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CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Thurs	June 2	7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Meeting – No dish to share this month
		7:00 PM	Boys State Orientation Meeting at Post 1134, Dryden
Sat	June 4	8:00 AM	6 th District Golf Tournament at Cedar View, Lansing
		1:00 PM	Wedding Reception in the Banquet Room
Mon	June 6	6:30 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Dinner Meeting at Post 770 (Installation of Officers)
Tues	June 7	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	June 8	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	June 10	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak and Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Don Smith’s Crew
Sat	June 11	1:00 PM	Wedding Reception in Banquet Room
		6:00 PM	6 th District Convention Dinner Meeting at Post 617, Marathon
Sun	June 12	11:00 AM	6 th District Convention at Post 617, Marathon
Mon	June 13	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Tues	June 14	FLAG	Flag Day
Fri	June 17	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Sat	June 18	1:00 PM	Anniversary Celebration in the Banquet Room
Sun	June 19	FLAG	Father’s Day
Weds	June 22	6:00 PM	Senior Citizen’s Dinner
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sat	June 25	1:00 PM	Wedding Reception in the Banquet Room
Sun	June 26	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
		11:00 AM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
		Noon	Boys State begins at Morrisville and continues through Saturday
Mon	June 27	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Thurs	June 30	1:00 – 4:00 PM	Birthday Party Celebration in the Banquet Room

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint Legion Family Information Meeting – will be held on Thurs, June 2nd at 7:00 PM without a dish to share this month. Bring along your ideas for discussion.

Tompkins County American Legion Dinner Meeting – will be held at our Post 770, at 6:30 PM on Monday June 6th. This will be the installation of officers, so please make every effort to attend. We expect our own Post Commander, Al Richar, will also be installed as County Commander on this night. Let’s have a good turnout of our own members for this event.

Auxiliary Dinner – is being offered on Friday, June 17th, 5:30 – 8:00 PM. The ladies have been known to come up with some great meals, so please plan to attend. The public is invited.

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

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. It's your choice.

Post Volunteers – We are actively recruiting all Post members who would like to help out. As you know we are involved with the community in many ways and are always looking for all kinds of help: whether it be in the kitchen, behind the bar, at our food tent, cleaning, bulletin boards, librarian, honor or color guard, or Post officers. Post 770 wants you!

Breakfast – We are cutting back on our 2nd Sunday of the month breakfast during June, July, and August. One breakfast only on the 4th Sunday during those months, to allow our crew volunteers to catch their breath.

SAL Meetings – Please take notice of a change in the meeting time. The Sons of the American Legion will be meeting at 11:00 AM (following the breakfast) on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Bulletin Board Ads and Notices – No signs, pictures, ads, or notices will be allowed posted on our bulletin board without membership approval. There have been a number of various signs, etc. put on the board recently, which were not in the best interest of the Legion. If you have something you think is in the best interest of the Post, please submit it for approval.

Thank you.

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP

Looking over the last count, we are pleased to see a few active duty people have become members. PFC William Pike III, John P. Foster, and Joel Carpenter have become members. All are on Active Duty. We are presently at 423 in the membership signups. We need 446 to reach our goal of 100%. We are getting closer, but no brass ring yet. Let's push to get those 23 more. If you have moved or changed address, keep us informed. If you have submitted payment, but not received confirmation, let us know and we will try to speed it up.

Thanks to all who have signed up or re-upped. It's a great organization.

POST NEWS

It is great to see spring creeping up on us with the snow finally gone and our first order of 14 bricks added to our "Walk of Honor". If you think you needed a second look at our Memorial you weren't all that wrong ... yes, our cannon, all of a sudden took a giant leap and ended up atop the edifice at an angle. Our "Walk of Honor", Memorial, and flagpole site has begun to take on a very meaningful look. We have acquired 2 of 3 marble slabs from Virginia, thanks to Patina and Bill Janisko, daughter and son-in-law of Phil and Nan Colvin. We plan to have them sawed up and used as posts for a chain fence around the "Walk of Honor and Cannon Memorial". Every time I look at the site I marvel at how majestic our gleaming gold gilded eagle looks atop our flagpole. Now is a good time to have a brick inscribed as a gift or remembrance for a veteran friend, relative, or loved one? Please stop in to admire the changes that are occurring.

