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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Mon	Nov 1		All Saints Day
		7:00 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
		7:30 - ?	Every Monday - Football Wing Night
Tues	Nov 2	FLAG	Election Day – Get Out and Vote
		7:30 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Nov 3	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Nov 4	5:00 PM	NRA Set Up for the NRA Banquet
Fri	Nov 5	7:00 – 10:00 PM	NRA Banquet
Sat	Nov 6	TBA	Family Reunion
Sun	Nov 7		Day Light Savings Time Ends – Set Clocks Back 1 Hour
		TBA	Little Blue Football
Mon	Nov 8	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
		7:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Weds	Nov 10	Noon	Senior Citizen’s Luncheon Meeting
Thurs	Nov 11	FLAG	Veteran’s Day – Signing of WWI Armistice 1918
		11:00 AM	Ceremony at DeWitt Park in Ithaca
		6:00 – 8:00 PM	Open House at Post 770
Fri	Nov 12	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner– Phil Colvin’s Crew
Mon	Nov 15	7:00 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
Weds	Nov 17	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Nov 18	5:30 – 8:00 PM	SAL & Auxiliary Dinner
Mon	Nov 22	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Nov 24	Noon	Senior Citizen’s Thanksgiving Luncheon Meeting
Thurs	Nov 25	FLAG	Thanksgiving Day – Post Closed
Sun	Nov 28	7:30 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast
Thurs	Dec 2		CHANUKAH
Fri	Dec 3	5:00 PM	Winterfest Smorgasbord Dinner
Sat	Dec 4	8:00 AM -2:00 PM	Bloodmobile Drive
		TBA	Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Shursave
		5:00 PM	SAL Pig Roast
Mon	Dec 6	7:00 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
		7:30 - ?	Monday Night Football Wing Night
Tues	Dec 7	FLAG	Pearl Harbor Day – 1941 –Flag Half Staff Until Sunset
		7:00 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Meeting at Post 800 - Groton
		7:30 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Dec 8	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	Dec 10	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner– Don Smith’s Crew
Sat	Dec 11	TBA	HOGS Christmas Party
Mon	Dec 13	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
		7:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Weds	Dec 15	Noon	Senior Citizen’s Christmas Luncheon Meeting
Thurs	Dec 16	5:30 – 8:00 PM	SAL & Auxiliary Dinner
Sun	Dec 19	1:00 – 4:00 PM	Children’s Christmas Party – Sing up by the 15 th
Mon	Dec 20	7:00 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
Tues	Dec 21		Winter Begins

		7:00 PM	Auxiliary Christmas Party
Weds	Dec 22	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	Dec 24	4:00 – 6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Open House
Sat	Dec 25	FLAG	Christmas Day – Post Closed
Sun	Dec 26	7:30 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast
Mon	Dec 27	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Dec 29	Noon	Senior Citizen's Luncheon Meeting
Fri	Dec 31		New Years Eve Party?????
Sat	Jan 1		Happy New Year – Football Games on TV

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veterans Day Parade: will take place at 2:00 PM on Sunday November 7th in Ithaca. Our Color Guard will form up at about 12:30 PM at the Post in order to be on station for a 1:15 PM lineup. Uniform is the usual white shirt, navy or black pants and shoes with Legion hat and jacket. If you are able to march, let's have a good turnout.

Veterans Day Observance at DeWitt Park: Post 770 is often asked to join this celebration on the corner of Cayuga and Buffalo Streets at 11:00 AM on Thursday, November 11th with a firing squad and color guard. Uniform will be the normal attire for ceremonies. Let us form up at the Post at about 10:00 AM. Please make an effort to attend this event. Veterans, this is our day!

Winterfest Smorgasborg Dinner: will be held at 5:00 PM on Friday December 3rd. This will be the kick off event for the Winterfest Carnival. Be sure to attend this annual winter event.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Shursave: Be sure to check our signup sheet on the bulletin board. This is a very worthwhile cause. Our days are December 4th & 5th.

Ithaca VA Clinic: The Ithaca clinic is now closed. Try Cortland or others in the area.

Kid's Christmas Party: will be held on Sunday, Dec 19th from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Plenty of refreshments are in store when Santa arrives with his bag of toys and goodies. All little boys and girls between the ages of newborn and ten are invited to come. Please bring mom and dad, gramma and grampa. The more the merrier. We need you to sign up and tell us ages, sex and how many children you are bringing before Wednesday, December 15th, so that Santa can fill his sack with presents for all the kids who attend.

Lowes and Home Depot: Gives all Active Veteran members 10% off all purchases. Just shrink your DD214 and show them at the cash register. Could potentially save you a lot of money!

