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CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Mon-Weds	Mar 1-3		American Legion Conference in Washington, DC
	Mar 1	7:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
		7:00 PM	Snow Club Meeting
Tues	Mar 2	7:00 PM	Unit 770 Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Mar 3	4:00 – 9:00 PM	Wings Night
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	Mar 5	5:30 – 8:00 PM	3 rd Lenten Steak & Fish Fry Dinner– Phil Colvin’s Crew
Sat	Mar 6	TBA	Department Oratorical Contest – Sandy Creek Middle School – Albany
		5:00 PM	Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner
Mon	Mar 8	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Mar 10	Noon	Senior Citizens Luncheon
		4:00 – 9:00 PM	Wings Night
Thurs	Mar 11	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Pioneers Seed Growers Luncheon
Fri	Mar 12	5:30 – 8:00 PM	4 th Lenten Steak & Fish Fry Dinner– Don Smith’s Crew
		TBA	Boy Scout Leaders Meeting in small room
Sat	Mar 13	6:30 PM	American Legion Birthday Party and Dinner (See Special Events)
Sun	Mar 14		Day Light Savings Time Begins
Mon-Tues	Mar 15-16		Hill Day in Albany
Weds	Mar 17		St Patrick’s Day – “Wearing of the Green”
		5:30 PM	Lion’s and Rotary Club Dinner for Senior Citizens (See Special Events)
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	Mar 19	5:30 – 8:00 PM	5 th Lenten Fish & Steak Dinner – Jim Heroux’s Crew
Sat	Mar 20		Spring Begins
		TBA	TCS Class of 2010 Dinner & Dance
Mon	Mar 22	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Mar 24	Noon	Senior Citizens Luncheon
		6:30 PM	Boy Scout Pack Meeting
Fri	Mar 26	5:30 – 8:00 PM	6 th Lenten Fish & Steak Dinner – Phil Colvin’s Crew
Sat	Mar 27	Noon – 5:00 PM	Bridal Shower in the small meeting room
		TBA	Snowmobile Land Owners Banquet
Sun	Mar 28		Palm Sunday
		7:30 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast
Tues	Mar 30		Passover

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we begin the month of March and brave its usually cold and brisk winds we would like to call your attention to the events of the month. Most importantly we continue with Lenten Friday night fish & steak dinners through the month. Also of importance is the Legion Birthday Dinner, Scouts Spaghetti dinner and our breakfast. As we check our calendar

we find no mention of a chili cook off, beach or Monte Carlo night parties so we assume there's enough scheduled already to keep you busy during March. Please check your calendar for dates and times of events.

American Legion Birthday Dinner: will be celebrated on Saturday, March 13th at 6:30 PM. Open house starts at 5:00, hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 and the dinner at 6:30 PM. 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?

Got Pills?: Unwanted household pharmaceutical collection day is Saturday March 6th for 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Convenient drive-thru location at TCAT, 737 Willow Ave, off Rte 13, Ithaca. For more information call 273-6632. Supervised collection of Prescription drugs including controlled substances, pills, powders, liquids, inhalers, epi-pens, non-prescription drugs and pet medications. Not accepting medical sharps, mercury thermometers, mercurochrome, or other mercury products or other hazardous waste. Leave medication in original containers and mark out all personal information.

The Albert M Becker Memorial Scholarship 2010 Award: Each year the New York American Legion Press Association offers a \$1,000 cash scholarship in memory of Albert M. Becker, past NYALPA President and Past Department Commander. An explanation of the scholarship and application form in the centerfold of this newsletter.

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

The American Legion Online Update: Sign up for a weekly electronic newsletter published every Thursday and sent to your e-mail address. It has great stories and links to slide shows, video clips, and related material at their website. Just go to www.org and click on publications and submit your e-mail address. It's easy and it's free.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: During this past month of winter we have had a lot of our Legion family members on our sick call list. We assume most have been treated at CMC and are now home, however we are only speculating.

Jack Swartz: Same day surgery at CMC. I have seen Jack recently and he is home and doing well.

Bruce Newhart (Spook): Was taken to Rochester General Hospital on or about Feb 1st. He has been having heart problems.

Peter Dumont:

Fred Asay:

Eleanor Green:

Mike Wright:

Myron (Jr) Cronk

Art Millsbaugh

Ann Hunt

Jim Golden

Taps: **Robert J Kiever:** died in January 2010. Bob was a member of Post 770.

Jack McNamara: Past Department Commander died in January 2010.

