high school. In 1942, he became a flight instructor with the US Army Air Corps. Shortly after, John was commissioned in 1944 to become one of the C-46 cargo plane pilots who flew the hump from India to China. Following his honorable discharge from the Air Corps in February of 1946, he joined his father in the operation of Halsey Farms. John and his wife, “Izzy” were frequent visitors to the Post, especially to fish fry's. Funeral services were conducted at Grove Cemetery with full Military honors rendered by the Post 770 American Legion Ritual team. Granddaughter, Senior Airman Lisa Gibson who is stationed at **Randolf** Field, San Antonio, TX, presented the flag. (The same field at which John received his commission.

Lillian Hardesty: passed away on Friday, November 10, 2006 at her home. She was the wife of SAL member Larry Hardesty. A celebration of Lillian's life and time of fellowship was held on Sunday, November 19 at Post 770.

POST NEWS

Let's begin our newsletter with some statistics from a great month of "bashes, happenings, and events". The St. Francis Parish enjoyed a great afternoon of fun, eating, and dancing. About 164 had a great meal and dancing to the Music of Rawhide (where do you think our Post got the idea to book them for New Years Eve?) ... 239 ate at our fabulous breakfast. I hear they had to run to the store for more food. ... About 182 had a great afternoon and evening at the NRA fundraising "bash". Great food, great fun. Job well done! They are already booking for next year. ... 127 devoured the Auxiliary gals dinner of Chicken & Biscuits as put forth by Mindy and crew. I hear the cream soup was also a big hit. ... I don't even want to think about serving 232 fish & steak dinners in November as the Heroux crew did. WOW! And it isn't even wintertime yet. ... About 40 attended the Department visitation noon luncheon. We heard great reports on how good the soup and sandwiches were. It seems that everyone gets tired and stuffed on these go-go-go weekend visitations and ours was a welcome stop along the way. Thanks to Mindy, Suzy, Roberta, and Jim W. for a great job. ... Let me run one more statistic by you: We had 15 present at our November 13th Post meeting. That in itself is almost half again the usual turnout, but get this; ALL of the current American Legion officers were in attendance. Quite a record! ... Veterans Day weekend saw our members go in two different directions. On Sunday our Color Guard consisting of Phil, Jim, Don, and George took part in the Ithaca parade. Our wives and families also accompanied us. As always, the highlight seems to be the playing in the middle of the VFW by the bagpipe Scottish bands after the parade. It is such a different musical sound. At 11AM on Nov 11th, 6 of our members took part in the Dewitt Park ceremonies. Our rifle team was formed by Dave Boyd, Tom Bennett, and Blair Hoover; our color guard by Calvin Bailey, Phil Colvin and Henry Van Ness. Great job guys! ... We always admire the patriotism shown by Doc Orzeck, especially the column in the Pennysaver or Seneca County Area Shopper, which seems to be forthcoming around Veteran's Day. If you have not had a chance to read it, please pick up a Nov 4th-14th copy. What you read may raise your eyebrows a bit. Doc tells it the way he sees it. Like the bumper sticker says, "America: Home of the Free Because of the Brave"! ... Tom Bennett, Bill Parker, and Al Richar attended the National Commanders dinner in Big Flats in November. They were pleased that the National Commander took the time to have his photographers take pictures of the four of them, who represented not only our Post but Tompkins County as well. ... We did attend the November joint Legion family meeting at which there were about 10 people. Besides a brief discussion of the New Years Eve festivities the meeting could be summed up in one word. "BINGO"... You will be hearing a lot more from Gary & Cindy Reckdenwald who seemed to more or less take the "reins" to steer the project to a reality.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

It has been brought to our attention there should be several additions and/or corrections to the November newsletter column. Joint Family Meeting: In regard to the probation department workers helping with the Post 770 work bee in late September, it seems they were looking forward to helping us out but a supervisor was not available on that day. We were disappointed because they had done an outstanding job for several prior years. Hopefully, next time. ... One or two Auxiliary crews, in addition to the crew of kitchen steward Tom Bennett, has put some of our receptions, dinners, and banquets on. ... The mentioned corrections and/or additions were not necessarily the opinions or observation of the writer, but by those attending the joint meeting in October. ... We were not copying what we were looking at in regards to Sunday, November 26th. Our usual 4th of the month breakfast should have appeared in that slot of the November calendar and our Post 770 meeting should have been held on November 27th. Sorry about that. We must have had something else on our mind even when proof reading before final copy.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is 116 Seniors and 6 Juniors. Congratulations to Ron & Mary Schmidt for becoming grandparents on 11/4. Kayden Marie was born to Kyle & Kari Schmidt. Our condolences to Izzy Duddleston on the loss of her husband on 10/27. A big Thank You to Mindy on planning Auxiliary dinners. She took over for Shirley & Sue. Our Auxiliary dinner went well last month and we will continue to due the 3rd Thursdays of each month. Next one will be Dec 21st. Thank you Roxie Conklin for carving the pumpkin in the lounge. The Auxiliary Xmas party will be on December 12th at 7:00 PM. Snacks provided but please bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange. On the 17th, we will be having the annual Kids Xmas party from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Please sign up by Dec 13 for any child you will be bringing between the ages of newborn to 10 years olds. Thanks Susie and crew for the Departmental Luncheon.

Have a safe & Happy Holidays!

Respectively submitted Marge Bennett

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Membership renewal is going quite slowly. Please come out and renew as soon as possible. The grandfather clock raffle is doing quite well. About 300 chances were sold in the first few weeks. Additional tickets for sales or purchase are available in the lounge. The clock has been set up in the Legion hallway and pictures of it are available to help promote sales. Thanks again to the Chris Vann Home Team for this generous donation.

BINGO

Efforts are currently underway to obtain a license to begin Bingo. A number has already been issued and the application for the license will be submitted shortly. It is anticipated BINGO will begin sometime in January, but may be delayed until early February depending on when the license is issued. BINGO will be held on Monday nights as this has been identified as the best available weeknight. The games will begin at 6:45 pm and run through approximately 9:00pm. Various food items and snacks will be available starting at 5:30pm and during the intermission. Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members are needed as volunteers to assist each Monday night with selling cards, working the floor, and providing other assistance. Anyone interested in working will need to sign up as soon as possible. The sign up sheet is at the bar. The sheet listing the volunteers must be submitted with the application for the license. It is realized that individuals will not be available every Monday night. The hope is to have enough volunteers to switch off with there being a minimum of five workers each night. This would not include those volunteering to work in the kitchen. This is the first attempt to begin BINGO at the Legion. Any and all support from the members is greatly appreciated. This is a potentially profitable undertaking that will benefit the Legion and the community.