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CALENDAR FOR JULY

Fri – Sat	July 1 – 2		Boys State at Morrisville
Sat	July 2	1:00 PM	Wedding Reception in the Banquet Room
Mon	July 4	FLAG	Independence Day
Weds–Sat	July 6-9		Department of New York Convention in Binghamton
Weds	July 6	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	July 7	7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Meeting – Dish to Share/or Not
Fri	July 8	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Jim Heroux’s crew
Sat	July 9	1:00 – 5:00 PM	Graduation Party in the Banquet Room
Mon	July 11	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Fri – Sat	July 15-16		Rotary Golf Tournament – have Legion team entered
Sun	July 17	1:00 – 4:00 PM	Graduation Party in the Banquet Room
Tues	July 19	6:30 PM	Set up food tent at the Fairgrounds for Grassroots. Move equipment and supplies
Weds	July 20	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs–Sun	July 21-24	All Day	Grassroots Food Tent at Fairgrounds – Noon - Grand Opening
Sat	July 23	Noon	50 th Anniversary Party in the Banquet Room
Sun	July 24	11:00 AM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Mon	July 25	6:30 PM	Take down Food tent at Fairgrounds and return supplies, etc.
Weds	July 27	FLAG	National Korean War Armistice Day

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

July and August Summer Changes – No Auxiliary Meetings. No Auxiliary Friday Dinners. Only one American Legion Meeting on the 2nd Monday. No July breakfast, everyone and all equipment will be at Grassroots. August breakfast will be on the 4th Sun.

Volunteer Bartenders Are Desperately Needed - At this writing, Chris has been behind the bar 28 consecutive days and needs some relief. Unless some of our members step up to the plate and volunteer, we will have to close a day or two a week. Probably Monday and/or Tuesday. We hate to even think about that, but those are the facts. The bar is normally open seven days a week from 3:00–10:00 PM weekdays, 1–11:00 Sat, and 1–8:00 on Sunday. Can we count on a few of you to step forward and help us out? See Chris at the bar if you able to, especially Mon & Tues.

Post 770 Website – www.Post770.com – Patrick Richar at 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188-2430, is our contact for computer information of interest to our membership. We are offering our newsletter to be sent on line to those who would like/and or prefer to receive it in this manner. All you need to do is let Patrick know and you will be put on his list of recipients via on-line preference. If you have news of interest to our membership, please send it to Patrick.

Post Volunteers – are being sought after more than ever. With your help we are keeping our Post out of the red but we must continue to receive all the help we can get to keep it that way. Presently we are hosting many events in order to keep the money coming in and we surely rely on your help to keep taking on these activities. With Grassroots, Fair time, and summer cleanup coming, I’m sure we can count on you.

Handicapped Parking – at the Post is very limited. Recently wheelchair bound people had a very difficult time attending events at our facility because all of the handicapped spaces were taken. Please use these spaces only if necessary.

We thank you in advance.

“Walk of Honor” – As orders for bricks to be inscribed with Veterans names arrive, they are forwarded to the firm that does the processing. When a sufficient number are received to sand blast we are informed and the bricks are picked up for installing in our “Walk of Honor”. Please feel free to pick up an order form at the Post and drop the completed application off in the lounge. Inscriptions will be done several times during the summer and fall. This is certainly a nice way to honor a Veteran.

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP

We are slowly inching toward our quota of 446 members. At 426 we need only 20 to reach 100%. Welcome new members Mathew E. Marson and transfer Pamela Le Baron. If you have moved or changed your address, keep us informed. Roger Meier is handling newsletter address changes.

It's never too early to remind you of the Free Early Bird Dinner this fall, if your dues are paid by Sept 30th. Dues for the year 2006 will be received starting in July when your new renewal notices will be in the mail. The New Year runs from Jan 1, 2006 – Dec 31, 2006.

POST NEWS

A lot has been happening! We will try to reconstruct the events in the order of their occurrence as best we can. I'm sure we won't remember everything.

On Armed Forces Day there was an assembly of bugles, horns, trumpets, etc about 80 yards apart for 41 miles in the vicinity of Bath, NY. Bugle calls were relayed from place to place on down the line in an impressive fashion according to Sue and Harold Wright who attended the event. Be sure to ask them about it for more details... While this was going on a number of us were visiting an American Legion Post lounge in Auburn preparing for the wedding of Nicole Barry, daughter of Auxiliary President Vickii and Dave Barry. It was our good fortune to be reacquainted with Vickii's sister, daughter of Arlie Robinson, Katie Vititoe from Florida. Katie was one of the 1st female members to become a member of Post 770. Some of the others joining about that same time were Martha DeLaurentes and Pete Newport.

