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CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Thurs	June 1	7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Information Meeting
Fri	June 2	6:00 PM	Retirement Party
Sat	June 3		Wedding Reception
Mon	June 5	6:30 PM	Tompkins County Installation of Officers Dinner at Post 800, Groton
		7:00 PM	Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Tues	June 6	FLAG	D-Day, 1944
		6:00 PM	Trumansburg Teachers Retirement Party
		7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	June 9	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Phil Colvin’s Crew
Sat	June 10		Wedding
		6:00 PM	6 th District Convention Dinner at Post 1645, Binghamton
Sun	June 11	1:00 PM	6 th District Convention Meeting
		2:00 PM	Baby Shower
		4:00 PM	Blue and Gold Sports Boosters Awards Banquet
Mon	June 12	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	June 14	FLAG	Flag Day
		Noon	Senior Citizens Luncheon
Sat	June 17	Noon	Wedding Reception
Sun	June 18	FLAG	Fathers Day
Tues	June 20	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	June 23	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Shrimp Dinner – Public Invited
Sat	June 24	6:00 PM	Car Pride Meeting
Sun	June 25	FLAG	Korean War Started, 1950
		8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
Sun-Sat	June 25-1 st		American Legion Boys State at Morrisville, NY
Mon	June 26	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	June 28	6:00 PM	Senior Citizens Annual Dinner Meeting
Looking Ahead:			
Thurs - Sun	July 20 – 23		Grassroots American Legion Food Tent (See Special Events)
Tues-Sun	Aug 22 –27		T-burg Fair American Legion Food Tent
Sun	Sept 10	Noon -?	Legion Family Picnic at Raymond’s Pond - Post Will Be Closed

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint Legion Family Information Meeting – will be held on Thursday, June 1st at 7:00 PM. Bring your questions and suggestions for discussion. Who knows what areas we will be looking into?

Shrimp and Steak Dinner – will be put on for the public on Friday, June 23rd at 5:30 – 8:00 PM. Perhaps, with this earlier notice, we can top last month’s dinner attendance. Come and give our delicious “surf and turf” a try.

Grassroots American Legion Food Tent – will take place on Thursday, July 20th through Sunday, July 23rd. You will recall we had to cancel last year because of a lack of volunteer workers. As one of our best money making opportunities we cannot afford to let it slide by this year. Please sign up for one of the 6-hour shifts posted on our 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 and 6th District Convention Dinners – will be held on June 5th at 6:30 PM at Post 800, Groton and on June 10th at 6:00 PM at Post 1645 in Binghamton. Anyone wishing to attend either of these dinners should contact Cmdr. Al, Tom Bennett, Bill Parker or any other Post Officers for tickets to the dinners. No tickets are required to attend the Convention Meetings.

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 via e-mail.

Volunteer Bartenders- are urgently needed! We are faced with the unpleasant possibility of closing down the Post on certain afternoons and evenings unless our pool of bartenders increases. This is certainly not the answer to having a popular "Home Away From Home" to come to. If you have any thoughts of helping us out or know of anyone who might, please contact any Officer or Board Member and we will take it from there. Thank you in advance.

