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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Sat	Sept 4	TBA	Wedding Reception
Mon	Sept 6	FLAG	Labor Day
		7:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Tues	Sept 7	7:30 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Sept 8	Noon	Senior Citizen's Luncheon Meeting
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Sept 9		Rosh Hashanah
Fri	Sept 10	5:30 –8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner– Don Smith's Crew
Sat	Sept 11	FLAG	Patriot's Day – (See Special Events)
		TBA	Interlaken St. Francis Catholic Church Social Evening
Sun	Sept 12		Grandparent's Day
Mon	Sept 13	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Fri	Sept 17	FLAG	Constitution Day
		7:00 PM	Decorate Banquet Room for Reception
Sat	Sept 18	FLAG	Air Force Day
			Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown
		TBA	Wedding Reception
Weds	Sept 22	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
		Noon	Senior Citizen's Luncheon Meeting
Thurs	Sept 23		Autumn Begins
Sat	Sept 25	TBA	South Seneca Teacher Retirement Party
Sun	Sept 26	7:30 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast
Mon	Sept 27	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Sat	Oct 2	TBA	Wedding Reception
Mon	Oct 4	7:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
		7:00 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
Tues	Oct 5	7:30 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Oct 6	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	Oct 8	5:30 –8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner– Jim Heroux's Crew
Sat	Oct 9	8:00 AM-2:30 PM	American Red Cross Bloodmobile (Have you given lately?)
Sun	Oct 10	TBA	Wedding Reception
Mon	Oct 11	FLAG	Columbus Day (Observed)
		7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Tues	Oct 12	FLAG	Columbus Day (Traditional)
Weds	Oct 13	FLAG	Navy Day
		Noon	Senior Citizen's Luncheon Meeting
Fri	Oct 15	1:00 – 6:00 PM	Set Up for Senior Citizen's Bazaar
Sat	Oct 16	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Senior Citizen's Bazaar
		TBA	SAL Harvest Dance with DJ – Everyone is invited
Sun	Oct 17	Noon	Bath VA Visitation and Luncheon (See Special Events)
Mon	Oct 18	7:00 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
Weds	Oct 20	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting

Thurs	Oct 21	7:00 PM	Early Bird Dinner and Program (See Special Events)
Sat	Oct 23	TBA	HOGS Halloween Party
Sun	Oct 24	7:30 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast
Mon	Oct 25	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Sat	Oct 30	TBA	Anniversary Party
Sun	Oct 31	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Halloween Masquerade in the Lounge

- For missing dates and times, please check our website: www.post770.com or call during business hours.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

www.post770.com: Patrick Richar, our web master, will be guiding Anita Bower through the process of updating the online calendar every month. They will also be gradually adding new content to the home page, SAL and Auxiliary pages. If you have suggestions, please use the contact form at www.post770.com. Please include the best way to contact you ie. e-mail, phone, etc. , incase Patrick or Anita has questions about your submission.

Patriot's Day – September 11th: This will be our 9th anniversary of this fateful day. Be sure your flag at home is at half mast until sunset and do stop in at the Post. I'm sure there will be some special observances held on this day.

Bath VA Hospital Visitation: Once again we will be extending our hospitallity to our Bath Hospital friends on Sunday October 17th. Come at Noon and extend a bit of comradery 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 goodies. It's all for a great cause and the veterans look forward to this excursion each year.

Early Bird Dinner and Program: will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 21st. It is free if your membership dues are paid before October 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 397-4212 or sign up at the Post. You won't want to miss this great evening.

Halloween Masquerade iin the Lounge: Sunday 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Come in your costume, enjoy some munchies and drinks and fool and scare your friends. Who knows, they may even recognize you.

Snow Blower Raffle: We are raffling off our extraordinary snow blower because we no longer have use for it at the Post. Our snow clearing is now done through contract. The drawing will take place on Sunday, November 28th at 11:00 AM. Tickets are \$2.00 or three for \$5.

Greetings from your new County Commander: I would like to start by introducing myself and my back ground to all County Posts. My name is Richard G. Wilbur, Sr. and live at 364 Bald Hill Road, Spencer, NY. Phone # 607-273-8511. I served in the Navy from 1958 – 1964 (Two years aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Yorktown CV-10 in the Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam War) New York Air National Guard 174th Fighter Wing 138th Fighter Squadron 1977 to 1999 served in Desert Storm 1991) Ret Master Sergeant (E-7) Served two terms as Commander of Post 221 in Ithaca. It is now my pleasure to serve as your Tompkins County Commander. My goal is to become a BETTER TEAM PLAYER. I will need your help! I hope to see you and meet you at your Post meetings.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: **Wayne Doan:** We hope you are feeling better.