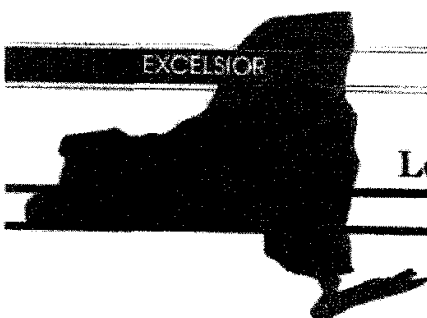
Robert M. Dunlop: died February 19th. Robert was a member of SAL squadron 770

POST NEWS

During the cold months of January and February our attention has turned to the updating of our Legion's Scrap Books, which is more or less a way to recall the history of our Post. There seems to be many duplicates of pictures we have tried to copy for the newsletter, therefore I am making these available to those who may wish to take them home. You can find these on the table beneath the bulletin board. Also, please don't give up on us. We do have intentions to straighten up our museum, library, meeting room sooner or later! ...We took a peek in our banquet room a bit ago to see how it was decorated for a wedding. Unbelievable! White pillow-case like covers with huge blue bows covering the chairs and also the tables. One would think we were entertaining in the Waldorf Astoria. I don't know how people can come up with these ideas. ...We have noticed a change in our bartender crew lately. Some are leaving and new replacements are arriving. Now we have to learn the names of some of the new guys and gals. ...Our Chaplain, Bill Parker, has resigned from his job as Boys State Chairperson. Bill has been in charge of this committee as long as I can remember. It is becoming difficult for Bill to keep up with his duties now that driving has become a hassle. I don't know who will replace him. ...As we write our newsletter on a Saturday following our crew's Friday night fish fry we noted that 97 people were served last night. This seems to be the norm on these cold February nights. We started off nicely with a

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New York American Legion Press Association



THE ALBERT M. BECKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2010

The *New York American Legion Press Association* offers an annual \$1,000.00 cash scholarship in the memory of Albert M. Becker, Past *NYALPA* President and Past Department Commander.

The student must be the child of a member of *The American Legion* or *The American Legion Auxiliary* of New York; or a member of the *Sons of The American Legion* or a graduate of *New York American Legion Boys State* or *Girls State*. In addition, the student must be entering or attending as an undergraduate, an accredited 2 or 4 year college and pursuing a degree in the field of Communications. Some examples would be public relations, journalism, reprographics, newspaper design or management, or other related fields acceptable to the scholarship committee.

Each applicant must show proof of eligibility, acceptance at an approved college, proof of college major and a high school and/or college transcript as applicable. An original 500 word essay explaining why he or she has chosen this field of Communications as a future vocation must also accompany each application.

Applications must be received with all attachments included, not later than April 17, 2010

The Scholarship will be awarded at the Annual Meeting of the *New York American Legion Press Association* July 10, 2010 at 1:00pm in Buffalo, NY. The recipient will be expected to accept the award in person unless excused by the committee.

Submit Applications or Address any questions to:

NYALPA
Scholarship Chairman
P.O. Box 650
East Aurora, N.Y. 14052

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THE ALBERT M. BECKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2010

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: () _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Eligibility:

- Parent is a member of *The American Legion* or *The American Legion Auxiliary*
- Applicant is a member of the *S.A.L.* or *Auxiliary Juniors*
- Applicant is Graduate of *NYS American Legion Boys State* or *Girls State*

Membership: NAME: _____ CARD #: _____

If graduate of Boys State or Girls State indicate year-graduated: _____

Note: A copy of the membership card(s) or graduation certificate must be attached

NAME OF SECONDARY SCHOOL YOU WILL GRADUATE FROM IN JUNE (If applicable)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: () _____

NAME OF COLLEGE ACCEPTED TO OR ATTENDING (Proof of major must be attached)

NAME: _____ MAJOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: () _____

YEAR IN SCHOOL: _____ VOCATIONAL GOAL: _____

LIST HONORS OR RECOGNITION YOU HAVE RECEIVED FOR ACADEMIC OR CIVIC WORK

LIST CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS YOU HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN

A 500-word essay expressing why you have chosen the field of communications as your vocation, proof of eligibility, proof of collage major and a copy of your high school and/or college transcript must accompany this application. Recipient must attend awards luncheon held in July during the American Legion Department Convention.

