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CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Sat	Apr 1		April Fools Day
Sun	Apr 2	6:00 PM	Snow Mobile Meeting – Small Room
Mon	Apr 3	7:00 PM	SAL Meeting
Tues	Apr 4	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Apr 5	7:00 PM	Board or Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Apr 6	7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Information Meeting – Dish to Share or Not
Fri	Apr 7	5:30 – 8:00 PM	6 th Lenten Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Phil Colvin’s Crew
Sat	Apr 8	PM	Wedding Reception
Sun	Apr 9		Palm Sunday
		8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
Mon	Apr 10	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting – Announce Proposed Slate of Officers
Weds	Apr 12		Passover Begins at Sundown
		Noon	Senior Citizens Luncheon Meeting
Fri	Apr 14		Good Friday
		5:30 – 8:00 PM	7 th Lenten Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Don Smith’s Crew
Sat	Apr 15	Noon – 2 PM	Kids Easter Party – Must sign up by Weds Apr 12 th (See Special Events)
Sun	Apr 16		Easter – Post Closed
Tues	Apr 18	6:30 PM	Tompkins County Joint American Legion & Auxiliary Meeting at Post 770
Weds	Apr 19	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	Apr 21	5 :30 – 8 :00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Sat	Apr 22		Earth Day
	Apr 22 – 24		National Oratorical Contest (We have no entries)
Sun	Apr 23	8:00 -11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
		1:00 PM	6 th District Spring Meeting at Post 189, Norwich, NY
Mon	Apr 24	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Apr 26	Noon	Senior Citizens Meeting
Sat	Apr 29	6:00 PM	Fireman’s Banquet

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Post 770 Website – www.Post770.com - Patrick Richar at 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188 – 2430 is looking for photos and info of interest to our Legion family. Contact Patrick if you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail.

Joint Legion Family Information Meeting – will be held on Thursday, Apr 6th at 7 PM. This will be a dish to share or not meeting in as much as last months meeting was snowed out. Bring your questions and suggestions for discussion.

Steak & Fish Fry Lenten Dinners & Breakfasts – will continue into April with the last Lenten Fish Fry to be held on Good Friday, April 14th. The breakfasts are being held from 8 – 11:00 AM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in April.

Volunteer Bartenders Needed – We have seen some new faces behind the bar lately. Thank you to those who heeded our call and stepped up to the plate. We can still use more.

Kids Easter Party - will take place at Noon on Saturday, April 15th. The event will include all kids from newborn to 12 years of age. Following the Easter Egg Hunt, the Easter Bunny will hop to each little boy and girl with a basket full of

goodies. There will be refreshments for all. Parents and Grandparents will need to sign up your big or little tots by Wednesday, April 12th.

Elections of Officers – The slate proposed by the nominating committee will be announced at the Monday, April 10th membership meeting. The election of officers will take place on either Monday, May 8th or Monday, May 22nd membership meeting. The date decided on will be announced in the May newsletter. Anyone having an interest in running for an American Legion office should make his or her thoughts known to the nomination committee or any current officer.

Grass Roots Festival – We have received confirmation for the opportunity to return to the festival this year. Please keep this fun summer event in the back of your minds. More information to follow in the next newsletter.

