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CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Sun	Oct 1	9:00 AM	Cleanup of Post 770 Field Day for all able bodied personnel
Mon	Oct 2	6:30 PM	Tompkins County Joint American Legion, Auxiliary & SAL Dinner Mtg. At Post 800, Groton
		7:00 PM	Sons of the American Legion Post 770 Meeting
Tues	Oct 3	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Oct 4	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Oct 5	7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Meeting
Fri	Oct 6	6:00 PM	Wedding Reception
Sat	Oct 7	1:00 PM	Wedding
Sun	Oct 8	Noon	Bath VA Hospital Visitation And Steak Luncheon (See Special Events)
Mon	Oct 9	FLAG	Columbus Day Observed
		7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Oct 11	Noon	Senior Citizen's Luncheon Meeting at Post 770
Fri	Oct 13	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Don Smith's Crew
Sat	Oct 14	6:00 PM	Early Bird Dinner and Program (See Special Events)
Sun	Oct 15	1:00 PM	Graduation from Boot Camp Party
Weds	Oct 18	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sat	Oct 21	2:00 - 9:00 PM	Benefit St Francis Church – Activities, Buffet, and Dance
Sun	Oct 22	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
Mon	Oct 23	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting- Vote on Amending Bi-laws
Weds	Oct 25	Noon	Senior Citizen's Luncheon Meeting
Thurs	Oct 26	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Fri-Sat	Oct 27 –28		Senior Citizens Bazaar
Sun	Oct 29	1:00 – 11:00 PM	Hogs Halloween Party
		Afternoon	National Commanders Visitation at Post 1612 – Big Flats
		5:00 PM	Dinner (See Special Events)
Tues	Oct 31	BOO!!!	Halloween (See Special Events)

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint Legion Family Meeting – Following an absence of three months, we will hold our Fall Joint Meeting to bring forth questions and suggestions leading to the betterment of our Post.

Bath VA Hospital Visitation and Steak Luncheon – 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 can pour coffee, smile, and carry a plate, please volunteer to help. The inner reward you receive will be heartwarming. Some of you will be getting a call to bake a pie or contribute some homemade goods. It's all for a great cause.

Early Bird Dinner & Program – It's free if your membership dues were paid before Oct 1st. Come and 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.

Amendment of Bi-Laws – A vote will be taken at the Monday, October 23rd Post 770 Legion meeting to amend the Bi-Laws as follows: Change the Membership dues from \$25 to \$30.

Halloween – It has always been our policy to provide some munchies to enjoy with your drinks while we try to figure out who is behind the mask and costume. Let this Halloween be no exception. Who can be the weirdest of all? See you in the lounge about 8:00 PM.

National Commander Visitation – At Post 1612 in Big Flats is an annual event. Anyone planning to attend will need to have a ticket. Please see Bill Parker to make reservations and obtain a ticket if you are interested in attending.

Post 770 Website – www.Post770.com. Patrick Richar at 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188 – 2430 is looking for photos and information of interest to our Legion family. Any pictures of the family picnic or antique rodeo show available?

