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CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Sat	June 2	1:00 PM	Wedding Reception
Mon	June 4	6:30 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Installation of Officers Dinner
		7:00 PM	At Post 221 – Ithaca
		7:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
		7:00 PM	Alumni Reunion Committee Meeting for 2008 Reunion
Tues	June 5	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	June 6	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	June 7	1:00 PM	Wedding Reception
Fri	June 8	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Phil Colvin’s Crew
Sat	June 9	11:00 AM-4:00 PM	Demolition Derby Food Tent at the Fairgrounds
		1:00 PM	Shower
		6:00 PM	6 th District Convention Dinner at Post 1700, West Endicott
Sun	June 10	Noon – 5:00 PM	Wedding Shower
		1:00 PM	6 th District Convention at Post 1700
		2:00 PM	Wedding Shower
Mon	June 11	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Thurs	June 14	FLAG	Flag Day – Fly Your Flag
Sat	June 16	5:00 – 11:00 PM	Party
Sun	June 17		Father’s Day
		7:30 – 11:00 AM	Father’s Day Breakfast – Public Invited
Weds	June 20	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	June 21	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Sun-Sat	June 24-30		American Legion Boys State at Morrisville, NY
Mon	June 25	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	June 27	6:00 PM	Senior Citizens Dinner Meeting
Fri	June 29	6:00 PM	Birthday Party

Planning Ahead – September 2nd or the 16th for the family picnic and the 7th – 9th for a fall cleanup of our facilities.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Walk of Honor”: We continue to accept orders for bricks to be etched and installed. 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: Why not pull up our website and see what is new and appealing. If you have any newsworthy items please send them to Patrick Richar at 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188-2430.

Fathers Day Breakfast: Let’s honor Dad on this special Fathers Day by taking him out to enjoy one of our spectacular Legion breakfasts. He will surely come home with a full stomach. We are always looking for volunteer help on any of our breakfasts. Why not give Jim Heroux or Brady Roach a call if you can help out.

Grassroots American Legion Food Tent: Grassroots will be taking place in July. This is one of our biggest money making events. Please sign up for 1 or more of the 6 hour shifts posted on the bulletin board. Maybe you can get a group together and fill all 8 spots on a shift. It’s up to you to run with this.

Tompkins County Installation of Officers Dinner & 6th District Convention Dinner: will be held on June 4th at 6:30 PM at Post 221 in Ithaca and on June 9th at 6:00 PM at Post 1700, West Endicott, NY. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Al Richar, Tom Bennett, Bill Parker or any other Post officers for tickets to the dinners.

Lost Keys: We are still looking for a key to access the glass enclosed patch board by the pool table. We would like to transfer our uniform insignias from the smaller case to the new larger one. Can any one open it?

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership grew by 8 since our last newsletter. We are now at 387, however this is not enough because we are still 18 short of our quota. Time is running out so please re-up or sign up now. We are beginning to trim our mailing list for those delinquent members. Welcome new member Gary S Kirton. It's nice to have you with us.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: **Jim Golden:** CMC – Now Home **Dawn Reeves:** CMC – Now Home

Taps: **Lewis Steve:** He was the father-in-law of member Bill Scott.

Irene Clock: She was the sister of member Felix Jakubowski.

Danielle Crumb: She was the daughter-in-law of member Ronnie Crumb.

A NOTE FROM OUR NEW COMMANDER

I would like to thank Al Richar for all the time he has put forth for the last several years as Commander. I accept this position and all of its responsibilities and look forward to working with the Membership, the Auxiliary, the SAL, and the Board or Trustees.

