

THE BOUTON BUGLE

NOVEMBER

2006

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Circulation 630 Members

ARTHUR E. BOUTON POST 770

Legion Telephone 387-4212

CMMDR: Al Richar	387-5920	Newsletter Deadline	ADJUTANT: Phil Colvin	387-6550
AUX. PRES: Susie Smith	387-6738	15 th Of The Month	SAL CMDR: Brady Roach	387-6636
EDITOR: George Van Valen	387-9858		TYPIST: Kathi Roach	387-6636

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Thurs	Nov 2	7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Meeting
Sat	Nov 4	1:00 PM	Wedding Reception
Sun	Nov 5	2:00 PM	Veterans Day Parade in Ithaca (See Special Events)
Mon	Nov 6	7:00 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Meeting at Post 770 – T-burg
		7:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
		7:00 PM	Boys Scouts Meeting, Instead of Tuesday
Tues	Nov 7	FLAG	Election Day – Get Out and Vote
		7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Nov 8	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	Nov 10	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Jim Heroux’s Crew
Sat	Nov 11	FLAG	Veterans Day
		11:00 AM	Veterans Day Ceremony at Dewitt Park, Ithaca (See Special Events)
		5:00 PM	Private Party
Sun	Nov 12	11:00 – 7:00 PM	Department Commanders Visit to Tompkins County
		Noon	Lunch at Post 770, T-burg
		5:00 PM	Dinner at Post 800, Groton, Reservations Required (See Special Events)
Mon	Nov 13	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Tues	Nov 14	7:00 PM	Lions Club Meeting in Small Room
Weds	Nov 15	Noon	Senior Citizen’s Thanksgiving Dinner
Thurs	Nov 16	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Sat	Nov 18	2:00 – 5:00 PM	Chamber of Commerce Dinner and Meeting
Weds	Nov 22	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Nov 23	FLAG	Thanksgiving Day – Post Closed
Sun	Nov 26	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Looking Ahead to December:			Trumansburg Area Winter Festival
Fri	Dec 1	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Festival Buffet with live music at Post 770 – Public Invited
Sat	Dec 2	9:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Snowmobile Safety Course
Sun	Dec 31	TBA	New Year’s Dinner and Dance

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bar Manager Position – The Board of Trustees is accepting applications for the position of bar manager. If you are interested in interviewing for this position or wish to learn more about what the job entails, please contact David Boyd, Board Chairperson, or Commander Al Richar.

Breakfast Crew – The Post is looking for someone to head up a second breakfast crew. Currently we have one crew, led by Jim Heroux that puts on a breakfast on the 4th Sunday of the month. The public response has been so great we would also like to be able to offer a breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of each month. If anyone or persons are interested in forming this crew, please contact Jim or the Commander.

Snowmobile Safety Course – will be offered from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM on Saturday, December 2, 2006. Please mark this down on your calendar.

Funeral Receptions- Post 770 continue to offer the use of its facilities for receptions following the funeral of our members. Donations to cover costs are cheerfully accepted.

Use of Post 770 Facilities – Forms have been drawn up and may be found behind the bar. Anyone recording information for a perspective facility use, must use these forms. The applications for facility use will be discussed at membership meetings as to availability and qualifications.

Veterans Day Parade In Ithaca – will take place at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 5, 2006. 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 line up. Uniforms are navy or black pants and shoes, Legion hat, and short sleeve or Legion Logo white shirt, and Navy Post or Legion jackets, depending on the weather.

Veterans Day Observance at the DeWitt Park in Ithaca – Post 770 has been asked to join this celebration on the corner of Cayuga and Buffalo streets at 11:00 AM on Saturday November 11th, with a firing squad and color guard. Uniforms will be the normal attire for ceremonies. Lets form up at the Post at 10:00 AM. Please make an effort to attend this event.

Department Commander Visitation - will be on Sunday, December 12, 2006 from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM. The luncheon visit to Post 770 will be at about 11:00 or Noon with dinner at Post 800 in Groton. You will not need to sign up for the luncheon, so lets have a good turnout at our own Post. However, you will need reservations for the dinner in Groton. Please see Bill Parker, Tom Bennett, or Commander Al Richar, if interested in attending or call the Post at 387-4212.

“Walk of Honor” – We continue to receive applicaions for bricks to be placed in our “Walk of Honor”. We are approaching 400 bricks in our walk. Applications will be held until next spring once we get into the colder weather. If you plan to purchase an inscribed brick for a veteran friend, family member, or loved one, this would be a good time to do it. Applications may be picked up on the entryway table.

