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### CALENDAR FOR JULY

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| Mon         | July 2        | 7:00 PM        | Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting            |
| Tues        | July 3        | 7:00 PM        | Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting                  |
| <b>Weds</b> | <b>July 4</b> | <b>FLAG</b>    | <b>Independence Day – Fly Your Flag</b>                     |
| Mon         | July 9        | 7:30 PM        | Post 770 American Legion Meeting                            |
| Weds        | July 10       | Noon           | Senior Citizens Luncheon                                    |
| Fri         | July 13       | 5:30 – 8:00 PM | Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Don Smith’s Crew |
| Sat         | July 14       | 1:00 PM        | Class of 1972 Reunion                                       |
| Weds        | July 18       | 7:00 PM        | Board of Trustees Meeting                                   |
| Thurs – Sat | July 19 – 21  |                | Department Convention in Niagara Falls, NY                  |
| Thurs – Sun | July 19 – 22  |                | Grassroots Food Tent at the Fairgrounds                     |
| Sat         | July 28       | 5:30 – 8:00 AM | Bicyclists Breakfast at Treman State Park                   |
| Sat         | Aug 4         | 3 – 7 PM       | SAL Birthday Party  |

### SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**“Walk of Honor”:** We continue to receive orders for bricks to be engraved and installed. Order forms are available in the entryway to the lounge. Why not make a permanent memorial for a veteran to be placed around the cannon memorial. It will be remembered for many years to come.

**Post 770 Website :** [www.Post770.com](http://www.Post770.com): Why not pull up our website and see what is new? If you have any newsworthy items that would be of interest to our membership, please send them to Patrick Richar at 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188-2430.

**Grassroots Food Tent:** Check the signup sheet at the end of the bar for remaining sign ups. Set up, washing dishes, and tear down can use some help. Volunteers will receive a pass for the day they have signed up for. Be sure to pick up your entry pass at the fairgrounds and have a place to park. This event is our biggest fund raiser of the year. We do appreciate our volunteers, so let’s make the most of it.

**Tent Rental:** Again this year we are renting out our 20 x 20 tent complete with putting it up and taking it down on your property. For more information call Phil Colvin at 387-6550.

**Breakfasts:** We will not be putting on a breakfast on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of this month, July 22 because our grills and cookware will be at Grassroots. While attending Grassroots on Sunday morning, stop in and share breakfast with us at the the fairgrounds.

**Breakfast at Treman State Park:** We have been asked to put on a very early morning (5:30 – 8:00 AM) breakfast for a cyclist group of about 450 at Treman State Park on Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup>. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** Okay, I know its asking a lot but it’s for a good cause and helps to pay the bills. Thank you in advance volunteer cooks.

**SAL Birthday Party:** The SAL will be celebrating its 75th birthday Nationaly and the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of Squadron 770 on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 PM. There will be FREE drafts, soda, an all kinds of finger food. Put the date on your calender now and please come out and help us celebrate.

### MEMBERSHIP

As we approach the end of our fiscal year, which ends with the Department Convention in July, we are presently at 390, which is a mere 15 below our quota. Nice try, but no cigar. We expect to trim our newsletter mailing list of our “no shows”. We are accepting 2007 –2008 renewals at this time. Bill Parker keeps tabs on those of you who move about and

change your address. If you are one of these members you will have to reckon with Bill. He gets awfully upset if you don't notify him of any address changes. Lets re-up now and seek out some of those eligible veterans that are out there. Let's hope for a banner membership for the year ahead.

#### CHAPLAINS CORNER

**Sick Call:**     **"Pete" Wright:** CMC

**Taps: Walter Burton Robinson:** died May 21, 2007 at Merrill Gardens in Lake Orienta, Florida. Walt served as a gunners mate aboard the USS Snowden in the North Atlantic during WWII. He was a long time member of Post 770 and uncle of Vickii Barry, Past Unit 770 Auxiliary President. He was married to the former Josephine Raymond of Trumansburg who died in 1994. He moved his family to Lakeland, FL in 1961 to be closer to his children living there. 5 children survive him. A military honor guard internment will take place at Grove Cemetery in Trumansburg on July 21, 2007.

**Daniel A. Swift:** passed away unexpectedly at the Cayuga Medical Center on May 22, 2007. Dan served in the US Navy during WWII, receiving an honorable discharge on July 17, 1946. He was a long time member of Post 770 and often asked me about "When will my newsletters be coming" and "I look forward to reading it." His wife of 56 years, Ann, and three children, two brothers, and two sisters survives Dan. In keeping with Dan's wishes he was interned at Grove Cemetery with Military honors presented by two Armed Forces Personnel.

