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CALENDAR FOR JULY

Sun	July 4	FLAG	INDEPENDENCE DAY
		5:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
		5:00 PM	Curly Q Campers Dinner
Weds–Sat	July 7 – 10		Department Convention in Buffalo
Weds	July 7	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	July 9	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Phil Colvin’s Crew – Public Invited
Sat	July 10		Catered Wedding Reception
Sun	July 11		Graduation Party – Banquet Room
Mon	July 12	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Tues	July 13	7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Meeting (See Special Events – Date Change)
Sat	July 17		Wedding Reception
Weds	July 21	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
		7:00 PM	VFW Post 5498 Meeting
Thur–Sun	July 22-25		Grassroots - American Legion Food Tent
Mon	July 26	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Fri	July 30		Class of 1948 Reunion
Sat	July 31		Alumni Day at the Fairgrounds – American Legion Food Tent

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint Legion Family Information Meeting – the usual dish-to-share/or not was moved to Tuesday, July 13th at 7 PM because of conflicts with the usual 1st Thursday of the month date. Please bring questions and suggestions to share at this information meeting.

Grassroots American Legion Food Tent – will be underway from Thursday July 22nd through Sunday, July 25th. This has always been a big money maker for us, so don’t let us down. Renee Heroux already has the sign up sheet posted. Check it out. There are numerous vacant spots that still need to be filled. We need a lot of people to make this a success.

Alumni Day and the Legion Food Tent at the Fairgrounds – This historic event only occurs once every 4 years. The American Legion will be providing the dinner for the Alumni at the fairgrounds on Saturday, July 31st. We will also continue to provide other food from our tent before and after dinner. We will need volunteers to work at this event. Please sign up at the Post in advance.

Post 770 Website – Patrick Richar has been getting our new website, www.Post770.com, set up. We still need pictures, stories, and anything of interest concerning the Post. Please send to Patrick at 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188-2430. If you weren’t able to latch on, try again...we are just getting started.

Charter Bus to Washington, DC Memorial Sites – looks like a sure thing. Phil Colvin has informed us he has enough signups to book the tour for the last weekend in September, Saturday and Sunday the 25th and 26th. He is now looking into bus lines, capacities, and prices. He needs to know about room arrangements (single or double, smoking or non-smoking) and all of the things you need to indicate when signing into a motel. If you haven’t yet expressed your preferences, please give him a call and confirm. If you are interested, but haven’t committed yourself, it’s probably not too late to call Phil at 387-6550. So far we have 49 sign-ups.

Problems at the “Walk of Honor” Memorial Site – It seems that our youth are “acting their age” and doing things at the Memorial site they shouldn’t be doing. Parents, please keep an eye on your kids during parties, celebrations, dinners,

meetings, etc. If any one sees them climbing on the Memorial, throwing stones, sand or brick chips in the pond, or wading in the pond...Please tell them that this is not acceptable behavior. This is a Memorial dedicated to the men and women who made sacrifices so that we may remain a free nation and enjoy our liberties. Thank you in advance.

Breakfast – Sorry, but it looks like no breakfast on the 4th Sunday of July. Our food cooking equipment and crew will be at the Alumni food tent at the fairgrounds on Saturday night and we don't see a way to set up at the Post in time for breakfast on Sunday.

Membership Certificates & Awards for Continuous Membership – in 5-year increments (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.). We have numerous Certificates to be awarded to those members who qualify. Many were given out at our Awards dinner, but many are still at the Post. In order to save the cost of mailing, would you please stop in at the Post and pick yours up if you know we are holding one for you. Thank you.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 770 CONTRIBUTION FUND

We are continuing to move along a path of self sufficiency in which we are assuming many more financial and volunteer obligations at the Post. You have stepped up magnificently to our appeals...Thank you. We hope you will continue to respond to our requests. In order to assume financial stability we have taken on many events such as more banquets, receptions, parties, dinners, and the like. Our Post is a busy place. Thank you all for keeping it that way. Your allegiance has been wonderful.

