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CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Fri	Oct 1	7:00 PM	Football Game Color Guard – Unit forms at Post at 6:30 PM
		7:00 PM	Beginning of G.I. Party–Cleaning/Restoring our Post (See Special Events)
Sat	Oct 2	9:00 AM	G.I. Party Continues-All Hands turn to! POST CLOSED!
Sun	Oct 3	9:00 AM	G.I. Party Continues until “zone inspection”
			POST OPENING IS CONTINGENT ON CLEAN UP PROGRESS!
	Oct 3	5:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Mon	Oct 4	6:30 PM	Joint Tompkins County A.L. Dinner Meeting at Post 1134 Dryden
		7:30 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
Tues	Oct 5	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Oct 6	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Oct 7	7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Meeting (See Special Events)
Fri	Oct 8	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak/Fish Fry – Phil Colvin’s Crew- Public Invited
Sat	Oct 9	Noon	Wedding Reception in Banquet Room
Mon	Oct 11	FLAG	Columbus Day Observed
		7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Tues	Oct 12	FLAG	Columbus Day
Weds	Oct 13	7:00 PM	TCS Alumni Association Meeting at Post 770
Fri	Oct 15	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
		7:00 PM	Football Game Color Guard – Meet at Post at 6:30 PM
Sat	Oct 16	Noon	Bath VA Hospital Visitation & Steak Luncheon
Sun	Oct 17	1:00 PM	6 th District American Legion Meeting at a Site T.B.A.
Weds	Oct 20	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
		7:00 PM	VFW Post 5498 Meeting
Sat	Oct 23	9:00AM – 2 PM	Senior Citizen’s Bazaar & Grandma’s Attic Sale at the Post
		7:00 PM	Early Bird Dinner and Program (See Special Events)
Sun	Oct 24	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
Mon	Oct 25	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Oct 27	FLAG	NAVY DAY
Sun	Oct 31	4:00 PM	National Commanders Dinner at Big Flats Post 1612(See Special Events)
		8:00 PM	Halloween Party – Public Invited (See Special Events)

LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL EVENTS: November 2 Election Day
November 11 Veterans Day
November 12 Department Visitation

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A G.I. Party, Work Detail, Clean Sweep Down Fore and Aft, or whatever you want to call it, will take place on Fri evening, Sat & Sun, the weekend of Oct 1st – 3rd. We have plans to give the Post a “face lift”. Many hands mean we will accomplish our goals faster and more efficiently. We are counting on all able-bodied volunteers. See you at the Post.

Joint Legion Family Information Meeting –with a dish-to-pass/or not will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, Oct 7th. Among the things to discuss is a proposal before the membership to add an S.A.L. and an Auxiliary member to the Board of Trustees. We will need input from a number of our Legion family. Please plan to attend.

Bath VA Hospital Visitation & Steak Luncheon – at Noon on Saturday, Oct 16th. Once again we are extending our hospitality to our Bath Hospital Veteran Friends. Come on over and extend a bit of camaraderie and make these guys and gals feel at home. If you can pour coffee, smile, and carry a plate, please volunteer. The inner reward you will receive is great. Some will be getting a call to bake a pie or contribute some homemade goods. It's all for a good cause.

Early Bird Dinner and Program – will be held at 7:00 PM (hors d'oeuvres at 6 PM) on Sat, Oct 23rd. It's free if your membership dues are paid before Oct 1st. Come join us for a great evening as we kick off the fall season. We have invited our boy and girl Stater's to tell us about their experiences this past June. Reservations are requested for this usually well-attended event. Call 387-4212 or sign up at the Post. You won't want to miss this great evening.

National Commanders Visitation & Dinner – will take place on Sun, Oct 31st at 4:00 PM at the Big Flats American Legion Post 1612. If you are interested in attending see Chaplain Bill Parker for reservations and tickets.

Halloween Party – will be Sun, Oct 31st beginning at 8:00 PM. Come in your costume, enjoy some munchies and drinks, and fool or scare a few friends. Who knows...we may even recognize you. See you there.

Kitchen Clean Up - Please dump garbage in the dumpster following any kitchen use. Do not leave any garbage cans with disguard food in them. Also, please clean out all recyclable bottles and cans and crush anything that may be reduced in size. It seems we have to pay for our recycle dumpster rental. Please be sure freezer doors are closed tight and no aprons or dishtowels are caught to prevent sealing. It seems we have lost a lot of frozen food due to poor sealing of freezer doors.

Post 770 Website – www.Post770.com – Patrick Richar at 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188-2430. We were elated with the many pictures and info we were able to pull up on this website. The more pertinent and interesting pictures and data you can send Patrick, the more our 700+ SAL, Aux., and Legion members can enjoy. Keep that info flowing.

