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SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bar – Drink prices will be raised starting July 1st. Bill Kenny is the new bar manager.

Library – If you borrow an item from the library please sign out the item.

Board of Trustees – Jim Dew will replace Tom Joseph.

Smoking – If smoking near the Post please observe the “No Smoking” sign

Golf – The Post 770 team will play in Binghamton on July 8th. John Daube, Jim Kenny, Phil Colvin & Gordy Veely

Baseball – The post team will play in the new 6th District league. The coach this year is Mike Flood.

Queen of Hearts Game – The game is regulated by the State of NY and is administered at the Post by those rules and only those rules.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call

Good News! None reported

Taps Jim Turo – passed away on May 23rd at the Seneca View Nursing Facility. He honorably served in the Air Force from 1942 to 1946 during WWII. A Memorial Service and Military Honors were held at the post June 2nd,

POST NEWS

The first chicken BBQ went well and all 120 halves were sold. 6 members marched in the Trumansburg Memorial Day Parade. Plans continue for a BBQ pit and new lights for the Walk of Honor. Jim Heroux is the new chairman of the Board of Trustee’s. Al Richar and Tom Bennett will be the post delegates to the Dept. convention in Binghamton.

Not a great amount of post news has been passed along to include this time, however, lots of post activities and projects continue, so, come to the post to socialize and help out where you can.

If you have items of post news or information to share for veterans and members of the post send the details along via email to post770newsletter@gmail.com.

If you would like to receive your newsletter online via email instead of through the mail, please let Henry VanNess, our new newsletter producer, know at post770newsletter@gmail.com. Also if you want to give constructive input or if you have are any problems with receiving your newsletter you can contact him at the same address.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is currently at 317 quota of 348. Isn’t there someone out there you know that realizes what a great and caring organization the American Legion is and knows of someone out there that has the eligibility to join, but hasn’t. Time is growing short. We need to act now. It is in your best interest. Welcome new member Dan Toven. Jamie Morgan is a new applicant.

For missing dates and times, please check our website: www.post770.com or call the Post during business hours.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is 141 Sr + 9 Jr 150 - Quota 152 – HELP WE NEED 2.

New officers for 7/2011-7/2012 are: President Marti Smith – 1st Vice Ann Stiles Hunt, 2nd Vice Sue McConnell – Secretary Mark Milks – Treasurer Nan Colvin – Chaplain Beth Jenkins – Historian Marge Bennett – Sergeant at Arms Ruth Scott

They were installed at the June meeting by Tompkins County President Dawn Smith.

We welcome 2 new seniors: Tammy Ward & Elicia Ozimek

We gave 2 bonds to Junior Prom Committee. We gave 2 scholarships & will send 2 girls to Girl's State.

Sue McConnell will represent our Unit at Board meetings. Want to thank the following – Susie Smith for chairing Poppy Committee – Mary Schmidt for doing flowers – Renee Heroux for baking brownies for benefit & all who sent bake goods for benefit wheel & Auxiliary dinners.

Our condolences to Sandy Kline on the loss of her mother Millie Todd on May 15.

Our best to Marge Fulton after knee surgery.

Congratulations to Harold & Sue Wright on the birth of their great grand twins.

The Department Convention is at Binghamton, July 15-17. The 6th District Fall Conference is at Post 770 on September 10 – more to follow.

The next meeting is September 6– 7:30 – no Auxiliary dinners till September.

Have a great summer. Don't forget we need HELP at the Foot tent at the Fair in August.

Marge Bennett Historian

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

DID YOU KNOW

NY WWII vet marries for 1st time at 99; bride's 86

ROCHESTER, (AP) -- Gilbert Herrick says he never got married because he never met the right woman -- until he turned 98.

Now 99, the World War II veteran and retired postal worker from western New York recently married 86-year-old Virginia Hartman, now a widower who raised five children.

Gilbert tells the Democrat and Chronicle of Rochester that their first encounter was in 2010 in a hall at Monroe Community Hospital, the nursing home where they both live. After that, he started visiting her every day.

Gilbert says they wanted to share a room, but the facility's rules don't allow it unless a couple is married. Hartman asked him if he wanted to tie the knot, he said yes and they were married on June 6 with Hartman's extended family on hand.

TAPS

One of the most frequently repeated stories (and unfortunately a myth) on the Internet is that of the origin of the bugle call, "Taps." It is a very appealing story of a father serving on the Federal side finding his son, a Confederate private, dying on the battlefield with a copy of a piece of music that he had written in his pocket. That piece of music became the well-known bugle call that ends the day and announces the death of a hero.

