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CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Weds	Mar 1		Ash Wednesday
Thurs	Mar 2	7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Information Meeting – Dish to Share or Not
		7:00 PM	Euchre Night
Fri	Mar 3	5:30 – 8:00 PM	1st Lenten Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Don Smith’s Crew
Sat	Mar 4	7:30 – 10:30 AM	T-Burg Traveling Baseball Teams Pancake Breakfast – Public Invited
Sun	Mar 5	7:00 – 11:00 AM	Bio-Band Breakfast Fundraiser – Public Invited
Mon	Mar 6	7:00 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Meeting at Post 800 – Groton
Tues	Mar 7	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Mar 8	Noon	Senior Citizens Luncheon Meeting
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Mar 9	11:00 AM	Pioneer Seed Company Luncheon Meeting
		7:00 PM	Euchre Night
Fri	Mar 10	5:30 – 8:00 PM	2 nd Lenten Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Jim Heroux’s Crew
Sat	Mar 11		Department Oratorical Contest
		5:00 PM	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner – Public Invited
Sun	Mar 12	8:00 -11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
		3:00 – 6:00 PM	Shower in the Meeting Room
Mon	Mar 13	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Tues	Mar 14		Legislative Hill Day in Albany
Weds	Mar 15	5:00 PM	Lions Club Senior Citizens St Patrick’s Day Dinner – All Seniors Invited
Thurs	Mar 16	7:00 PM	Euchre
Fri	Mar 17		St. Patrick’s Day – “Wearing of the Green” in the Lounge
		5:30 – 8:00 PM	3 rd Lenten Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Phil Colvin’s Crew
Sat	Mar 18	7:00 PM	American Legion Corned Beef & Cabbage 87th Birthday Dinner – Public Invited – Reservations Requested
		6:00 PM	Hors d’oeuvres
Weds	Mar 22	Noon	Senior Citizens Meeting
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Mar 23	7:00 PM	Euchre Night
Fri	Mar 24	5:30 – 8:00 PM	4 th Lenten Steak and Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Don Smith’s Crew
Sat	Mar 25	6:00 PM	Wedding Reception in Banquet Room
Sun	Mar 26	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
		11:00 AM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Mon	Mar 27	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Thurs	Mar 30	7:00 PM	Euchre Night
Fri	Mar 31	5:30 – 8:00 PM	5 th Lenten Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Jim Heroux’s Crew

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Post 770 Website – www.Post770.com - Patrick Richar at 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188 – 2430 is looking for photos and info of interest to our Legion family. Check out our website, who knows what you may see... maybe yourself. At

our last Post meeting there was considerable discussion about making the Post Newsletter available to those who like to receive it by e-mail. This would not only save mailing and copying costs, but might also get your newsletter to you sooner. Again, we are investigating the possibility for those who would be receptive. Do you have any suggestions as to how we can implement this course of action?

S.A.L Lawnmower Raffle- A Toro GTSS, 5.5 HP self-propelled is to be drawn for on Saturday, April 1st. Jack's Equipment donated this lawnmower to the S.A.L. Raffle tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5 and may be purchased at the bar or from any S.A.L. member.

Joint Legion Family Information Meeting – will be held on Thursday, March 2nd at 7 PM. It has been requested that we have a dish to share or not meeting once again, perhaps with the idea of bringing more people to the meeting. Our attendance hasn't brought forth the anticipated interest lately...so, lets see what happens with a little food and a lot to discuss. See you there.

Steak & Fish Fry Lenten Dinners – will take place on every Friday night in the month of March starting on the 3rd and finishing on March 31st. Yes, five consecutive fry's in March. We are bringing back our Delmonico Rib Eye Steaks in addition to 12 oz portions of haddock that's almost sure to hang over the edges of your plate, plus the best salad bar in town featuring over 15 items with rolls and coffee. We feel it's hard to beat. See you there.

Breakfasts- are being held from 8 – 11:00 AM on March 12th and 26th with all you can eat. It is hard to beat. It's a great way to start your day.

Fund Raisers and Other Treats – Please check out breakfasts put on by the T-Burg Traveling Baseball team and the Bio-Band. Also dinner put on by the Boy Scouts and the St Patrick's dinner for seniors put on by the Lions Club. Times and dates are listed in the calendar.

