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CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Sat	Oct 1	1:00 PM	Wedding
Mon	Oct 3	6:30 PM	Tompkins County Joint American Legion & Auxiliary Dinner Meeting At Post 770, Trumansburg
Tues	Oct 4	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Oct 5	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Oct 6	7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Meeting (See Special Events)
		7:00 PM	Euchre Night (See Special Events)
Fri	Oct 7	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Surf & Turf Dinner– Public Invited (See Special Events)
Sat	Oct 8	TBA	Shower
Sun	Oct 9	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
Mon	Oct 10	FLAG	Columbus Day
		7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Oct 12	Noon	Senior Citizens Meeting
Fri	Oct 14	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Jim Heroux’s Crew
		6:45 PM	Post the Colors at 7 PM at our H.S. football game
Sat	Oct 15	6:00 PM	Early Bird Dinner & Program (See Special Events)
Weds	Oct 19	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Oct 20	5:30 PM	NRA Banquet
Fri	Oct 21	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Sun	Oct 23	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast & Book Signing – Public Invited (See Special Events)
		11:00 AM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Mon	Oct 24	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Fri – Sat	Oct 28 – 29	All Day	American Legion Auxiliary & Senior Citizens Yard & Bake Sale
Sat	Oct 29	8:00 PM	Halloween Party – Public Invited (See Special Events)
Sun	Oct 30	3:00 PM	National Commanders Visitation at Post 442 in Horseheads
		4:00 PM	Visitation Dinner (See Special Events)
Mon	Oct 31	BOO!	Halloween

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Signing – At the Sunday, Oct 23rd breakfast we are honored to have on hand, John B. Babcock, local author of the book “Taught to Kill”, an American Boys War from Ardennes to Berlin. This account is one infantry rifleman’s personal story about combat, casualties, how he fought, and with which weapons, and about both the heroism and cowardice of his fellow soldiers. Published in cooperation with the Association of the US Army, it is a gripping account of how an ordinary American boy felt and experienced during the so-called “good war”. After the war, John embarked on a career in the broadcasting and communications industry. Married over 50 years and with three daughters, he is now retired and lives in his boyhood home of Ithaca, NY. Please plan to enjoy our fabulous breakfast and afterwards meet John, the author of a number of books. He will be glad to sign any of his books.

Pavilion Fund – David & Sandy Kline are looking for antiques, collectables, new stuff, or stuff in your way, to use on our pull-tabs. All proceeds to go towards the Pavilion Fund. No doubt you have noticed the donation cans on the bar and the raffles conducted at the picnic. These are all fund-raisers to provide a pavilion on our Legion grounds. Dave & Sandy are chairing this fund drive. Donations to this cause may be made to the American Legion earmarked “Pavilion Fund”.

Surf & Turf, Breakfast, Steak & Fish Fry, Early Bird, & Auxiliary Dinners – are all events being put on during October at our Post. Surely you are familiar with our breakfast on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. We will also be treated to a book signing at the 4th Sunday breakfast ... With an open weekend in October it was decided to put on a “Surf & Turf” dinner. It will include a New York Strip steak and a skewered bevy of shrimp plus two items picked from a long list including potatoes, salad, vegetables, soups, etc. Sounds great! ... Need we say more about our monthly Steak & Fish Fry? Judging from your attendance we feel we put on one of the best around. ... Auxiliary dinners are homemade and something different every month. They are truly an experience from which you will not go home hungry. ... The Early Bird dinner is, more or less, our fall kickoff for activities and membership. The best part is if you have paid your dues as of Sept 30th, it is absolutely free, certainly a win – win situation for both the membership and the Legion. Tom and Mary Ann & crew are sure to have something to tickle the pallet. We hope to have a bonus for this event, in that we have invited the boys & girls’ stater's to relate their experiences. You won’t want to miss this one. Sign up sheets will be posted.

Joint Meeting – This is the Legion Family information meeting with food to share if you wish, but not mandatory. There are a number of issues and decisions pending that need to be dealt with. Come and share your thoughts for the betterment of our organization.

Euchre Night – We are trying to organize a weekly Euchre night. Need not be a member. Come to the Post on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 PM if interested.

Post 770 Website – www.Post770.com – Patrick Richar would welcome pictures and info regarding the American Legion to post on the Legion website. Please send them to 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188-2430. We need your help to keep this site current and up to date. You may also receive your newsletter via this website by informing Patrick of your intentions.