I have heard this story told by senior military officers to large groups as a true story. How it came to be received with such faith is a mystery.

As a Cub Scout many years ago, I read in the Boy Scout manual about the origin of the bugle call, "Taps."

Here is the real story. There are many sources; this is taken from the handbook used at Arlington Cemetery. The myth is a very touching story; the truth is just as touching.

During the Civil War, in July 1862 when the Army of the Potomac was in camp, Brig. Gen. Daniel Butterfield summoned Pvt. Oliver Wilcox Norton, his brigade bugler, to his tent. Butterfield, who disliked the colorless "extinguish lights" call then in use, whistled a new tune and asked the bugler to sound it for him. After repeated trials and changing the time of some notes, which were scribbled on the back of an envelope, the call was finally arranged to suit Gen. Butterfield and used for the first time that night. Pvt. Norton, who on several occasions had sounded numerous new calls composed by his commander, recalled his experience of the origin of "Taps" years later:

"One day in July 1862 when the Army of the Potomac was in camp at Harrison's Landing on the James River, Virginia, resting and recruiting from its losses in the seven days of battle before Richmond, Gen. Butterfield summoned the writer to his tent, and whistling some new tune, asked the bugler to sound it for him. This was done, not quite to his satisfaction at first, but after repeated trials, changing the time of some of the notes, which were scribbled on the back of an envelope, the call was finally arranged to suit the general. "He then ordered that it should be substituted in his brigade for the regulation "Taps" (Extinguish Lights) which was printed in the Tactics and used by the whole army. This was done for the first time that night. The next day buglers from nearby brigades came over to the camp of Butterfield's brigade to ask the meaning of this new call. They liked it, and copying the music, returned to their camps, but it was not until some time later, when generals of other commands had heard its melodious notes, that orders were issued, or permission given, to substitute it throughout the Army of the Potomac for the time-honored call which came down from West Point."

In the western armies the regulation call was in use until the autumn of 1863. At that time the XI and XII Corps were detached from the Army of the Potomac and sent under command of Gen. Hooker to reinforce the Union Army at Chattanooga, Tenn. Through its use in these corps it became known in the western armies and was adopted by them. From that time, it became and remains to this day the official call for "Taps." It is printed in the present Tactics and is used throughout the U.S. Army, the National Guard, and all organizations of veteran soldiers.

Gen. Butterfield, in composing this call and directing that it be used for "Taps" in his brigade, could not have foreseen its popularity and the use for another purpose into which it would grow. Today, whenever a person is buried with military honors anywhere in the United States,

the ceremony is concluded by firing three volleys of musketry over the grave, and sounding with the trumpet or bugle ~‘Put out the lights. Go to sleep.’ There is something singularly beautiful and appropriate in the music of this wonderful call. Its strains are melancholy, yet full of rest and peace. Its echoes linger in the heart long after its tones have ceased to vibrate in the air.

MILITARY NEWS

Are thoughts are with the troops!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VA Medical Center for Tompkins County is at 1451 Dryden Road, Freeville, NY – Tel. 347-4101

Town of Covert Veteran’s Memorial – The new Memorial located in Interlaken in front of the Covert Town Hall was dedicated as part of the Memorial Day ceremony on May 30th.

American Legion Post 770 – Activities Calendar

◀ June	~ July 2011 ~						August ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1	2
3	4 Independence Day  7 pm – AL Post 770 Sons Mtg.	5	6 7 pm – Bd. of Trustee's Mtg.	7	8 5 :30 till gone Chicken BBQ 120 halves (in place of fish fry)	9 Party in Big Room	
10	11 7:30 pm –Post 770 AL Mtg.	12 12 noon – 7 pm Red Cross blood drive	13 Noon – Senior Citz. SAL golf in Binghamton	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21 Grass Roots	22 Grass Roots	23 Wedding Reception Grass Roots	
24 Grass Roots	25	26	27 Noon - Seniors	28	29	30 Sampson cemetery opening	
31 Clara Baker Memorial 1 – 3 pm - Kerry Mount – sm room	Notes: July 21 -24 Look for sign up sheet for Grass Roots June, July & Aug. – Chicken BBQ will replace Fish Fries						

More Calendars: [August](#), [September](#), [October](#)

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Wedding	
21	22	23 T-Burg Fair begins	24	25	26	27	
28 T-Burg Fair ends	29	30	31	Notes: June, July & Aug. – Chicken BBQ will replace Fish Fries			