American Legion Birthday Dinner – at 7:00 PM on March 18. Our organization was founded in 1919. Does this mean we will be 87 years old this week? Whatever our age, its time to celebrate and what better dish the day after St Patrick's Day than corned beef and cabbage as only Chef Tom Bennett can bring forth. You wouldn't want to miss this annual celebration. Hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 PM. We ask you to please call or sign up for reservations so we may have a count.

A Reminder – Next time you walk into the lounge and it may feel a little chilly ... bundle up ... and think of what it costs to heat this place.... Over \$2,000 for December. We haven't heard about January or February yet!

POST NEWS

We begin our Post News at poolside here at sunny Anna Maria Island in Fl during a short winter get away. Our reason for getting a head start with our news letter is that the sun decided not to shine today and the wind on the beach is very strong... so what else to do.... Here goes. Our January 2nd of the month breakfast brought out 192 and our fish fry was 240. Those are great numbers and we rely on them to help pay our bills and our shortages. We do appreciate your patronage and look forward to serving you as best we know how. Although I believe our 3 fish fry crews are pretty much set for help, we could still use some more volunteers to work on our two monthly breakfasts. ... With Jan and Feb being rather lean months as far as activities are concerned let me assume, in abstention, that our Super Bowl and Dayton 500 dish-to-pass party's were a great success. We could have advertised them as one restaurant down here did, "Warm beer and small screen TV" at "Rotten Ralph's" ... but we don't falsely advertise. ... Let us take a moment to make clear a couple of things brought up at the last membership meeting. 1) The bar opens each day at 3 PM and closes at about 10 PM unless there are unforeseen circumstances or announced changes in these hours. 2) Kitchen and Banquet room use is \$100 for members and \$200 for non-members plus a \$50 clean up fee. These fees changes when outside caterers are used or when the Legion caters the event. When booking either the meeting room or the banquet room be sure you are informed of the exact cost and sign a contract to that affect. ... At this time the Pavilion Fund stands at about \$2,000. When Dave and Sandy Kline return we are sure they will have a lot of fund raising ideas to keep the amount climbing. ... As we begin to put our March calendar together we notice that we will be putting on 7 fish & steak dinners in a row during the Lenten period. That means each crew will be working on at least 2 Friday nights during that period. We could probably use some extra help during that time. ... At this point in the Post News we have arrived back home in the Burg and are continuing with the news. It seems we are off to a poor start as we sit here waiting for the Daytona 500 to begin only to find the actual race is not until next Sunday.... One more error in the calendar. ... Oh well, I guess you knew it before I did. ... We were pleased to receive a letter from members Harold and Sue Wright. I believe it would be of interest to everyone and so we will relate the highlights to you: Dear George, I thought I would let you know that Sue & I are invited by "The Friends of Saudi" to attend a banquet in Washington, DC on February 24 – 26th. They are sending flight tickets to us from Fort Myers to DC. We are being put up at the Marriot Hotel with everything paid for by the Saudi's. They have invited anyone that was on the DD 603 U.S.S. Murphy at the time of the Great Bitter Lake Conference (VALTA) between President Roosevelt, Stalin, Winston Churchill, and King Saud of Saudi, Arabia. Our destroyer escorted the cruiser U.S.S. Quincey that had Pres Roosevelt on board, and then we went through the Suez Canal to Jida, Arabia and picked up the King and took him to the conference. We on the Murphy didn't realize it at the time but that is when Pres Roosevelt made the deal to develop Saudi Oil. It is now considered a very historic meeting" ... And now you

know a bit more of the History of the famous "Valta Conference" in which the world was divided up by the "Heads" of the Super Powers of the world following the end of the Axis Power in WW II. Thank you Harold and Sue for this bit of info. ... Our Steak & Fish Fry dinner of Feb was a pleasure to work. On a very cold and icy night our attendance was 161. There were no long lines waiting at the door or salad bar thus things went very smoothly. (We were not overwhelmed!) ... The membership is please to donate two \$50 bonds to the Chemical Free Junior Prom being held at the Helen Newman Hall in May. This annual event is the highlight of the social calendar of the high school junior class and we are proud to be a small part of it. Perhaps some of you with high school juniors have been asked to chaperone at one time or another. Have we room to add a little more "fuel to the fire" of last months American Legions stand against the ACLU? (Feb Post News) **Dubious damages:** The City of San Diego agreed to pay the ACLU approximately \$940,000 in attorney fees to settle the ACLU's multi-year litigation to remove the Boy Scouts from Balboa Park. The ACLU collected \$500,000 in attorney fees arguing the Ten Commandments case in Alabama. The ACLU has collected at least \$63,000 from a lawsuit to destroy a cross placed in the Mojave Desert in honor of Veterans.