Respectfully, Thomas Stilwell

POST NEWS

In our last Legion Post News, we mentioned that the Auxiliary, for use in military funerals, presented an engraved electronic bugle to the Post. Let us add more information about the gift. Brian O'Donnell, co-owner of A & B Awards and Engraving, did the engraving on the bugle. We thank him so much for a really professional job well done. ... We were pleased to receive a response from member Oleta Bower regarding our thoughts on military displays (April Newsletter). Oleta sent us some military memorabilia to be displayed with our collection. This is probably a good time to appeal for some more ideas and volunteer help to get this project off the ground and running. Oh, by the way, we are really in need of several mannequins' or else wooden devices over which we can drape uniforms. Let us hear from you. ...Now that the weather has warmed up there has been an appeal from our smokers who were banished to the great outdoors. It seems they would like an umbrella during rainy days. Does anyone out there have one you are not using? We are sure they would welcome it with open arms. ...Once again Post 770 had their annual election of officers. The results is as follows: Commander – Tom Stilwell, 1st Vice – Tom Bennett, 2nd Vice – Jim Dew, 3rd Vice – Scott Hulslander, Adjutant – Phil Colvin, Financial Officer – Lee Weaver, Service Officer – Don Bennett, Chaplain – Bill Parker, Historian – George Van Valen, Sgt- at-Arms – Cal Bailey, Judge Advocate – Don Smith. Delegates to the 6th District and Department Conventions are Tom Bennett and Harold Wright with Bill Parker as alternate. With the retirement of three of our Trustees whose terms have expired, three new ones have been chosen to take their place. They are Al Richar, Don Cole and Bob Grunder. There were 27 members in attendance at the meeting in which our officers were elected. Retiring Commander Al Richar was accorded a round of applause for the three years he led the Post as Commander. ... There will be three teams competing for the Tompkins County American Legion baseball title this year. They are Lansing, Trumansburg, and Ithaca. Let's give our boys the support they deserve by attending their games. Check the Journal for game times and dates. I have not seen a schedule yet. ...Our Post has donated money to be used for the purchase of Cornell ROTC awards. We have joined the other Tompkins County American Legions in this endeavor. ...The membership was informed by the Board of Trustees that the contract for lawn maintenance and pond upkeep has been awarded to a company that does this sort of thing. Also our insurance on the Post has been increased to better cover any unforeseen problems. ...We were informed that there was a great turn out for the Mother's Day breakfast. 243 to be

exact. Let's hope we have an equally good turnout for the Father's Day breakfast. Jim Heroux reports they were somewhat short of cooks. Once again we are putting out an appeal for volunteer help on the Father's Day breakfast. Give it a try. You will enjoy it. ...We heard great reports about the Prime Rib dinner enjoyed by the Trumansburg Fire Department back in April. Tom & Roberta Stilwell and crew did a great job on a fantastic dinner enjoyed by 125 people. Also, we heard good reports on the Women's Bowling Banquet Luncheon with the same crew working and serving 24 ladies. The Tompkins County Health Department retirement dinner was well attended and was prepared & served by Jim & Renee Heroux and crew. ...Blair Hoover was ready to play taps on the new bugle presented to the Legion by the Auxiliary. While we were waiting in the church for the military part of the service for Bill Baker, Blair asked one of the three Army personnel from Bath, "What is this gadget at the end of the electronic device inside the bugle?" Upon investigation we all discovered it was a switch to play a number of different songs such as "Reveille, Call to Colors, Taps, etc." Sure glad we found out! Can you imagine the embarrassment of playing "Reveille" by mistake? Well, Blair didn't, and Taps sounded as it should have sounded as a part of a military funeral.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is now at 160 and we need 28 more members for 100%. The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers: President: Susie Smith, 1st Vice: Vickii Barry, 2nd Vice: Ann Stiles Hunt, 3rd Vice: Sue McConnell, Secretary: Elaine Joseph, Treasurers: Roberta Stilwell & Mary Schmidt, Sgt-at-Arms: Pat Plantaniotis. Elections will be at the June 5th meeting at 7:00 PM. The Poppy Princess this year is Ashley Craig. Congratulations. We wish to thank Sue Wright for doing the flowers for the Post. Vickii gave a report on the Spring Conference at our last meeting. We also decided to give a donation to the Junior Prom & we purchased 2 new fire extinguishers for the kitchen. Our thoughts are with Pat Platt and Jean Hovencamp. The Auxiliary June 21st dinner will be a customer appreciation smorgasbord dinner for \$6.00. This will be the last dinner until September. The Mothers Day breakfast was a huge success serving 243. A job well done. The Auxiliary extends a Huge THANK YOU to out going Commander Al Richar for all of his hard work & efforts these last three years. Congratulations to Tom Stilwell on a very successful year.

