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CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Thurs	Feb 2		Groundhog Day
		7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Information Meeting
		7:00 PM	Euchre Night
Sat	Feb 4	4:00 PM	Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Dinner
Sun	Feb 5	2:30 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Meeting at Post 221, Ithaca
		5:00 PM	Super Bowl Party – Dish to Pass – Big Screen TV- See Special Events
Tues	Feb 7	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Feb 8	Noon	Senior Citizens Meeting
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Feb 9	7:00 PM	Euchre Night
Fri	Feb 10	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Phil Colvin’s Crew
Sat	Feb 11		American Legion Zone Oratorical Contest at Mohawk Central School, NY
		Noon	Franziska Racher Center Dinner
Sun	Feb 12	FLAG	Lincoln’s Birthday
		8:00 -11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
		Noon	Daytona 500 Race Party – See Special Events
Mon	Feb 13	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Tues	Feb 14		Valentines Day
Thurs	Feb 16	7:00 PM	Euchre
Mon	Feb 20	FLAG	Presidents Day
Weds	Feb 22	FLAG	Washington’s Birthday
		Noon	Senior Citizens Meeting
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Feb 23	7:00 PM	Euchre Night
Fri	Feb 24	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak and Shrimp Supper – Public Invited – See Special Events
Sat	Feb 25	7:00 PM	Chili Cook Off in the Lounge – See Special Events
Sun	Feb 26	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
		11:00 AM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
		Afternoon	Snowmobile Club Poker Run and Chicken BBQ- Public Invited – Weather Permitting
Sun–Tues	Feb 26-28		Washington American Legion Conference
Mon	Feb 27	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Super Bowl Party – 5:00 PM on Sunday, February 5th and **Daytona 500 Race Party** – at Noon on Sunday February 12th. These two sporting events are among the “High Lights” of the year and feature a dish-to-pass party and viewing on our big screen TV. You will have all of the fun of a “tail-gate party” without the expense. No doubt about it, the Legion is the place to be and share these gala events with your friends.

Steak and Shrimp Supper – We thought that perhaps it was time once again to put on another Steak & Shrimp dinner. You responded well for the last one we did and we hope you will enjoy something a little different once again. It all happens on Friday, Feb 24th from 5:30 – 8:00 PM.

Chili Cook-Off- Once again an evening of fun, raffles, food, and tasting is going to take place on Saturday, February 25th at 7:00 PM. Sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion, the event will take place in the lounge. Bring a pot of your best chili, be a judge, win a prize, and have a good time.

Post 770 Website – www.Post770.com - Patrick Richar at 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188 – 2430 is looking for photos and info of interest to our Legion family. Check out our website, who knows what you may see... maybe yourself. At our last Post meeting there was considerable discussion about making the Post Newsletter available to those who like to receive it by e-mail. This would not only save mailing and copying costs, but might also get your newsletter to you sooner. Again, we are investigating the possibility for those who would be receptive. Do you have any suggestions as to how we can implement this course of action?

S.A.L Lawnmower Raffle- A Toro GTSS, 5.5 HP self-propelled is to be drawn for on Saturday, April 1st. Jack's Equipment donated this lawnmower to the S.A.L. Raffle tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5 and may be purchased at the bar or from any S.A.L. member.

Notices – 1) There has been an “about face” on the decision to serve only Angus beef. It is felt we would be pricing ourselves out of the market with our dinners and it was therefore decided to go with an up grade serving quality steak but at affordable price. Try our steak at the next fish fry and let us know how you like it. 2) The Heroux crew is doing breakfasts on both the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Due to the increase, more help is needed on both crews to put on breakfasts efficiently. If you would like to volunteer your help on either of these two Sunday mornings, please see Jim or one of his crew. Thank you in advance. 3) Due to the great variety of offerings and our “all you can eat” policy, we are increasing the price of breakfast from \$4.50 to \$5.00. It is still one of the best buys today. We hope this will not deter you from attending. (We too, are feeling the effects of the escalating costs associated with heating our banquet hall.) 4) Those planning a Saturday Wedding Reception at our facilities, please be advised that it is virtually impossible to decorate the banquet room before 10:00 PM on the Friday nights which we are putting on fish fries, banquets, dinners, Monte Carlo night, etc. There is just too much confusion with cleaning up, to allow other groups in before 10 PM. Thank you for understanding. 5) Please watch our Ads for various events in the Penny Saver and the Seneca Shopper. Because the Newsletter has a deadline on the 15th of the preceding month of publication, the time and dates are often not decided upon until we have gone to press. Incidentally, we are still looking for a volunteer to keep our roadside sign up to date. Any takers? 6) Hospital Equipment- If you borrowed any equipment from our facility please return when you no longer have use of it. The Auxiliary is trying to maintain a loan policy of various types of equipment. Please inquire if you have need of hospital devices. 7) A Clean Kitchen -There has been a few complaints about the condition in which our kitchen facilities are left following various dinners. Most volunteers do a great job in cleaning up, but just a reminder. Have you wiped the stove off after use (it gets quite greasy at times); have all dishes been washed and put away; has everything been returned to its proper place; has the garbage been emptied and the floor cleaned; the walk-in and freezers straightened up, coffee urns rinsed and dried; tables rearranged; sinks cleaned, etc. etc. As you can see there is a lot to do after using the kitchen. Thank you for listening.