Volunteer Bartenders – A number of you have stepped forward to our appeal. We now have several but we would like to have more. This would enable us to have subs or backups. Please consider the options.

New Year’s Dinner and Dance – On New Year’s Eve we will be serving our fabulous steak and fish dinner followed by a dance featuring the music of RAWHIDE. Details will be annuoned soon. Make your plans now.

POST NEWS

The Post facilities continue to be used often for wedding receptions. Although I have not worked any recently, I counted 5 receptions during the months of Sept and Oct. Add to those the birthday dinners, special banquets, breakfasts, fish fries, meeting, scouts, snowmobiles, Rotary, Chamber, Lions Club, parties, fund raisers, Senior Citizens, visitations, etc. etc. and I think you will agree we have great facilities and are constantly in demand in the community. This seems to be what its all about. We remain active or curl up and roll over. OK, enough of the generalities, what else have we been up to this past month? We ended September and began October with a super house cleaning. We want to especially thank electrician David Harris, Lee & Sue Weaver, Don & Dawn Smith, Phil Colvin, high-pressure water washers Brady Roach and Mike Wright, Don & Marge Bennett, Jerry Clark, Roger Meier, Al Richar, Scot Hulslander, Marty Smith, Dave Boyd, Gary & Cindy Reckdenwald, and George VanValen. The place really sparkled when they were finished. ...Our Bath VA Hospital Annual Steak Luncheon took place on a beautiful sunny afternoon in October. It was a pleasure to welcome 52 vets along with 5 of their supervisors and nurses. We want to thank the 16 Legion family members who cooked and served the meal, offered camaraderie and poured gallons of coffee and Coke. The homemade desserts were out of this world. Thank you gals for making them. We were disappointed the sightseeing trip to the Falls had to be cancelled because of a sick patient. The vets were very appreciative for all that was done for them including wiring up the big screen TV in the banquet room for Sunday football. A great day for all! ... The Early Bird Dinner brought forth about 95 guests (strictly a guess), one of the largest turnouts in recent years. We thank Tom Bennett and crew of Mary Ann Richar, Gary & Cindy Reckdenwald and perhaps others who we didn't get a chance to see. It was nice to see a lot of seniors in attendance. Too bad we didn't follow up with a band or DJ for dancing as we used to years ago following all dinner events. Our programs of Boy & Girl state reports didn't materialize primarily because we did not have any boy staters this year for the first time. I don't know why the girl state representative wasn't there. Any way it was a great evening of food and camaraderie. ... Monetary donations were made to the Carolyn Tater Memorial and the Oxford Veterans Home. Also two fish fry dinners were donated as prizes for the Antique Road Show. ... If you are wondering if our facility has any unforeseen expenses try this out for size. Our insurance coverage costs over \$5,000 per year.

MEMBERSHIP

We presently have 290 members signed up. That leaves us 117 short of our quota of 407. We are getting closer, yet it seems that we have a big selling job on our hands to be accomplished before the 1st of the year. Remember, it is likely

your dues will increase from \$25 to \$30. Now is the time to re-up and save \$5.00. A reminder to those who move around, we need to be informed of any address changes. We welcome new member Howard J. Stamp.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: Diane Bailey - CMC – ICU Pat Plataniotis – CMC – Now Home
Dawn Reeve Dauby – Rochester – Now Home

Taps: We offer our most sincere apology to the family of Ron Poyer for using the wrong name in the death of his brother. Our Taps should have read: Robert Poyer – died August 22, 2006. He was the brother of member Ron Poyer.

Mary Harding Temple – passed away on September 17, 2006. She was the sister of Auxiliary members Sue Weaver and Ann Harding.

William J. Simmons – passed away on September 20, 2006. Bill served his country in WWII, receiving his honorable discharge as a decorated war veteran of the European Theatre in 1945. During his stay as a patient in the VA Hospital in Bath, Bill tended the plants in their greenhouse, painted and made crafts. He was a resident of the Lakeside Nursing home since 1998. Bill was laid to rest with Military honors provided by the Post 770 Ritual team and member of the US Army.

Earl Neigh – passed away at home on Friday, September 22, 2006. In 1944 he joined the Marine Corps. He served in the 2nd Division in the Pacific Area and performed ammunition disposition duty during the occupation of Japan. He received an honorable discharge in 1945. He was a former member of Post 770 as was his father before him.