Thank you, Patrick!!

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to report that our membership is rising rapidly. At this time we have 313 members, well on our way to our goal of 446, which is set for us by either the Department or National organization (not sure which). Please remember if you pay your dues by December 31, 2004, they are still \$20 but after the 1st of the year they will increase to \$25. If you have any questions about your dues notice, please contact our Adjutant, Phil Colvin. During this time of many reservists and enlistees being called to active duty in Iraq, there is a greater potential of eligible Legion recruits out there. Your job is to tell them about our organization and interest them in joining our family. Please welcome new members Robert Lauper, Richard Houghtelling, Brennan Binger, Stephen Aleniacz, and Charles Dunlap. It is nice to have you aboard

POST NEWS

At the regular Post meeting on August 23rd, the membership voted unanimously to amend the Bi-Laws to read, "Membership dues shall be \$25." This is an increase of \$5 and will begin on January 1, 2005. The increase was recommended because the Department of New York increased dues by \$5.00...We were blessed with some nice weather at the T-burg Fair which resulted in a great week at the Legion Food Tent. Many thanks to Pat Plat, who chaired the food tent and Commander Al Richar who took the week off from work to help out everyday, and to all those who helped set up, worked the shifts, and clean up when it was all over. Without your help this event would not be the great money-maker for the Post that it is...As we have for many years, the Post 770 Color Guard led the Fireman's Parade down Main Street. About 8 of us participated and marched to the cadence calling of Phil Smith. It was a rather proud event for me because four Van Valen's rode horses in the parade, one was the "poppy" princess accompanied by her sister and one marched with the Cub Scouts. It was a great way for Chloe and I to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary.... Patriots Day, the 3rd anniversary of 9/11, brought back many memories, enough so that about 15 of us proceeded to the "Walk of Honor" with lighted candles in hand, where some said a few words to express their feelings. Thanks to Renee Heroux who brought out many candles for the occasion and had a large number of lighted ones placed on the bricks around the Cannon Memorial. It was a fitting tribute to those whose lives were so affected on that day... The family picnic at Raymond's Pond was a great success. The weather cooperated, the food and drinks were excellent, and our DJ and manager, Barry Smith, kept things moving along with music, gifts, trivia games and fun things for the kids and adults alike. Hats off to Kenny Conklin who turned a lot of burgers, sausages, and dogs on the grill. Thanks to Commander Richar, Spook & Jackie Newhart, and Jim & Renee Heroux who played major roles in setting up the food for the afternoon. There were many others that contributed to the event in a lot of different ways. Two

events that did not go unnoticed were the “Apple Pucker” toast to Bonnie and the “Bonnie Remembrance Swim” to the raft by Jackie and Ken...No mishaps this year. About half way through our picnic, about 8 members changed into uniforms and conducted our annual Flag Disposal Ceremony. This great day came to a gradual end with the presentations of a new flag and bottle of wine for our gracious hosts, Hop & Liz Raymond...Auxiliary dinner brought forth 101 people for a delicious meal of stuffed peppers, meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, a pasta, carrots, slaw, and other tasty goodies including homemade desserts.all for \$7.00. Can’t beat that. Shirley, Sue, and the gals cooked up a storm. We wonder what surprise dish will greet us next month... The steak & fish fries have been bringing out good size crowds usually numbering about 200 or so...We have been informed that our request to conduct Bingo at the Post has cleared the first hurdle with the Town of Covert. There was no opposition and the measure will now appear on the Town of Covert ballot for the public to approve or disapprove.... Plastic pumps have been purchased for use in filling ketchup bottles and for salad bar dressings. The Legion has donated all kitchen devices and “stuff” not used, to the Auxiliary for their yard sale coming up on Saturday, October 23rd. We have moved all outside buildings and appliances to better positions behind the Post building... The Boy Scout troop which meets weekly at the Legion has been given permission to put their newly purchased storage shed on the Legion grounds... The Post membership made a monetary donation to the Bath VA Hospital gift shop. They have also paid the membership dues of Shawn Miller, who has recently been confined to a wheelchair following an extended illness... There was much discussion by the membership of various items on our Steak & Fish Fry menu. It was decided to replace our current steaks with Black Angus 1” cuts; French fries will be of a different texture and crispness. Pricing will be as follows: All dinners regardless of portion size will include full salad bar, potato, and tea or coffee. Prices include sales tax. Fish Fry dinner \$9.50, ½ portion Fish, \$7.50, Child under 12 Fish \$4.75, Steak \$12.75, ½ portion Steak \$9.50, child under 12 Steak \$6.50, Salad bar only \$4.75, Potato side \$1.50... Post 770 will have 2 teams in the Fire Department Annual Golf Tournament. Good luck... Our very own Marine 1st Sgt Tony Grainger and Post 770 Past Commander just re-enlisted on July 30, 2004. We are very proud of you, Tony. Michael Swartz received the American Legion Scholarship for college. We would like to think we had a little part of his accomplishments. He was appointed associate director for the Syracuse VA Medical Center and its eight community based VA outpatient clinics in central New York. Michael is responsible for the day-to-day management of facility operations. He is the son of member Jack & Betty Swartz...Sarah Dempsey, daughter of Brady & Kathi Roach, is among 108 students who began classes at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) on Aug 9th. She earned Bachelor of Science Degrees in Marine Science and Biology from Coastal Carolina in Myrtle Beach, SC. Sarah earned Deans Honors and was named to Who’s Who Among American University Students. Upon successful completion of the medical education program at WVSOM, she will earn her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree in 2008. Congratulations... We have really been impressed with how nice our building and grounds look. Sue & Harold Wright have done a great job with the outside and Renee Heroux has kept a clean and attractive building on the inside. When you see them, tell them how nice everything looks.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: Doris Maybee – CMC - Home Wescena Smith – CMC – Home
 Ken Westbrook – CMC- Home Larry Herendeen – Bi-Pass Surgery
 Shawn Miller – VA Hospital, Oregon Bob Davenport – Reconstruction Home