Sorry to have missed last month's Joint Family meeting because of previous commitments, so I can't report on what took place. Also, I didn't attend the Mothers Day Brunch, but I understand it was well attended. Flowers were given out to the 1st 50 mothers and the menu was varied. Commander Al Richar was so impressed he wanted me to convey his thanks to Shirley Willard and her crew for the great brunch they put on. The menu I'm told was ham, turkey, chipped beef on toast, sausage gravy, french toast, a baked egg dish, escalloped potatoes, fruity pastries, etc. I'm drooling just thinking about it. A Special Thanks to Bill Mathers, who donated the pastries. Commander Al would like to thank Dave & Sue Pakala, Pat Platt, Gordy Veley, Brady Roach and Darlene Ahouse for volunteering to work the Legion Food tent at the Demolition Derby. And to Jim & Renee & Jamie, Don Smith, Corey Richardson, Phil Colvin, and Dana Smith for setting up and taking down the tent. Although the turn out wasn't as good as last year, they still brought in a good sum of money for the Legion.

Have you noticed how well the grounds are looking with 12 new trees Jim & Renee Heroux and Harold Wright have planted? The potted pansies by the memorial entrance door look great; as does everything else you cast your eyes on. Harold Wright, as our grounds keeper and mower, is doing a fine job. Thanks to those who have helped Harold out at various times.

We were informed Jim Heroux has a golf crew entry at the 6th District Tournament in Lansing. Sorry I didn't put out earlier info on the event. There may have been other members interested.... We were pleased to have made several donations and have received several this past month. 6 steak and fish fry tickets were donated to the Interlaken Sportsman Club to be used in their fund-raiser for Legion kitchen crewmember, Sam Ward, who recently had a bi-pass operation. We received a donation from the Traveling Baseball team who put on a fund-raiser at our Post facilities. We have received word that Dave & Sandy Kline would like to conduct a fund-raiser for a new pavilion to be built on our grounds. We will keep you tuned to any new developments concerning this project. A new pavilion would certainly be a welcomed addition to our facility. Think of the possible uses!!!! Karen Austic was the lucky winner of a "Restaurant of your Choice" gift certificate from the SAL Mothers Day Raffle... Thank you Lana, for your kind words of praise for our organization, facility, newsletter, and community participation. Thank you's go a long way to the continuance of our dedicated members and friends. Let us wrap

up our Post news by saying thank you to all of you who have patronized our banquets, fish fries, dances with karaoke singing, lounge camaraderie, meetings, etc. Also, to those who have volunteered for crews for all of these receptions, dinners, tent crews, etc. We really feel good about being part of the community and a special veterans organization!!!!

God Bless the U.S.A.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: **Shawn Miller** – Lakeside
 Barb Cole – CMC Rehab – Now Home
 Sam Ward – Bi-Pass Surgery – Now Home

Lulu Powless – CMC – Now Home
Lewis Rogers – CMC Respiratory

Taps: **Paul Reinbold** – died April 11, 2005. He was a member of Post 770. Contributions in Paul's memories may be made to a charity of your choice.

Jon Kiltz – died April 24, 2005. He was a great friend of the Legion. Jon was a DJ for many years and frequent provider of music at the Old Legion. We were so in tune with Jon that he played at the wedding reception of two of our children. He had a history of medical problems. Billy & Debbie Walsh, Don & Marge Bennett, Chloe & I attended a fundraiser in Cazenovia prior to Jon's kidney transplant. Recently he contacted us and we retained him as our DJ for the American Legion Birthday Party. It was a great reunion. Unfortunately, Jon continued to need further operations and his health deteriorated to the point that he was unable to survive the last one. The Legion has lost a great friend.

Kathleen Agard – passed away on May 5, 2005 at the Cayuga Medical Center after a long respiratory problem resulting in a lung transplant. Kathy was the husband of Lee Agard, and mother of member Shawn Miller. She was the sister-in-law of members Nan and Phil Colvin. A fund-raiser was conducted at Post 770 sometime ago in connection to her transplant and hospitalization. Following Prayers of Committal at the Danby Cemetery, a reception was held at Post 770.

