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CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Tues	June 1	7:00 PM	Unit 770 Auxiliary Meeting
Sat	June 5	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Mon	June 7	6:30 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Meeting and Installation of Officers – Post 221 - Ithaca
		7:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Weds	June 9	Noon	Senior Citizens Luncheon Meeting
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	June 11	5:30 –8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner– Don Smith’s Crew
		6:30 PM	Boy Scout Leaders Meeting in the Small Room
Sat	June 12	TBA	Health Department Birthday Dinner
Mon	June 14	FLAG	Flag Day
		7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Thurs	June 17	5:30 – 8:00 PM	American Legion Auxiliary Dinner
Sat	June 19	Noon	Boy Scouts Meeting
Sun	June 20		Father’s Day
		7:30 – 11:00 AM	SAL Father’s Day Breakfast
Mon	June 21		Summer Begins
Weds	June 23	6:00 PM	Senior Citizens Annual Meeting – Election of Officers
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	June 24	TBA	Trumansburg Teachers Retirement Meeting
Sat	June 26	TBA	Wedding Reception
Sun	June 27	7:30 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast
Mon	June 28	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Search for the Queen of Hearts: This game of chance is now underway. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 per chance. All tickets are discarded after the weekly drawing. Purchase new tickets every week. Grand prize pool accumulates each week. 3 winners drawn week # 1 and week # 26. One winner the rest of the weeks until the Queen of Hearts is found. The game is over then and we start the search over again. The player finding the Queen of Hearts receives 60 % of the grand prize pool up to a maximum of \$50,000. The weekly payouts are numbers 2 – 5 receives \$8.00, numbers 6 – 9 pays \$12, numbers 10, Jack and King pay \$16, an Ace pays \$20, a Joker pays \$25, any queen not the Hearts pays \$40. Need not be present to win. Drawing held every Sunday at 4:00 PM.

American Legion Election of Officers: At the May 18th meeting at the Post, the following officers were chosen to fill vacancies created by resignations and terminations of the 2009 – 2010 year offices. They are listed as follows: Commander – Jim Dew, 1st Vice Commander – Scott Hulslander, 2nd Vice Commander – Jim Heroux, 3rd Vice Commander – Tom Bennett, Adjutant – Phil Colvin, Treasurer – Lee Weaver, Chaplain – Lee Weaver, Judge Advocate – Tom Bennett, Historian – George Van Valen, Sgt-at-Arms – Calvin Bailey, Service Officer – Don Bennett. Also selected to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees were Gordie Vealie and Tom Joseph. Tom Bennett and Al Richar were selected to represent our Post at the 6th District and Department Conventions with Roger Meir and Lee Weaver acting as alternates.

Walk of Honor Memorial: We have had some inquiries about the installation of etched bricks, probably because of the summer like weather for brief periods in April and May. Our brick provider Gary Bush from Groton assures us they will deliver them as we grow closer to nicer weather. Meanwhile we continue to accept orders. Application forms may be found inside of the entry way to the lounge.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: Barb Cole – CMC- Now Home

Taps: John L Hyde DVM: died April 19, 2010. Dr. Hyde was born as Jack Cunningham and was adopted at age 11 by Rev Albert and Erva Hyde. The Hyde's eventually came to Trumansburg where Jack attended school for several years. Jack joined the Navy in 1942 and served as a Pharmacist's mate during WWII caring for wounded and sick soldiers until his discharge in 1945. Under the GI Bill he received his BA, DVM, and Master of Sciences degrees. Jack has corresponded with Post 770 regarding articles appearing in the newsletter during recent years. He is a longtime member of Post 770

William W. "Bill" Boyer: passed away on April 27, 2010 at the Cayuga Medical Center. He joined the US Army Air Corps in 1942 serving his country during WWII then returned to Trumansburg and was employed as a carpenter. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Lois (Fulton), two sisters, Mona Hagin and Rosalie Ferguson, and a brother Jack Boyer. He is survived by three children, Brad (Joyce), Susie (Steve) Stilwell, and Sherry (Bob) Bowers. He is also survived by five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Donald A Tucker: passed away at the Cayuga Medical Center on May 6, 2010. Born in Enfield Center on March 5, 1928, Don enjoyed tinkering with cut down cars, woodworking and any activities which allowed him to be outdoors. He served in the Naval Reserves as well as active duty aboard the USS Midway. Don is survived by 5 sisters, Doris Willett, Evelyn Volbrecht, Juanita Wojtanik, Carole Stickler, and Shirley Boyd. Prayers of Committal took place at Grove Cemetery with Military Honors performed by the US Navy and members of the Trumansburg American Legion Honors Detail.