POST NEWS

It is time once again to announce the results of the election of officers. There are but one or two changes from those proposed by the nominating committee. Officers for the year 2006-2007 are as follows: Commander – Al Richar, Adjutant – Phil Colvin, 1st Vice- Tom Bennett, 2nd Vice- Tim Frank, 3rd Vice – Tom Stilwell, Finance Officer – Lee Weaver, Service Officer – Don Bennett, Chaplain – Bill Parker, Historian – George Van Valen, Sgt-At-Arms - Open, Judge Advocate – Don Smith. Several terms of members of the Board of Trustees have expired. The following are replacements appointed to the Board: Al Richar, Tom Bennett, and Roger Meier. They will serve 3-year terms... Recently 15 newly inscribed bricks were added to the "Walk of Honor" at the Village Memorial located at Post 770. We are planning to add twelve marble posts and chains surrounding the Memorial. In addition, a cement base will be put under the marble stone inscribed "Walk of Honor". If you were planning to purchase a brick honoring a veteran, this would be a good time to do so. Application forms may be picked up at the entryway to the lounge. ... Although our breakfasts have been well received we are sorry to announce a cutback to one each month. Breakfasts will be served on the 4th Sunday of each month. We were not able to come up with a crew for the 2nd of the month. ... The Demolition Derby American Legion Food Tent was a huge success. Thanks to the crews for the set up, serving, and tearing down to be prepared for the breakfast on Sunday. With the Fish fry on Friday night, the Derby Tent on Saturday, and the breakfast on Sunday, some of our volunteers wore themselves out. A special thank you to Harold Wright and Dave Allen for rescuing the Eagle on top of the Flagpole from becoming destroyed by the US Flag being caught up on the arrow and Eagle during one of our many brisk, windy days. Thank you one and all for all of the volunteering you do!

MEMBERSHIP

We are slowly creeping up on our membership numbers. At this time we are at 392 members, an improvement of 5 since last month. Time is running out as we are entering a new Legion year. Please encourage your friends who have not re-upped to do so. Also, there are a lot of new Armed Forces and Veterans out there who haven't been approached. Sign them up!

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: **Camel Chantra** – Very ill at home **Gene Carroll** – Surgery
 James Riddle – CMC – Now home **Wayne Butler** – Ill **Jackie Newhart** – CMC – Now home

Taps: **James Crimmins** – died on March 2, 2006. Post 770 participated in a military funeral on Sat, May 13, 2006.

Audrey B. Ball – died December 30, 2005. She was a life member of the Post 770 American Legion Auxiliary. Graveside services were held at St. James Cemetery on Tuesday, May 16, 2006.

Bill Alford – died on January 14, 2006. Post 770 participated in a military funeral on Saturday May 20, 2006. A reception for relatives and friends was held at the Post following the funeral.

Robert Davenport – died on April 24, 2006. He was a member of Post 770.

Winton Baines – A memorial reception was held for relatives and friends at the Post 770 on May 6, 2006.

Ronald S. Ashcraft – passed away on Monday, May 15, 2006 at the Seneca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Waterloo. Ron enlisted in the US Marine Corps in 1945 and was honorably discharged in 1951. He was a long time member of Post 770. In keeping with Ron's wishes, no funeral services have been scheduled.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is at 170. We welcome Donna Treleaven as a new senior member. The nominating committee presented the following names of Officers for July 2006 to July 2007: President – Susie Smith, 1st Vice – Vickii Barry, 2nd Vice- Ann Stiles, Secretary – Ruth Scott, Treasurers – Roberta Stilwell and Mary Schmidt, Sergeant at Arms – Mary Harvey. Elections will be at the June 6th meeting at 7:00 PM. At the 6th District Meeting, President Vickii was appointed Sergeant At Arms and also on the Resolutions Committee at the Department Convention in July. Congratulations Vickii! . We wish speedy recoveries to Sue Weaver – surgery on 4/25 and to Jackie Newhart – surgery on 5/2. ... Congratulations to Commander Al & Mary Ann Richar on their first grandson, Wyatt James, born on 4/16/06.

Save The Date of September 12th for the auction from 1:00 – 7:00 PM. Pat Bonsall is chairing this event.

More details to follow.

Respectfully Submitted, Marge Bennett

SAL NEWS

Election of SAL officers took place at our regular meeting on Monday, May 1st. The results are: Commander – Brady Roach; Vice Commanders – Gordy Veley, James Richar; Treasurer – Gary Reckenwald; Chaplain – Chris Vann; Historian – Leonard Bailey; Sgt. At Arms – Chip Martin; Adjutant – Lee Weaver. Membership stands at 53, up 4 from last month. Please renew your membership if at all possible. If you know someone eligible to join the squad, please let us know and we will follow up. As you all know, the SAL has agreed to operate a Beer Tent at the T-burg Fair, Friday and Saturday, August 25th and 26th, from noon to midnight. This is a great opportunity for us to raise money for our squadron, but it will require a lot of help to pull it off. We will be running four three-hour shifts each day and we need a minimum of six volunteers per shift. There is a sign-up sheet posted at the Legion or you can call Gordy Veley at 227-0024 to sign up directly. The SAL has purchased six additional 'Handicapped Parking' signs for the Legion. Two will become permanent at the banquet hall entrance and the other four will be temporarily used at large events. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, June 5th at 7:00 PM. Please come out and show your support.

