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### CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Tues	Nov 1	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Thurs	Nov 3	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Flu Clinic for the T-Burg Area (See Special Events)
		7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Meeting (See Special Events)
		7:00 PM	Euchre Night
Sun	Nov 6	1:00 PM	Youth Football Banquet
		2:00 PM	Veterans Day Parade in Ithaca (See Special Events)
Mon	Nov 7	7:00 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Meeting at Post 800, Groton
		7:00 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Nov 8</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>Election Day – Get Out And Vote</b>
Weds	Nov 9	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>Veterans Day</b>
		11:00 AM	Veterans Day Ceremony at Dewitt Park, Ithaca
		5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak and Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Phil Colvin’s Crew
Sat	Nov 12	7:00 PM	Veterans Dinner – Public Invited – Veterans are Free (See Special Events)
Sun	Nov 13	11 AM – 5 PM	Department Commanders Visit to Tompkins County American Legions
		11:00 AM	Brunch at Post 221, Ithaca
		4:00 PM	Visit Post 770, T-Burg
		5:00 PM	Dinner at Post 770, <b>Reservations are Necessary</b> (See Special Events)
Mon	Nov 14	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Nov 16	Noon	Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner
Fri	Nov 18	5:30 - 8:00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited (See Special Events)
Sat	Nov 19	3:00 – 6:00 PM	Go – Cart Club Annual Banquet
Sun	Nov 20	Noon	Bath VA Hospital Visitation and Steak Luncheon (See Special Events)
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Nov 24</b>	<b>Flag</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day – Post Closed</b>
Sun	Nov 27	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
		11:00 AM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Mon	Nov 28	7:30 PM	American Legion Meeting
<b>Looking Ahead to December:</b> Fri – Sun			Dec 2 – 4 Trumansburg Area Winter Festival
			Dec 2 5:30 – 8:00 PM Winter Festival Buffet with Live Music
			At Post 770 – Public Invited
			Dusk Bonfire near Legion, Fireworks in field north of Post

### SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Joint Meeting** – will take place on Thursday, Nov 3rd. Please bring food to share if you wish, but this is not mandatory. The monthly meetings have proven to be a time in which we can air our differences and views in a surrounding of fellow members rather than at the bar. In an organization like ours there are bound to be various views and solutions to the operation of our Post. Please join us for the betterment of the Arthur E. Bouton American Legion Post.

**Veterans Day Parade** - will take place at 2:00 PM on Sunday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> in Ithaca. Our color guard will form at 1:00 PM at the Post. Uniforms are dark pants and shoes, Legion hat, and short sleeve or Legion Logo white shirt. Navy blue jackets if bad weather day.

**Veterans Dinner** – will take place on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The menu is Roast Pork with all the trimmings. Reservations are required. Sign up at the Post or call 387-4212. There is no cost to Veterans; the cost for all others is \$7.00. Come and help us celebrate this time honored holiday observance.

**Veterans Day Observance** – Takes place in accordance with the signing of the WW I Armistice at 11 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 in Ithaca at DeWitt Park on the corner of Buffalo and Cayuga Streets. Post 770 has been asked to join in this observance with a rifle squad and color guard. Uniforms will be the normal attire for ceremonies. Let's form up at the Post at 10:00 AM. Please make an effort to attend this event.

**Department Commander Visitation** – will be on Sunday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> from 11 – 5:00 PM. The visitation to Post 770 will begin at 4:00 PM with dinner at 5 PM. Please come and meet our Dept. Officers and Aides. The dinner is being held at Post 770 because Cmdr. Al is also County Cmdr. Let's give him our support by attending. Reservations are necessary and may be made by signing up or calling 387 – 4212. See you there.

**Flu Clinic for the Trumansburg Area** – will take place on Thursday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. We all know how important these shots are for our health. Please plan to attend and if you are a senior citizen be sure to bring your Medicare card.

**Auxiliary Dinner** – will be held on Friday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 – 8:00 PM. The gals are always coming up with something different so be sure to attend this 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month event.

**Bath VA Hospital Visitation and Steak Luncheon** – will be held on Sunday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Once again we are extending our hospitality to our Bath Hospital Veteran friends. Come and extend a bit of camaraderie and make these guys and gals feel at home. If you pour coffee, smile, and carry a plate, please volunteer. The inner reward you receive will be heart warming. Some of you will be getting a call to bake a pie or contribute some homemade goods. Its all for a great cause!

**Post 770 Website** – [www.Post770.com](http://www.Post770.com) – Patrick Richar welcomes any information for his posted website that would be of interest to our members. Please send them to 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188-2430.