POST NEWS

We apologize for the illegible pictures regarding the Bath Hospital visitation that appeared in the May newsletter. When I ran a few copies off at home they were quite legible, yet when mass produced at the "Mailbox, Inc" they were very bad. Sorry about that. I put some of the pictures on a poster board in the entryway to the lounge so that you might wish to take some home and copy them if interested. We eventually hope to put all of the pictures in the Legion Scrapbook for your viewing. ...As we put this newsletter together, we understand both candidates selected for Boys State have backed out. Stay tuned for further developments. ...Phil and Nan viewed the WWII Museum located in New Orleans and reported 2 ½ hours were spent there and it was very worthwhile. ...Legion Baseball will be getting underway shortly. We will try to get a hold of a schedule so that you may watch many of our games. We usually have a great team. Hank Van Ness is the new District Chairman of American Legion Baseball this year. Congratulations. ...Repair of our overheating dishwasher is underway at this time. Dish washers have faith! It is a heavily used machine. ...We understand that about 112 Firemen attended their banquet which was held at our Post. From all reports the meal and facilities were enjoyed by everyone and we certainly enjoyed having the Trumansburg Fire Department. ...We were quite impressed with the Mother's Day Breakfast put on by the SAL. The crew bringing out the food to the tables looked great in their light blue shirts affixed with a very large SAL emblem on the back. Our party of five including 3 grandchildren "put away" a huge amount of food. They were told ahead of time, "Order what you want but be sure to eat all of it!" They did. I was told 216 breakfasts were served and asked if that was a record. Jim Heroux said "No, we often do that many on Mother's and Father's Day." Mothers were also treated to potted marigold plants donated by Brownies Road Stand on Rt. 96, south of Jacksonville. It was a great breakfast on a great day. ...We are somewhat disappointed there turned out to be only one candidate for Boy's State that is being sent by our Post. He is Tucker Randle. Apparently others would like to go but it conflicts with their summer athletic participation. Having attended a couple of Boy's State sessions I feel it is a wonderful event and looks good on your college application. However, other Posts are encountering the same problem and it might lead to suspension of the weeklong activity down the road sometime in the future. ...There has been some talk about moving our bar hours to a somewhat later opening and closing time to take advantage of the attendance habits of our Legion customers. What do you think? ...The membership has made a monetary donation to Peggy Chase and a fish fry dinner to Ben Reynolds Racing Benefit. ...We have selected a substance from Agway, called RODGO to do away with the cattails and other growth which is consuming our pond. We are about ready to see just how well it works. ...Talk is in the wind of building a BBQ pit with blocks and cement. I'm sure it would get a lot of use during this type of activity.

MEMBERSHIP

As we are about to wind up one Legion year and begin another our membership stands at 345, just 19 short of our quota. So close to reaching 100%, yet far enough to put us in the doubtful column. Let's keep trying. You can never be sure until we reach the deadline which I think is Departmental Convention time. If you have changed your address please let us know so that we can stay in touch with you. 37 names have been deleted from our mailing list because of failure to renew their membership. We welcome new member Shawn Lauper. It's nice to have you aboard.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is now 149 with 140 seniors and 9 juniors. HELP! We need 8 more to make our quota of 157. Please pay your dues if you haven't done so yet. Election of officers took place at the last meeting. The results are: President – Marti Smith, 1st Vice – Sue McConnell, 2nd Vice – Ann Stiles Hunt, Secretary – Mary Milks, and Treasurer – Nan Colvin. Congratulations to Jack & Eleanor Ellsworth. They are the proud great grandparents on April 24th. Our thoughts are with Barb Cole. She's at CMC Hospital. Our condolences to the Shelley Bennett family on the loss of her grandmother. We will sponsor two ladies horseshoe teams this season. The last Auxiliary dinner put on by Mindy will be June 20th. We would like to thank her for all the time and effort she did to help the Auxiliary raise money for all of our projects. We make donations also throughout the year. Thank you Mindy! We had 2 Poppy Princess's this year – Aven Bower and Jamie Heroux. The next meeting is June 1st at 7:00 PM. Mary Schmidt will be doing flowers around the Post this year. On July 2nd Don & Marge Bennett will be celebrating their 50th anniversary, Dave & Sandy Kline their 10th anniversary and Happy 20th to Brady & Kathi Roach in May. Happy Father's Day! Submitted, Marge Bennett

