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CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Fri	March 2	5:30 – 8:00 PM	2 nd Lenten Steak and Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Don Smith Crew
Sat	March 3	2:00 – 5:00 PM	Birthday Party
		5:00 PM – Till	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner – Public Invited
Sun – Weds		March 4 th – 7 th	Washington American Legion Conference
Mon	March 5	7:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
		7:00 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Meeting at Post 770, T-Burg
		7:30 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
Tues	March 6	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	March 7	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	March 9	5:30 – 8:00 PM	3rd Lenten Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Jim Heroux’s Crew
Sat	March 10	10:00 AM	Department Oratorical Contest at Albany
		4:00 PM	Snowmobile Club Activity
Sun	March 11	1:00 PM	Pool League
			Day Light Savings Time Begins
Mon	March 12	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Tues	March 13		Hill Day at Albany
Weds	March 14	Noon	Senior Citizens Meeting
		5:30 PM	Lions Club Dinner for Senior Citizens (See Special Events)
Thurs	March 15	Noon	Pioneer Seed Growers Luncheon
		5:30 – 8:00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Fri	March 16	5:30 – 8:00 PM	4 th Lenten Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Phil Colvin’s Crew
Sat	March 17		St. Patrick’s Day – Come and celebrate the “Wearing of the Green”
Sun	March 18	5:00 PM	The Soccer Team Benefit Spaghetti Dinner – Public Invited
Weds	March 21	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
			First Day of Spring
Fri	March 23	5:30 – 8:00 PM	5 th Lenten Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Don Smith’s Crew
Sat	March 24	Noon – 5:00 PM	Anniversary Party
		1:00 PM	Wedding Reception
Sun	March 25	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
		Noon	Ehrhart’s Spring Party
Mon	March 26	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	March 28	Noon	Senior Citizens Luncheon Meeting
Thurs	March 29	6:00 PM	Boy’s Basketball Dinner
Fri	March 30	5:30 – 8:00 PM	6 th Lenten Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Jim Heroux’s Crew
Sat	Mach 31	Noon – 5:00 PM	Baby Shower
		6:30 PM	Legion 86 th Birthday Dinner (See Special Events)

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Walk of Honor” – Bricks are not being installed now because of the cold and snowy weather. However, we continue to take orders to be processed in the spring. Application forms may be found in the entry way of the lounge beneath the calendar.

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. Check out our website or ask to receive your newsletter via this means.

Lenten Steak & Fish Fries – will continue on Friday nights throughout the Lenten season. Be assured we use Fresh, Not Frozen, fish. Please come and join us for a great meal.

Albert M. Becket Memorial Scholarship Award 2007 – As explained in the February newsletter, this award is still open to applicants until May 15th. You may make a copy of the application form posted on the bulletin board if you are interested in applying.

Lions Club Corned Beef & Ham Senior Citizens Dinner – is put on annually around St. Patricks Day for our community senior citizens. Be sure to check the local papers for all of the necessary info. The time and date is about 6PM on March 14th. See you there.

Legion Birthday Dinner – is being held at 6:30 PM on Saturday March 31st. Tom is putting on one of his specialties, a Spanish Pot Roast dinner. Come and celebrate the birthday of our organization which was founded in 1919. We ask you to please call or sign up at the Post for reservations so that we may have an attendance count.

St. Patricks Day Celebration – We are not planning anything special on Saturday, March 17th except the wearing of the green and a lot of fun and comradery in the Post lounge. Come and celebrate this Irish event.

Joint Meeting – We have been informed that for the time being we are no longer holding monthly joint meetings because of poor attendance. Only 2 or 3 people were in attendance for the months of January and February. We may attempt to hold them in the spring if the interest seems to be there. Let us hear from you. Also, we still need additional volunteers to help bartending.

Bar Hours – Monday through Friday: 3:00 – 10:00 PM; Friday and Saturday: 3:00 – 11:00 PM; Sunday: 3:00 – 8:00 PM
As you can see, these hours may be curtailed or extended because of scheduled events or other circumstances. We are merely trying to establish the normal operating hours. Thank you for your concern.

Breakfasts – We are sorry to have to eliminate the second of the month breakfast on March 11th. We are unable to put together a crew on that date. As you can see, we would like to recruit more volunteers for the breakfasts crews. If interested, contact Jim Heroux or the Post. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP

We have increased our membership roll by 13 since February newsletter. This is still 33 short of our membership quota of 407. We are gaining but at a very slow pace. Get those dues in now by re-up or sign-up. We are pleased to welcome new members David L. Van Buskirk and Carl T. Carpenter. It's nice to have you with us.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: **Bob Ditzell** – CMC – Now Home **Betty Covert** – Elmira – Foot Surgery – Now Home

Taps: **Richard Teeter** – passed away on January 28, 2007. Richard was a former member of Post 770.

Harold Seuss – passed away Thursday, February 15, 2007 at the Cayuga Medical Center. Harold spent 22 years as a Sea Bee with the United States Navy. His Naval career took him and his family to many different communities and countries over the years. He retired from the Navy with the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Funeral services with full military honors were held at the First Baptist Church in Trumansburg. A reception for family and friends was held at the American Legion Post 770.