Taps: **Stephen "Steve" W. Snyder:** Passed away unexpectedly at Cayuga Medical Center on July 18, 2010. He is survived by his long time companion, Delores "Dee Dee" Albertsman, and brothers Glenn, and Wayne. Steve was a former member of Post 770 after serving in the US Navy from 1978 until 1982 at which time he was honorably discharged. A Military Honors tribute was given by the Post 770 funeral detail followed by a reception at Ron Don's on the Green.

POST NEWS

This seems to have been a week of remembrances. It was indeed a pleasure to converse with Mary Kay Read on the telephone recently to see how well she enjoyed the August newsletter feature article about the tug boat "Cockenoe", a painting of which she donated to the American Legion to be hung in our banquet room. Imagine our surprise that she no longer receives the newsletter since she moved to the Rochester area to be close to her daughter, Anne several years ago. Her newsletter has been ending up in the PO "dead letter" bin for some time now. I wonder how many other situations of this sort exist in our organization? Her address is being corrected. I can assure you. Mary Kay appreciated our call.... During the early 1950's JC Hutter and I were bunk mates in the Ithaca Fire Department while we were going to college. Our only requirement in exchange for a place to live was to go on fires at night. The class of 1947 had a get-together recently to which I was invited to reminisce with JC about those times gone by.... Read enough yet? One more item:

Anita Bower has recently become active in our Post and as a friend for many years, has agreed to share part of the newsletter functions with me. You will be seeing her name in print before long. Had enough Senior Citizen talk? ...We seem to be incurring a lot of pluses and minuses in regard to our many requests of members lately. Let us go over a few. We asked for volunteers for the Grassroots Food Tent and are very happy to report that all shifts were filled. Rene Heroux did a fantastic job organizing and our volunteers made this venture a very successful one. ..We are somewhat concerned with the lack of signups for the Fair Food Tent, another fundraiser we are counting on heavily. With some time yet left as we write this newsletter, we hope our members will “bite” the bullet and sign up....We are pleased with your response to our appeal for materials to build our BBQ pit. However, we can still use more. One problem we have encountered is that the NYSEG will not allow us to construct the pits or pavilion beneath their power lines because of a metal roof and heat. It appears we will have to adjust a bit. ...The Colvin's and Van Valen's journeyed to Arcade recently to attend a Senior Citizen bus trip to a Civil War Reenactment as the Confederates took over the Union Railroad Train. It was a great display of the battle that took place between the North and the South many years ago. ..As you may well remember we have a large number of folding chairs that we let out for our members use on various occasions. Well, many have not been returned. Most have 770 marked on the back. We are not just talking about 10 or 20, but many more than that. If you borrowed some please return them. We need them to use for our outside activities. We are also sorry to report that our rental tent was torn down by a bad wind storm recently and rendered useless. ...Our baseball team met an early demise this year. They didn't make it to the District Playoffs. ...Lee Ann Davis is being contacted regarding the tree planted as a memorial to Levi Davis which appears to be looking very poorly lately. ...Although we have acquired a triangular flag display holder for the casket flag of John King, it appears it is much too large and we are searching for a smaller one. ...We were very pleased with the Legion Post 770 ad that appeared in one of our local Shopper and newspaper guide recently. In addition to the various activities we are putting on it listed the dates and times of each. A job well done! ..,We were pleased to have received the New York American Legion Press Association “Best Paper Contest” award for our editorial in February 2010's newsletter titled “Interfaith in Action”. The only problem was that they spelled my last name wrong – Van Valan. Oh well, you can't win them all! ...

MEMBERSHIP

Everyone should have received their 2011 dues notice by now. When you re-up for another year please be sure your address is updated. It is amazing how many newsletters end up in the PO trash because of a change in your PO Box number or a change in your street address. 2011 **Benefits Summary:** Renewing your membership for 2011 helps the American Legion serve our veterans and their families in many different ways. Besides key programs such as assistance in obtaining VA benefits and representing your interests in Washington, DC, the Legion has secured numerous money-saving discounts on valuable products and services for our members from many of America's leading brands.