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

We have reached our membership quota of 69. We still have a few that have not renewed their membership for 2010. Come on out guys and help us exceed our quota. Welcome new members Steven Draheim and Michael Boggs. Welcome back Gregory Watson. The results of our election of officers in May is as follows...Pete Mahoney, Commander; David LaPadula and Jerry Clark, Vice Commanders; Lee Weaver, Adjutant; Gary Reckdenwald, Treasurer; Leonard Bailey, Historian; Chris Vann, Chaplain; Brady Roach, Sgt At Arms. We will be hosting a Father's Day breakfast on Sunday, June 20th. We'll need some help and ideas. Also, the SAL is currently raffling a high end BBQ grill for Father's Day. You can get your tickets from members or at the lounge. Mother's Day Breakfast was a great turnout. We would like to thank all those that came out to eat and especially those that helped in the kitchen and the banquet room. We also thank Jim Brown and his daughter Sheela, from Brownie's Sweet Corn and Produce, for there gracious donation of flowers for ladies. They are located at the corner of Rt. 96 North & Perry City Rd. and have wonderful selection of plants, flowers and produce. And lastly, thanks go out to all of our members that came out for the Post cleaning "party" weekend. What a mess, but we got her done (even though I'm still limping). Our next meetings are Monday, June 7th and July 5th at 7PM.....Brady

DID YOU KNOW?

Planning Ahead: The Friends of Sampson State Park, meeting earlier this month continued planning the annual August "Salute to Our Troops." Chairman Bill Sebring said the search is on for military units and others willing to set up displays for the day long event. The Navy and Air Force museums at Sampson will open toward the end of this month.

Sampson's Air Base: The role of Sampson Air Force Base in the development of military facilities in south Seneca County was outlined by historian Richard Burtless, of Seneca Falls on May 17th at the Ovid Historical Society Museum. With the order to close the former Seneca Army Depot in 1995, the air base also was shut down. It is home now to a state police training center and a fire training tower. Society president Naomi Brewer said the public is welcome at no charge. Refreshments will be served.

Veterans Cemetery: In renovating the old fire station at the site of the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery, officials said it will become a chapel with six stained glass windows dedicated in honor of the nation's military services to include the Merchant Marines.

Army National Guard Spec. Vincent A. VanDoren: has graduated from the Infantry One Station Unit training at Fort Benning, GA. The training consists of basic infantry training and advanced individual training. He is the son of Sandra List of Trumansburg. VanDoren is a 2003 graduate of T-Burg High and earned a bachelor's degree in 2007 from the State University of New York at Oneonta.

Army Spec. Peter T Mehall: has returned to Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska after being deployed to Afghanistan for one year. The soldier is one of 3,500 members of the 4th Airborne Brigade Combat team, 25th Infantry Division stationed at Fort Richardson. Airborne combat team members included soldiers assigned to one of six battalions and regiments of the 25th Infantry Division. The airborne brigade served in three eastern provinces of Afghanistan, which included the Paktya, Paktika and Khost. Some of the challenges the brigade soldiers faced included poverty, unemployment, security and management of natural resources and government institutions. Soldiers improved roads, provided vocational training in construction and civics, improved and re-opened 29 schools, remodeled 6 medical clinics and improved three district courthouses. While deployment in Afghanistan, he was decorated with the Combat Action Badge, Army Commendation Medal and three new ribbons, and promoted to specialist. Mehall, a healthcare specialist is normally assigned to the 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment. He has served in the military for two years. He is the son of Gregory and Janis Mehall and a 2007 graduate of Trumansburg High.

Healing Waters: Fly Fishing Therapy saves self-esteem, marriages of wounded warriors. By Ken Olsen

Dale Cherney settled into a meditative casting rhythm on a red rock stretch of Wyoming's North Platte River and caught nine trout in a single late summer day. That's spectacular fly fishing by any measure – and even more impressive considering Cherney lost part of his right leg, his eye, and his spleen to a rocket attack in Iraq. For Cherney, however, catching trout is almost inconsequential. He appreciates the ways fly fishing restores his strength, his balance and coaxed him back to life. “The injuries have made me an introvert,” says Cherney, whose left leg, also injured in the October 2007 attack, is held together by pins and rods. “Fly fishing pushes me; it gets me out doing things with people. I feel privileged to be stealing breath every day.” Personal victories such as Cherney's are replicated from Maine to Hawaii because of a growing effort to provide fly fishing therapy to wounded warriors. Some fishing guides informally reach out to veterans living in their area. “Fly fishing helps veterans discover physical abilities they didn't know they have. Say you no longer have a hand and all of a sudden you learn to use your prosthesis to strip line. It's no longer a weakness. Veteran's who have lost a leg? They learn they really do dare to wade out into the water. I have guys tell me, “This is a thousand times better for me than sitting in a group talking about how bad things are.”