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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Thurs	Sept 1	7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Information Meeting
Sat	Sept 3	2:00 PM	Anniversary Celebration in Banquet Room
Sun	Sept 4	10:00 PM	Harley Group Ride for Muscular Dystrophy and Breakfast
		2:00 PM	Harley Group Chicken BBQ
Mon	Sept 5	FLAG	Labor Day
Tues	Sept 6	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Sept 7	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	Sept 9	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Don Smith’s Crew
Sat	Sept 10	1:00 PM	Wedding Reception in the Banquet Room
Sun	Sept 11	FLAG	Patriot’s Day – 4th Anniversary of 9/11
		Noon	Family Picnic at Raymond’s Pond (See Special Events) Post Closed
Mon	Sept 12	7:00 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Meeting at Post 221, Ithaca
Tues	Sept 13	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting (Note Change Due to County Meeting)
Weds	Sept 14	Noon	Senior Citizens Meeting
Fri	Sept 16	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Sat	Sept 17	8 or 9:00 AM	Post Cleanup (See Change in Special Events)
		Noon	Bartending Class for Volunteers (See Special Events)
Sun	Sept 18	8 or 9:00 AM	Post Cleanup Continued
Weds	Sept 21	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	Sept 23	6:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat	Sept 24	1:00 PM	Wedding Reception in the Banquet Room
Sun	Sept 25	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
		11:00 AM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Mon	Sept 26	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Sept 28	Noon	Pioneer Luncheon
Thurs	Sept 29	Noon	Senior Citizens Meeting (Note Day Change Because of Conflict)
Fri	Sept 30	10:00 AM	Golf Tournament for Veterans hosted by the American Legion Post 770
		3:00 PM	Tournament returns to Post 770

Last day to pay dues for the Free Early Bird Dinner!!!!

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Family Picnic – will be held on Sunday, September 11th, Patriots Day starting at Noon, at Raymond’s Pond. This annual get-together of the Legion Family should take on a special meaning on this day. Bring the family and a huge appetite, as we celebrate a day of camaraderie and fun. Sorry, there will not be a DJ at the family picnic this year. We have worked hard and now it’s time to celebrate!

Football Games Color Guard – We are pleased to be asked once again to present the colors at our home football games. During the National Anthem we will hoist the flag up the pole at the T-burg High School football field. Uniform is dark

pants, white shirt, and Legion hat. In the event of cold weather, we will provide jackets. It takes but a few minutes and presents the American Legion in a very positive community role. Your participation is needed. See the school calendar for times and dates of home games. We usually meet at the Post, allowing sufficient time to be at the field and ready to do our job.

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.

Early Bird Dinner – is currently slated for the 3rd Saturday in October. You can enjoy this fall kickoff dinner free of charge if you pay your dues by September 30th. Sounds like a win – win situation.

Post Cleanup – had to be rescheduled from August to Saturday & Sunday, September 17th & 18th. We were unable to get the Department of Correction workers and some of our key volunteers were not available in August. Therefore, please plan to help out on these new dates.

Bartending Class for Volunteers – A number of members have asked for some instruction so that they may be able to help out behind the bar. If interested be at the Post on Sat the 17th at Noon and we will show you the ropes. We look forward to your participation in this endeavor.

POST NEWS

Having had only one meeting each in July & August cuts down considerably on our column of Post news. It's been a very hot July, now maybe we can look forward to some cooler (not 90's) weather. We wore ourselves out attending Grassroots but took offence to someone else's food tent occupying the site where ours was supposed to be. Let's look ahead to next year. The summer was a Finger Lakes vacationers dream, yet on the home front, browned out lawns and crops in need of water. The air conditioning at the Post, during our daily evening visits, is a welcome sigh of relief.

