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### SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Change In Article XIV - Trustees - Section 1:** has been requested by the membership to read as follows: Instead of "The Post may elect 9 trustees, seven of which are American Legion members" etc. if amended Article XIV - Trustees - Section 1 would read "The Post may elect 7 trustees, 5 of which are Legion members". As you can see, a change in this amendment will only affect the number of trustees on the board. A vote will take place on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> which will have allowed the proper amount of time for notification to take place prior to voting.

**American Legion Birthday Dinner:** will be celebrated on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Open house starts at 5:00, hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 and Prime Rib dinner at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$10./person. Come and celebrate the birthday of our organization which was founded in 1919. We ask that you please call or sign up at the Post for reservations so that we can have an attendance count.

**St Patrick's Day Celebration and Dinner:** Come and celebrate this Irish event with "wearing of the green" and a bit of fun and camaraderie. The Lions and Rotary Clubs are putting on a Corned Beef and Ham dinner for our Senior Citizens on this special day. Be sure to check your local papers for the time of the dinner to be held at this event?

**Kids Easter Party:** Will take place on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. The event will include all kids from newborn to 10 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 children by Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Bath VA Hospital Visitation & Steak Luncheon:** will take place at noon on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Once again we will be extending our hospitality to our Bath Hospital Veterans and staff. Come and extend a bit of comradarie and make these guys and gals feel at home. If you can pour coffee, smile, and carry a plate, please volunteer to help. The inner reward you receive will be heart warming. Let's hope there will be enough time left for us to show them the local attractions that surround our Post. Some of you will be getting a call to bake a pie or contribute some homemade cookies. It's all for a great cause.

**Dues:** It is important that each member pay their dues so the American Legion mission and programs can continue. Your fellow Legionars ask that you take a few minutes to check to see that you have a "2011 Member Card. If you don't or aren't sure, contact Phil Colvin @ 387-6550 and he will help you verify your current dues status. Typically, you would have received a notice in July for the following years dues. By January dues should have been paid. Thankyou, for your attention to this matter.

**Electronic Newsletter:** We are considering the delivery of the Post Newsletter via your email address. If you think you would like to get it in this manner we will need to have you forward your e-mail address to Henry VanNess. The E-mail for this is [post770newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:post770newsletter@gmail.com). You can also send your comments and ideas for the newsletter to this address as well.

If you plan to continue to receive yours by mail just keep your mailing address up-to-date with the post.

For missing dates and times, please check our website: [www.post770.com](http://www.post770.com) or call the Post during business hours.

## **The Albert M. Becker Memorial Scholarship 2011**

Please take note that there is a scholarship being offered by The New York American Legion Press Association, to which the post belongs. It is a scholarship for college students. You can refer applicants to ([scholarships4school.com/scholarships/albert-m-becker-memorial-scholarship](http://scholarships4school.com/scholarships/albert-m-becker-memorial-scholarship).) for info and how to apply.

### **CHAPLAINS CORNER**

#### **Sick Call**

Betty Langlois CMC now home.

George VanValen is now receiving intravenous chemotherapy and is unable to perform his normal newsletter duties.

Gary McFall has had bypass surgery and is at Schuyler Hospital recovering. A get well card was sent.

Paul Harrington has also been taken ill and sent a get well card.

Harold McGill has had bypass surgery.

#### **Taps:**

Rebecca "Irene" Heroux: Died on December 23, 2010 at the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. Irene was the mother of Past Commander James Heroux and mother-in-law of Irene Heroux. She was predeceased by husband Gerald Heroux. She was survived by a daughter Amanda and grandchildren and great grandchildren. A reception was held at Post 770 following the services. Please consider a donation in Irene's memory to the American Legion Post 770.

Robert "Bob" Close: Died at his home in Lodi on December 27, 2010 after a long illness. Bob joined the U.S. Navy in 1945 and served during WWII. He was a 65-year member of American Legion Post 463 in Ovid. He is survived by his wife Gloria, daughter Darlene Ahouse, son David and grandchildren Stephen and Jill Ahouse, Kari Blake, Jennifer and Kevin Close. Bob and Gloria were very close friends of Chloe and I, having formed a Rotary dinner crew for many years and also frequented Atlantic City a number of times together.

James Burton (Bud) Riddle: Passed away on December 30, 2010 at Hospicare in Ithaca. Bud served his country in the Army after graduating from Ithaca High School in 1938. Bud was a long time member of the Arthur E. Bouton American Legion Post 770. He is survived by a son Craig Riddle and daughter-in-law Kathy Riddle. Members of the Arthur E. Bouton American Legion Post 770 performed a Military Honor Tribute at Grove Cemetery.

Clifford S. White: Passed away at Beechtree Care Center on January 1, 2011. Cliff entered the U.S. Navy following his graduation from high school in February, 1945 and was discharged in August of 1946. In addition to his parents Cliff was predeceased by his first wife Emily and son James. He is survived by his second wife Ida and three stepsons, Larry, Gary and Richard, also two stepdaughters Cheryl and Dawn. A Memorial Service and Military Honors Tribute were held at the funeral home with Post 770 Military Funeral Detail and the U.S. Army Reserve Unit participating. Contributions in Cliff's memory may be made to the American Legion Post 770, Trumansburg, NY.

Ralph B. "Bud" Ness: passed away on February 5, 2011 in Crystal River, Florida. Bud was the founder and Funeral Director of Ness Funeral Home on South St. in 1950 (currently the "Ness-Sibley Funeral Home"). Bud is survived by his wife Beverly and children Kipper, Matt, Mark, and Regina and their families. Bud served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Mass was celebrated at St. James Catholic Church on February 12.