DATE _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

Submit Application to:

DEADLINE April 17, 2010

**NYALPA Scholarship Chairman
P.O. Box 650
East Aurora, New York 14052-0650**

steady flow of patrons, but dropped off to a trickle about 7:00 PM. It was nice to have my granddaughters helping with the salad bar and in fact they were not the only offspring's pressed into service on our crew. It seems like a great way to increase the size of our Legion family. ...The turnout for the Super Bowl was only about 20 despite a great game. We heard the food was very good. ...Well tomorrow has arrived and we continue to add a little more to our newsletter this Valentines Day. Because we were babysitting last night we were unable to attend the Sweetheart Dance at the Post. According to Al Richar who was behind the bar, there were about 40 – 50 in attendance. Attendance at the Daytona 500 was only 10-20, however the chicken BBQ was a sell-out. At noon we journeyed to the Legion to pick up a couple of chicken BBQ dinners. They were delicious as they just came off of the spit. As we watched the Daytona 500 at home, we observed something we had never seen before. The race was stopped for quite a while because a crew had to repair the track with asphalt epoxy and let it dry and harden. On the Olympic Channel, events were postponed while they waited for the rainy weather to improve. Such was the outcome of a Valentine's Day to remember.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is currently at 332, just 22 short of our quota of 354, as of February 8, 2010. Our new year officially begins January 1st although we continue to re-up and sign up until convention time. We have tried to contact all previous delinquent members by mail or phone. If you have changed your address please let us know that we can stay in contact. Welcome new member Jonathon Bernstein. It is nice to have you with us.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is now 134 Seniors and 7 Juniors. Our quota is 157. Please help. We need 16 more. There are no Auxiliary Dinners during Lent. We will start again in April. Happy 76th Birthday to our Auxiliary Unit and Happy 89th Birthday to our Legion Post. On February 1st our Unit President Ann, had eye surgery and is home and doing fine. Save April 3rd for the Kid's Easter Party from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Please sign up at the Post. We are also looking for a young lady to be our Poppy Princess in May for Memorial Day. Let us know if you know of anyone that would like to be Princess for a Day! Our Bath Veteran's will be coming again soon and we will need baked goodies. Will let you know when. Our next meeting is March 2nd at 7:00 PM. Happy St Patrick's Day!

Submitted, Marge Bennett

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Membership is currently 58. Pretty good for this point in time. Our quota is 67. The SAL spaghetti was a successful sell-out. Thanks to all that helped, especially the LaPadulas. The Valentines Dance was poorly attended, however, those that came had a lot of fun. Thanks to the Woodland Roadhouse and the T'Burg Flower Shop for their generous donations. Once again, it may seem early, but just a reminder, officer elections will be held at our May meeting. Our next meetings are Monday, March 1st and April 5th at 7PM.....Brady

LOCAL MILITARY NEWS

Army PFC Benjamin G. Weeks has been serving with the 5/2 Infantry Div., Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 8-1 Calvary in southern Afghanistan since July 2009. He is a Stryker driver at present and has received advanced artillery training. He is looking forward to returning to Ft. Lewis, Wash in July 2010. His mother, Christine Griffin, and stepfather, Ted Schiele, live in West Groton. His father, Sam Weeks, lives in Ithaca.

Army Pvt. Chad D. Van Ness has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, KY. During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions and core values. Van Ness is the son of Jerold B. and Karen L. Van Ness Wellsboro, PA. His wife, Juria, is the daughter of Gayle Brown of Spencer.

Air Force Airman Heather M. Kenerson graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX. She completed an intensive eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies. Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. She is the daughter of Dave and Tina Kenerson of Interlaken. Kenerson is a 2007 graduate of South Seneca High School, Ovid.

Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto, the Adjutant General for the state of New York, announces the promotion of **Heather Conway** from Cortland, serving with Medical Command, to the rank of Staff Sergeant, New York Army National Guard. **Army National Guard Spec. Matthew Fey** has graduated from basic training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. During the nine weeks of training, he studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics. He is the son of James Fey and Vanessa Fey of Ithaca. Fey graduated in 1998 from Trumansburg High School and earned a master's degree in 2003 from Texas A&M University, College Station.

Army Pvt. Graceanne L. Paulson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. During the nine weeks of training, she studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercise. She is the daughter of Kathryn Watkins of Ithaca.

On Nov 1, 2009, **Donald W. Reynolds**, United States Coast Guard, was advanced from Damage Control 1st Class E-6 to Damage Control Chief E-7. He drills out of Sector Buffalo in Buffalo. Reynolds has been in the USCG for 28 years – 5 years active duty with 23 years in the USCG Reserves, and plans to retire in two years. Reynolds lives in Trumansburg and is employed by the Ithaca Fire Department.

Navy Seaman Jeremy M. Hall recently completed US Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. During the eight-week program, Hall completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. Hall is a 1999 graduate of Moravia Central Senior High School. He is the son of Pamela I. Kuscher of Locke and David C. Hall of Fremont, Mich.