POST NEWS

Why am I always the last person to know when changes occur? I looked forward to sitting in a comfortable chair on New Years Day watching the steady progression of parades and college football bowl games. It was about Noon before I realized there was no Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl, or Sugar Bowl parades or games on TV. They were to be played on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. I don't ever remember this happening in the past, yet it must have if the reason behind it all is that New Years Day fell on a Sunday and that would interfere with the Pro-Football schedule. Oh well, tomorrow's another day. (Please disregard the events in your last newsletter scheduled for Jan 1st.) ... The well-attended Christmas Eve Open House has gone by, as have the decorated Christmas trees that remained in the hallway. We hated to see the beautifully decorated trees throughout the Legion come down, especially Renee's in the banquet room, Vickii's in the entry way, and Chris's in the lounge. Great job guys and gals. ... New Years Eve celebration was a little quieter than some I have attended over the years. 120 had fish or steak at our dinner. About 4 or 5 tables of celebrants brought in the New Year in the lounge and most left soon after the Time Square Ball reached the New Year. ... The pace of events seems to have slowed down somewhat during the 1st two weeks of January as compared to the hectic rush in December. Other than the normal meetings, breakfasts, fish fry's, and banquet dinners, we are catching our breath and getting ready for the Spring rush. ... We enjoyed seeing a child's picture of the American Flag in the Ithaca Times with this caption printed across the stripes. “I used to say the Pledge of Allegiance every day at my old school. But now I only can say the Pledge of Allegiance on Mondays. That makes me sad, because I like saying the Pledge every day. But I guess it is okay just saying the Pledge on Mondays. I like my new school.” By Megan McIntyre – Age 7. Kind of brings tears to your eyes, doesn't it? ... The popcorn you are consuming at the bar

during the next few months is the result of a donation of 30 pounds of popping corn by Millspaugh Bros. Hardware & Lumber. Thanks Doug and Denny, we will pop every kernel and enjoy. ... The abbreviated Post News allows us space to inform you of two articles that I believe, as a Legion family member, you should read. The first article is from the January, 2006 issue of your American Legion Magazine and is titled "The Truth about Gitmo – Soldiers and sailors working inside the wire endure abuse from rabid Jihadists." By Gordon Cuculli. Having served 3 months of ship duty at the Guantonomo Bay Navy Base in Cuba during the 50's I can assure you things there have changed a lot. Welcome to the New Gitmo. The article is an opportunity to be exposed to the unfolding story from someone other than our bias media. Please read the article and judge the situation for yourself. This is the American way. ...Please allow me to print the second article because of its brevity. The source is from "The Voice" produced by the NY State American Legion Press Assoc. The article is titled "Bock: Give Full Support to Hostettler Bill". "A few months ago we asked Congress to amend a law to stop the American Civil Liberties Union from using the courts to destroy American values at taxpayers expense. The American Legion is in full support of the Public Expression of Religion Act of 2005, HR. 2679, sponsored by Rep. John Hostettler, R-Ind. The legislation would end this abuse by amending the Civil Rights Attorney Fees Act of 1976, 42 US Code Section 1988, to withdraw the authority of judges to award attorney fees to the ACLU, or anyone else, in lawsuits under the Establishment Clause. I urge you to join us in calling on Congress to pass HR. 2679. The courts are awarding the ACLU millions of dollars in taxpayer-paid attorney fees awards authorized under the Civil Rights Act 42 US Code Section 1988. While the law was written with good intentions to ensure legitimate victims of civil rights violations could obtain representation, the ACLU in First Amendment establishment-of-religion-clause cases has exploited it. American Legion Resolution 325 calls on Congress to end the outrageous exploitation of the Civil Rights Act by the ACLU in seeking and receiving millions of dollars in judge-ordered, lax payer-funded attorney fees in Establishment Clause cases. It is the threat of such judge-ordered fees that has terrorized local elected officials into surrendering to the ACLU's demands. I challenge all officers of the American Legion to contact their elected officials at every level. Ask them to give their immediate attention and fullest influence efforts to amend Title 42, stopping the ACLU's cash flow in its tracks. Urge each member of Congress to sign on as a co-sponsor of this bill. The ACLU continues to profit from these cases at taxpayer expense. Title 42 simply must be amended to end this abuse. As more Americans learn how the ACLU adds insult to injury by collecting taxpayer dollars to fund its attack on our national moral values, expect a groundswell of we the people united to stop this practice dead in its tracks."