Newsletters- It is extremely important you inform us of any changes in address, especially if you go south or west during the winter. It is amazing how the slightest deviation in address numbers or names can cause your 3rd class mail to end up in the trashcan. We get letters and calls, even from locals who have lived in the same area for years, about not receiving their newsletters. I try to personally mail them one when informed. Lately we have had a number of complaints, so we are adding this month “Return Service Requested”, which means if your newsletter is undeliverable, it must be returned to us. We of course have to pay 1st class postage for this to happen. Never the less, we will know who is not receiving theirs.

“Walk of Honor” – We continue to receive applications for bricks to be placed in our “Walk of Honor”. We currently have 317 bricks in our “Walk of Honor”. At this time, we are in the process of having holes drilled in our marble posts to enable us to put a chain around the memorial site. We hope to accomplish this before the snow flies. Applications will be held until next year once we get into the winter weather. If you plan to purchase an inscribed brick for a veteran friend, family member or loved one, this would be a good time to do it. Applications may be picked up on the entryway table.

Volunteer Bartenders – A number of you have stepped forward to our appeal. In fact, we now have 4 but we would love to have 3 more. This would enable us to fill the roster and perhaps have some substitutes to call on at various times. Please consider this option.

Halloween Party – Although Halloween is on Monday the 31st, we thought it would be fun to have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, the 29th. Come in your costume, scare a few friends and enjoy some munchies. We will turn up the jukebox, perhaps give away a few drinks for best costume prizes, and have one heck of a time. Can’t wait to see you there at about 8 PM.

National Commanders Visitation – will be at Post 442 in Horseheads at 3:00 PM with dinner at 4 PM. If you are interested in attending this event please contact the Commander or Adjutant for tickets, which are necessary in advance. We have attended several in the past and found them to be very worthwhile.

POST NEWS

So, who has egg all over his face? The left hand hasn’t learned what the right hand is doing yet? Breakfast at the Legion on the 28th of August? No, the grills are at the fairgrounds...Correction, grills we are using at the fairgrounds belong to the Fire Department... Therefore we are serving breakfast at the Post... But no, our crew chiefs dad died unexpectedly; therefore breakfast at the Post is cancelled. Please enjoy our regular breakfast at the Legion fair tent... Confused???? We try to inform you of our Legion events as accurately as possible, but as you can see there are many happenings that affect the outcome. We try to do our best, but our knowledge is limited. Thank you for understanding.

Commander Al has asked that we thank all of those who have given so generously of their time at the Legion food tent and also other functions as well. Pat Platt, chairperson of the Fair food tent, also adds her thanks to the many volunteers at the

fair. She informs us that we did quite well in the numbers served category and is pleased with the outcome. Let us add our thanks to the 6 or so members who led the parade representing the American Legion Color Guard. It was very successful and presents a great image of our Post...Once again let me apologize for some inaccurate information regarding the Newtown Battlefield Reenactment at Elmira in August. Three of us were the first to arrive only to find the info we had from a website was that of 2004, and therefore not exactly accurate. Yes, we enjoyed visiting the British, Indian, and Colonists camps, but were disappointed with the absence of major skirmishes. All in all it was worthwhile, but our info was incorrect... The family picnic at Raymond's Pond was a wonderful event occurring on a most beautiful summer day. We thank Bruce & Jackie, Jim & Renee, Cmdr Al, and all who worked the grill, provided the food, and kept things going throughout the afternoon. We enjoyed Fred Asay with his Bose CD player and selections of music. I must admit the afternoon was a little bit low key compared to some other picnics I have attended. No paddle wheel boats moving about, no adult swimmers or broken ankles, just good old camaraderie and Euchre games going on. Most of us tired after 4 hours of great food, plenty of beverage, and the age factor, so when one person from the Fire Department showed at 5 PM, there were not enough to commemorate a 9/11 observance. Thanks to Liz and Hop Raymond for inviting us once again to share their facilities. Two American flags were presented to them in appreciation for the use of their facilities.... The rest of Post News: When our Post election was held this past summer, there were no candidates for 3rd Vice Cmdr. Cmdr Richar has appointed Dana Smith to that position. ...A replacement freezer has been purchased for use in the operation of our kitchen at a minimal cost.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: Ron Ashcraft – Seneca Nursing Home – Waterloo Irene Heroux – CMC – Now Home

Taps: Gerard A. "Chick" Heroux Sr. – died unexpectedly on Thursday, August 25, 2005. "Chick", a member of Post 770 was the father of Past Commander Jim Heroux. A large group of members and friends attended the calling hours at the Ovid Funeral Home. Following the funeral at the Catholic Church in Interlaken, Chick was interned at the Lake View Cemetery in Interlaken and was accorded full military honors by the Post 770 Ritual Unit and several Army Service personnel. Chick served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He had recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife Irene. A reception was held at Post 700 following the internment.