Flags went on the graves of Veterans in record time with a good turnout of about a dozen of us. We do still have problems with unmarked graves and some that don't seem to be where they are in our book of maps. Never the less the guys and gals did a good job and we thank all who turned out to help.

The Installation of Officers and awards dinner is always a high point in our year. The following officers were installed for the 2005 – 2006 year: Commander – Al Richar, 1st Vice – Tom Bennett, 2nd Vice – Open, Adjutant – Phil Colvin, Treasurer – Lee Weaver, Chaplain – Bill Parker, Judge Adv. – Don Smith, Historian – George Van Valen, Service Off. – Don Bennett, Sgt At Arms – Calvin Bailey. Please note the officers of 2nd ad 3rd Vice Commander were not filled. (More about this later) A number of 5-year interval awards of continuous membership were given out. Among these awards were “Doc” Carl Smith and Tom Bennett with 60 years and Joe Green with 45 years. These people have shown exceptional allegiance to the American Legion along with a lot of other long time members who attended. All are to be congratulated.

Of the 60 years Tom Bennett has been a member of Post 770, about 50+ years have been spent as kitchen steward and in charge of a lot of what goes on in the kitchen. No easy job with so many different volunteers working and a lot of “chief cooks and bottle washers” on board. Never the less he has persevered and was given a gala 80th birthday celebration by his family and friends at the Post. It was a great tribute to a Legionnaire who has given so many years of himself for the betterment of the Post.

Memorial Day festivities began at 9 AM with a Flag retirement ceremony practice to which only two people were present. At 9:30 we grouped to form up a marching unit at the school, which included Lee Weaver, Phil Colvin, Jim Heroux, George Van Valen, Dave Boyd, Toby Baciluis, Dave Pakula and Bill Walsh. Ceremonies honoring our fallen Veterans took place at St James Cemetery with Cmdr Al acting as the Master of Ceremonies. The speaker was Lt. Col Terry Stautberg, US Marine. Open House followed at the Post with plenty of food to eat and many stayed on for a bit of camaraderie. At about 12:30 we conducted our flag retirement (burning) ceremony at the north edge of the parking lot with a sizeable number of observers. Though a number of us had forgotten how to militarily “about face” or “column left march”, we did manage to ceremoniously honor the flags that waved for freedom over our country. The flag, which covered Steve Craig's casket, flew from our flagpole on this day as requested by his widow, Joan Craig. This is one of the most sacred days in the eyes of the American Legion and we were pleased to see photos in the Free Press of our marching unit leading the parade along with other photos of

Memorial Day 2005. We thank Tom Bennett as Parade and Ceremonies Chairperson for the great job he did in organizing this event and to all other persons who participated in any way at these Memorial Day activities. We remember our fallen comrades.

The Tompkins County American Legion Installation and dinner meeting was held at Post 770. Al Richar, Post 770 Commander was installed as Tompkins County Commander. It appears Al will be doing double duty this year. Lee Weaver was the installing officer. 6th District Commander Alve Lucas offered remarks at the installation. Attending from Post 770 were Al Richar, Bill Parker, Tom Bennett, Lee Weaver, Don Smith, and George Van Valen.

Don Smith and Tom Bennett with Bill Parker as alternate attended the 6th District Convention held at Post 617, Marathon. They will also be our delegates to the Department Convention held in July at Binghamton.

We have had a lot of volunteers working in the kitchen over a period of time. One person, Mary Ann Richar, stands out at this time. She has been the “chief cook and bottle washer” in the kitchen for Tom’s 80th birthday celebration, 5 (yes) five wedding receptions during May and June, Memorial Day Open House, Tompkins County American Legion Installation dinner, Post 770 Installation dinner, and probable another that I have missed. We have a number of great volunteers stepping up to the plate and Mary Ann ranks up there with the best. Thank you Mary Ann from Tom, Al, the crews, and all of us from Post 770. You have done a great job.