POST NEWS

We have a lot of odds and ends to run by you this month, so here goes the lot of them. From all we can gather, card playing, such as Euchre, etc. has been reinstated. We don't know why but apparently card games may be played in the banquet room, not the bar room. We also heard that 50–50's might also take place. We don't know why they were suspended in the first place. ... As we have done for a number of years, members of the Post attended the first home football game to hoist the colors while our national anthem was played. Upon arrival, Lee Weaver found the colors already in place. There have been some changes in the athletic department and apparently they are not asking us to do these honors. So we will not plan to raise the colors at future football games this year. ... Roberta Stilwell has been appointed to fill Shirley Willard's place as Auxiliary member on the Board of Trustees. Gordy Veley has resigned as a Legion appointee to the Board of Trustees. Phil Colvin is replacing him for the remainder of his term. ... The membership of the American Legion made a monetary donation to the Bath VA Hospital gift shop. A monetary gift was also made in memory of member John Russell. The fair American Legion food tent, under the chairmanship of Pat Platt, did a great business this year. Profits were split 50/50 with the Auxiliary. We had 3 crews on each day: breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Thanks to the many volunteers who worked 1 or 2 times and some even more. Without your willingness to pitch in and help, we would not have realized the success we enjoyed. Incidentally, on the Sunday morning we served breakfast at both the fair tent and the Legion. We did 240 breakfasts: 160 at the Post and 80 at the fairgrounds. Fantastic. One last fair item. As we have done for many years in the past, our color guard led the Fireman's parade on Saturday night. We aren't getting any younger but we did have some younger blood in our midst this year. ... Our steak & fish fry's continue to bring 'em in. Served about 180 dinners in September. ... Thanks to the "magnificent 7" who along with Jim's flatbed trailer and truck, a van, and a pickup truck, enabled us to move half a dozen refrigerators, several stainless sinks, a number of canopy serving bars on wheels, clam steamers, fryers, 16 tables, 50 chairs, etc. Etc., all to sheds for storage on the Agard property. Maybe now we will have space out back of the Post to store some of the grills and food bars on wheels, which have been in our way in the kitchen, storerooms, and hallways. Thanks again guys. I hope all of your knee problems and back strains have cleared up. ... The annual family picnic at Raymond's Pond drew about 40 – 50 people by my estimate. It featured great, well-marinated chicken cooked by Brady Roach, the best I have ever eaten. Also, hot dogs, hamburgers, hot sausage, salt potatoes, beer on tap and all of the other goodies found at picnics. 8 or 9 conducted the Flag Ceremony. We could have used a couple more but after a brief walk through we moved through the ceremony while reading our parts. A nice crowd was on hand to observe the ritual. It was a somewhat cloudy and cool day, but increasingly pleasant as the day went on. We enjoyed watching a number of youngsters maneuvering the paddleboats. We thank Liz and Hop for their generosity. ... Although we did not attend the Antique Appraisal we noticed the parking lot was completely filled. Some one said 184 antiques were appraised. Sounds like a very successful day. ... A candlelight vigil was assembled around the "Walk of Honor & Cannon Memorial" on September 11th. Patriotic music was played before hand and candles were lit at the site. Several persons including a fire department representative, a veteran who served in Iraq and an American Legion spokesman addressed the purpose for being there. The vigil was most meaningful on the 5th Anniversary of the cowardly attack on innocent civilians.

MEMBERSHIP

We presently have 266 paid members signed up. Our assigned quota is 407. This is slightly under 2/3 or 66%. It is a fact that we get to keep less than \$5.00 of your dues payments. National, Department, and County get the rest. Be advised that National is raising dues by \$5. Where does that leave us? In need to increase our dues or loose money. We are therefore proposing an increase in dues from \$25 to \$30. This is a bi-law change and must be voted upon by the membership. We will be voting on this change on Oct 23rd. Something else you might want to consider. If the dues are increased by vote of the bi-laws, that increase will take place on January 1st. If you haven't yet paid your dues it might be

well to pay them before Jan 1st and save \$5 if the bi-law amendment is passed. Welcome new member David, W. Peck. It is nice to have you with us.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: Earl Neigh - Lucille McGill – CMC – Now Home Mary Lou (Lulu) Powless – CMC

Taps: William Poyer – died August 22, 2006. He was the brother of member Ron Poyer.

Lawrence William Heptig – passed away on August 23, 2006. He served his country in the US Army as a military policeman during WWII. He received an Honorable Discharge in 1946. Members of the US Army and the Post 770 Ritual Team rendered military honors.

Shirley J. Fulton Willard – passed away on August 26, 2006. Shirley was a very active member of the Unit 770 Auxiliary and could often be found in the kitchen preparing for a breakfast, lunch, or dinner. A celebration of her life was held at Post 770.

Ex-POW Lawrence Herendeen – died August 28, 2006. Larry served in the US Army during WWII. He became a prisoner of war when captured in Germany. He was very active in the Ex-prisoners of War Association and donations may be made to that organization. Larry was laid to rest with full military honors provided by the Ovid VFW, Post 770 American Legion, and members of the US Army.

Jeanne A. Snyder – passed away at CMC on September 4, 2006. She had been a very active member of the Junior Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary.

Herma S. Moiseichik – died at Hospicare on September 5, 2006. Herma was a member of the VFW 961 in Ithaca and Post 770 American Legion.

Carolyn L. White – died September 7, 2006. She was the sister of member Ron Poyer.

Janet Scanlon – died recently. She was the sister of member David Fisher.

