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CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Tues	June 1	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Thurs	June 3	7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Meeting – See Special Events
Sun	June 6	FLAG 1:00 – 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	D-Day – 60th Anniversary Birthday & Graduation Party Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Mon	June 7	6:30 PM	Tompkins County Installation of Officers Dinner at Post 1034 – Dryden
Weds	June 9	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	June 11	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Jim Heroux’s crew – Public Invited
Sat – Sun	June 12 – 13		6 th District Convention – Post 190 – Delhi
Sat	June 12	Noon	Wedding Reception
Mon	June 14	FLAG 7:30 PM	FLAG DAY –Flag Day Ceremony at Dewitt Park, Ith – TBA Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	June 16	7:00 PM	VFW Post 5498 Meeting
Fri	June 18	5:30 – 8:00 PM T.B.A.	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited 6 th District Golf Tournament at Cedar View Course, Lansing
Sun	June 20	FLAG	Father’s Day
Weds	June 23	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Senior Citizen’s Annual Dinner Meeting Board of Trustees Meeting
Sat	June 26	1:00 PM	Wedding Reception
Sun	June 27	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
Mon	June 28	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Looking Ahead to the Summer Months			
July 7 – 10 th	Department Convention at Buffalo		
July 9 & Aug 13	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner		
July 22 – 25	Grassroots American Legion Food Tent		
July 31	Alumni Day Legion Chicken BBQ & Food Tent at Fairgrounds		
Aug 24 – 29	American Legion Food Tent at the Fair		

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint Legion Family Information Meeting – with a dish-to-share/or not will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 3rd. Please bring questions and suggestions to this all-important meeting.

New Lounge Hours – Opening every day at 3:00 PM, including weekends, starting June 5, 2004.

Tompkins County Installation of Officers Dinner – will be held at 6:30 PM Monday, June 7th at Post 1134, Dryden. Sign up to attend.

Post 770 Website – has been set up by Patrick Richar. This month’s newsletter may be viewed at www.Post770.com. Please check it out if you can. Patrick is looking for some pictures, info, stories, and anything you think would be of interest to our members. So let’s get started & send him some stuff! The easiest way is to email your info to Patrick at patrick@hostguys.com or mail your information to 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188-2430.

Wheelchairs & Other Handicapped Devices – can no longer be accepted because of space restraints, HOWEVER, Please return the wheel chairs and other things you have borrowed when you have finished with them. Thank you.

Clean Up Day – has been postponed to a later date due to a wedding reception that will be held at our Post on June 5th. We'll keep you posted.

Keep us Informed – Just a reminder that if you or your relatives and friends know of any news or events taking place that would be of interest to our newsletter readers, please let us know. Most “happenings” get posted (written) on the white bulletin board in the lounge. This, our local papers, “word of mouth”, meetings, and involvement are the only sources we have for newsletter news...So keep us posted.

6th District Golf Tournament at Cedar View Course in Lansing – will be on June 18th. Cost is \$35 per entry. Contact Phil Colvin if interested. Deadline is June 8th.

United States Navy Cruiser Sailors Association 2004 Annual Reunion – will be held from May 30 – June 4, 2004 at Charleston, South Carolina. For information please contact Edward August, 21 Colonial Way, Rehoboth, MA 02769, Telephone # 508-252-3524

Charter Bus to Washington, DC Memorial Sites – Are you interested in seeing the recently dedicated WW II Memorial? Have you seen the Vietnam Wall, the Korean Memorials, Patrol of foot soldiers, Arlington National Cemetery, or the many other Memorials located in our nation's capital? Phil Colvin will put together an overnight package if we can fill a bus with about 47 of our Legion families. More to follow as this mid-September venture comes together. Give Phil a call if you are interested. Don't be left at the starting gate. Sign up today.

The Demolition Derby Food Tent – I would like to thank the following for their help at the Fairgrounds on 5/16/04: Mike, Dennis, Brady, Pat, Mary Ann, Butch, Dave & Sue, Calvin, and Jim & Renee. Thank you, Al Richar

AMERICAN LEGION POST 770 CONTRIBUTION FUND

While you are responding nicely to our plea for financial assistance and greater volunteerism, there have been changes at our Post that affect many things. Our Manager, Barry Smith, is currently looking into other fields of employment. At this point things are rather uncertain. In view of the situation, we are looking more than ever for volunteer bartenders. We will also need people to help with the other aspects of running the Post such as: kitchen help, letter changers for the roadside sign, cleaners, librarian, bulletin board changers, and wall & display case arrangers. We welcome ideas and your concerns. Let's all share the load together. Let any officer or Trustee Board member know of your desire to participate. Thank you.