It was a pleasure to attend the High School awards banquet this year. The Arlee Robinson Auxiliary Award presented by Ruth Scott, was given to my granddaughter Sarah Gatch. Post 770 school awards of a certificate, medallion, and a savings bond went to senior Amanda Gatch and Paul Laue. The Post 770 scholarship award, presented by Cmdr Al, was given to a senior boy or girl who is the son or daughter of a Post 770 member. This year’s recipient is my grand daughter, Sarah Gatch. What proud moments to have experienced.

There have been several physical problems that have caught our attention this past month. Have you noticed our golden eagle atop our flagpole missing? Something in the swivel mechanism went awry and it was taken down to repair. Whew! I thought someone took it. The small service bar sink leak has been fixed by the “Brain Drain”. Our sewer line, which has been a problem of late, has been repaired and I understand the Doctors office will be tying into our line thus increasing our flow into the village sewer line.

Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion have announced their officers for the 2005–2006 year. They are: Commander – Chris Bennett, 1st Vice – Mike Bennett, 2nd Vice – Jim Heroux, Adjutant – Lee Weaver, Treasurer – Gary Reckenwald, Historian - Leonard Bailey, Sgt At Arms – George Richardson.

Ben Herrmann is coaching our Legion baseball team, under the watchful eye of Harold Wright, this year. We have noticed two victories listed in the Journal, one in which Jeremy Clark picked up the win 9 – 4 over Cortland. The other win was by Jeremy Clark 5 – 0 over Homer. We heard there has been an extra inning loss as compared to the wins we listed. Keep tuned to the Journal to see how they are doing. We will keep you posted as we learn more.

We have been sorting out multitudes of pictures and articles received pertaining to the Legion. The dozen or so scrap books formed range from about 1990 to present and also include one “golden oldie” which contains pictures and memos from “way back”. These scrapbooks are for your enjoyment and we would like you to leaf through them. Currently they are located in the Hall Show case to be readily available for usage. Please feel free to look through them and if you recognize any one in a picture, who is not identified, please feel free to write in their names, date and event. These scrapbooks are for our membership.

Thanks to Richie Wellen, who donated two wheel chairs to the Post. We have had a few returned as a result of our recent request there by insuring there are some available for those members in need. Thank you.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: **Bob Hastings** – CMC – Now Home **Val Gray** – Vassar Hospital, Poughkeepsie
 Tony Scott – Of Owego, Hospitalized

Taps: ? **God Bless!**

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is 189. We are 4 short of our quota of 194. We welcome 2 new senior members: Gunhild Carroll and Stacy Yaw-Bieber. Stacy is also a member of the American Legion at Post 770. Our unit President Vickii and the Poppy Princess Brittany, rode in the Memorial Day Parade. Congratulations are in order for Al Richar. He is the Post Commander and the County Commander for 2005–2006. Also, Dawn Smith is the County President. On 5/21/05 member Nichole Barry was

married and had a lovely reception at Auburn Country Club. Member Mary Schmidt's son Kyle and wife had a wedding reception at the Post. Congratulations to Tom Bennett with 60 years in the American Legion. Our condolences to Barb Goldsmith-Liske on the loss of her father, Harold. Our best to the following: 5/26 Sue Close had surgery, 5/31 Lucille McGill had hip surgery, and the end of May Jackie Ward spent time in the hospital. We made some monetary donations to the American Legion Baseball team and T-burg Food Pantry. Many thanks to Sue Wright for beautifying the grounds around the Post with flowers. The Department Convention this year is in Binghamton from 7/6 – 7/9. Representing our unit will be Vickii Barry, Susie Smith and Dawn Smith. Happy 45th anniversary to Don & Marge Bennett on 7/2/05. Sarah Gatch is the recipient of the Robinson Scholarship. No meeting until September.

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY 4TH!

Respectively Submitted, Marge Bennett

LOCAL, STATE & NATIONAL NEWS

Staff Sergeant's John Bieber and Stacie Yaw-Bieber, members of Post 770, were among the army reservists who were honored at a "Welcome Home Warrior" ceremony on June 11, 2005 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. The reservists were members of the 98th Division, who have been deployed during the last 2 years. Each soldier received an American Flag in a wooden case with a plaque with his or her name on it. John served in Iraq and Stacie served in Afghanistan. Stacie is the daughter of member Tom & Auxiliary member Roberta Stilwell. If you have any questions, please call Roberta at 387-53361 or John or Stacie at 387-6879.