POST NEWS

The installation of officers and awards dinner took place near the end of May. The following officers were installed: Commander – Al Richar, Adjutant – Phil Colvin, 1st Vice – Tom Bennett, 2nd Vice – Bob Smith, 3rd Vice – Open, Finance Officer – Lee Weaver, Service Officer – Don Bennett, Chaplin – Bill Parker, Historian – George Van Valen, Sargent at Arms – Calvin Bailey, Judge Advocate – Don Smith, and Board of Trustees – Harold Wright. Numerous membership awards were also presented... The Memorial Day program was blessed with good weather from beginning to end...and then the sky let loose. The parade began at 10:00 AM from the DPW parking lot. About 10 Legionnaires participated in the marching unit. Cmdr Al Richar welcomed the people, Reverend Robyn Wernham gave the Invocation, and the TCS band played the National Anthem. Dawn Smith, Auxiliary President, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Staff Sergeant Stacie Yaw-Bieber and Staff Sergeant John Bieber spoke about the significance of Memorial Day and how meaningful it is in this day of occupations and chaos in the Middle East. Many of the flag covered graves of Veterans of all wars reminded us of the sacrifices of those gave before us to protect our freedoms and provide us with the liberties we share today. Our speakers, Stacie and John, had recently returned from duty in the Middle East and are the daughter and son-in-law of Past Commander and Auxiliary members Tom & Roberta Stillwell. The weather prevented us from enacting our flag disposal ceremony but many observers and members enjoyed themselves at the open house which followed. As we marched down Main Street it became apparent there were a number of Post 770 members with their Legion hats on along the parade route that did not march with our Color Guard. We realize that not all of members are able to walk the route and that we should have invited them to follow our marchers by transport. We will provide a truck bed in future parades so that all Legionnaires may participate whether they walk or ride. Let no person be left behind! Following some great Sousa type musical selections rendered by the TCS band, the benediction was given by Reverend Jeff Kellman. The services concluded with volleys by the Post 770 Firing Squad and taps by Lee Fritz and echo by Dan Berkowitz. Chairperson of the Memorial Day Festivities was Tom Bennett. We were please to see the Memorial Day press coverage in both the Trumansburg Free Press and the Ithaca Journal. Also participating in the parade were Vietnam Veterans, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, members of the Fire Department, and antique cars and convertibles. Of particular interest to your editor was 5 year old Poppy Girl, Kara Van Valen...We were pleased to award the annual Arthur E. Bouton Post 770 Scholarship Award to a graduating senior who is the son or daughter of a member of Post 770. This year the Scholarship goes to Ryan Medlar...Post 770 awards 2 School Awards to graduating seniors. Included are a certificate, a medallion, and gift certificate for a Savings Bond. This year's recipitants are Katie Bowers and Kyle Percy. The awards were presented by new Post 770 Commander Al Richar...We have had some great attendances at our monthly fish fry's. One seemed to set a record with 232 dinners served. On another we put out 152. The last one I worked on recently did 206 dinners. That is great and despite making our volunteer crews work really hard, you are bringing in funds to aid in our financial struggle. We thank those who worked and those who patronized us...Did you notice the 3 frames of Armed Forces medals and insignias and POW newspaper column all located on the wall near the hallway door where the pinball machine used to be? Look it over...we think you will enjoy it. The displays were donated by member Bill Alford...The Post donated funds to purchase Medals for Cornell ROTC graduates. This policy has been shared with the other county Legion

Posts for many years...While we are on the subject of donations, it was a treasured event to witness the 1st load of dish towels and aprons going through the cycles of the new stacked washer and dryer donated by member Bill Savey. Ed Brown and Cliff Northrop hooked up the plumbing and electricity to make it all happen. They also worked on the steam table donated by John Grove. Thanks to all of those involved. We should be able to save a lot by doing our own laundry instead of sending it out...Our request to have the smoking ban lifted was denied. Guess the smokers will have to continue stepping outside...Thanks to Mike Boylan for fixing the Cannon Memorial and "Walk of Honor" lights and for the materials used...Post 770 was represented in the 6th District Golf Tournament held in Lansing. The team was made up of "Long" John Emerick, John Daube, Jim "Woody" Heroux, and Bruce "Spook" Newhart. They won 1st place and several other prizes.