Christmas Eve Open House: It has long been a tradition to wish our comrades a Merry Christmas at the Post on Christmas Eve. This years open house will from 4 to 6PM. Come join us for a bit of comraderie before Christmas.

omPost 770 Website: You can contact Patrick Richar or Anita Bower at www.post770.com. You may also contact Patrick y phone if you have any questions.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: **Ken Westbrook:** Recent Surgery **Steve Selover:** Heart Surgery – Home
Sue Weaver: Knee Replacement **Bruce Newhart:** Hernia Operation - Home

Taps: **Rodney C. Corey:** passed away at Hospice care on August 17th, 2010. He joined the Army in 1958 and served his country until he was honorably discharged in 1961. He is survived by his wife Eileen and mother Lillian, son Timothy, brother Richard and sister Rose. Following calling hours and a memorial service at Ness-Sibley Funeral Home, prayers of committal and military honors presented by the Post 770 Military Honor Guards took place at Grove Cemetery.

Virginia Luce: Passed away on August 29, 2010 following a long illness. She was the wife of American Legion member William "Bill" Luce.

Edward S Sowards: Died at the Hospice Residence on September 4, 2010. He proudly served his country in the US Army and returned home following an overseas tour of duty. Ed is survived by his children, Stanley, Debbie Sladish, Laurie Cronk; a brother Milton and sister-in-law Frita; and sisters Marie Johnson and Mary Lou Hill. Prayers of committal and Military Honors were held at Lake View Cemetery in Interlaken following a funeral service and calling hours at the Ness-Sibley Funeral Home.

David Mikula, Sr: died on September 25, 2010. He joined the US Marine Corps in 1972 and served until he was honorably discharged in 1975. The Corps always held a special place in David's heart. The Post 770 American Legion funeral detail conducted a military internment and flag presentation at the Catholic Cemetery in Ithaca.

Barb Ann Cole: passed away on October 15, 2010 after years of an extended illness. Barbara is survived by husband, Donald Cole, long time member of the Post 770 American Legion and daughters Sarah & Allison. A celebration of Barb's life was held at the American Legion Post 770 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 23rd.

POST NEWS

County Road 143 in the Town of Covert may never again witness a gathering such as the one that occurred on Saturday, August 28th. A sparkling new million dollar bridge was dedicated in honor of Harold and Sue Wright whose front yard falls just shy of the structure according to Neil Chaffies's article in the Ithaca Journal. Covert Supervisor Mike Reynolds said the dedication idea was presented to him by County Road homeowners and won his immediate support. Many luminaries were invited to attend. Anita Bowers and George Van Valen represented American Legion Post 770. They were among the first of many to praise the involvement of both Sue and Harold in their participation in Legion activities and other events. We should note that unlike the christening of a ship, Sue's first act was to sample the Champaign, then pour the unbroken bottle over the bridge pavement. Following the dedication, about 50 people in attendance enjoyed hamburgers & hot dogs put out by the Copper Beacon's Bed & Breakfast. ...Having just driven by Grove Cemetery we could not have missed the change (Sept 6th Labor Day) that has occurred there. The flags that were put on the graves of veterans for Memorial Day have been removed, and I believe are being used elsewhere, has made a very great change in the appearance of our cemetery, as noticed by my granddaughter. I believe the removal before a certain date is customary to prevent their fading and rendering them unusable in the future. ...The Firemen's Parade down Main Street to the T-Burg Fair was one of the best we have ever watched. Leading the procession was our American Legion Color Guard comprised of 6 Legionnaires. We were very impressed with the horse drawn antique carts with very elaborate harnesses and high stepping teams. There were several of them as well as antique machinery, tractors, and vehicles. The Middle School Band as well as the Freedom Village group "Uncommon Valor" were also exceptional. A number of people thought that the float depicting the flag raising at Mt. Suribachi was artificial, when in fact, it was a real life display of non-moving impersonators. Together with other floats, music, vehicles, fire engines, and old cars, this, we believe was the best parade yet. ...We wish to thank all those volunteers who participated, along with Chairperson Al Richar, in moving equipment, setting up the tent, and being part of three crews a day to serve food to our hungry fair crowd. Along with Grassroots, the Fair is one of our best fund raisers. Without your dedication and participation, Post 770 would be following the same route as the Dryden Legion, which according to what I read in the Journal, is about to fold. The membership plans to use the profit from the T-Burg Fair food tent to pay bills. They sure do pile up. Thanks to all volunteers who helped out this year. Without your help we would be sinking further into debt. With your contributions we continue to keep our head above water. Thank you!...We were pleased to read that the Covert Town Hall will soon be displaying a Veterans Memorial in front of their building. They have raised about \$600 but feel they need about \$2,000. Several flags would be displayed with the silhouette of a praying soldier. Benches would allow for a person to rest and meditate. Covert Supervisor Mike Reynolds is chairing the drive. Contributions should be sent to Town Clerk Colleen Freese, 8469 Main Street, Interlaken, NY 14847. ...On Thursday, September 9th the Tompkins County South Hill Veterans Cemetery/Monument and flag pole located on the Coddington Road was dedicated. Snacks and refreshments followed at Post 221 Ithaca. The South Hill Cemetery was purchased by Tompkins County on September 6, 1963 and was designated as the Tompkins County Cemetery. ...The National POW/MIA Recognition Day was held recently at the Park in Lansing. Viet Nam Veterans of America Chapter 337 and 704 held their 20th annual Watch fire. An open house was held for all Veterans at 7:00 PM. ...Air Force Master Sgt. David M Mason has deployed overseas to a forward operating base to serve in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Master Sgt. Mason graduated in 1994 from T-burg High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree in 2010 from Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA. ...At a recent Pork BBQ which the SAL is putting on regularly since the Auxiliary is no longer putting on their monthly dinners, we are happy to report they sold out. ...A membership golf tournament was held on Sept 18th at Big Oak. We have a group just waiting in the wings to participate in these events. For the most part the group is made up of John Daube, Phil Colvin, Jim Heroux, Gordy Veley, etc. We don't know how well they did. ...We received a nice thank you letter from the Horseheads Legion Riders Chapter 442 for providing them with a place to stop during their annual poker run. ...We now have a new copier in our possession. It is used quite often.On September 21st Post 770 put on a luncheon for our visiting Department Commander. ... You probably read about the Valley House Restaurant closing down. The membership voted to purchase some of their chairs to use in replacing our lounge furniture. The price was right. ...A monetary donation was made by the membership to help fund the Covert Memorial which is about to be erected at the Town building in Covert. ...We just got a look at the Free Press article titled "Legion Hosts Veterans Dinner" and were very pleased with how well everything worked out. About 70 veterans and caregivers (staff) from the Bath VA Hospital arrived at precisely at Noon. They were greeted by an enthusiastic group of Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL members who welcomed three bus loads of walkers and wheel chair occupants. As soon as they were seated a large group of us, including children and grandchildren began to pour coke and coffee while a large number of Auxiliary gals began to take orders for steak. I really don't know just how many guys, gals, and kids pitched in but there were many. Following the steak dinner, homemade deserts and songs by the "Harmony Falls" chorus closed out the beautiful sunny afternoon. What a joy to be part of this event. It will take place again in the spring. A hearty thank you all who took part in making these veterans enjoy a perfect day. ...George &

