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**CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Sept 4</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>
Tues	Sept 5	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Sept 6	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	Sept 8	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Phil Colvin’s Crew
Sat	Sept 9	10:00 AM	Moving “Bee” – Legion to move “stuff” into storage
		Noon	Catered Wedding Reception
Sun	Sept 10	Noon	Family Picnic at Raymond’s Pond – <b>Post Closed</b>
		<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Flag Retirement Ceremony</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Sept 11</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>Patriot Day - 5th Anniversary of 9/11</b>
		7:00 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Meeting at Post 221, Ithaca
		8:00 PM	Candlelight Vigil at “Walk of Honor”, Post 770
Tues	Sept 12	1:00 – 7:00 PM	Auxiliary Road Show Appraisal
		7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting (See Special Events)
Weds	Sept 13	Noon	Senior Citizen’s Meeting
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sept 15</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>POW/MIA Recognition Day</b>
Sat	Sept 16	Noon	Legion Catered Wedding Reception
Weds	Sept 20	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sat	Sept 23	5:30 PM	Wedding Reception
Sun	Sept 24	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
Mon	Sept 25	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Sept 27	Noon	Senior Citizen’s Meeting
Fri – Sun	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup> -Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>		Clean Up of Post 770 – Field Day for all Able Bodied Personnel
Sat	Sept 30		Last Day to Pay Dues for the Free Early Bird Dinner

**SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Changes of Importance in September** – 1.) Because the SAL Meeting day falls on Labor Day, there will be no regular meeting in September. 2.) We will delay the Joint Information meetings until October. Please be thinking of ideas and questions to be aired in October. 3.) Until further notice there will not be a breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. We are looking for someone to head this up. 4.) As of this writing I don’t believe there will be an Auxiliary Dinner in September. However, please watch for ads in case of change. 5.) The Legion meeting normally held on the second Monday of September will be held on Tuesday because of a conflict with the County meeting. 6.) The County American Legion meeting will be held on the second Monday because of a conflict with Labor Day.

**Football Game Color Guard** – We are pleased to present the colors at all home football games. We will hoist the flag up the pole as our National Anthem is being played. We try to be on hand 5 to 10 minutes before the flag raising. Please check our local papers for the starting times and dates. We usually meet at the Legion 15 minutes in advance. It takes but a few minutes and presents the American Legion in a very positive community role.

**Family Picnic at Raymond’s Pond** – is a great opportunity to visit with friends and fill up with beer and goodies. We always have a great time at Raymond’s Pond and this should be no exception. Because of rain we were unable to hold our

flag retirement ceremony on Memorial Day. We plan to do this at about 2:30, when there will be a large crowd on hand to view this most meaningful event.

**Volunteer Bartenders** – Continue to be in demand, especially on weekends. We are very pleased with the job being done by those who have stepped forward and answered the challenge. There are never too many of you.

**Post 770 Website** – [www.Post770.com](http://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. Contact Patrick if you would like to receive you newsletter via e-mail.

## POST NEWS

At our last meeting the updating of our American Legion Constitution and Bi-Laws was discussed. Incorporated into the updating were amendments voted upon this past year. They were an increase in dues to \$25 and an increase in the number of Board of Trustees members to a total of 9, including one Auxiliary and one Sons of the American Legion member. The updating was brought about by a request for a copy of our Bi-Laws by the committee applying for a Bingo License. This indicates that our Post is moving right along with the implementations of Bingo. We have had many people looking forward to it.... There were a number of changes in Septembers calendar. We hope you won't be too confused. Be sure to check the newspaper for advertised events. ... We did real well on our food tent at Grassroots despite a rainy Saturday, which caused the midway parade of "fun" people to be cancelled. Oh well, there was always entertainment on our Saturday afternoon crew. It seems that some were communicating orders by sign language. I'll say no more except it is a joy and a lot of fun to work on a crew. If you have not tried it then I suggest you sign up next year. Thanks to Rene, our coordinator and all those who helped out! We are about to enjoy a week of having our food tent at the T-Burg Fair. We hope Pat Plat and her crews enjoy the same success as we did at Grassroots. As we write this newsletter I notice the tent is up on the grounds, even though we don't begin until this Tuesday. ... Sorry to list Jamie Dew as the grandson of John and Izzy Duddleston in August's Post News. He is their great-grandson! ... We note that Calvin Bailey and his wife celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last month. Congratulations. ... The membership donated two \$50 Bonds for prizes on Children's Day at the Fair. ... The members also sponsored Auxiliary Jr. member Samantha Goldsmith in the "Miss New York, USA Pageant". ... We thank Mary Kay Read for her donation of some Government Ordinances that were collected by Bob Read while a recruiting officer at the Horseheads Armory. ... We had so much trouble with our french fryers blowing circuit breakers at Grassroots, that Lee Agard took it upon himself to go out and buy us a new propane gas fryer! When you want something changed that's a good way to do it! Thanks Lee for your generous donation to the Legion. Now we can keep ahead of the crowd with fries. ... Last but not least, this bit of news. Occasionally, we send in several copies of our newsletter, "The Bouton Bugle", to the New York State American Legion Press Associations Annual Publication Contest. Kathi and I are please to inform you that our computer generated publication was awarded 2<sup>d</sup> place among other Legion Posts throughout New York State. We received a very nice certificate mounted in an American Legion Jacket informing us of this award. Kathi and I thank you for the opportunity to represent our Post.