We wish to thank the following members and friends for their monetary contributions: Erhart's Propane in honor of Al Richar, John Grove, John Duddleston, Bill Savey, Robert Bishop, Ed Farrell, and Robert Read.

POST NEWS

Looking back to where we ended last month's Post news we are reminded of a close encounter due to a misunderstood time for the Scouts Spaghetti dinner starting at 2 instead of 4PM as announced on our calendar. There seemed to be an imaginary line drawn across the kitchen as Tom and crew put out a Noon luncheon for about 40 Catholic women while the Scouts were preparing enough Spaghetti and salad to feed an Army. “All is well that ends well”, but it was a little hectic for a while...You really responded to our breakfast of 4/25/04. We served 120 breakfasts. Seems like it must be some sort of record...There was a nice turn out for Earharts Employees banquet of about 35 – 40 people. Vice Commander, Al Richar, was honored for completing 30 years with the company. A substantial monetary donation was made to our Post in recognition of his many years of service. Thank you and Congratulations Al... We wish to thank Bill Savey for answering our request for a stackable space saving washer and dryer. He presented the Post with a new set of appliances...The Post managed to make a few donations of its own. Among them were Savings Bonds for Awards at the C.O.D.H.S. Class of 2005 after Prom party at Helen Newman Hall of Cornell University, Seven Lakes Girl Scouts, and use of our facilities for a Fire Dept and Post 770 Fishing or Gun Show...Tom Bennett and Don Smith were appointed delegates to the 6th District and Department Conventions. Lee Weaver and Bill Parker as Alternates...We were a little unhappy to have donated the use of our facility for use in teaching two sessions of the Boating & Water Safety Course only to find they were cancelled because the instructor would not teach the course. We still don't know what that was all about... It seems like we can't get through a month without being informed of some misdeeds. Before the last fish & steak Fry dinner pots and pans had been left dirty and had to be washed before we could use them. Following another dinner put on by some people who weren't part of our crews, we found all the plates and silver had been put away wet, without being dried. Please leave the strainers in the bottom of the sink. Without them discarded food goes through the pipes and ... no not directly to our sewer but the grease trap instead. Its not too much fun to have to clean that out on a busy night (without warning). Have we scolded you enough? We know you will do better next time. You are still appreciated!... Some of you have asked about the blue star emblems to hang in your window. You no doubt remember seeing them in homes where a family member was serving on active duty during a previous war. The trend is catching on once again. Our Post has ordered a supply of the blue star banners. If interested stop in and inquire about the availability and price...The Post membership has decided to offer the use of our facility for funeral receptions of

deceased American Legion members...We were so happy to hear the news of Katie Conroy making 1st Class Petty Officer from her sister Kim Tompkins. I can remember the eve of Katie's enlistment in the Navy. We talked a lot about what to expect as we visited in the old Legion. Katie was a former student of mine and is now serving on the Air Craft Carrier the U.S.S. Carl Vincent out of Seattle, Washington. Having been a former carrier sailor some 50 years ago, I am somewhat partial to Katie's dedication. Keep up the good work Katie, the Navy needs people like you...We welcomed John Grove at the Post recently. On his trip north he pulled a trailer toting a 5-foot stainless steel steam table and a 5 ft refrigerated stainless salad bar, both on wheels. That wasn't all...he also brought bags of logo towels and aprons for the kitchen and took away the old refrigerator systems that have been setting outside for years. Thank you John for your donations to the Post. You are very generous and considerate...The Bob and "Pete" Newport Memorial celebration was wonderful. We drove up Seneca Road wondering how many family friends would remember the good old days of Newport Chevrolet...The remembrances were outstanding with an estimated 175 – 200 people in attendance. It was nice to see and talk with Mike, Ann, Barb, Betty Jo and many, many old friends... American Legion Election of Officers took place at the regular meeting of 5/10/04. Although it was held in candlelight (3 hour power failure) we elected the following Officers: Commander – Al Richar, Adjutant – Phil Colvin, First 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 – Open, Judge Advocate – Don Smith, Board of Trustees – Harold Wright... We were delighted to be informed of the graduation of 4 T-Burgers at SUNY Brockport in May. There were Sarah Colvin, daughter of members Phil & Nan Colvin, Sarah Cole, daughter of members Don & Barb Cole, Alana Bowers, daughter of SAL member Bobby & Cheryl Bowers and granddaughter of Bob & Pat Bowers and member Bill Boyer, and Chris Lincoln, nephew of member Doug Millspaugh. Congratulations students, parents, uncle, and grandparents.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call Loren Fischer – Lakeside
Bill Fox Sir – CMC
Sean Miller - Rochester - Home
Debbie Hendrix – CMC