**Pavilion Fund** – David & Sandy Kline are continuing to raise funds for the “Rayme” Pavilion Fund. Any monetary contributions should be made to the American Legion earmarked “Pavilion Fund”. Thank you.

## POST NEWS

WOW! What a change in weather from the really dry summer weather to the very rainy weather of the fall. Guess it balances out okay but sure did leave a lot of hurricane devastation along the gulf coast. ... A word about your Post 770 newsletter. We have been circulating 628 newsletters mailed to approximately 700 members; about 440 Legion, 180 Auxiliary, 65 SAL members, and 15 unassociated. Obviously some were to the same household thereby cutting our mailing number by about 70+. Because a number of members have notified us they were not receiving their newsletter we added “Return Service Requested” to find out just who did not receive theirs. At this writing, 38 were returned and to our surprise, 2 were deceased. As you can see, with such a large membership, we need to be kept informed of any changes that have occurred. We will do our best to keep up with them. I am pleased to say we have up dated our address computer to be current for this mailing. Keep us informed and we thank you in advance.

The American Legion will be a focal point for many of the activities that are part of this years “Winter Festival”. The annual Trumansburg Winter Festival will kick off its 10<sup>th</sup> year on Friday, Dec 2nd at 5:30 PM. Most of you remember it as “Festival Of Lights”. The name may have changed but the festival is the same, only better! We'll have a full weekend of music, food sampling, and yes, fireworks, along with several other events. We are helping to begin the events with a dinner buffet accompanied by live music to be followed with a bonfire and spectacular fireworks. All taking place at the American Legion. A returning favorite are the Friendship Trees located at the American Legion. The event is sponsored each year by the Festival and supported by the T-Burg Area Chamber of Commerce. Local non-profit youth organizations each decorate a Christmas tree, picking an appropriate theme. Prize money will be awarded based on the number of votes each tree receives. Anyone can vote by bringing in non-perishable items to a tree of their choice. Bring as many as you wish and as often as you like. Each item counts as one vote and will benefit the Trumansburg Kitchen Cupboard! This year items will be collected from Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005. If you or any member of your family belongs to a youth organization and are interested in participating, please call Stephanie at 397-5812 or at [zeninny@yahoo.com](mailto:zeninny@yahoo.com). Now is a great time to start thinking about the annual Home Decorating Contest! Know a friend, neighbor or family member who puts a lot of effort and takes pride in decorating his or her home exterior for the holiday? If so, nominate them for this year's contest! Entry forms will be available first week of November at various Village locations, and on the website. Judging will be on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be announced in the Free Press the following week. Contest areas include: T-Burg, Ulysses, Ovid, Covert, Lodi, Jacksonville, Mecklenburg, and Interlaken. So many ways to enjoy your community, while sharing it with others. If you'd like to get

involved, please contact Jet Forker at [jet@fltg.net](mailto:jet@fltg.net). Check our web site for upcoming details at [www.tburgwinterfest.com](http://www.tburgwinterfest.com). We'll list the new events as they come. SEE YOU AT THE FESTIVAL!

We are really pleased to see the Post grounds and facilities looking so good. Harold and Sue Wright have done a fantastic job in beautifying the grounds with flowers and mowing, painting the under-carriage of the cannon and all the little things that make our Post so attractive. Not to be overshadowed, the inside of the Post has taken on a new shine and cleaning that makes it equally as attractive. Our clean up work session produced amazing results with Brady, Don & Dawn Smith, Lee & Sue Weaver, Cmdr Al, Phil, Chris, Jim & Renee, Jerry & Marti, the Auxiliary girls, and yes even my 3 granddaughters, scrubbing walls, floors, shelves, stoves, etc. A lot of people pitched in and I'm sorry to have only named those who were present on my shift. Thank you everyone for the spectacular job you did. Ours is a Post to be proud of.... We are also very pleased to see a number of volunteer bartenders stepping up to the plate. Among those noticed lately have been Roberta Stilwell, Vickii Barry, Phil Colvin, Dana Smith, Gary and Cindy Reckdenwald, and Nicole Jackson. I'm sure Chris Bennett could use even more if you are interested in helping out. ... We have continued to stay an active Post with our 2<sup>nd</sup> of the month Steak & Fish Fries, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfasts, Wedding and Funeral receptions, Seniors Meeting, Post meetings, darts and Euchre, banquets and parties, etc, etc. Our Post remains an active part of the community. Incidentally, how did you like our Steak (Turf) and Shrimp (Surf) dinner? It was a little something different that we thought you might enjoy. We will try it again sometime. We are just full of surprises.

