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### CALENDAR FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

#### January:

<b>Sat</b>	<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>FLAG</b> 2:00 - 8:00 PM	<b>New Years Day</b> Football bowl games on TV
Mon	Jan 3	7:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Every Monday is wing night @ Post 770 Squadron 770, Sons of the American Legion - Meeting Snowmobile Club – Meeting
Tues	Jan 4	7:00 PM	Unit 770, American Legion Aux – Meeting
Weds	Jan 5	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Board of Trustees - Meeting Dart League Every Wednesday is wing night @ Post 770
Sat	Jan 8	8:00 AM	Snowmobile Club - Safety Course - Meeting
Mon	Jan 10	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion – Meeting
Weds	Jan 12	7:00 PM	Dart League
Fri	Jan 14	5:30 - 8:00 PM	Steak and Fish Fry dinner - Heroux's Crew
Sat	Jan 15	Noon	Senior Citizens Christmas Party - Party food to share, beverage provided
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Jan 17</b>	<b>FLAG</b> 7:00 PM	<b>Martin Luther King Birthday</b> (observed) Snowmobile Club – Meeting
Weds	Jan 19	7:00 PM TBA 7:00 PM	Board of Trustee's – Meeting Snowmobile Club – Banquet Dart League
Thurs	Jan 20	5:30 - 8:00 PM	Joint Aux and SAL Dinner
Sun	Jan 23	7:30 - 11:00 AM	Breakfast
Mon	Jan 24	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion – Meeting
Weds	Jan 26	7:00 PM	Dart League

#### February:

Tues	Feb 1	7:30 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Aux – Meeting
<b>Weds</b>	<b>Feb 2</b>		<b>Ground Hog Day</b>
		7:00 PM	Dart League
Sat	Feb 5	3:00 PM	Anniversary Party
Sun	Feb 6	4:00 PM	Super Bowl Party - Dish to pass - Big screen TV
Mon	Feb 7	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion – Meeting Snowmobile Club – Meeting
Weds	Feb 9	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Board of Trustees – Meeting Dart League

Fri	Feb 11	5:30 - 8:00 PM	Steak and Fish Fry Dinner - Colvin Crew
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>A. Lincoln's Birthday</b>
		8:00 – Noon	Bloodmobile - blood drive - Have you given blood lately?
Sun	Feb 13	2:00 PM	Tompkins County American Legion - Regular Meeting at Post 1134 in Dryden
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Feb 14</b>		<b>Valentines Day</b>
		7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion – meeting
Weds	Feb 16	Noon	Senior Citizens Luncheon/Meeting
		7:00 PM	Dart League
Thurs	Feb 17	5:30 - 8:00 PM	Joint SAL and Aux Dinner
Sun	Feb 20	Noon	Daytona Race Party
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Feb 21</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>G. Washington's Birthday</b> (observed) <b>Presidents Day</b>
		7:00 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>G. Washington's Birthday</b>
Weds	Feb 23	7:00 PM	Board of Trustee's - Meeting
		7:00 PM	Dart League
Sun	Feb 27	7:00 - 11:00 AM	Breakfast
Mon	Feb 28	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion - Meeting

For missing dates and times, please check our website: [www.post770.com](http://www.post770.com) or call during business hours.

### SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Super Bowl, Daytona Race, Snowmobile Poker Run, Winter Dance and Dinner Parties** - are among the special events held in February. In addition, our regular events like the Steak and Fish Fries, and Breakfasts these events offer a special chance to get together with friends and enjoy this usually cold and snowy month. Please check dates and times listed on our calendar to have some great winter get togethers.

**A Bar Coordinator is needed.** Bartenders are also needed. If you have an interest in the position or questions about the job you can apply and/or contact Don Smith or Jim Heroux. Candidates must be a member of Post 770 or an Aux or SAL member.

Thank you to all those people who took time out of their busy schedules to ring bells for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive at Sure Save.