#### POST NEWS

As we sit at home on a beautiful Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> writing your newsletter, our thoughts turn to a very patriotic "Flag Day". So, we drove the length of Cayuga Street to the village intersection, there were 6 flags total. I don't know whether to applaud or cry? It seems like there ought to be three times that number, yet with today's news that the tower left standing beside the gold dome mosque that was leveled over a year ago, was brought down by car bombs makes a person uneasy about the Middle East situation. This however should not affect our patriotism and allegiance to our country. ... Let us continue with our Post news and the installation of officers and awards dinner. I asked Nan Colvin if she would take a few notes for me. The following is what took place: There were 43 members in attendance for cocktails, dinner and the program on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Al Richar was the MC, with Ann Stiles starting the Pledge of Allegiance and Bill Parker saying the prayer. The awards given out went as follows: 35 years to Oleta Bowers, Richard Hubble, and Don Smith; 40 years to Harold Hunger and Tom Stillwell; 45 years to Jack Frost, Harold McGill, and Bill Scott, and 62 years to Tom Bennett. Roger Meier presented the officers to Bill Parker for installation: Commander – Tom Stillwell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Tom Bennett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- Jim Dew, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice – Scott Hulslander, Adjutant – Phil Colvin, Historian – George Van Valen, Treasurer – Lee Weaver, Judge Advocate – Don Smith, Service Officer – Don Bennett, Chaplain – Bill Parker, and Sgt. At Arms – Cal Bailey. New Commander Tom Stillwell gave a short thank you and outgoing Commander Al, thanked everyone for keeping the Post on the right track. Wow! Would I love to have someone do this for all-important activities. Thank you, Nan. ...About a dozen or more members and volunteers were on hand to put flags on veteran graves at Grove Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day. We divided into several groups and I can't believe what we accomplished in our group, methodically working our way over section by section, using a burial map to insure no veteran was by passed without a flag. We began at 6 PM and finished at 8:15 when we assembled for a "gab" fest until dark. Job well done guys and girls! Also lets give a pat on the back to those who put flags on graves at St. James and elsewhere. ...Memorial Day. What a beautiful day of observance it was. After a dress rehearsal flag disposal ceremony at 9 AM at the Post 770 Cannon Memorial and Walk of Honor, our parade detail assembled at the high school at 10 AM. We had one of our largest group of marchers in recent years, with about 12 on hand. With former Marine cadence caller, Philip Smith pushing us uphill most of the way, we old timers managed to arrive at St. James Cemetery. As Parade chairman since 1958, Tom Bennett coordinated the activities. The Post 770 detail led the parade followed by the high school marching band led by Hope Lewis, and Cub Scouts, Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Air Cadets. At the cemetery Rev John Tokaz, priest at St. James Catholic Church delivered the invocation. Eliza Vann read "In Flanders Field". Retired Chief Warrant Officer James Rohan was the Memorial Day speaker.

This was a rather meaningful day for me since Jim was one of my students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. (Sorry Jim didn't mean to let that out.) Jim's thoughts centered on the "True Meaning of Memorial Day". The magnitude of the deed of the men and women who held true to the notion that "evil and tyranny must not prevail." He ended his speech by thanking the crowd for "taking time to remember those current and past men and women that so proudly serve our country." The Rev Jeff Losey gave the benediction. Following the services at St. James we returned to conduct a flag disposal ceremony.