We have had a busy summer in the banquet room with all the weddings, birthdays, and anniversaries celebrations taking place. Our kitchen financial reports indicate this is the primary source of our existence. Thanks to all of our volunteers who have made our Post so successful in this endeavor. In addition, we have continued with breakfasts and fish fry's to keep our patrons happy. Our Post has been active in participating in several golf tournaments and leagues, but I haven't heard of any boastful "Championship" cries yet. Horseshoes continues to involve a number of our members. Haven't heard how our various teams are doing.

The American Legion baseball team has concluded with a fine season, some great kids, and talented coaches. Although they didn't go all the way, some great camaraderie and experiences took place. It's a great program and we are pleased to be a part of it. As we approach the fall we will be looking forward to football. Your presence at the flag raising at all home games is requested. We can never have too many.

We forgot to put in our August newsletter, "American Legion Joint Family Meeting" on the 1st Thursday of the month. Maybe it was because that is men's horseshoe league night and we haven't had that many attend recently.... Perhaps we should forget more often, because we had about 45 or so attend the August meeting. Wow! A lot of "laundry" was aired that night. Many subjects of concern were brought forth. Results will be trickling down for sometime to come. Stay tuned!

The 50/50 raffle was won by Marti Jo Smith. We had a busy fish and steak fry on the 12th, serving about 250 dinners and finishing up with a wedding rehearsal group of 25 or so at the end of the evening. We are pleased to see so many familiar faces attending our Friday night fry's. Please don't stop coming. We always try to do our best and obtain the best quality food. We have had 3 giant marble slabs, brought back from Vermont by the Colvin's, and sliced into 12 posts by neighbor Jim McKenna and the Finger Lakes quarry. We hope to have them drilled and in place as part of a chain fence around our "Walk of Honor" by the end of summer. We are still taking applications for bricks to be etched with names of our veterans.

An update on the flag desecration amendment from National. Update: July 2005: Since a 1989 US Supreme Court decision overturned five previous courts and made flag desecration legal, In June of this year, the U.S. House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to adopt the amendment to make this illegal. Thomas P. Cadmus, National Commander of The American Legion strongly "urges the Members of Congress to heed the voices of the people and the call of all 50 state legislatures." Cadmus also stated that "When asked a straight forward question, most Americans will give you a straight answer – PROTECT OLD GLORY."

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: Harold Suess – CMC – ICU

Tom Burns - Strong Memorial Hosp – Now Home

Bob Davenport – Frequent visitor to the VA Hospital in Syracuse

Taps: Tomas F. Bullivant – passed away unexpectedly on July 21, 2005. Tom entered the US Army upon graduation from high school and faithfully served during the Viet Nam Conflict. He received his honorable discharge on February 14, 1968. Members of the Arthur E. Bouton Post 770 Ritual team, along with 5 or 6 Army Personnel from Rochester, conducted the Grove Cemetery committal services with full military honors. 8 Post 770 members made up the ritual team.

Charles and Josephine Wittmer – of Endicott, NY were interred at Grove Cemetery in mid- July. As a veteran, the family requested he be laid to rest with military honors. The Post 770 Ritual team of about 12 members provided these honors.

Helen Jean Wright – died Sunday, August 8, 2005 at Cayuga Medical Center. She was a member of the Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary and is survived by her husband Kenneth Wright and family. Friends and family joined in a celebration of Helen Jean's life on August 11th at the American Legion. Memorial donations may be made to the Arthur E. Bouton Post 770 at PO Box 456, T-burg, NY.

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP

We have a membership count of 434 about 12 short of our quota for the 2004- 2005-year. It looks like we may not make our 100% membership goal. Let us turn our attention now to the 2005 – 2006 year. At this time we have 189 members signed up and are looking to achieve our goal of 100% of quota (About 432) for the upcoming year. Please remember to notify our adjutant of any change in address or problems having to do with dues payments. We are looking forward to a banner year!