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 347 as we begin year 2006. We have had an increase of 27 memberships this past month but still need 85 more to reach our quota goal of 432. Please let us know of any address changes. We are please to welcome two new members. They are Jay O'Hara and Jason C. Myford. It is nice to have you aboard as our newest members.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: **Ron Ashcraft** – Seneca Nursing Home – Waterloo **Gerald (Windy) Hendrix** – CMC – Now Home
 Bill Hall – Sayre – By- Pass Surgery – "went well"

Taps: **Audrey B. Ball** – passed away in Lakeland, FL on Friday December 30, 2005. Audrey was a long time Auxiliary member and the wife of member Robert Ball and sister of members Tom, Don and Bob Bennett. She and her husband moved from T-burg to Lakeland some years ago.

Virginia H. Rogers – died Friday, January 13, 2006 at the Arnot Ogden Memorial Hospital. Virginia was a member of Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary. She is survived by her husband Post 770 member Louis Rogers and sons Daniel and James; daughters Judy Brown and Terry Thorpe; son-in law Barry Smith; and grandchildren and great-grand children. Her daughter, Auxiliary member Bonnie Smith, predeceased her.

William C. Alford – passed away at Hospice Comfort Care in Ithaca on Saturday, January 14, 2006. On July 29, 1938 Bill enlisted in the Kentucky National Guard at Harrodsburg, Kentucky. He was 18 at the time. In 1940 all Guards became Federal Troops or Regular Army. After about 10 months of maneuvers at Camp Polk and Fort Knox they loaded their equipment on to flat beds and headed to San Francisco where they embarked for their journey to Manila of the Philippines Islands. Bill served four years overseas with the 192nd Battalion and was taken prisoner by the Japanese Army. After surviving the Bataan Death March and 31/2 years as a prisoner of war, he returned to his home in Kentucky. For his military service he received several awards and citations including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Presidential Citation. Bill was a life member of Post 770, VFW Post 961, DAV NY2 and the A.D.B.C. His wife, Auxiliary member Jackie, son David and daughter Judy Houseworth, and several grand children, brothers and a sister survive Bill. Graveside services with full military honors will be scheduled and announced in the spring of 2006.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership stands at 153. Thank you to Jackie Newhart & crew for a job well done for the kid's Xmas party. There were 59 kids. Next year they are lowering the age group to 8 years olds cut off date. There is NO Auxiliary dinner in February. If and when you are in the hallway and see a chair or bench pushed up against the wall, please pull them away. Mary Schmidt's fundraiser for the Auxiliary went well. She sold all of her candles. Congratulations to Dick & Dixie Wager on their new grandchild born 12/05. Also, to Chris & Nicole (Barry) Makala who had their first child on 12/23/05. Ayden Christopher only weighed 3 lbs 2 oz, so will have to spend more time in the hospital. The proud grandparents are David & Vickii Barry. Our condolences to the Audrey Ball family who passed away on 12/30/05. She was a 50 plus year member. And to the Virginia Rogers family who passed away on 1/13/06. Our condolences to the Bill Alford family who passed away on 1/14/06. Vickii Barry, Roberta Stilwell & Susie Smith will be attending mid-winter conference at Albany, NY at the end of January. Happy Valentines Day. Respectively Submitted, Marge Bennett

MILITARY NEWS

Army Spec Jay E. O'Hara has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, OK. During the eight weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle marksmanship, weapons, map reading, tactics, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history, core values and traditions and special training in human relations. He is the son of Christiane M. and Christopher J. O'Hara of Ithaca. O'Hara graduated in the year of 2000 from T-burg and received a bachelor's degree in 2005 from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. At our January 9th membership meeting, Jay was accepted as our newest member of Post 770. Congratulations Jay.

Once again our very own Marine 1st Sgt. Tony Grainger is back in Iraq. This time not with his War Pigs. He has been stationed in CT training the Marine Reservists of Charlie Company for the past year. They shipped out on 1/03/06 headed for 29 Palms in CA to join up with the 1st MEF and then off to Iraq. "God Speed Tony". We are Proud of you. Keep Safe "G"