Happy Fathers Day to All. SAVE: Sept 11, 2007 – Antique Appraisal Day Respectively submitted Marge Bennett

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Election of officers was held Tuesday, May 15th. The roster of officers remains as follows: Brady Roach, Commander; James Richar, Vice Commander; Gordy Veley, Vice Commander; Lee Weaver, Adjutant; Gary Reckenwald; Treasurer, Lenny Bailey, Historian; Chip Martin, Sgt. Arms; Chris Vann, Chaplain. Membership is currently at 54, which is 96% of our quota of 56. There are still several of our members that have not renewed for 2007. Please come out and help us reach our membership goal. There is not much time left. Our Father's Day raffle of the Bose Wave Music System is still underway and but ticket sales have become stagnant. Please get out there and sell some, they are available at the Lounge. Also, we still need a few volunteers to help with the Father's Day Breakfast (June 17th). Please contact Brady Roach (387-6636) if you would like to help us honor all of our parents. Lastly, I was sincerely ashamed of the lack of attendance at the officer installation dinner by the Legion, Auxiliary, and especially the SAL members. This was an opportunity lost to honor many long-term members of our organization and to welcome our new officers. Respectfully, Brady Roach

FLAG ETIQUETTE & PRESENTATION PROTOCOL HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

With June 14th being celebrated as "**Flag Day**" we thought it appropriate that we refresh our memory concerning flag etiquette.

Flag Etiquette: You decided to show your patriotism by installing a flagpole and hanging the good ol' red, white, and blue. The problem is you're not sure of the proper rules for flying our colors on private property. Here are the US regulations for displaying flags at home. The custom is to fly the US flag daily from sunrise to sunset. If you would like to display it 24 hours a day, illuminate it at night. The US flag should never touch the ground, the floor, water, or anything underneath it. If the US flag is displayed on the same pole as another flag, the US flag must be on top. The US flag should be the largest flag on display. The flag is to be flown at half-staff in mourning for designated, principal government leaders and upon presidential or gubernatorial order. Half-staff means the flag is one-half the distance between the top and the bottom of staff. To properly place the flag at half-staff, you should first raise the flag to the top of the staff for a moment and then lower it to half-staff.

For additional information on displaying the US flag, visit www.usflag.org.

Honoring Those Who Served: Flag Presentation Protocol: Occasionally, the family does not choose to have a military presence at the funeral, but does request presentation of the American flag by the funeral director. This is a quick reference for such occasions. A United States flag drapes the casket of deceased veterans to honor the memory of their service to the country. The ceremonial folding and presentation of that flag is a moving tribute of lasting import to the veteran's family. The flag is placed so the union blue field is at the head and over the left shoulder of the deceased. After Taps has been played, the flag is carefully folded into the symbolic tri-cornered shape. It is then presented as a keepsake to the next of kin or and appropriate family member.

ARMY ANNOUNCES WOUNDED SOLDIER HOTLINE

The Army will open phone lines on its new Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline, providing wounded and injured Soldiers and their family members another way to resolve medical issues. "The hotline also provides an information channel for Soldiers medical-related issues to go directly to senior Army leadership in order to improve the way the Army serves the medical needs of Soldiers and their families." Recent events at Walter Reed Army Medical Center made it clear the Army needs to revise how it meets the needs of our injured and wounded Soldiers and their families. The Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline can be reached from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday through Friday at 800-984-8523. The call center is under the command of the US Army's Human Resources Command.