Respectfully, Brady Roach, Commander

JUNE IS FLAG DAY MONTH

The Star Spangled Banner is a symbol of America's freedom. It has flown in times of war, and during times of peace. It is a symbol of our land, and the ideals our countrymen envisioned for our country. The flag is flown in towns and cities, atop buildings large and small. It is carried with pride in parades, and covers the coffins of those who have made the greatest sacrifice for our nation. The Flag is a part of each American citizen and it must be protected and treated with the utmost respect. The Citizens Flag Alliance was created in 1994 to support an amendment that would return to the people the freedom to protect the Flag of the US. The national campaign to enact a flag protection amendment began in 1989 when the Supreme Court ruled 5 – 4 in *Texas vs. Johnson*. The decision stated that flag desecration was a means of public protest in an act of free expression protected by the First Amendment. This decision invalidated flag desecration laws in 48 states and the District of Columbia. The American people were outraged, and viewed a constitutional amendment as the only way to achieve flag protection. Congress was petitioned to adopt a flag protection amendment but responded by passing the Flag Protection Act of 1989, which protected the Flag from acts of physical desecration. In 1990, the Supreme Court ruled in *United States vs. Eichman* that the Flag Protection Act was unconstitutional due to "inconsistencies" with free expression protected by the First Amendment. Congress tried to enact protection for the Flag through a constitutional amendment, but failed when the necessary two-thirds majority didn't step forward. In 1995, and again in 1997, the House of Representatives adopted a flag protection amendment, but each time the vote failed in the Senate. The Senate was due to vote once again on the flag protection amendment. This constitutional amendment is vital to protecting the Flag from any sort of physical desecration.

RESPECTING THE FLAG USING PROPER ETIQUETTE

Respecting the Flag of the United States begins and ends with etiquette. There are correct and incorrect ways of displaying the Flag. The Flag Code formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the Flag.

Here are just a few of the Code requirements: The Flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. The Flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. The Flag should never have placed on it or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind. The Flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary. When a Flag is so worn that it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner. When displaying the Flag outdoors, be sure to have the union of the Flag at the peak of the staff, and if it is displayed over a street, it should be hung vertically, with the union to the north or east. When the Flag is lowered, it should not touch the ground or any other object. When the Flag of the United States is flown with other flags, it is always in the position of honor. The Flag should be displayed only between sunrise and sunset. If the Flag is to be displayed at night, it should be illuminated. When parading the Flag, it should be to the right of the marchers. When other flags are carried, the US Flag may be centered in front of the others or carried to the right. When displaying indoors, the Flag is accorded the place of honor, always positioned to its own right. The *Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem* should be rendered by standing attention, facing the Flag, and saluting. The Flag should be flown at half-staff in morning for designated government leaders and upon presidential or gubernatorial order. When used to cover a casket, the Flag should be placed with the union at the head and over the left shoulder. It should not be lowered into the grave. The United States Flag is our symbol of freedom. It is our right to protect the Flag from those who would want to harm it as an expression of freedom of choice. As Americans, it is our honor and duty to protect the Flag of the United States. Join the many thousands of Americans who are encouraging members of Congress to pass the Flag protection amendment. Remember to properly honor and display the Flag this Flag Day, June 14th!

RELECTIONS

Prayer: Dear Lord, We thank you for our young people and ask that you give them guidance in their decision making. Please instill in them a true love for God, family and country. Help us that we may teach our children by example. We ask that you protect those who are serving in the military. Please Lord; keep America a country where we will always have the freedom to worship you as we feel is right. In your name we pray. Amen.