Chloe were happy to attend his ships (USS Leyte CV-32) reunion in Charleston at the end of September. It was great to see about 13 shipmates and wives from my division. We also enjoyed spending time on the Carrier USS Yorktown and Battleship USS North Carolina. About 112 attended the reunion.

MEMBERSHIP

Our newly assigned quota for the 2010 – 2011 year is 348. We are doing quite well so far with 237 signed up. We have about 221 PUFL's (Paid Up For Life). We are looking to acquire younger members to replace our older members who are reaching their 70's & 80's. If you know of any eligible, who are currently in the service, please grab an application form and sign them up. Our strength lies in numbers. If you have changed your address lately, please let us know.

AUXILIARY NEWS

By now you should have received your dues are due notice form the National Headquarters. If you didn't receive one, just stop in the Post and pay. Our quota is 152. Membership is 103 seniors and 5 juniors. Our best to the following that had surgery: Sue Weaver, Darlene Ahouse, Susie Smith, Janice Johnson and Roberta Chiesa for tests. A Happy 50th Anniversary to Jack & Betty Swartz. A big Thank You to all who worked the food tent at the Fair. Don't forget November 11th is Veteran's Day. We made a monetary donation to the Veterans Day Committee, the T-Burg Food Pantry and Department President Project. There will be a SAL/Aux dinner on Nov 18th. No dinner in December by the Auxiliary. Our next meeting is November 2nd at 7:30 PM. On December 21st at 7:30 PM we will have our Christmas Party. Snacks provided by Auxiliary. Bring a \$10 gift for our exchange. Thank you to the Sons for the 9/11 Memorial Service. A big thank you to Dave & Sandy Kline who found 100 candles & brass holders for the 9/11 memorial services in the future. They told the lady that is was for the American Legion and got them for only \$2.00. A definite worth while find. The kids Xmas party is Dec 19th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Sign up at the Post. Our deepest sympathy to Don Cole and family on the loss of Barb. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Membership is 29, not bad for this time of year. The first SAL/AUX Dinner went well considering the lack of advertisement. The Harvest dance was well received and everyone had a great time. We will be hosting another PIG Roast on December 4th from 2PM 'til gone. The SAL is also putting on an "Energy Savings Raffle" to be drawn that day. \$200 value, see lounge for details. Our next meetings are Monday November 6th and Monday December 13th at 7PM. Lastly, a big thank you to our retiring typist, Kathi Roach, for 6 years of diligent help with our newsletter.