Robert W. Hastings – passed away at home on Monday, Sept 5, 2005 following a lengthy illness. Bob proudly served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict from 1952 until his honorable discharge in 1954. Bob, the "Lawnmower Man", as he was affectionately called, was a long time member of Post 770. It was the wish of Bob & his wife Bev to hold a Memorial Service in the banquet room of Post 770. The Post Ritual Unit and several members of the US Army accorded him full military honors. A reception for family and friends followed the Memorial Service.

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP

Currently our membership for 2005 – 2006 stands at 265, which is about 59 % of our quota. New membership cards are in so it's time to re-up, join, or miss the benefits of being an American Legion member. We desperately need updates on your changes of address if you have moved. National, Department, and local Legion cards, correspondence and all other info depend on being able to locate you. Please welcome new member Christian T. Fulkerson. Nice to have you with us Chris.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership quota is 188 and we have 88 paid members to date. We welcome Elizabeth Raymond. The officers and our members extend their condolences to Board member Jim Heroux and family on the loss of his father Gerard on 8/25/05. Jackie Newhart had surgery on 8/26, now home and doing well. Congratulations to Jack & Betty Swartz on their 50th anniversary. A big THANKS to Chairwoman Pat "P" and all her crewmembers for the great job at the T-burg Fair food tent. Shirley Willard is looking into the possibility of having Bingo at the Post. Mary Schmidt is purchasing toiletries for Eric Leach, who is in Iraq, to share with other comrades. They don't seem to have enough to go around. We would like the names and addresses of all local service people over seas, so we can do Xmas packages for them. To guarantee their arrival by the holidays, we are requesting them to us by 10/31/05. We now have our own PO Box. Please use PO Box 681, T-burg, NY for all further Auxiliary correspondence. The next Auxiliary dinner will be October 21st. Euchre Night starting October 6th at 7 PM will be weekly through the winter, if we have enough interest. Our President Vickii Barry & Vice Susie Smith attended Fall Conference at Delhi on 9/14/05. Ask them if interested on what is new or going on in our organization. Next meeting will be Oct 4, at 7:00 PM. Have a Happy and Safe Halloween. Respectively Submitted, Marge Bennett

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I received this on August 18th from Fred Updike and thought I'd share it with you.

George, Hope this finds you, the Legion and T-burg all doing well. I won't make it up this year, but plan on being up next summer. Thought this might be of interest to you and others, the story of Peter Giroux being shot down over N. Vietnam. (The front page is the cover of the book) All is well here in Pensacola, FL. We're still recovering from hurricane damage. It's a slow and on-going process. Hello to all you see, and if anybody ever gets down this way, we have a wonderful Naval Air Museum at Pensacola Naval Air Station. Hoist one for me! Fred Updike

We are posting the story of Peter Giroux's "Life on the Line, Stories of Vietnam Air Combat" by Philip O. Chinnery, on the bulletin board for all to see. Feel free to remove and make copies before returning. Peter is an American Legion member of Post 770 and I am proud to say, was a former student of mine during the 1st year I taught at Trumansburg Central School. Peter retired from the US Air Force as a Colonel. He and his wife Mareyn reside in Kansas. I am in possession of a brief synopsis of Peter's military career as early as 1972. I will be glad, as Post Historian, to send you a copy if you will write me.

Local, State, and National News

Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Stacie L. Yaw-Bieber and her husband, Staff Sgt. John M. Bieber, have received the Army Reserve Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Award for their service while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The award acknowledges the personal courage, selfless service, time and dedication the individuals have sacrificed to do their duty and help ensure a better tomorrow for all. Both John and Stacie are Emergency Medical Assistants & Instructors assigned to the 11th Battalion, 98th Division in Ayers, Mass.