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**CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER**

Mon	Nov 1	7:00 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Meeting at Post 800 - Groton
		7:30 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
Tues	Nov 2	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> – Get out and vote!
		7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Nov 3	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Nov 4	9 AM – Noon	Flu Clinic at Post 770 (If vaccine is available)
		7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Meeting with dish to share or not
Sun	Nov 7	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
		2:00 PM	Veterans Day Parade in Ithaca (See Special Events)
		Noon – 6:00 PM	Youth Football Banquet
		5:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Mon	Nov 8	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Thurs	Nov 11	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>VETERANS DAY</b>
		11:00 AM	Dewitt Park Ceremonies (See Special Events)
		7:00 PM	Veterans Day Dinner – Public Invited – Veterans are Free
Fri	Nov 12	10:30 AM	Department Visitation at Post 770
		Noon	Luncheon at Post 770
		7:00 PM	Dinner at Post 1134, Dryden, Cocktails 5 PM at Post 800, Groton
		5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Don Smith’s Crew
Sat	Nov 13	4:00 – 8:00 PM	Family Birthday Party in the banquet room
Sun	Nov 14	3:00 – 6:00 PM	Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner
Weds	Nov 17	Noon	Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
		7:00 PM	VFW Post 5498 Meeting
Fri	Nov 19	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Mon	Nov 22	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting – Voting on Constitutional Bi-Laws
Thurs	Nov 25	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY – POST CLOSED</b>
Sun	Nov 28	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited

**SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Veterans Day Parade in Ithaca** - will take place on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Starting time is 2:00 PM so our color guard will form at Post 770 at 12:45. We are to move to our station in Ithaca at 1:15. Uniform is dark pants and shoes, Legion hat, and short sleeve logo or white shirt. Legion jackets if weather is cool.

**Veterans Day Observance** – takes place in accordance with the signing of the WWI Armistice, at 11:00 AM on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in 1918. There will be an observance at 11 AM at DeWitt Park in Ithaca. Post 770 has been asked to provide a firing squad for this ceremony. We will meet at the Post at 10 AM to be at our station at DeWitt Park at 10:45. Uniform is the usual color guard dress.

**Veterans Day Dinner** – will take place on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. Hors d’oeuvres at 6:00 PM. There is no charge for Veterans. The cost for others is \$7.00. This affair is open to the public. Reservations are requested. Please sign up at the Post or call 387-4212. Come and help us celebrate this time-honored holiday.

**Department Visitation On Fri, November 12<sup>th</sup>** – will begin at 10:30 AM at Post 770. The Auxiliary will put on lunch at Noon. Please make every effort to attend so that we can present, with pride, our beautiful facility to our Department Officers. Dinner will be held at 7:00 PM at Post 1134 in Dryden. If you are interested in attending dinner, please contact our Commander or Adjutant.

**Amendment of the Constitutional Bi-Laws** – has been proposed by the membership. **Article XIV – Trustees – Section 1** – stated “The Post may elect seven trustees to serve in accordance with the provisions of the Benevolent Orders law and who shall have the care, management, and control of all the temporalities and property of the Post.” The proposal change shall read in affect, “ The Post may elect 9 Trustees, including one SAL member and one Auxiliary member in addition to seven American Legion members. (The rest of section one would read the same. **Article XIII – Amendments – Section 2** – States “These Bi-Laws may be amended at any regular Post meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members attending such regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing, and read at a preceding regular meeting of said Post, and provided further that written notice shall have been given to all members at least 10 days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that at such meeting a proposal to amend the By-Laws is to be voted upon. The vote on the proposed change in the Bi-Laws described above will take place at the regular Post membership meeting at 7:30 PM on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Post 770 Website – [www.Post770.com](http://www.Post770.com)** – Patrick Richar at 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188-2430 is still looking for photos and info of interest to our Legion family. We have been watching Brady Roach with his digital camera taking a lot of pictures around the Post. Check out our website...who knows you might find yourself featured.

**Snow Plowing at our Post** – We are currently looking for someone or a number of people to volunteer plowing our walks and parking lot as needed. The help we had last year is no longer available and so we are making a plea now to have this position filled. Is there anyone who has the equipment to do this and be willing to help us out? Would there be anyone willing to operate a plow if we purchase an unroad-worthy truck? Think about it and if interested please give any of our Legion officers or Board of Trustee members a holler.

**Activity Calendar** – To make sure the right hand knows what the left hand is doing. It is important that we have One Activity or Events Calendar. This is the one behind the bar. This calendar with suggested dates and events attached is to be brought to all Board of Trustees and membership meetings, to be assessed and acted upon. At this time official entrees to the calendar will be made. In as much as either the Board or membership meets every week, it should mean that a decision as to a calendar event application should be rendered in a matter of days. It is hoped that this method will eliminate double or questionable bookings. Also, this will eliminate any errors or misunderstandings. Contracts need to be made out and signed. This applies to SAL, Auxiliary, and American Legion events that deal with the kitchen, bar, and other facilities at the Post.