Marion E. Foster – passed away at home on May 6, 2005. She was the mother of member Quentin and Brayton Foster of Trumansburg and grandmother of John Foster (US Army) in Germany.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is 185. We still need 8 more to make our quota of 193. The Unit held their Elections of Officers at the May meeting as follows: President – Vickii Barry, 1st Vice – Jackie Newhart, 2nd Vice – Susie Smith, Secretary – Ruth Scott, Treasurers – Roberta Stilwell and Mary Schmidt, Chaplain – Roberta Chiesa, Sgt-at-Arms – Pat Plataniotis, and Shirley Willard was elected to the Board of Directors for a 3-year term. At the May meeting of the Tompkins County Auxiliary, Dawn Smith was elected President. Congratulations for a successful year.

There will be a dinner in June by the Auxiliary, but NO dinners for July and August. The Auxiliary purchased 100 plates and new telephones for the Post's birthday. Our Unit Historian, Barb Cole, was hospitalized on 5/1. She was in ICU for days and on 5/11 was transferred to the third floor and now doing rehab therapy. Late news.... Barb came home on 5/17. Lulu Powless was in the hospital and now at home also. Our condolences to Emily Artley on the loss of her brother, and to Betty Covert on the loss of her father on 5/3. Sue Weaver had surgery on 5/20. We wish all a speedy recovery.

This years Poppy Princess was Brittany Weeks and she was beautiful. Some were curious to where the proceeds from the donations to the Poppy Fund goes: It goes to help out Veterans and their families when in need.

Hope all the mothers enjoyed their day and Happy Fathers Day to all.

The next meeting is June 7th at 7:00PM. No meetings in July & August.

Respectively Submitted, Marge Bennett

"OLD GLORY"

- The name "Old Glory" was given to our national flag on Aug 10, 1831.
- The flag was first carried into battle on Sept 11, 1777 at Brandywine.
- On Aug 3, 1949, President Harry S Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th as Flag Day.
- The red stripes symbolize hardiness and valor, the white stripes symbolize purity and innocence, blue symbolizes vigilance, perseverance, and justice, and the stars symbolize the rays of light emanating from the sun.
- President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an Executive Order on Aug 21, 1959 that established the current arrangement of the stars on the flag.

- Betsy Ross is reported to have designed and sewn the first American flag, but official records have not confirmed that she actually was responsible for the design and making of the first flag.

FRONTENAC AMERICAN FLAG

Dark smoke drifting skyward and the rhythm of throbbing engines reverberating across Cayuga Lake are the sights and sounds of a forgotten era. Steamboating on Cayuga provided reliable transportation, as well as entertainment for surrounding inhabitants, lasting almost a century. However, this great era came to a tragic end following the burning of the steamboat, Frontenac. On March 26, 1874, the Frontenac made its maiden journey on Cayuga Lake. From that first day until the fateful Saturday of July 27, 1907, this steamboat was a brilliant presence upon the waters of Cayuga. The Frontenac brought passengers to and from their destinations along the lake, all the while boasting an enormous American flag raised high above the stern. Struggling northward in a heavy wind on the 27th of July 1907, a small boy first spotted the flames along the deck of the Frontenac and reported them to Captain M.P. Brown. After a failed attempt at extinguishing the fire, Capt Brown ordered the boat to be run ashore. For an estimated 70 passengers that day, there were 400 life preservers available. Despite this, passengers who jumped off board with or without life preservers were forced to fight the strong current from the chugging engine. Eight people drowned, including a four-year old boy with his mother from Freeville and a ten-year old girl from Trumansburg. Many heroic efforts by the crew of the boat saved the lives of countless other women and children. For 33 years the American flag waving in the winds above the Frontenac witnessed many things. However, none would compare to the event that took place on that summer day in 1907. This flag, possibly even rescued from the burning vessel, is a reminder not only of the legendary Frontenac, but also the ending of one of Cayuga Lake's greatest periods in history.

The DeWitt Historical Society is home to his flag as well as several other items rescued from the Frontenac.