We have lost some members recently. Donations were made to the Interlaken Fire Department in memory of Chick Heroux and to Hospice in memory of Bob Hastings. Our military honors funeral detail of about a dozen members continues to answer the call to accord proper burial for our comrades. We appreciate those of you who have continuously answered the call. Anyone else out there who may be interested in participation in our color guard, firing squad, chaplain, or flag folding, please contact Phil Colvin. We appreciate your interest. We continue to get calls frequently.

Our membership continues to grow. It has now reached 286, still a long way to go to reach our quota of 432. Please keep us posted of any changes in your address. If you have paid your dues and still continue to receive a notice, be patient. It takes the computer a while to get it straight.... We are still taking orders for brick inscriptions for our "Walk of Honor". We have received calls from several of you wondering when your brick, ordered some time ago, will be set in the "Walk". I will be calling the company that does the inscribing soon. They usually wait until they have a large number before running them off.

#### CHAPLAINS CORNER

##### Sick Call:

Ron Ashcraft – Seneca Nursing Home – Waterloo  
Tony Chiesa – Gall Bladder Surgery

Jack Swartz – Open Heart Surgery–Now Home  
Dixie Wager – CMC – Now Home

Mary Milks – CMC- Now Home

**Taps:** James L. White Jr. – passed away at home on Friday, September 16, 2005, following a lengthy illness. Jim joined the US Navy in 1942 and faithfully served his country throughout WW II, receiving an honorable discharge on Nov 28, 1945. Again, on May 17, 1950, Jim answered the call and joined the US Navy to serve in the Korean Conflict. He received a second honorable discharge on May 16, 1954. Jim was a well known member of Post 770 and memorabilia he donated to the Post such as a model of the destroyer he served on and a book of civil war stories splattered with blood with a bullet hole in it, along with the numerous stories he told will help us to keep him in our memory. He was accorded full military honors provided by Active Navy personal and the Post 770 funeral detail. The service was conducted at the Post and a reception for friends and relatives followed. Contributions may be made in Jim's memory to the American Legion, PO Box 456, T-Burg, NY 14886.

Jeff Low - son of Dr. Ralph and Dorothy Low died recently. He was the brother of member Robert Low of Germany.

Ed Snyder – died unexpectedly Sunday, October 2, 2005. He served in the US Navy during Operation Desert Storm and received his honorable discharge in 1995. Following the funeral at the Baptist Church he was laid to rest in Grove Cemetery. Full military honors were rendered by active Navy Personnel and the Post 770 funeral detail. A reception for family and friends was held after the internment at Post 770.

Carl McGlaughlin – passed away unexpectedly on October 8, 2005 at his cabin in Prattsburg, NY. He served in the US Navy in 1968 and received an honorable discharge. Following funeral services, prayers of committal were conducted at Lakeview Cemetery with full military honors rendered by active Navy Personnel and Post 770 funeral detail.

#### AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership stands at 121. On 9/23 Darlene Ahouse graduated as a corrections officer and is now doing in-house training, then on to a new career. Congratulations! On 10/3 Mary Milks had hip surgery. Dixie Wager was in CMC on 10/12 and now home. Our condolences to Louise Riddle, on the loss of her brother, Richard Neigh. Our thoughts are with you all.

Our first fun Euchre night and we had 2 tables. Come out on Thursdays for a get-together. Congratulations to Dave & Sandy Kline on their 7<sup>th</sup> grandchild born 10/9 named Erica Lee. Congratulation to Tom & Joyce Bennett on their 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 11/3/05. Past Commander Harold Wright turns 80 this month. Happy Birthday. Thanks to Don & Marge Bennett who stained the picnic table.

The next Auxiliary Dinner will be Friday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> and it will be a Mexican Dinner put on by Emily Artley. Last year's was to die for. Come and enjoy! November 13<sup>th</sup> the Department President will make her official visit to Tompkins County with a dinner at our Post. Lets support the officers – Dinner will be \$12.00. On November 20<sup>th</sup> the Bath VA Veterans will be here for a steak dinner.

The next meeting is 11/01/05 at 7:00 OM. Hope everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

**REMEMBER OUR VETERANS ON 11/11/05!**

Respectively Submitted, Marge Bennett

### **THE BIRTHPLACE OF VETERANS DAY**

Fifty-two years ago, Emporia, Kansas, gave us a day for all who served. By Jeff Stoffer, The American Legion Magazine

Too young for World War I and too old for World War II, Alvin King never served in the US Armed Forces. He was a cobbler. But he was a cobbler in Emporia, Kan., in the patriotic heart of American, where honor for those who've served runs deep as the roots of the oaks and sycamores that line the city streets. 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."