**Destruction of Original Military Records HQ AFR/DP/04-254 (Unclassified)** – If you are or know anyone who is a military Veteran, please pass this information on. It might be important if they will be seeking future Veterans benefits. The National Personnel Record Center that is responsible for maintaining archives of our military records is automating their storage and management of our military records. When this is complete they **plan to destroy the hard copies** of the records unless requested by the Veterans or a deceased Veteran’s family to send those records to them. If a Veteran or members of the deceased Veteran’s family wants to request those records be sent to them instead of being destroyed, he/she can make a request by mail to: **National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Ave, St Louis, MO 63132-5100**. Or make the request online at: <http://vetrec.archives.gov/> when you submit your request online, a signature form downloadable from the site, can be sent to you for completion and submission. The National Personnel Records Center will then send you an e-mail acknowledging your request.

## AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP

Our membership continues to rise each day. We usually open the renewals at 8 PM each night. With 331 members you can see why we are quite excited about reaching our goal of 446 before the Department visitation in November. We need 115 more members; so close and yet so far. Only a couple of weeks and we could fly our 100% membership banner at the Department luncheon at Post 770. How do we acquire these 115 more members? With so many reservist and enlistments because of the Iraq War there is an untapped potential just waiting to be asked. It’s up to you to do this. Also if you know of any members who are dragging their feet and have failed to re-up, give them a nudge. Please remember dues are still \$20 but after December 15<sup>th</sup> (the time they need to be into National & Department for credit toward our quota) will be \$25. Saving \$5 should certainly be an added incentive.

## THE BIRTHDAY OF VETERANS DAY

Fifty years ago, Emporia, Kansas, gave us a day for all who served. WW II & the Korean War had claimed the lives of more than 100 sons of Lyon County by 1953. Armistice Day, established in 1938 to recognize the end of WWI, did not

sufficiently honor all who fought afterward. So, for Nov 11, 1953, they decided to overhaul the observance into an "All Veterans Day". Kansas Gov E.F. Arn attended and said, "This is a wonderful thing. It should be done in every city of the Nation." And so, the following spring, US Rep E. Rees of Emporia, introduced legislation in Congress to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day for all of America. On Oct 8, 1954, President Eisenhower signed a proclamation that stated: "On that day, let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on seas, in the air, and on foreign shores to preserve our heritage of freedom."