AUXILIARY NEWS

The newsletter will come out every two months now instead of every month. Be patient with us until we can come up with proper dates for events. Thank you all who worked the tent at Grassroots and a BIG Thank You to Rene Heroux for the many years she has coordinated the event. Sue McConnell recovering from hand surgery on 8/2/10. **DUES ARE DUE!** If you pay by Sept 30th you are entitled to a free dinner at the Early Bird Dinner in October. Also at the October 5th meeting we will draw two senior members name for free dues for 2012 if paid by September 30th. The two women's horseshoe teams came in 1st, Jackie, Fran, Karyn & Marti and 3rd was Marge, Jay, Erin, Chrisina, with Sue and Dawn as subs all year. There were 6 teams this year. The September 7th meeting is now at 7:30 PM and October 5th. The Bath Vets will be here again on Sunday October 17th for their steak dinner. So warm up your ovens for the pies and homemade desserts they so enjoy. If you know of a member who is sick or having surgery please let our Chaplain, Beth Jenkins, know (387-5178). Your certificates and pins should be given out for the 2009 -2010 at the October dinner for anyone with 25 – 30- 35- 40 etc.of continuous membership. Have a safe Halloween. There will be NO Auxiliary Dinners until further notice!

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Membership cards for 2011 are in and we are collecting dues for 2011. On August 20th the SAL hosted a Pig Roast Dinner that was a sold out success. We would like to extend a special thanks to Mike Wright, Jerry Clark, Pete Mahoney, David LaPadula, and all the others that helped make it happen. On Saturday, October 16th we will be hosting our second Harvest Dance from 8PM 'til Midnight. Due to the Labor Day holiday, our next meeting is Tuesday September 7th at 7PM.

NAVY DAY – OUR LEGACY

The modern US Navy traces it's origins to the Continental Navy, a small, commerce-raiding force founded on October 13th, 1775, during the American Revolution. Following the Treaty of Versailles (1783) the new Republic sold off it's

small but expensive fleet and was without a naval battle force until the end of the decade. At that time, confrontations with North African pirates threatened American interest abroad and spurred Congress and the Administration to change their policy toward one of naval engagement. In 1798, recognizing the need to defend the maritime lines of commerce upon which the nation depended, the framers of the Constitution empowered Congress to provide and maintain a Navy. Legislators appropriated funds for the construction, fitting-out and manning of six frigates: Constitution, President, and United States of 44 guns; and Congress, Constellation and Chesapeake of 36 guns. With the launch of the first of these ships in 1797, the US Navy was born and Department of the Navy in April 1798.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE US NAVY JACK

We don't know for certain where, when, or by whom the familiar coiled rattlesnake was first used with the warning "Don't Tread on Me". We do know however when it first entered the history books. In the fall of 1775, the British were occupying Boston and the young Continental Army was holed up in Cambridge, woefully short on arms and ammunition. At the Battle of Bunker Hill, Washington's troops had been so low on gunpowder that they were ordered "not to fire until you see the whites of their eyes". In October, a merchant ship called the Black Prince returned to Philadelphia from a voyage to England. On board were private letters to the Second Continental Congress that informed them that the British government was sending two ships to America loaded with arms and gunpowder for the British troops. A plan was hatched by the Congress to capture the cargo ships. They authorized the creation of a Continental Navy, starting with four ships. The Black Prince was one of the four. It was purchased, converted to a man-of-war, and renamed the Alfred. To accompany the Navy on their first mission, Congress also authorized the mustering of five companies of Marines. What's particularly interesting for us is that some of the Marines that enlisted that month in Philadelphia were carrying drums painted yellow emblazoned with a fierce rattlesnake, coiled and ready to strike, with thirteen rattles, and sporting the motto "Don't Tread on Me". In December 1775, a journalist wrote in the Pennsylvania Journal: "I observed on one of the drums belonging to the marines there was painted a rattlesnake, with the motto under, "Don't Tread On Me" This anonymous writer (thought to be Benjamin Franklin) speculated on why a snake might be chosen as a symbol for America. First, it occurred to him that the rattlesnake is found in no other quarter of the world besides America and that the rattlesnake has sharp eyes, and may therefore be esteemed an emblem of vigilance." Furthermore. "She never begins an attack, nor when once engaged, ever surrenders. She is therefore an emblem of magnanimity and true courage, she never wounds till she has generously given notice, even to her enemy, and cautioned him against the danger of treading on her." The flag has been through many changes over the years. On May 22, 2002, the Secretary of the Navy ordered all ships to display the First Navy Jack for the duration of the Global War on Terrorism.