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FROM THE COMMANDER

I would like to thank all crews and people who have made all the functions sponsored by the Post happen. I would also like to thank all the people behind the scenes that do a lot of planning and fixing of things that do not get a lot of recognition for what they do. On the other hand, it would be nice to see more new faces helping out. I do understand a lot of members have put a lot of time and effort in the past. I also understand there are a lot of faces that I do not see helping.

So think about it. To make things work, we need a little help from everyone.

Thomas Stilwell, Cmdr.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Sat	Nov 3	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Snowmobile Course
Sun	Nov 4	8:00 AM	Pee Wee Football Breakfast
		2:00 PM	Veterans Day Parade in Ithaca (See Special Events)
			Daylight Savings Time Ends (clock back one hour)
Mon	Nov 5	9:00 AM – Noon	Flu Clinic for T-burg Area at Post 770
		6:45 PM	Bingo
		7:00 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Meeting Post 800, Groton
		7:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
		7:00 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
Tues	Nov 6	FLAG	ELECTION DAY – Get Out And Vote
Weds	Nov 7	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri	Nov 9	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Jim Heroux’s Crew
Sat	Nov 10	6:00 PM	Wedding
			U.S. Marine Corps Established - 1775
Sun	Nov 11	FLAG	VETERAN’S DAY (Signing of WWI Armistice – 1918)
		11:00 AM	Ceremony at Dewitt Park, Ithaca (See Special Events)
		6:00 PM	Open House at Post 770
Mon	Nov 12	6:45 PM	Bingo
		7: 30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Nov 14	Noon	Senior Citizen’s Thanksgiving Luncheon
Thurs	Nov 15	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Sat	Nov 17	5:00 – 7:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner – Color Guard Fundraiser – Public Invited
Mon	Nov 19	6:45 PM	Bingo
		7 :00 PM	Snowmobile Club Meeting
Weds	Nov 21	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Nov 22	FLAG	Thanksgiving Day – Post Closed
Sun	Nov 25	7:30 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
Mon	Nov 26	6:45 PM	Bingo
		7: 30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Fri – Sun	Nov 30 – Dec 1		Winter Festival – (See Special Events)

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

From The Board of Directors: The BOD will be accepting applications for the position of “Bartender Coordinator”. This is a paid position. Applicants must be in good standing for at least 1 year. Includes A.L., Aux., and SAL. Full job description is available at the Post. Interested persons can submit letter of interest and resume to: American Legion Post 770, PO Box 456, Trumansburg, NY 14886 Attention: Bar Coordinator

Veterans Day Parade in Ithaca: Will take place at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 4th. 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 weather.

Veterans Day Observance at 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 Sunday, November 11th, with a firing squad and color guard. Uniform will be normal attire for ceremonies. Let’s form up at the Post at about 10:00 AM. Please make an effort to attend this event.

Snowmobile Safety Course: will be offered from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Saturday, November 3rd at Post 770.

Flu Clinic for the Trumansburg Area: Will take place on Monday, November 5th at 9:00 AM – Noon at Post 770. We all know how important these shots are for our health. Please plan to attend and if you are a Senior citizen, be sure to bring your Medicare cards.

“Walk of Honor”: We continue to receive applications for bricks to be placed in our “Walk of Honor”. Applications will be held until next spring once we get into colder weather. If you plan to purchase an inscribed brick for a veteran friend o, family member, or loved one, this would be a good time to do it. Applications may be picked up at the lounge entry way table.

Post 770 Website: www.Post770.com - Patrick Richar welcomes any information for his posted website that would be of interest to our members. Please send them to 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188 – 2430.

Bar Hours: The Board of Trustees has set 2:00 PM as the daily opening hour for the Post Bar and Lounge.

Winter Festival: On Friday November 30th the Post will be serving dinner from 5:00 – 8:00 PM for the festival. The Harmony singers will be performing from 5:00 – 6:00 PM with the Bob Champion Band playing from 8:00 - ?. The festival will be lighting the fireworks at 7:30 PM this year. Come and enjoy the food and companionships.

