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### CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

<b>Thurs Jan 1</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>New Year's Day – Post Closed</b>
Mon Jan 5	7:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
	7:00 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
Tues Jan 6	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds Jan 7	Noon	Senior Citizen's Luncheon Meeting
	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri Jan 9	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Phil Colvin's Crew
Sat Jan 10	TBA	6 <sup>th</sup> District Oratorical Contest at Oxford
Mon Jan 12	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Thurs Jan 15	5:30 – 8:00 PM	American Legion Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Sun Jan 18	1:00 PM	6 <sup>th</sup> District Winter Meeting at Post 616 – Richfield Springs
<b>Mon Jan 19</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Birthday – Observed</b>
	7:00 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
Weds Jan 21	Noon	Senior Citizen's Luncheon Meeting
	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri–Sun Jan 23 –25		Mid Winter Conference in Albany
Sun Jan 25	7:30 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
Mon Jan 26	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting

### SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Regular Post Bar and Lounge Hours:** Monday through Sunday we open at 2:00 PM. Closing times are Monday – Thursday 10:00 PM; Friday and Saturday 11:00 PM and Sunday at 8:00 PM. Hours are extended for certain special events such as breakfast, etc. Hours may be changed at the discretion of the bartender.

**Volunteer Bartenders Needed:** We may be forced to reduce our bar hours and dates if more volunteers don't step up to the plate. Things are reaching that point. Please contact Brady Roach or Commander Tom Stilwell if you are able to help out.

**Walk of Honor:** We continue to accept orders for bricks to be etched even though they will not be installed at our Memorial Site until spring. Order forms are available in the entryway to the lounge. The purchase of a brick is a meaningful way to honor a veteran.

**Post 770 Website:** [www.Post770.com](http://www.Post770.com) Why not pull up our website and see what is new? If you have any newsworthy items that would be of interest to our Legion family, please contact Patrick Richar, 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188-2430

### CHAPLAINS CORNER

**Sick Call:** **Mary (Jackie) Alford:** Fell, Broken Hip – CMC  
**Al Richar:** Sick with Shingles – Recuperating

**Sue Wright:** Knee Replacement – Home

**TAPS: Alma Charlotte Mount Hogben:** Passed away on November 12, 2008 at Velly Nursing Center in Taylorsville, NC. Alma was the mother of American Legion members Chauncey and Roger Townsend. She was a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 770.

**Ted Doty:** Died November 23, 2008 following a severe illness. Ted was widely known in Legion circles having held numerous offices and serving on many committees. He was currently serving as 6<sup>th</sup> District Treasurer and Vice-Chairman of the Rules Committee.

## POST NEWS

As we look over all of the things that have happened and are about to happen the Post news will be a conglomeration of “things” this time around. ...We aren’t sure whether Phil Colvin, our sports chairman, has put together a bowling team for the State American Legion Tournament to be held at the Geneva Sunset Bowl during April and May. You might want to contact Phil if interested. ...Our latest facility report tells us that our dishwasher is in good shape but our heating system gave us some problems during the Winter Festival weekend. We understand the banquet room was a little cool during the Smorgasbord dinner but steps were taken to get the furnace to “call” for heat once again. Two inches of snow on or about that time caused Jim Proctor, who has the contract for plowing our parking lot, to clean it out. Perhaps we need to wait until we have a little bit more snow than that? ...People have been attending our events at the Post in pretty good numbers. 170 were served at our Sunday breakfast, 176 at our Friday night steak and fish fry, 70 – 80 at our Winter Festival smorgasbord, and 81 at the Hog’s Xmas dinner. Sounds like sizeable numbers, which means that a lot of volunteers were behind the scene. We thank them one and all. ...The Post membership is pleased to announce that monetary donations were made to the Girl Scouts for Christmas stocking gifts to be sent to our Armed Forces overseas, and to the kid’s Christmas party for use in purchasing presents and food. ...The holiday spirit is evident to anyone visiting our Post. The beautiful decorations both inside and out are something to behold. I have seen Renee Heroux with Christmas lights in hand but the rest of those who helped out remains unknown. Let us say thank you to all of those who were involved and we hope Santa rewards you for your generosity. In the spirit of Christmas let’s not forget all of the Salvation Army Bell Ringers rounded up by Ann Russell. It was great to see some at the Shursave with grandkids shaking the bell. .... Our family was in need of several devices for use by a handicapped person recently. We were grateful that they were available from the Auxiliary storage shed. When their use was no longer required we returned them with thanks that they were available. Soon after that we found that we had an extra commode and walker of our own that was no longer needed so we took them to the Legion where they were reluctantly accepted because there was no more space available. This seems a shame. My reason for bringing this to your attention is to let you know that the Auxiliary has many handicapped devices that they would like to see used. Please, if you have need, ask at the Post. They will be more than happy to help you out with what you need to borrow.