Lee B. Agard: passed away at his home in Willow Creek on February 7, 2011. Lee is the brother of John Agard and Past Auxiliary President Nan Colvin and brother-in-law of Adjutant Phil Colvin. He was also survived by a son David and daughter Stephanie. Lee was predeceased by his Kathy in 2005. He was a "regular" at Post 770. A memorial service was held at the Post on February 10, 2011. Contributions in Lee's memory may be made to the Agard-Vann Scholarship Fund, c/o Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 244, Jacksonville, NY 14854, or the American Legion Post 770, P.O. Box 456, Trumansburg, NY 14886.

## POST NEWS

The banquet room was buzzing with several hundred people paying their respects to the family of Barb Cole following her passing after a long illness. Food, drinks, and conversation dominated the scene along with memorabilia on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Legion family finds a way to honor those who became part of the organization for many years.....The Legion matched the Auxiliary with money for the Kid's Christmas Party. The A.L. donated \$100 toward a Cornell Memorial.....Our SAL served about 51 dinners in November.....Our newsletter circulation number (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, others) just received from Roger Meier is 487. (Roger keeps in touch with the Mailbox, the people who print and mail your newsletter).....We were honored to have our County Commander attend our last membership meeting. His main purpose was to encourage greater membership. He offered our Post \$100 if we could reach our quota this year.....The VA clinic has closed its doors and is now relocating near NYSEG, part way between Ithaca and Cortland. We are currently looking for drivers to ferry patients to the clinic. Let us know if you are available.....We were pleased to learn that the Christmas time Salvation Army kettle drive we participated in its bell ringing, took in over \$2000.....We served 152 diners at the Fish Fry on Feb.11<sup>th</sup>. The scheduled crew was assisted by others due to conflicts. Thanks for your help!..... \$20,000 was raised for Pediatric cancer Sat., Feb 12 at the Post. It was a special event organized by Fred VanDeerzy and was very well attended. The post was packed with an overflow crowd. It included activities such as auctions, raffles, head shaving (23 people) and vender sales.

## MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is currently at 289, just 63 short of our quota of 354, as of February 14, 2011. Our new year officially begins January 1<sup>st</sup> although we continue to re-up and sign up until convention time. If you have changed your address please let us know that we can stay in contact. Welcome new member Brandon Wilson. It is nice to have you with us.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hope all had a nice Valentines Day and a Happy St. Patrick's Day.....Our membership is currently at 127 seniors and 7 juniors, 134 total. Our quota is 152. We welcome back 2 reinstated members, Gail & Pam Dundas.....The dates for our next meetings are March 1st and April 5th at 7:30, hope to see you there.....During March and April there will be no Auxiliary or SAL Dinners due to Lent. They will start again in May.....The Bath Veterans will be here again in April. They first started coming here in June of 1972.....We wish our American Legion Post a Happy 90th Birthday in March.....The alternate to represent the unit at board meetings is Ann Stiles-Hunt.....April 19 there will be a joint Tompkins County American Legion & Auxiliary Joint Dinner Meeting at the post.....On Valentines Day we donated flowers to the veterans at Cayuga Ridge. Congratulations go out to Sue & Lee Weaver on their first Great Grandchild.....Congrats also go out to Laverne Gatch on her 5 generation picture that was published in the Ithaca Journal.....Our condolences to Gloria Close and Family on the loss of her husband, Bob, in December. ....Also to Nan Colvin and Family on the loss of her Brother, Lee, in February. Our thoughts are with Dawn Smith & Pete Mahoney.....Phyllis Brooks is at Sayre for tests, also Darlene Ahouse is recovering from arm surgery in January. Historian, Marge Bennett

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

The oldest newsletter in our possession is dated 12/84 Don Bennett Commander. I became Commander in 1987. I'm not sure who edited the newsletter at that time, whether it was Don, myself, or Jim Miller. I do know Russ Hovencamp used a copier kept in the basement of our old Legion to run off newsletters. We had get-to-gathers to address the newsletter to send out through the mail using our Postal Permit #20 to reduce the cost of mailing 1st class. I'm not sure who our typist was, there were several. However, Paula Solat took over in 1989. In May of 1991, my daughter Debbie Gatch took over until Susan McCormick. In about 1993 Vicky Barry took over for several years.

During that period of time the Post Office would no longer accept any self-addressed mailings making it mandatory to have them presorted which only Mailbox, Inc. was able to do. David Updike, owner of Mailbox, Inc., gave us a free ride assuming the costs until he sold the business several years ago. I'm not sure who pays the cost, but I do know our mailing runs about \$90 a month. Not to be overlooked, there were a number of typists during interim

period who took on the job for lesser periods of time. That brings us to Kathi Roach who was our typist for the past seven years. Kathi's family grew and she had added responsibility.

In need of a typist and a reduction in costs, our newsletter needed some changes as we began 2011. First we changed our issue to be once every two months. Next we needed a new typist. In the search of one, I contacted one-half to a dozen people or so who I thought might accept the job, but without much luck. Eating a bowl of chili while getting a Christmas tree at Hunts, my good friend Henry VanNess sat down to munch on a hot dog with son Charlie. Part of our conversation involved my relating the dilemma of our newsletter and not having a typist. One thing led to another and lo & behold our prayers were answered. Henry agreed to help with the tasks of publishing, printing and mailing. At about this time I began a new change in my chemotherapy and was rendered almost useless. Now you know what is behind the story. Please watch for new developments that follow the story.

Sincerely,  
Post 770 Editor for 28 years,  
George VanValen.

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