Tom & Joyce Bennett were proud of granddaughters Elicia Bennett, daughter of SAL member Rockie Bennett and wife Kim, who graduated with high honors from Penn State University Dec 20, 2003 and Erika Gray, daughter of member Val Gray and wife Marcie Bennett Gray, who graduated Cum Laude from Ithaca College May 16th...Nancy J. Moracco has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major in the US Army. Moracco is a staff action control officer noncommissioned officer in charge assigned to the Officer of the Chief, Army Reserve, the Pentagon, Washington DC. She is the daughter of Albert J. Moracco of Hector St, T-burg. The sergeant major graduated in 1974 from Trumansburg and received an associate degree in 2003 from Excelsior College, Albany, NY...It is great to have another season of Legion baseball upon us. American Legion Post 770 is represented by the fine athletes and the coaching staff of Ray Kellogg, Paul Bishop, and Jason Hulbert. The 16 boys are from T-burg, South Seneca, and Newfield and they all wish to thank Post 770 for our support. Good luck this summer to you all and hope to see you at some of the games.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call **Alan Cramer** – CMC

Fred Asay – Syracuse – Home

Mary Kay Read – CMC – Home

Betty Langlois – CMC - Home

Dixie Wagner – Rochester - Home

Heidi Hodges – Kingston NE Center Care

Irene Asay - Home

Sean Miller - California

Debbie Hendrix – CMC

Val Gray – St Joseph's Hospital, Newburg - Home

Taps **Bill Fox, Sr.** – passed away on April 25, 2004. Bill was a Post 770 member who has been on our sick call list for some time.

Donald (Scoop) Stevens – died on April 28, 2004. A member of Post 770 he served as an Sgt in the US Army from 1940 – 1945. He was a 25-year member of our Post.

Maynard Dean – passed away May 17, 2004 at Tampa, Fl. He was a former member of Post 770 having served in the US Army for two years.

Philip F. Keller – passed away at CMC on May 20, 2004. He faithfully served in the US Army Air Force, 99th Depot Supply Squadron during WWII. Phil served in Africa and the Burma-China-India Theatres before receiving an honorable discharge in 1946 with the rank of Corporal. Phil was a long time member of Post 770. A Military Tribute Service was conducted at St. James Cemetery by members of our Post and US Army Personnel.

Fern V. Thompson – passed away May 28, 2004 at her residence. Fern graduated from TCS in 1949. She was a member of Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary.

Richard Kingland – died June 4, 2004. He was a member of Post 770.

John W. Wilcox – passed away in Alabama on June 15, 2004. During WWII John moved through the ranks quickly from an enlisted man to the rank of Lt. Colonel. He served in the US Army's 518th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion and was present for the invasion of Luzon. A committal service took place at Grove Cemetery where members of Post 770 and US Army personnel performed military honors.

Loren D. Fisher – passed away at Lakeside Nursing facility unexpectedly on June 20, 2004. He entered the Army during WWII and served in Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia. As a long time member of Post 770 he was an authority on various types of armament. Loren loved to be part of our Marching Color Guard until he was forced to give this joy up. He fought a courageous fight with Alzheimer's disease, but remained alert and retained his sense of good humor until his death.

THE CANNON "WALK OF HONOR" & MEMORIAL SITE

We have sent in orders for 11 more bricks to be inscribed for the "Walk of Honor". It appears that we will be ordering about once every 4 to 6 weeks. Our supplier etched more than 300 bricks for various organizations with our last order. As we

have said before, this is an ongoing project and we welcome your participation. Our last order included a brick for a Civil War Veteran, so you can see the bricks are not limited to recent or present day Veterans. Stop in at the Post and pick up an application form.

ADJUTANT REPORT

We currently have 442 members signed up for 2003 – 2004. Beginning in July we will be accepting dues for the 2004 – 2005. You will be receiving your new membership application in the mail sometime in July. The quota for all 4 Legion Posts in Tompkins County is 1168. Our assignment quota for 2004 – 2005 is 446. Let's get a good start toward a 100% membership year. Welcome new member Chad Grove. It's nice to have you among the ranks of Post 770.

AUXILIARY REPORT

Don't forget, dues are due starting July 1st. Pay now so your Early Bird dinner in October will be free. The Auxiliary would like to thank John Grove for providing us a steam table and a cold table for the dining room. The dinner on June 18th of ham, salads, etc. was attended by 64. Our new slate of officers for the upcoming year are: President – Vickii Barry, 1st Vice – Jackie Newhart, 2nd Vice – Helen Wright, Secretary – Ruth Scott, Treasurer/Co Treasurer – Roberta Stillwell & Mary Schmidt, Chaplain – Mary Milks, Sgt-at-Arms – Pat Platt...Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dixie Wagner and Betty Langlois who are now home from CMC. Congratulations go out to Emily Artley on the birth of her new grandson Kamoron Xavier Artley. Kamoron was born on June 11th at CMC to the delight of parents George & Sandijo Artley. Our next meeting will be September 7th. Hope to see you all there at 7:00 PM.
HAVE A SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!!! Respectively submitted, Vickii Barry