The Tompkins County American Legion Officers from Post 770 for year 2005 – 2006 are as follows: Commander – Al Richar, Historian – Lee Weaver, Membership – Tom Bennett. We thank them for regularly attending the meetings and representing our Post.

MEMBERSHIP

We presently have 370 members signed up for year 2006. We would like to have at least 62 more re-ups or new members so that we may reach our quota of 432. Should we list the names of those who have forgotten to re-up in the next newsletter? Just to clear up a few misconceptions, our new Legion membership year begins, as does our calendar, on January 1st. If you are not a member at this time you 1) may have any Legion Life Insurance that you may have cancelled on February 1st (You may eventually be reinstated by renewing your membership) 2) your American Legion magazine subscription will be terminated 3) you will lose privileges normally accorded members of the Post ... So, you guys and gals out there who just plain forgot to re-up or join up, lets do it now! The Post is counting on you to make us a strong organization. Please let us know of any address changes and keep us posted of any new events occurring in your life. We will try to publish all news of interest to our Legion family, the Post, Auxiliary and SAL.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: **Ron Taylor** – CMC - Now Home

Bill Hall – Tioga Nursing Home

Taps: **Irma S. Sayman** – died on January 3, 2006. She was the wife of member Robert Sayman.

Louis R. Rogers – died February 3, 2006 at the Arnot Ogden Hospital. Lou was a member of Post 770 and a veteran of WW II with the Army and Army Air Corp. Auxiliary members wife, Virginia and daughter Bonnie Smith predeceased him. He is survived by sons Danial and James, and daughters Judy and Terry. A private burial for Virginia and Louis will be delayed until spring.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership stands at 158 and we noticed that we still have 30 members not paid. Please re-up if at all possible. Congratulations to two of our previous junior – now senior members: Samantha Goldsmith is on the Deans List for this last semester at TC3, and to Sarah Gatch who is attending nursing school and just received the Robinson Scholarship Funds for completing her first semester. Our condolences go out to the Judy Brown family on the loss of her father, Louis Rogers on 2/3/06. Ruth Scott is getting our after surgery in early February. Our President, Vickii's grandson is spending more time at CMC. He is the son of Chris and Nicole Makala. There will be NO Auxiliary dinner for March due to all of the weekly Lenten Fish Fries. We gave out 25 Valentine Carnations to Veterans at Lakeside. The next meeting will be March 7th at 7:00 PM. This March the American Legion Post 770 will be 85 years old. Happy Birthday Arthur!

Respectively Submitted, Marge Bennett

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The Albert M. Becker Memorial Scholarship 2006 is an annual \$1,000 cash scholarship in the memory of Albert Becker, Past NYALPA President and Past Department Commander. Each applicant must be a child of a member of the Legion or Auxiliary and pursuing a degree in the field of Communications. An original 500-word essay explaining why they have chosen Communications, as a future vocation must be submitted with proof of eligibility, acceptance at an approved

college, proof of college major, and a high school transcript with the applications. They must be received by May 15th, 2006 at the following address: Scholarship Chairman, NYALPA, PO Box 650, East Aurora, NY 14052. Application forms are available at the bulletin board in the Post 770 lounge. Scholarships will be awarded at the Annual Meeting of the NYALPA Association on July 21, 2006 at 1:00 PM in Rochester, NY. The recipient will be expected to accept the award in person unless excused by the committee.

POEM (Author Unknown)

I watched the flag pass by one day; it fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it; and then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform, so young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert, He'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought of how many men like him, had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil, How many mother's tears?
How many foxholes were soldier's graves? No, freedom isn't free.
I heard the sound of Taps one night, When everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play, and felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times, that Taps meant "Amen",
When a flag had draped a coffin, of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children, of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons, and husbands, with interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard, at the bottom of the sea,
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No freedom isn't free. Enjoy your freedom, thank a Veteran and God Bless Our Troops!