POST NEWS

As we begin our Post news at the point at which we finished up last month; it seems we should start off with the results of the Chili Cook Off... There was no Chili Cook Off due to circumstances at the time. Perhaps we will have one later in the spring but this is doubtful at this time. We ate chili at home for more than a week from the entry we had planned to bring to the Legion.... On Thursday, March 2nd we had a snowfall of about 9 inches or so. As we headed to the 7 PM Information meeting at the Post with a crock-pot of corn chowder to share, I was surprised to see a “closed due to weather” sign on the Legion door. Don & Dawn Smith coming to set up for Friday night’s Fish Fry met us. We’re not sure how all of that turned out but that chowder sure did taste good at home. ... There were a couple of fund raising breakfasts and a dinner put on in early March. From what we could gather the turnout was moderate. We did hear a sad tale about the last Legion breakfast in February. It seems that midway through, the plumbing backed up everywhere! Drain Brain had to be called to unplug the drain to the sewer system. The cost prevented us from making a profit on this event. It was not a happy day for the Heroux crew. We keep telling Jim “But things happen”. But he wonders “Why with my crew?” ... Moving right along, Chef Tom Bennett was pleased with the turnout at our Steak and Shrimp dinner. Although we didn’t have the crowd that we normally have for fish fry’s, 75 – 80 dinners seemed like an enjoyable number. We probably could have served three sides instead of two. It seems that a lot of people wanted the soup, salad, and potato with their entrée. ... At our last Post meeting the membership chose to donate a monetary gift to the DARE program. It was also noted at our last meeting that if anyone has questions or a problem relating to our Post operation they should call Commander Al or Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Tom Bennett. This gets much better and more accurate results than asking a question or having a discussion at the bar. ... We are pleased to announce that our Post 770 Military Funeral detail will henceforth be clad in like uniforms. Thank you Funeral Director Joseph Sibley of the Ness-Sibley Funeral Home for the purchase of 10 American Legion Jackets to be used at all Military funerals. Our Post is often asked to provide a color guard, flag folders, and chaplain as part of the Post 770 Military Funeral detail. It is fitting that we will be attired in uniforms consisting of American Legion Logo Jackets, black pants and shoes, white short sleeve shirts and black ties. If you would like to participate in our Military Funeral detail, please call Phil Colvin, chairperson of our group. Phil maintains a phone tree for notification of funerals. While on the subject, let me remind our members that when a member dies, we form (with Legion hats) at the Post at 6:45 and proceed to the funeral home in mass for 7 PM calling hours. This has been, and still is, our commitment as a Legionnaire. Thank you Joe for your generous donation. ... During the past two weeks you have responded generously to the sale of our Albert M. Becker Memorial Scholarship raffle tickets. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a boy or girl whose parents are members of the American Legion family, and are pursuing a degree in the field of journalism. The NY American Legion Press Association sponsors this annual award. As a member I receive several raffle tickets to sell. We asked for twenty more, and I am pleased to say they were gobbled up within several days. Thank you for your support. I hope we will have some winners among our purchasers. ... We understand the Boy Scout Spaghetti dinner had a fantastic response with their fundraiser put on at the Legion. There were even placemats with ads from various businesses to supplement the profit for the evening. We are pleased that we can provide a place for some of our community organizations to be able to host events. After all, our motto is to provide an obligation to the community, state, and nation. What better ways can we be of service to our community? ... We are about to witness the recession of snow as we approach April. Once again it is time to think about our “Walk of Honor” bricks surrounding our Cannon Memorial. Our brick inscriber begins his seasonal work as the freezing temperatures subside. We have sent all of our existing orders in and now await their fulfillment. For those of you who are considering the purchase of an inscribed brick in honor of a loved one, family member, or for yourself, this is a good time to pick up an order form at the Legion lounge and have your brick inscribed. Harold Wright will soon return and will be placing new bricks in our “Walk of Honor”. ... As our newsletter deadline is about to be reached, St Patrick’s Day and the Legion Birthday dinner will soon be upon us. For those that enjoy Corned Beef and Cabbage the Lions Club, Snow Machine Club dinner for seniors will be held on Wednesday night, Legion Fish and Steak Fry dinner on Friday

night, and Corned Beef and cabbage again on Saturday night for the Legion birthday party. Do we have anyone out there who will enjoy all three dinners? Sounds like an active week to me. ... Winding up loose ends we note that Ed Brown has wired up our warming unit in the kitchen. Thanks, Ed. Also a fan or two has been replaced and our thermostats for heat settings are being repaired or replaced. ... The membership has funded summer camp for a girl scout as part of our involvement with scouting programs. We are also paying for the membership dues for one of our long time member that is in a nursing home. ... Let us close "Post News" by stating that our National American Legion Press Association (NALPA) will be giving special focus on three issues during the year of 2006. If you have not guessed from some of our writings in past issues they are as follows: "Support for the War Effort (AL Resolution 169), Flag Amendment (AL Resolution 300), and Combat ACLU Abuse (AL Resolution 326). NALPA can play an important role in our communication process as we enhance our services to our veterans and educate American about those core values that are in jeopardy." This information was from a staff report delivered in the Winter Edition of the NALPA newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 382 at the last count. To reach our quota of 432 we still need 50 more new members or re-ups. Time is running out before our Department and District convention and we would like to report 100 % membership enrollment. A reminder that if you haven't renewed your membership you will not be able to shake or sign in, receive your newsletter, receive your American Legion Magazine, and renew your American Legion Life Insurance. So, please, heed our last call, take care of that lapsed membership dues tomorrow. Let us know of any change in your address and keep us posted on any new events in your life. We are trying to make our newsletter an informative one.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: Robert Davenport – Hospitalized