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is starting to come in to Dawn Smith. Don't forget, if you pay your dues by Sept 30th, you are entitled to a Free Early Bird Dinner in October. Look for date of dinner in next newsletter. Congratulations to John & Mary Cosgrove on their new grandson, Daniel, born 7/11/05 and to Lois Ditmar on her new grandson, Nathan, born 7/28/05. Darlene Ahouse is –completing an eight-week course at Albany, NY to become a prison guard at Willard, NY. On 8/05 Barb Cole was in hospital for 2 days. Now home, we wish her the best. Our condolences to the Ken Wright family. Helen Jean passed away on 8/8/05. She was a Past Vice President of our Auxiliary Unit. Thank you to the Auxiliary members for doing the memorial luncheon for Helen.

Our next Auxiliary dinner is Friday, Sept 16th, the first since having the summer off. We will be serving Stuffed Peppers & Meatloaf and of course Bean Soup, sides and dessert for \$8.00, which includes the tax. Please come and enjoy our Post. The next meeting is Sept 6, 2005 at 7:00 PM. Come out and support YOUR officers and maybe see what we do.

Respectively Submitted, Marge Bennett

NAVY SHAPED THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

From politics to intoxication, naval terminology has filtered into every area of modern discourse. The nautical roots of such common phrases as “clear the deck”, “took the wind out of my sails”, and “When my ship comes in” are obvious. However, the impact of naval life runs far deeper than a few salty terms.

The English language over flows with words and phrases that were derived from naval history. The common phrase “Turn a Blind Eye” is a perfect example. This expression originated with a legendary figure from naval warfare. Admiral Horatio Nelson was wounded numerous times during his storied career. These injuries resulted in the amputation of one arm and the loss of sight in one eye. During the Battle of Copenhagen, Nelson was ordered to break off his pre-emptive attack on the Danish fleet. Nelson was not the kind of man to run from a fight. Instead, he put up a telescope to his blind eye and announced that he couldn't see the order to withdraw. Nelson continued with his attack and won a decisive victory. Thus the phrase was born.

Here are a few better-known phrases and their surprising nautical derivations: “All Sewn Up” – When a sailor died at sea, his body usually was wrapped in an old sail canvas. The canvas was then stitched up from head to toe. The final stitch was run through the sailor's nose, just to make sure that he was really dead. When the body was “all sewn up” inside the canvas, it was tossed over the side of the ship. The modern usage of this term is to signify an event of task that is about to be completed. “To the Bitter End” – This term has several nautical derivations. The vertical posts used to secure ropes onboard ships are called bits. When the end of a rope of cable is tied around two bits, it is referred to as a ‘bitter end’. When an anchor rope is unwound ‘to the bitter end’, there is no more chain left to unwind. This term ‘bitter end’ also refers to a knot at the end of a piece of rope that was used to flog sailors. Today, the phrase ‘to the bitter end’ is used to signify someone's stubborn

adherence to an opinion or course of action without regard to the consequences. “By And Large” – A sailing vessel was considered seaworthy if it could sail both ‘by’ (into the wind) and ‘large’ (with the wind). This term has come to mean ‘approximately’ in modern parlance. “Deliver a Broadside” – The modern meaning of ‘deliver a broadside’ is to deliver a crippling blow during an argument. However, during the Age of Sail, this term had a far deadlier connotation. Naval battles were often decided through superior maneuver. Opposing ships would struggle to position themselves so that one side of the vessel was fully facing the enemy. Thus ships could then ‘deliver a broadside’, or a simultaneous firing of all the cannons on one side of the ship. A few of these crippling blows would usually be enough to decide the outcome of the battle.

CHANGE YOUR COURSE NOW

This is a transcript of an actual radio conversation of a US Naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October 1995. Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations on November 10, 1995.

Americans: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.

Canadians: Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

Americans: This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

Canadians: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.

Americans: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS LINCOLN, THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE UNITED STATES’ ATLANTIC FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUSIERS, AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH, THAT’S ONE FIVE DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTER-MEASURERS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.

Canadians: This is a lighthouse. Your call!