## MEMBERSHIP

Our new year, 2006 – 2007, is underway. We are off to a good start with re-ups and sign-ups coming in daily. At this time we have 212 plus 37 PUFL's for a total of 249. Our quota is 405 so we are more than halfway. Remember, if your dues are paid by September 30<sup>th</sup>, you may enjoy a free Early Bird dinner in October. If you are having any problems with your membership card, please let us know so we may look into it. It is important to let us know of any address changes. Welcome new member Scott Gardiner. It's nice to have you with us.

## CHAPLAINS CORNER

**Sick Call:** Ann Harding – Surgery – Now Home

Gerald (Windy) Hendrix – CMC

**Taps:** Cleo Lucas – died recently. She was Past 6<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary President from Post 800, Groton

Raymond (Ike) Wheeler Jr. - passed away on July 24, 2006. "Ike" served his country in WWII in France and Germany in the US Army. He was a member of Post 770.

Bonita M. "Bonnie" Barber – died on August 7, 2006 at the Lakeside Nursing Home. She was the wife of member Don Barber and a long time Auxiliary member.

**Alice Bunter** – died on August 9, 2006. She was the mother of Auxiliary member Judy Meier and mother-in-law of Past Commander Roger Meier.

**Duane K. Ash** – passed away on August 8, 2006. He was a member of the US Army Air Force and served in WWII as a fighter pilot, receiving multiple commendations. He was the father of Debbie Walsh and father-in-law of member Bill Walsh. Those wishing to make a memorial contribution in memory of Duane may send a donation to the American Legion Post 770.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is starting to come in. Be an Early Bird and get a free dinner in October if you pay your dues by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts are with Shirley Willard and Mary Lou “Lulu” Powless. Our best for a speedy recovery to Lucille McGill. She broke her foot and to Past Unit President Ann Rogers who is recovering from heart surgery. Our condolences to the Bonita Barber family. Bonnie passed away on 8/7/06. Also one of our own Past 6th District Presidents from Tompkins County Cleo Lucas expired on 8/2/06. The next meeting is September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Come out and meet our new President, Susie Smith. Sept 12<sup>th</sup> is our Antique Appraisal Day on Tuesday from 1 – 7 PM. Food will be available. One Item is \$2.00 or 3 Items for \$5. Come and have some fun! Respectfully Submitted, Marge Bennett

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

We have been a busy bunch of guys these past couple of weeks getting ready for our beer tent at the T-Burg Fair. The SAL’s new dues cards are here. Dues are \$20, Jrs. are \$8. We are accepting new members at this time. Eligible members must be a male descendant or stepson of a member of the American Legion. Others eligible to join are: Male descendants, stepsons included, of a veteran who died in service during WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama or the Persian Gulf War. See specific time periods for service during these conflicts. Male descendants and stepsons of a veteran who died subsequent to his or her honorable discharge from service in WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, or the Persian Gulf War. The same eligibility periods apply as above.

## “WALK OF HONOR”

We can’t remember when we last mentioned our inscribed brick “Walk of Honor” and Cannon Memorial. I am reminded to do so because we just received a phone call from Gary Bush that another bunch of bricks have been inscribed. I am to meet him in ½ hour at the Post to take delivery. Harold Wright will install these just in time for our 9/11 vigil, which will take place at the site. There will, no doubt, be one or two more deliveries before the cold weather sets in so I might remind you to please pick up an order form at the Post and submit it if you would like to donate a brick in memory of a veteran, family member, or loved one. The only requirement is that they must have served in the Armed Forces.

## NEWSLETTER HISTORY

April 1985	1 <sup>st</sup> Newsletter I have run across. Don Bennett was Cmdr; Sue Weaver was Aux Pres; Author Unknown, Don B??
Feb, Mar, Apr 1987	We have copies of these issues, Author Unknown; Don Bennett, Cmdr;
June 1987	Cmdr. George Van Valen; Arlee Robinson was Aux Secretary and Chloe was Aux Pres. We assume I was the Editor at this time. Not sure who typed it. Russ Hovencamp printed it.
June 1988	Newsletter heading with Legion Seal. Newsletter had retiring Cmdr message, New Cmdr Jim Milks, and Mary Milks Aux Pres
July 1988	New Heading - Seal, Flag, and Heading. Jim Milks, Cmdr; Editor Unknown
July 1989 – May 1991	New Heading, Editor George Van Valen Bruce Robinson, Cmdr, Paula Solat was typist. Issues not xeroxed
June 1991	Issue typed by Debbie Gatch
July 1991 – Dec 1992	Editor George Van Valen and typed by Susan McCormick
Jan 1993 – June 2003	Editor George and typed by Vickii Barry

## NAVY SUES FOR WW II PLANE

The federal government has filed a lawsuit against an airplane collector demanding the return of the wreckage of a WWII Corsair fighter that the Navy abandoned after it crashed in a North Carolina swamp in 1944. Historical airplane enthusiasts say the plane dug out of the swamp is the only one of its kind known to still exist. An airplane mechanic with a passion for preserving WWII aviation history, salvaged the pieces of the single-engine plane in 1990, registered it as a “non-airworthy model” with the FAA and began the painstaking work of restoration, which remains far from completion. Airplane buffs say the plane is the only known survivor of one particular model of Corsair, a “Brewster F3A-1”, built by the Brewster Aeronautical Corp of Long Island City, NY. Brewster turned out 735; compared to more than 12,000 F4U Corsairs built by the Chance Vought Aircraft Corp of Stratford, Ct. Neither company’s exists today.

## REFLECTIONS

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, We thank You for our families, our jobs, our veterans and our brave service men and women. We humbly come to You today, Lord, and ask for Your guidance and blessings, not just for ourselves, but also for our nation. Please be with our service men and women and their families. Help there to be peace soon so they may be home again to their loved ones. In Your name we pray. Amen.