### CHAPLAINS CORNER

**Sick Call:**

**Betty Langlois:** We hope you are feeling better.

**Taps:**

**Edward Taves:** Died September 28, 2009. A military internment was conducted by Post 770 Chaplain George VanValen in October, 2010 at Grove Cemetery.

**George E. Larson:** Passed away on October 14, 2010. He taught Industrial Arts at Dewitt Middle School. George is survived by his wife Patricia; son, George Jr.; daughter, Linda, Lisa, and Leslie; brothers, Aage and Roy; and a sister, Eva. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War receiving an honorable discharge as a Corporal.

**Dr. James B. Juenger:** passed away on November 30, 2010 after a one year battle with cancer. The family received friends from 1-4 PM, December 5, 2010 at the American Legion Post 770. A Memorial Service was held at the Post.

**Thomas L. Boyes Sr.:** of Interlaken passed away at the CMC on December 3, 2010. Tom entered the US Army on August 6, 1942. He served in the Asian - Pacific Theater and continued his passion for baseball while pitching for an Army team. With the rank of Staff Sergeant, Tom received an honorable discharge on January 1, 1946. In 1979, after serving a 30 year career at the Seneca Army Depot, he continued to devote time and energy to his community. His dedication was evidenced by membership in the Interlaken American Legion Post 462 and many other organizations. The family received friends at the Ness-Sibley Funeral Home on December 13, 2010. A Military Tribute was performed by the U. S. Army Funeral Detail, Ovid and Trumansburg American Legion Funeral Details at the Interlaken Reform Church following the church funeral service.

## POST NEWS

As we begin writing our Post News it is with a bit of sadness that we are losing Kathie Roach as our typist after about seven years of reading my "hen scratches". Not an easy job to say the least. Kathie's family is expanding and she is in greater demand than time allows. We thank you Kathie for a job well done and all the time and effort you and Brady have brought forth. Now, we are in search of a replacement. Perhaps we will find one as we begin a new year with the January-February edition.....Following our ship's reunion (USS Leyte CV-32) in Charleston, South Carolina things became rather confused upon our return to the Burg. We forgot about the Early Bird dinner and were unable to attend the Halloween party. We were informed a wonderful beef burgundy dinner was served by Chef Tom Bennet with assistance from Gary and Cindy Reckdenwald, and others. Fifty-six people were in attendance including one Boy Stater and two Girl Staters, who jointly told of their experiences at the week long and mock governments their groups attended. We were very disappointed to have missed their presentations. Having previously attended segments of their programs we were extremely impressed. We assume such was the case this year.....Missing the Halloween dress-up wasn't all that bad. With all the grandchildren at our house, we had a great party of our own. I'm sure many of you experienced the same kind of party at your house.....We had Lt. Cmdr. David Neiss at one of our membership meetings recently. David is stationed in Pakistan and after a brief visit home will be returning there. He has had a request to loan out the Civil War "set up" he helped create and which sits in the hallway next to the WWII display. It seems the Civil War Encampment located in Ovid was impressed enough to want to show it off in one of the "Three Bears" houses during their get together. While we are talking about the display, it seems some of our young people have been temporarily without supervision and were seen dueling with the sabers and pointing the rifles at one another. Please call this to our attention if you see such antics or we will have to put parts of the display under lock and key.....We have been trying out the "wings" on Monday and Wednesday nights. Honey Mustard is our favorite. Try some – you'll love them!..... Our large TV no longer functions and so is going wherever worn out TVs go. Also a reminder to please clean the grills off with paper towels when you are finished using them.....The Legion sign now works electrically. We just need to position it..... Al Richar and Tom Bennet recently attended the National Commander Visitation dinner at Post 154 in Elmira Heights. They still feel the Post 770 puts out one of the best dinners in the district. I would have to agree with them.....Thank goodness elections are over, at least for now. The ads on TV, radio, newspapers, telephone calls, flyers, etc. were getting to be a little much. But, if that is the only price we must pay to live in a country which embraces a free society, then I guess its all worth it. Its great to be an American!.....We were very impressed with the Veteran's Parade in Ithaca this year. Because I can no longer march, my vantage point is Post 961, the VFW in Ithaca. It is always a nice get-to-gather with veteran friends from other Posts as well as some, including our Auxiliary President and family and others from Post 770. Accompanied by my son John and 3 year old grandson, Quinn, we enjoyed everything about the parade except that there were no marching units from Tompkins County. This is a first as far as I know. We were to have formed a single unit made up of our Tompkins County Posts but this didn't happen. A single red vehicle with a sign saying this represents Tompkins County, was all there was. The rest of the parade: absolutely fantastic ROTC units from Cornell, floats, scouts, many bagpipes and drum bands, color guards from other cities, etc., very few fire engines. This was a parade to celebrate with our veterans and that was very evident. The best part was listening to the mass formation of the bagpipe-drum bands back at the VFW. If you have never attended this you don't know what you are missing. If your ears can stand the loudness of the sound, you are in for a fantastic ½ hour of pure bliss. And so the Ithaca Veteran's Day parade was the best ever with more bagpipe bands than ever before.....Not to be out done by the Veteran's Day parade, Veteran's Day itself saw a lot of activity at DeWitt Park in Ithaca on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Tom Bennett, Phil Colvin, and George VanValen presented the colors, while Dave Boyd, Tony Chiesa, and Harold Wright shared the duties of the firing squad with 3 shooters from the Post in Dryden. Calvin Bailey was in attendance as were a number of SAL and auxiliary members. The program moved right along with several speakers making comments. It was a great tribute to our veterans. Following the ceremony, several of us stopped at the Ithaca VFW Post. It was but a short while before I was to speak to the Rotary Club regarding how and why Veterans Day came to be and how and why the American Legion was formed. I guess I was chosen to speak because of my role in the Legion as historian. If you read the Ithaca Journal on/or before Veterans Day you know that there were many articles explaining its inception and the changes it underwent between Armistice Day and Veterans Day. There were also a number of articles explaining how the formation of the American Legion came about and what functions it provided us with. Not realizing the Journal would be providing us with such in depth information, I set about going through the last 23 years of newsletters (276) during which I was editor and received phone calls telling me about the Ithaca Journal's veterans day info, all of which supplied a lot of data and answers to questions I expected would be asked. At about 7:30 p.m. when it was announced Rotary would be proceeding to their business meeting, I decided I