## MEMBERSHIP

We are ever so slowly moving toward our quota of 380. Presently at 315, we have quite a ways to go to grab the \$100 incentive offered by the County Commander. We have been behind before, let’s tighten our belts and re-up, sign-up or make waves.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

There are still a number of members that need to pay their dues to help us make our quota. Our best to the following for a speedy recovery....Mary Alford who fell and broke her hip, Sue Wright who had knee surgery, Ruth Scott and Barb Goldsmith whom also had surgery. We lost Alma Hogben on Nov 12<sup>th</sup>. She was a 71 year member, our longest to date. She had been residing in a North Carolina nursing home. Our condolences to the Roger Townsend family. Our next meeting is January 6<sup>th</sup>. Watch the paper for the next Auxiliary Dinner. We again want to thank all those who make baked goods for our dinners. We also thank Rene Heroux and the SAL for our post decorations. Lastly, thanks to all those that rang the bell for the Salvation Army. We wish everyone a Happy New Year. Looking ahead, The Auxiliary will be 75 this coming March.

Submitted, Marge Bennett

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

The SAL has collected and delivered many health and wellness items for the Bath Vets for Christmas. Thanks to all for your generosity. At our last meeting we managed to decorate the lounge for the holidays (and the ladies room, thanks Chris, et. al.). Not bad for a bunch of guys. Membership is currently 33. Our quota this year is 58, so lets get out and renew your membership. Our next meeting will be January 5<sup>th</sup>. Plan on spending an hour or so taking care of our post.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### INTREPID RETURNING HOME



The historic aircraft carrier Intrepid, shown earlier at a repair facility in Bayonne, NJ has been towed up New York Harbor and slotted into its familiar Hudson River berth.

### PRIVATE COLLEGES EXPAND VETERANS' OPPORTUNITES

**Highlights of Law:** The Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act, which applies to active-duty and honorable discharged veterans with at least 90 days of active-duty service will: 1.) Issue “up front” tuition vouchers directly to educational institutions. 2.) Allow institutions to match specific scholarships for tuition. 3.) Provide a monthly living stipend to most veterans. 4.) Give a book allowance of \$1,000 a year. 5.) Extend the benefit from 10 years to 15 years after discharge or separation. 6.) Allow active-duty personnel and veterans to transfer the benefits to a spouse after six years of active duty, and to a child after 10 years of active duty. 7.) Provide up to \$1,200 for tutorial assistance. 8.) Pay pro-rated amounts of scholarships and benefits for people with less than 36 months of active-duty service, unless they were discharged for a service-connected disability. For more information, call the Veterans Administration at 888-442-4551.

### Shinseki To Be Named VA Secretary

Shinseki, a Japanese-American born in Hawaii, won two Purple Hearts in Vietnam vowed Sunday to improve a Department of Veterans Affairs that has been widely criticized for failing to meet disabled veterans' needs. “Veterans

who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan in particular are confronting serious, severe wounds – some seen, some unseen – making it difficult for them to get on with their lives in this struggling economy,” he said, referring in part to veterans with hidden mental health issues. “They deserve a smooth, error-free, no-fail, benefits assured transition into our ranks as veterans.” Speaking to veterans, Shinseki added, “I will work each and every day to ensure we are serving you as well as you served us.

**Free Acupuncture for Veterans - Ithaca Veterans Acupuncture Clinic**

A community project supported by Acupuncturists Without Borders and the Ithaca Health Alliance Free Clinic. Boost Energy, Improve Sleep, Relieve Stress, Anxiety, and Nightmares, Quit Smoking, Family members welcome. Where: Ithaca Free Clinic 225 South Fulton Street, Ithaca, N.Y. When: Every Tuesday 5-7 PM For information call 274-7520 or 330-1253