MEMBERSHIP

As we continue the 2007 – 2008 year, our membership stands at 300. Just 84 shy of our goal of 384. We would like to reach all members by renewals or sign ups before the first of the year. We are currently in the process of cutting back our mailing list to only those members who are paid up. Welcome new members: Dan Robinson and Scott R. Fowler. Glad to have you with us.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Sick Call: Phil Smith: Surgery CMC – Now Home

Taps: Sue Langner: Passed away September 11, 2007. She was the wife of member Bernie Langner

M. Louise Riddle: Passed away at home on September 21, 2007. She was the wife of member James “Bud” Riddle.

Chester C. Morgan: Died peacefully at his home on Saturday, September 22, 2007. He was a member of Post 770.

POST NEWS

Bingo seems to have gotten off to a great start every Monday night as we observed a full parking lot of those in attendance. Numbers have ranged from about 80 to 130. Thanks to Cindy & Gary Reckdenwald, and all of the other members that have volunteered running the event. It sure seems quite successful thus far. ...Our Auxiliary dinner and Post fish and steak fries have done very well with a count of 80 and 226 respectively in attendance. Thanks to all of our volunteer helpers and our hungry patrons. ...We enjoyed a wonderful visit by our Bath VA hospital friends to their annual steak luncheon at the Post. 63 veterans and aides came at Noon on a beautiful sunny day aboard 3 buses to enjoy their meals. 11 volunteers including 2 junior workers made them feel at home. After eating we took all of them on a sight

seeing trip around the village and to Taughannock Falls. Every one enjoyed the day. It was very rewarding. ...We were pleased to note that members Lee Weaver, Don Smith, and Scott Hulslander have been raising the flag at all home football games this year. This has been a tradition for a number of years now. ...We goofed a little bit with Ruth Doan's appeal for funds for returning veterans from Texas. These veterans of the war in Iraq were in Walter Reed Hospital, not Texas. We are pleased to report that contributions from both the Auxiliary & Legion membership were used to provide 76 items for their use. A worthwhile cause. ...We continue to look for help with both writing the newsletter and helping to assemble a small museum, including mannequins in our meeting room. Are there any gals or guys interested? ...We thought you might like to know: As of July 25th, thanks in part to Senator Jim Inhofe (R- Okla.), all service members, veterans, retired or on active duty now salute while rendering honors even in civilian attire instead of placing their hand over heart. It has always been a tradition to place your right hand over the heart when honoring our flag when out of uniform: saluting when in uniform. The law was passed recently which now allow veterans and service members to salute the flag whether in uniform or not. Unfortunately, current US law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag. "I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades, and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to other citizens. Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others", says Senator Inhofe.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Our quota for membership is at 162. We are down from previous years. Paid to date we have 43 seniors and 3 juniors. We welcome Janice Johnson (JJ) as a new member. On Oct 7th we had 63 veterans and staff from Bath. Thank you to all who donated baked goods and who helped out with the day. The raffle for the rocking chair will be drawn in December at the Festival of Lights dinner. Our condolences to the Louise Riddle family on her passing. Also on 10/1/07 one of our past Department Presidents from OUR 6th District, Mary Smack, died. The Present Department President Carol Johnson from our 6th district will make her official visit to Tompkins County on Oct 21st. Post 770 will be hosting a brunch. The next meeting will be Nov 6th at 7:00 PM. The Auxiliary dinner is on November 15th. Veterans Day is November 11th. If you see a Veteran this day, say thank you. Hope everyone had a safe Halloween. Hope you have a nice Thanksgiving Day. If you would like to help out in the kitchen on Bingo night from 4:30 – 8:30 PM please contact Vickii Barry. Again we thank Roxie Conklin for carving the Halloween Pumpkin. Respectfully submitted, Marge Bennett

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Once again, it is time to renew your membership. We managed to do 105% last year. Let's try to do even better this year. Thus far, we only have 21 renewed members. Hey guys, let's get out and show some support.