had answered their questions and said quite enough. When someone asked, "How did you do?" I'm not quite sure. Rotary; like the Legion, Elks, Masons, Odd Fellows, etc. seem to be experiencing difficulties bringing new, younger members to replace those that we are losing. Do you have any answers or solutions???. On Friday, November 12th our fish fry crew had the duty. One hundred forty-one dinners were served. A number of our crew was not able to be on board and people that are not normally used to taking orders were pressed into service. We hope those who attended were not disappointed with the result. We look forward to having you back again.....Recently I latched onto a Navy Times Newspaper which is apparently being left on the table in the entrance way to the bar lounge. Having been in the Navy for 5 years, I found a number of the articles extremely interesting. A few had to do with the increasing role of woman in the Navy. One article went into the problems encountered among advanced grade senior women officers who were placed in command of some of our larger ships; the second had to do with a Master Chief being let out of the Navy after a lifetime aboard ship because of his fraternization with a female serving under his jurisdiction; the third has to do with women about to serve in the close quarters of a submarine. Several years ago we spent a few hours on the nuclear aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy. To see our gals working side by side in dungarees with our guys is not something I experienced in the 40's and 50's. Don't get me wrong, I think it's about time! It's just that in yesteryear gals were serving in offices, ferrying planes, or nursing on hospital ships. Please don't judge this article on my thoughts of years ago. It's a changing world and we service personnel are all part of it.....We received a call and written information regarding our Lowe's and Home Depot announcement of "10% off" purchased by veterans. It appears that a photo I.D. Veterans Card is needed for this transaction to occur. A copy of explanation of how to acquire this is described in a 7 page document published by the State of New Jersey's Senior News Notes. We have been informed that the State of New York and closer to home, Tompkins County, are behind the times when it comes to acquiring this document. A number of us from 770 and other posts participated in the Veterans issuing a photo I.D. card that took place at the Army Reserve on Warren Road some time ago. If you did not obtain your Veteran Photo I.D. card then, you will probably want to look into obtaining one now. Please contact our Commander or myself if you have any further information on the matter.....The Boy Scouts have planted a tree on our grounds in commemoration of 100 years of their existence. A fitting tribute to a fine organization.....For use of those who wish to use the kitchen without passing behind the bar, a "Key Pad" has been placed at the kitchen entry way. You must know the code to be able to enter the kitchen at this point.....New Legion Baseball pants have been purchased by the membership.....A monetary contribution was made to the Covert Veterans Memorial by the membership.....A number of electrical problems with everything from light bulbs, to parking lot lighting problems have cropped up. One by one they are being fixed (we hope).....We noticed the SAL pig roast in December was cancelled - Don't know why - just saw the sign on the door.....Although we were unable to attend the smorgasbord put on by Tom Bennett, Cindy and Gary Reckdenwald and others, we were impressed by the large crowd as one "peeked" in on this opening night of the winter festival. Everything looked so good and because the very cold weather it was a good place to be.....The Post membership would like to thank Doug and Denny Millspaugh for their help in producing our American Legion sign on Route 96. They are always there to help.....Thanks to Jack Ellsworth for donating concrete blocks to be used in the construction of our BBQ pit. He has more for us to pick up when the weather changes.....So far this year, the Post is doing better financially with regard to dinners, fish fries, etc. than it did last year during the same time period; all except the bell jar receipts, they are below last years.....We have heard nothing but good reports regarding the military funeral conducted jointly by members of Post 770 and the Ovid V.F.W. for Tom Boyes. The Posts worked well together.....Henry VanNess is helping to coordinate the newsletter, (typing, etc.), since the loss of our typist. The circumstances involved with Henry agreeing to do this is another story involving elves, Santa, and Christmas trees.....Every Wednesday night a weight-watchers group has signed on to use our meeting room from 4:45 to 7:00 P.M. Like some other groups you may have noticed, they have our permission to use the small room each Wednesday at 4:45 - 7:00 P.M.....Our able bodied electricians and mechanics have replaced the motor in the kitchen stove exhaust fan.....The Legion membership will be sharing monetary costs for the kids' Christmas Party with the Auxiliary.....We are replacing our bar coordinator and putting out an appeal for nightly voluntary bartenders.....The membership is donating four fish fry dinners to be used as seen fit by the Post 442 Chapter American Legion Motorcycle Riders from Horseheads in their quest to raise funds for the children of deceased veterans.....