Heidi Hodges – Kingston NE Center Care
Pat Bonsall – CMC - Home
Betty Langlois – CMC – Home

Taps Francis J “Frank” Barry, Jr. - died April 21, 2004 at his home. Frank served with the US Army during the Korean War. He was the Past Commander and life member of VFW Post 961 where he also served as Captain of their Color Guard and Ritual Team. He was also Past Commander of American Legion Post 221 of Ithaca. Private burial with full military honors was held at the Danby Rural Cemetery. Frank was well known by all Legionnaires and his presence will be missed among us.

THE CANNON “WALK OF HONOR” & MEMORIAL SITE

We have been promised our first group of engraved bricks will be ready to be picked up around May 19th. We are sorry to disappoint some of you who would have liked to see them installed earlier but pleased that they will be in place by Memorial Day! Please pick up an application at the Post if you are planning to honor a Veteran. The “Walk of Honor” is an ongoing project.

ADJUTANT REPORT

We will have elected and installed new officers for 2004 – 2005 by the time you receive this newsletter. It is important that we support the new officers so that they can do the jobs they were elected to. It's everyone's job to make Post 770 the best American Legion it can possibly be. That doesn't mean just the club, but the American Legion too. After all, we are an American Legion Post.

It's not too late to pay dues for 2004. They will count for Credit for Department Convention until Convention Call, which is about June 7th or 30 days before Convention. Probably in July we'll be accepting dues for 2005. The new membership cards are usually received in July. An application for American Legion membership was printed in a recent issue of the Post 770 newsletter. Sign up a new member. Keep in mind we need a copy of the Veteran's DD Dome # 214, or other verification of Honorable service.

I am retiring as Adjutant of Post 770. Except for about 4 years, I have been Adjutant since 1971. It's time someone else took over the job. I appreciate all of the support I have had from all of you during those many years. **THANK YOU!** Please give your support to my successor, Phil Colvin, as I will. William F “Bill” Parker

AUXILIARY REPORT

Flowers were donated by the Auxiliary for the beautification of our Post. Thanks also to Joe Lockwood for the pansies planted by our entrance doors and a big thank you to the 4-H club directed by member Patti Wright Jones for the clean up of the bank by the parking lot as well as the planting of the petunias on the monument...The chicken & biscuit dinner served 84 on Friday, May 21st. Once again, great job ladies...The Auxiliary will be hosting the Legion Baseball spaghetti dinner on May 28th. Tickets will be \$5.00 and may be purchased at the Legion or by contacting Sue Wright...We will be having one more Auxiliary dinner on June 18th, but will be taking the rest of the summer off. Don't forget to attend or you'll have to wait until September if you don't...We now have 2, **YES 2** women's horseshoe teams sponsored by the Legion. Congrats ladies!!!! Kara Van Valen, granddaughter of George and Chloe Van Valen, will be our Poppy girl for the parade on Memorial Day, 5/31/04. We will be sending 2 girls to Girl's State this year. This is quite a change. For as many years as I can remember, we were only allowed send one. Girl's State will be at SUNY Brockport for one week starting June 27th...Our thoughts and prayers go out to Helen Wright and to Pat Bonsall, who was in a serious accident and is now recovering at her sister Linda's home...Victoria Sue VanNederynen, member of our Auxiliary, is on the Dean's List at NYSCC in Seneca Falls. Tori is the daughter of member Patti Jones and the granddaughter of Sue & Harold Wright. Great job Tori! PLEASE if anyone has borrowed any of our chafing pans, please return them ASAP. We are in desperate need of them when doing our dinners, etc...The Nominating Committee has submitted the following for Officers or our Auxiliary: President – Marti Smith, 1st Vice – Vickii Barry, Secretary – Ruth Scott, Treasurer – Roberta Stilwell with co treasurer, Mary Schmidt. Chaplin, Sgt-at-Arms, and Historian are still open. PLEASE we need you to attend the June 1st meeting to vote for our officers. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Please give up an hour of your time on June 1st. This is an extremely important meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM. This will be our last meeting until September. Hope to see you there. HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!!!!

Respectively submitted, Vickii Barry