POST NEWS

So much for the warm balmy weather in January. Here we are in February and it is very cold and as I write, schools are closed, our car is snowed in, and we have witnessed a good-sized snowfall in the northeast. Anyway, the snowmobiles have finally gotten their wish. There's an abundance of snow.... Everything seems to be moving right along at the Post. We had a great Blue and Gold dinner for the Cub Scouts, a nice super bowl party to witness a great game, and about 165 dinners served on the first fish fry in February. ... We seem to have a great bunch of volunteer bartenders. I thought I would mention the current group by name. They are Brady Roach, Jim Rohan, Dana Smith, Sue McConnell, Tom & Roberta Stilwell, Adam Dempsey, Phil Colvin, and Al Richar. I'm sure I have forgotten someone, however I do think we owe a great deal of thanks to these gals and guys who are donating their time to the Post. A round of applause! We are

always looking for more volunteer's even if only occasional replacements. If interested, please give us a call. ...We would like to begin moving uniform patches from the small showcase by the pool table into the large showcase by the pool table. There is a problem. We cannot find the key to open the lock on the small showcase glass doors. IF anyone has a key or knows where there is one, please open it for us. Are there any locksmiths out there who could do the same? We thank you in advance. ...While on the subject of showcases, we would like to put the scrapbooks that are in the hallway showcase into the meeting room. This would allow us to put glass shelves and doors on that case. With shelves and doors in place we could return the Legions trophies that have been in boxes ever since we left the old Legion, to the hallway showcase. In order to make available the use of our scrapbooks and hundreds of other books in our library we need to have an open meeting room policy during open building hours. Let's see if we can work out a solution so that our meeting room library can be functional. If this could be attained I would solicit help from the Auxiliary in setting up our library. ... In mid February about a dozen of us tackled the molding around the doorways in the hallway. As with the addition of stained hard-wood in the bar room, the hallway now exhibits an enhances look. When the baseboard is done the hallway will be complete. ...Although we didn't stop in to watch the Daytona 500 at the Post, I'm sure the dish-to-pass party was a success. How could it not be with a lead change by a few inches on the final lap during the final seconds? We are running an ad in the high school yearbook, TRUCE and also an ad for our Post and County in the Department Convention handbook. ... We are advised to use stoppers and screens in our sinks to prevent waste solids from entering our sewage disposal system. It seems that our traps become plugged too often...We received a "Thank you" from the local Girl Scout troop for allowing them to sell cookies at our fish fry.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is now at 152 and we need 36 members to make our quota. Please think about re-upping or signing-up new members. Congratulations to Lynn Porter with serving 30 years with us. We wish Liz Jenner a very Happy 90th birthday on February 2nd. Also, to Arthur Bouton Post 770 American Legion a Happy 86th Birthday! We have purchased more water goblets for the use at functions. Vickii Barry has been asked to participate with the Department Color Guard. They will be at the spring conference then officially from July 2007 – July 2008. The next dinner will be on March 15th serving Corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings. Our thoughts are with Pat Plataniotis and to Betty Covert on speedy recoveries. The next meeting will be on March 6th at 7:00 PM.

Respectively submitted Marge Bennett

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

This year, the SAL will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. Our squadron will also celebrate our 40th year. At our next meeting, on March 5th we will be discussing how we wish to celebrate these milestones. More on our original charter next month. Membership is still lagging from lagging from last year. Please come out and renew your membership. Jim Manheim, a local resident, won the SAL Raffle drawing for the Grandfather clock, donated by Chris Vann. It was a beautiful clock and it is for a good cause.

DEDICATED TO THE OLDER MEMBERS OF OUR ORGANIZATION

Old Geezers: "Geezers" (slang for an old man) are easy to spot: At sporting events, during the playing of the Star Spangled Banner, Old Geezers remove their caps and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them. Old Geezers remember the Depression, World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy, and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, Korean War 1950 – 1953, the Cold War, Vietnam, the jet age and the moon landing, and the 50 plus peacekeeping missions from 1945 to 2005. If you bump into an Old Geezer on the sidewalk, he will apologize. If you pass an Old Geezer on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old Geezers trust strangers and are courtly to women. Old Geezers hold the door for the next person and always, when walking make certain the lady is on the inside for protection. Old Geezers get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth on the TV or in the movies. Old Geezers have moral courage. They seldom brag unless it's about their grandchildren. It's the Old Geezers who know our great country is protected, not by politicians or police, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country. This country needs Old Geezers with their decent values. We need them now more than ever. Thank God for Old Geezers!

FOR ALL THOSE BORN BEFORE 1945

WE ARE SURVIVORS! CONSIDER THE CHANGES WE HAVE WITNESSED!

We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, Frisbees, and the Pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens. Before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes, and before man walked on the moon. We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be? In our time, closets were for clothes and not for “coming out”. Bunnies were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. We though fast food was what you ate during Lent, and Outer Space was the back of the Riviera Theater. We were before househusbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers, and commuter marriages. We were before day care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electronic typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness, not computers or condominiums. A chip meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant hardware, and software wasn’t even a word. Back then, “made in Japan” meant junk and the term “making out” referred to how you did on your exam. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. We hit the scene where there were 5 and 10-cent stores, where you bought things for five cents and ten cents, where Sanders or Wilson’s sold ice cream cones for a nickel or a dime. For a nickel you could ride a streetcar, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two post cards. You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$600 ... but who could afford one? A pity, too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon! In our day, grass was mowed, Coke was a cold drink and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was grandma’s lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the principal’s office. We certainly were not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were surely before the sex change. We made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap today.

BUT WE SURVIVED! WHAT BETTER REASON TO CELEBRATE?