## MEMBERSHIP

We believe our quota to be 348 for the year 2010-2011. So far as of November 22nd we have 258 members that have paid their current dues. We are gaining slowly. At our November meeting there was a lengthy discussion about who had paid their dues and who had not. It was decided to check each unpaid member against our records for an accurate count. If you

are not getting a news letter or some other some other indication of not paying your dues, please contact one of our officers so we can be sure of your status. Don't forget those changes of address!

### AUXILIARY NEWS

The membership is 117 senior and 7 juniors with a quota of 154. We now need 30 more members.

The two names drawn for free dues in 2012 are Elsie Reynolds and Colleen Williamson.

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, 70 Bath Veterans enjoyed their steak dinner. Thank you to all the workers and all who donated baked goods. Also thanks to Susie Smith for getting a monetary donation from the Ovid VFW. Susie purchased each of the Veterans a gift. Thank you VFW of Ovid. Susie also had a very nice write up in the Free Press about the Bath Veterans visit.

Our best goes out to all have had surgery or are in the hospital. Darlene Ahouse - Eye Surgery, Roberta Chiesa- Tests, Dawn Smith - Surgery, Ruth Doane - Tests. Our unit gives many thanks to Kathi Brady for typing our part of the newsletter for the past 6 years. Thank you.

**Help-** The kitchen is in dire need of dish towels.

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