About 12 – 15 members in uniform followed the American Legion ritual of proper retirement and disposal of flags. It was nice to see a good size crowd on hand to witness this event. Open house followed with food, camaraderie and the end of a memorial day. Thanks to all of the unnamed volunteers who prepared and served food, set up the sound system and chairs at the cemetery, and all of the other things that made this a great day for those Patriots that believe in the Good Old USA. Thank you, Keith Donnelly for the parade pictures. ...This is the wedding reception season for the American Legion. I know Tom Bennett, Cindy and Gary Reckdenwald, Mary Ann Richar, Tom and Roberta Stilwell are putting in a lot of hours. But, I am sorry to say I don't know who the rest of the volunteers are who have been putting forth for these great events. ...Our crew had the Friday night fry just 4 nights ago and I have been sick ever since. Hope I didn't infect anyone. We did 186 dinners and had help from some of our local merchants in providing enough fish for the evening. We apologize to Steve Weaver for running out of tomatoes on our salad bar and also to the dozen people who were disappointed that we no longer have black olives. Other than that it was a great evening. We thank Jim Dew for seeing the need of a bus boy and filling in. Thanks to all of our great crews. ...And here is the rest of the news: Wayne Spencer earned the win as Trumansburg American Legion baseball team blanked Cortland 5 – 0. Also Ben Robertson scattered 7 hits over 5 innings leading Post 770 to an 11 – 5 victory over Marathon. T-burg pounded out 12 hits in the win. It seems our local Legion team is off to a good start and if you can check the Journal for times and dates or provide us with a calendar, I'm sure they would welcome our support and attendance. ... Trumansburg senior Christian Smith captured first place in track to give the Burg its first gold medallist in the States since 2001. Christian says "My whole high school career has been looking for that state title for Trumansburg, it means the world to me." Congratulations, Christian. He is the son of Post 770 member, Dana and Roxanne Smith. ...Participants in 2007 Empire Girls State sponsored by Tompkins County American Legion Auxiliary include Elizabeth Watson of T-Burg, Brittany Howe of Ithaca, Amy LaLonde of Dryden, Rebecca Teeter of Newsfield, Elizabeth Mosher of Ithaca, Cady Fontana of Ithaca, Katie Walpole of Groton, and Jessica Huner of Groton. Once again we announce our Boys State representatives who will be going to Morrisville on June 24 – 30<sup>th</sup>. They are Chad Blass, Tyler Murray, Ben Robertson, and Daniel Sullivan. We look forward to hearing about their experience in the fall. ...An American Legion Scholarship of \$300 was awarded to Christian Smith who, as a graduating senior and the Son of Post 770 member Dana and Roxanne Smith, was recommended as a deserving student. Also, annual school awards to graduating seniors, which include a certificate, medallion, and a savings bond, were given to Alex Grave and Gavin Graeper. Post 770 Commander Tom Stilwell presented the awards. ...Post 770 had made a monetary donation to the American Cancer Society program "Relay For Life". Also a monetary donation was made to the Trumansburg Fire Department in the memory of member Dan Swift. ...The Board of Trustees had accepted the resignation of Don Smith. Gordon Veley will replace him for the remainder of his 3-year term. ...At our June 11<sup>th</sup> membership meeting it was brought to our attention that our parking lot needs major repairs. Member Harold Wright and Commander Tom Stilwell have spent considerable time interviewing at least 5 or 6 paving companies. They were applauded for their time and effort spent. We are now at a point of issuing a contract for a week or so in July. Bear with us; it's the only solution. ... Please be advised that as your editor I enjoy putting together the Post newsletter. Unfortunately my handwriting is becoming worse and worse. You can be very thankful that Kathi continues to bear with me and tries to decipher what I write. I think we all owe her a pat on the back for her perseverance and patience putting together our newsletter. Thanks Kathi.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is now at 155 seniors and 5 juniors. We need 28 more members for 100%. It is sad to see we only have 5 juniors. We have had lots more in previous years. A junior – now senior member Kari Ahouse and Steel Carey were married and they had the reception at the Post on 5/26. Marge Bennett installed the newly elected officers at the June meeting. They are President Susie Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Vickii Barry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Ann Stiles Hunt, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Sue McConnell, Secretary Elaine Joseph, Treasurers Roberta Stilwell and Mary Schmidt, Chaplain Roberta Chiesa, Historian Marge Bennett, Sgt-at-Arms Pat Plataniotis. The Auxiliary would like to thank Ruth Scott for all the time and efforts she did as our outgoing secretary. You did a great job. The ladies horseshoe league is celebrating 25 years of playing. The Auxiliary has been a sponsor and Sue Weaver and Marge Bennett has played the whole 25 years. On May 7<sup>th</sup> Junior now Senior Sarah Gatch graduated from St Joseph School for Nursing as a RN and is working at CMC. In the fall, Sarah will attend SUNY Binghamton for her BS degree. Congratulations on a fine job. We wish a speedy recovery to Jane

Gallagher who fell & broke her leg. We made monetary donations to Legion Baseball and Relay for Life. Congratulations to Marge Fulton on her 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Grandson. There are no more Auxiliary dinners until September. A big thank you to Mindy and her fine crew. In July, Vickii and Susie will attend the Dept Convention at Niagara Falls. Then Vickii is officially on the 6<sup>th</sup> District Color Guard. Happy Wedding Anniversaries to the following: 7/2 Don and Marge Bennett 47 years, Dave and Sandy Kline 7 years, and 7/16 Tom and Roberta Stilwell 40 years. Congratulations one and all. The next meeting will be in September. **SAVE: Sept 11, 2007 – Antique Appraisal Day** Respectively submitted Marge Bennett

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Membership is now at 58; 104% of our quota. Thank you all for coming out and helping to reach this goal. The Bose Wave raffle ended up netting almost \$600 that we will use to help the Legion repair the parking lot. The winner of the Bose Wave was John VanValen. Second and third place went to Keith Ernst and Roberta Stilwell. We sincerely thank Sue Kaupinen and Jim Dew for their incredibly successful effort selling tickets at the Shur Save. We would also like to thank the folks at Shur Save for allowing us to use their facilities. The SAL birthday party is set for August 4<sup>th</sup> (see special events). We are going to need some volunteers to help with the arrangements. We will be finalizing the arrangements at our next meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Respectfully, Brady Roach