Taps: James T. Ellison – passed away at home on Monday, February 20, 2006. Jim enlisted in the Army Air Force on June 29, 1940 and trained as a pilot. While stationed in Italy in 1944 and 1945, Jim piloted P- 38's in the European Theater of Operations as a member of the 15th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron and was awarded an Air Medal and Distinguished Unit Citation for participating in 14 combat missions. In Sept 1945, he was honorably discharged from the Air Force with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. Services were held at the First Baptist Church on February 25, 2006. Eight members of the Post 770 American Legion and two members of the US Air Force performed a Military Honors Tribute.

James W. Crimmins – died on March 2, 2006 at Hope Hospice, Florida after a short illness. Jim was a long time Post 770 member and a Marine Veteran of WW II. He was well known in T-burg as the former operator, along with his family, of the T-burg IGA next to the creek on the corner of Main and Union Streets. A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. James the Apostle Church in Trumansburg on Tuesday, March 7, 2006. In lieu of flowers donations maybe made to the Trumansburg American Legion Post 770, T-burg, NY.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is at 160. We welcome Nancy Case as a new senior. We got a thank you note from Dennis Compton, from Iraq, for the phone card. He stated he shares it with his buddies to call home. On March 4th, member Christina and husband Scott Hulslander had their first baby, Nathan Scott. The very proud grandparents are Don & Dawn Smith and great-grandmother is Wescena Smith. Our thoughts are with "Lulu" Powless. A big Thank You to Butch & Susie Smith & Roberta Stilwell for scrubbing the floor and mats behind the big bar. It really needed it. The kids Easter party will be on 4/15 from Noon till 2:00 PM. Please sign up your tots, new born to 10 years of age, by Weds, Apr 12th. President Vickii wants to sincerely thank Marge for doing Auxiliary & SAL membership boards for bartenders use.

Our next meeting will be on April 4th starting at 7:00 PM.

Have a Happy Easter!

Respectfully Submitted, Marge Bennett

SAL NEWS

The SAL meeting date has been changed to the 1st Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be April 3rd. Election of SAL officers will take place at the following meeting on May 1st. Nominations for these positions are now being accepted. If you would like to nominate someone who is capable, willing, and interested to serve our squadron, please attend these meetings or call Brady Roach at 387-6636 or James Richar at 280-7747. Your participation in this election process and future meetings will be greatly appreciated. Membership stands at 39 and we still have about 20 members not paid. Please re-join this squadron if at all possible. Also, we intend to put forth a serious membership drive this year. So if you know someone eligible to join the squad, let us know and we will follow up. Many thanks to Bill Mather for the generous donation of a convection oven for our kitchen.

Dear Fellow American Legion Members,

In harmony with the SAL and the Auxiliary, Post 770 would like its members to take a minute and let us know their views on important issues that help us function as a Veterans organization. How can we get more members to the meetings and to participate in various functions? Below is a list of questions that may help us. Please take the time to answer them and add any suggestions that may help us improve the Post and return to: American Legion Post 770, PO Box 681, T-burg, NY 14886

Would a call or notice to remind you of meetings be helpful? Y/N If so, how far in advance? _____
Would a different meeting day or time be better? Y/N Is so, what day? _____ what time? _____
How can you help the Post? _____

Can you work at functions? Y/N Days Available _____ Mornings _____ Afternoons _____ Evenings _____
Would you be willing to call people to help with functions or remind them of meetings? Y/N
Would you be willing to hold an office or serve on the Board of Trustees? Y/N
Can you make any suggestions for the betterment of our Post? _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone # _____

Thank you for your time and suggestions.