Arthur Claude Kulp – passed away on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at the Beechtree Care Center. From September 1942 to December 1945 Art served in the US Air Corps. He was trained as an Aerial Gunner and at the time of his honorable discharge Art was a Navigator with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He continued to serve in the US Air Force Reserves attaining the rank of Major. He was laid to rest with full military honors provided by the Post 770 Honor Guard and the US Air Force personnel.

Francis E. Oakley – passed away at home on Wednesday, September 27, 2006. He entered the Army in 1948 and remained for over 20 years retiring with the rank of Master Sergeant. He was laid to rest in the Enfield Cemetery with military honors provided by the US Army, Ithaca VFW Post 961, and Trumansburg Post 770.

Mary Lou Powless – passed away October 2, 2006 after a long illness. Lulu was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 770 and a member of the Oneida Indian Nation of New York. She and her companion, Phil Garrow, were familiar faces at the Post for many years.

Robert P. Rohrer – passed away Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at the Beechtree Care Facility. He was a veteran of the US Marines, serving in Korea. Burial was at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Newfield with full military honors provided by the Trumansburg American Legion Post 770 Ritual team.

JOINT LEGION FAMILY MEETING

We have tried a number of different encouragements to bring forth members including dish to pass dinners and after a three-month breather...all of which seemed to work quite well. But, let me get to the point. We took some notes at the last one so that you might have an idea of what transpires: 1.) The work bee at the Post went quite well. The floors, walls, etc look great despite the no show of the Probation Departments Community service workers that were requested. 2.) Parking lot maintenance and repair was discussed. Funds seem to be the hold up. We put a new bulb in the light that was out, but it still does not work. 3.) The Antique Road Show was a great success despite poor coverage by our local paper. 4.) The slow response to the Pavilion Fund was discussed. Also suggested was why can't each organization have one fundraiser each year? The answer brought forth was that we are trying to financially keep our heads above water at this time. 5.) Maybe we should have joint meetings in the summer time. 6.) What happened to Bingo? We found there were some pitfalls along the way and perhaps, with some extra effort we may have it soon. 7.) The SAL & Auxiliary wants to know what the Legion desires. This suggests better communications. As far as the Board of Trustees communication goes, this is why there are SAL & Auxiliary members on the Board who can bring back information pertinent to their organization. 8.) A specific request for a dinner, dance, and activities was brought forth. Who to contact? Dinners are still under the kitchen steward's jurisdiction and it is his decision as to whether or not delegate them to others, pricing, times, dates, etc. Tom Bennett has been kitchen steward for over 50 years and we assume still is. 9) The Auxiliary dinners will be put forth by Chef Mindy and crew every 3rd Thursday of the month. This is a change from what had always been Friday nights. There you have it. Many great questions, a few answers and some suggestions. However, we can't build a better organization without bringing forth the problems and seeking out the solutions. Amen!

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is coming in nicely. We have 110 paid and the quota is 188. Alma Hogben has 70 continuous years as an Auxiliary member for the year 7/2006 – 7/2007. Alma is the longest living member that we have ever had. Congratulations to her. She will be receiving her certificate in the mail very soon. Alma is in a nursing home in North Carolina... Our condolences to Sue Weaver and Ann Harding on the loss of their sister Mary Harding Temple on Sept. 17th, and to the Mary Lou "Lulu" Powless family. Lulu died on October 2nd of cancer. If you knew her you will never forget her jokes and singing... A BIG THANK YOU for all involved with the clean up weekend and to Mary Ann Richar for the food she made... Our best to Dawn Reeves Dauby after having surgery on 10/06 and to Pat Platt who fell and broke her knee and a rib on 10/08. They are both home now recuperating... We had 57 vets from Bath for their annual steak dinner. Thanks to all who helped make their day special. Our next meeting is November 7th at 7:00 PM. Congratulations to Nan & Phil Colvin on the birth of their first grandchild, Dylan Colvin Janesko, born on 10/8/06. Congratulations Patina & Bill on the birth of your son. The Department President makes her official visit to Tompkins County on November 12th.
Respectively submitted Marge Bennett

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Membership is currently 26. Our Quota for 2007 is 57. Guys, It is time to renew your membership now. Please welcome new member Kenneth Richardson. We thank Chris Vann whom has generously donated a mechanical grandfather clock to be raffled on New Year's Eve. This clock will be on display and operational at the Post by the beginning of November. Tickets will be distributed soon. Our next meeting is Monday, November 6th at 7:00 PM. Please bring your ideas.