Gerald (Windy) Hendrix – passed away at Hospicare on September 17, 2006. Windy served in the 11th Airborne Division from 1944-1946 during WWII. He was stationed in the Philippines then sent to Japan in the occupation forces. He was a long time member of the American Legion Post 770 and a lifetime VFW member. Members of Post 770 performed a military honors tribute. In lieu of flowers contributions may be directed to Hospicare, the Trumansburg American Legion Post 770, or any organizations of the donors choice.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is starting to come in. We have 79 paid members. We welcome as new seniors: Jane Gallagher and Sarah Dempsey. The Auxiliary dinner will be on Thursday Oct 26th. We have decided to try a different night to see if this would benefit the volunteers and the patrons. Look for our advertisements to be out soon. President Susie Smith and Vickii Barry attended the Fall Conference in Elmira on Sept 8th. We made a donation to the Bath Gift Shop, which lets the veterans give X-mas gifts to their families. We wish to thank Rene & Pat for chairing Grassroots & Food tent at the Fair and all the volunteers that worked. They were both great fun and brought in much needed monies for the Post. Congratulations to the following on their continuous membership: 60 yr.-Ruth Farrell; 50 yr. – Marge Fulton; 40 yr. – Vickii Barry, Lucille McGill, Anna Sladish; 35 yr. – Eudora Carson, Kathleen Gooding, Martha Neuman; 30 yr Marti Smith. Our best to Dawn Reeves who spent time in CMC but now home, Sue Weaver had hand surgery on 9/19, Lucille McGill at CMC with foot problems, now home and to Debbie Hendrix whom we've just found out has had a bad year with her health but is now on the road to recovery. Our condolences to the following families for the loss of their loved ones: Jacqueline Herendeen with the loss of Larry, the Herma Moiseichik family, the Jeanne "Blake" Snyder family, and the Shirley Willard family. Shirley was a very active dedicate member who worked all the Auxiliary dinners, weddings and most of the events. She was the force behind getting Bingo going. The celebration of her life was well attended by over 200 people. She will truly be missed in the town of T-burg. Roberta Stilwell will replace Shirley on the Board of Directors. Congratulations, Roberta. A huge thank you to Pat Bonsall for suggesting the Antique Appraisal Show for a fundraiser and for the excellent job of coordinating this event. Pat asked to say a few words about this special event: "The Antique Appraisal Day was a huge success and by popular demand we will do it again next year. Over 180 people came through the doors to have their treasures appraised, many filling the carts that Tom Joseph thoughtfully picked up from the Shur-Save. They enjoyed chili, pies and food donated and prepared by Sue Wright and her team. Chantal Champagne won the Tree Forms Rocking chair that Vickii Barry arranged to be donated. The beautiful gift baskets Elaine Joseph prepared with items and gift certificates given by local businesses drew crowds and we had over 20 happy sinners. Thanks to each and everyone person for your enthusiastic efforts that contributed to making this an exciting event." Pat Bonsall

Respectively submitted Marge Bennett

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The SAL's new dues cards are here. Dues are \$20, Jrs. are \$8. We are accepting new members at this time. The T-Burg Fair Beer Tent was not quite as productive as we had hoped. We made just over \$100. While this was somewhat disappointing, we have lots of ideas such as additional advertising and different hours of operation that could make it work better. We would like to thank all those who came out to help and especially Gordy Veley for organizing this event. Our next meeting is Monday, October 2nd at 7:00 PM. Among other things, we will be discussing a Christmas/New Year's raffle. Please bring your ideas.

EXCERPTS FROM A 3RD CAVALRY NEWSLETTER

It was of interest to share in the reading of Fred Asays 3rd Cavalry Newsletter, "Lest We Forget" was the lead article in the newsletter. "Did you know that there are 24 permanent American burial grounds in foreign countries? Presently 124,913 US War Dead are interned in these cemeteries, 30,921 of WWI 93,242 of WWII, and 750 of the Mexican War. The 3rd Cavalry have comrades buried in at least 6 of these cemeteries. Following is a list that we are aware of and a short description and location of the cemetery. We do not have the space to list all the names but we will list the cemeteries.

Ardennes Cemetery is located near Neupre, Belgium. This cemetery contains the graves of 5,328 of our military dead, many of who died in the so-called "Battle of the Bulge". **Brittany Cemetery** located 12 miles south of Avranches, France. At this cemetery rest 4,410 of our dead, most who gave their lives in the Normandy and Brittany campaigns in 1944. **Epinal Cemetery** is located 4 miles southeast of Epinal, France. This cemetery contains the graves of 5,255 of our military dead, most of whom gave their lives in the campaigns across northeastern France to the Rhine and beyond into Germany. **Lorraine Cemetery** is located 28 miles east of Metz, France and contains the largest number of graves of our military dead of WWII in Europe, a total of 10,489. Most of these lost their lives while fighting in the region.

Luxembourg Cemetery (HAMM) is located in Luxembourg City, Luxembourg. Here lie the remains of 5,076 of our military dead, many of whom gave their lives in the "Battle of the Bulge" and in the advance to the Rhine. **Netherlands Cemetery** is the only American cemetery in the Netherlands and lies in the village of Margraten. 8,301 of our military dead rest here." If interested in reading further, please contact Fred. I am sure he would be more than happy to give you access to the newsletter.