Taps: Olive M. Marvin – died Tuesday, August 3, 2004 at Kershaw County Medical Center in Camden, South Carolina. She was the wife of member Stephen Marvin.
Francis H. Schaefer, Jr. – of Ithaca died on Saturday, August 21, 2004, at the Cayuga Medical Center. On graduation from Cornell University he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the field artillery. Upon graduation from the Battery Officer’s course at Fort Sill, OK, he was placed on active duty with the R.O.T.C. at Cornell University. He eventually retired with the Army Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel. He compiled the service records of more than 200 Trumansburg men and women who served in WWII, which was published in “Trumansburg in WWII”. Internment took place at Grove Cemetery with full Military Honors presented by the US Army and members of the Arthur E. Bouton Post 770.

AUXILIARY NEWS

DON’T FORGET THE EARLY BIRD DINNER ON OCT 23RD. If you paid your dues by Sept 30th, YOUR DINNER IS FREE. Membership is 101. Nice to see we are getting new members. Does anyone ever say THANK YOU to all the volunteers who help keep the Post going? Most of our volunteers work at a job, but they find (or make time) to work a dinner,

a wedding, the breakfasts, etc. If you find a project that hasn't or needs to be done, suggest or ask why not, in a milder mannered attitude. THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!! Nice to see President Vickii & Poppy Princess, Kara, in the T-burg Fair Parade & Vickii with the Auxiliary hat on. We had a nice turn out for the Sept meeting. Why not join us for the Oct 5th meeting at 7 PM? On Sept 11th, at 8:30 PM about 15 attended a candle light memorial on the brick "Walkway" for a moment of silence. Our speedy recoveries to Pat P, who broke her arm on 8/7, Peg Willis had hip surgery, Vickii Barry getting out after surgery, (she had to be good for 1 month, hard job), Doris Maybee is in CMC, Wescena Smith in CMC- now home. Sue, Shirley and crew are now doing monthly dinners again. Nice job to above crew. Next month Ham & Cabbage. Hope to see there. Congratulations to the new parents, Cory & Julie Richardson. They had a boy, Brennan Lloyd, on Sept 18th, 7 lbs 2 oz., 19" long. Did you know our unit has been organized & meeting for 70 years. Chartered in 1934. Tori VanNederynen was on the Deans List again for the 3rd trimester, daughter of Patti Jones & granddaughter of Sue & Harold Wright. Thank you, Barry, for playing at our Legion Picnic. Job well done. Also, thanks for his input in the clean up after the picnic.

Bazaar & Grandma's Attic Sale will be Oct 23rd from 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM at the Post. We are looking for dishes, knickknacks, table linens, jewelry, kitchenware, tools, puzzles, books, furniture & HELP! Please no clothes, shoes or rummage! Donations must be cleaned and appliances must be in working condition. Please contact Barb Cole at 387-5525. Donations are being accepted on Weds, Oct 20th from 2-5 PM and Fri, Oct 22nd from 1-8PM.

ODDS AND ENDS

We will be attending our 18th ship reunion in early October in Peoria, Illinois. Next year in Annapolis, Maryland... Fred Asay recently returned from his 3rd Army reunion. He presented the Post library with an autographed book titled "America's Most Decorated Soldiers of WWII"... We welcome any info regarding Armed Forces reunions or active duty assignments by our membership.