The SAL has been sponsoring a collection station for the volunteer group HERE 4 YOU. We are trying to help them collect health and wellness items to be sent to local military personnel currently serving overseas. There is a collection box placed in the foyer of our lounge and has a detailed list of the desired items. Most of these items can be purchase for a dollar or two. Thus far, no one has donated a single item (Same for Toys for Tots). These men and women are putting their life on the line for our freedom. This is a great opportunity to provide some comfort to our soldiers for very little money.

Our next meeting will be November 5th. We need to finalize our Christmas / New Years raffle details and we need suggestions and input to do this. The money raised supports our legion and our community, so let's get out and do something.

A BIT OF HISTORY – THE PICTURE THAT MOVED A NATION

Thank You Doris Wager Wehe for your letter containing the article "The Picture That Moved a Nation" by Hal Buell. It does seem there are many people who believed that a photo showing the raising of the American Flag on Iwo Jima was a "planned" shot. An excerpt from the article that follows clears up that myth.

Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal, who died this summer at 94, made one of the great pictures of all time – the raising of the American flag on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima in 1945. It was an image that captured the heart of a nation in the waning days of World War II. But he spent the rest of his life defending that picture. The day the photograph was first published, Feb 25th, 1945, newspapers were reporting a chaotic war that straddled the globe, carrying stories of fighting west of Cologne; Russians advancing through Poland; Nazi soldiers surrendering; Manila falling to US

troops; and bombs raining on Tokyo. Americans were weary of the war, and Rosenthal's photo became a sensation, boosting American morale. Said US Camera magazine: "In that moment, Rosenthal's camera recorded the soul of a nation." But criticism about how the photo was taken soon began. It's true that the flag in his picture was not the first raised on Mount Suribachi that day; it was the second. But it is not true that the second picture was made because the first flag was blown up, or the first flag went up at night and a second one was needed for a daylight photo, or that Rosenthal missed the first picture and connived with Marines to set up a second photo, or that he dragged a flag and a flagstaff up the mountain for the picture. Although Rosenthal was vindicated quickly and his reputation restored, rumors persisted for years. Actually what happened was simple. After the first flag was raised, a Marine officer on the beach ordered a second, larger flag to be put up so that everyone on the island could see it. And that was the flag that Rosenthal photographed. Six men raised the flag. Three died before the end of the battle – the bloodiest in Marine Corps history. A fourth was seriously wounded. "What I see beyond the photo is what it took to get up to those heights," Rosenthal said, "the kind of devotion to their country that those young men had, and the sacrifices they made." Rosenthal's critic's missed that point. His picture transcended Iwo Jima, the Pacific, Europe and WW II itself. Immortalized in bronze as the Marine Memorial in Arlington, VA, just outside Washington, the photo survived its critics. It spoke of all warriors; it told of valor, teamwork, and most of all, victory.

SEND A FREE THANK YOU TO OUR TROOPS

Here's something cool that Xerox is doing. If you go to www.LetsSayThanks.com you can pick out a thank card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in the US Service. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to some member of the armed services. How amazing it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one. This is a great site. Please send a card. It is FREE and it only takes a second. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the soldiers received a bunch of these? Whether you are for or against the war, our guys and gals need to know we are behind them. The mission of Let's Say Thanks is to provide a way for individuals across the country to recognize US troops stationed overseas. The postcards, depicting patriotic scenes and hometown images, were selected from a pool of entries from children across the country. All you have to do is click on your favorite design and either select the message that best expresses your sentiment or draft a personal note. The postcards are then printed by Xerox and mailed in care packages by military support organization Give2TheTroops. Xerox is committed to helping people across the nation express their gratitude to our troops overseas. The launch of this program is aimed at reminding them how much Americans appreciate their service.