## POST NEWS

About 52 eager souls were up at the crack of dawn to climb aboard our Legion Chartered Onondaga bus heading for excitement and viewing of Memorial sites and Arlington Cemetery in D.C. The weather was great as were the food and drinks shared by all aboard the bus. A friend of Phil's, who is a volunteer park ranger, met us at Memorial Sites. He accompanied our group from Memorial to Memorial until we all headed in different directions to spend more time at the site we were most interested in. Everyone was excited to see the newly dedicated WWII Memorial and there was a lot of picture taking and reading of inscriptions throughout the Memorial. Eventually we all worked our way to the Vietnam Wall, Korean and Women's Memorials ending up at the Lincoln Memorial where our bus picked us up and on to the motel. After a nice buffet dinner at the motels restaurant, many of us elected to go downtown to the American Legion Post. Our bus driver, Bob, assured us it was but a 10 minute ride, but alas someone mapped out a wrong turn and after going around the Capital building several times, we decided we were lost. Fortunately someone had a cell phone and upon communication with the bartender we were "talked" in to our Legion site street by street. As we arrived there were several in the street flagging us down! We had a good time visiting the Post but I must say our facilities will compare with most others around the country. Sunday saw us journeying off to Arlington Cemetery. The open shuttles we rode in made 3 stops where we were let off to explore. J.F. Kennedy's eternal flame and burial site was first, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was second, and Lee's Mansion was third. Perhaps the most enlightening stop was to witness the "Changing of the Guard" at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was awesome - indescribable. And so we wearily climbed back aboard our bus for the journey home. Many thanks go to Phil Colvin and his wife, Nan, for the super job they did with all of the arrangements and details. We all had a great, great time... While we were in Washington, replacements had to be found for the breakfast crew. Sam Ward, Ken Conklin, Chris Vann, Wayne & Ruthie Doane, Vickii Barry, Shirley Willard, and many others I'm sure I left out, did a fantastic job serving up 167 or so breakfasts. You did a great job gals and guys!.. Sorry I can't tell you much about the work bee that took place recently. We were out of town attending our Navy Ships Reunion in Illinois during most of the time. We understand most of the walls and floors in the kitchen, hallway, and lounge were stripped, waxed, and buffed. They sure look great! Help sent our way in the form of Probation Department offenders doing community service proved to be a real asset. We also had the help from the Boys Scouts that use our Post for their meeting. Thank you, boys. We are told our organizers were very pleased with all that was accomplished, but not everything got done. Put this date on your calendar. There will be a spring-cleaning on May 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. See you there... The last of our home football games has been played, perhaps. It appears we may win our division. Phil Smith, Lee Weaver and myself representing Post 770 American Legion, hoisted the colors at all of the home games. It was an honor to be asked by the school to do this... Hats off to Shirley and Sue and crew for the last Auxiliary dinner of Ham, Cabbage, and all the accompaniments including home made desserts. About 70 or more attended. Wonder what they will put forth next month?... While away I was told our fish fry crew served up 226 dinners. That's a lot! Thanks Renee and Jamie for taking my place on the salad bar. We are anxious to hear comments about our new steaks and fries... We enjoyed a busload of about 50 of our Bath VA Hospital friends for a steak lunch and visitation this past weekend. Those steaks looked mighty well as they were flipped over the coals by Lee Weaver and Don Smith. There was a note of sadness when the wheel chair bus broke down in Watkins Glen and had to return home. We did pack 20 steak dinners to send back to the busload that did not make it. Several of our junior girls, including Sarah Gatch and Sam Goldsmith, did a great job pouring coffee. Seven of our Auxiliary gals worked the kitchen and bussing while Sue Weaver and myself gave the guys a guided tour of Taughannock and other interesting places in the area. Thanks for all of the homemade pies! That which they didn't eat went home with them. It is always nice to meet these Veterans from the Bath VA Hospital... Our manager these past 5 years, Barry Smith, has stepped down. We thank him for all the innovative ideas he brought forth in trying to keep our numbers and activities increasing. Barry assures us we will continue to see him at the Post, often as a volunteer. We need the membership to step up to the plate and assume some of the managers' duties. More than ever we need volunteers in about any area you can imagine. Bartenders, sign changers, snow plowers, bulletin board arrangers, laundress, kitchen workers, and the list goes on and on. It is your Post...Let's all give a little more... Just a couple of quickies dealing with the Post. 1. This is a non-smoking building at all times whether it be when we are open or closed. 2. Doors between heating zones should be closed to maintain efficiency of heating or cooling. 3. Keep sink strainers in the sink to prevent food from going into the grease trap. This will bring about less frequent cleaning.... If our sources are correct, Shirley Willard and Wayne Doane are putting together a second crew for breakfast. That means two each month instead of one. The 1<sup>st</sup> of these breakfasts will begin on

Sunday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 11:00 AM. Since the other breakfast is always on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month perhaps in the future we could have this one on the second Sunday of the month. We thank Shirley and Wayne for stepping up to the plate at a time when we are going all out to remain competitive and financially stable.

#### CHAPLAINS CORNER

**Taps:** **Alan Cramer** – Passed away on Friday, October 1, 2004 at the Cayuga Medical Center. Following graduation from Trumansburg High School in 1949, he enlisted in the US Army. Alan faithfully served in the Korean Conflict from March 6, 1951 to the time of his honorable discharge on March 24, 1953.

**Ruth Jane (Wellin) Kelley** – died on October 6, 2004 at the Schuyler Skilled Nursing Facility in Montour Falls. She was the mother of Auxiliary member Ruth Doane and Mother-in-law of American Legion member Wayne Doane.

#### AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership stands at 125. Quota 193. Welcome Joyce Darling and Roxie Conklin. On 10/2 & 10/3 was cleaning detail for Our Home Away From Home. Along with the volunteers who were there to clean, we had the Boy Scouts & their leaders on Sat and on Sun we had 5 men from the Probation Dept doing community service. THANK YOU ONE & ALL. The Unit will be purchasing a new vacuum cleaner & other cleaning supplies for Rene, so she can clean in style. Ken & Helen Wright donated a motorized scooter to our family for anyone in need of one. Thank you. We made a donation to the 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades for football equipment. It was great to see 16 members out to the Oct meeting. Next meeting 11/2/04 at 7:00 PM. Our condolences to Ruth Doane and family on the loss of her mother, Ruth Kelly, who passed on 10/6/04. Did you know member Lucille McGill has been teaching dance since 1945? On 10/16 Bath Vets enjoyed their steak dinner with all the trimmings. We had 37 at the Post. We are sorry to say the 20 Vets in wheel chairs didn't make it here- their bus broke down. So we sent their dinners & baked goods back to them. THANK YOU to all who worked the dinner and to everyone who baked 24 pies & 10 breads. The Ham & Cabbage dinner went over well, again thanks to Sue, Shirley & crew. Barry Smith – sorry to say- is no longer our Post manager. Barry has put in about 4 ½ years of his life to be manager and has done a fantastic job. He will still be volunteering & helping out. If you receive a dues are due notice from National Office & have paid – please forget it. Enjoy Thanksgiving. The next Auxiliary dinner will be 11/19/04 – Cabbage rolls. See you there.