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### CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Sun	Nov 2		Day Light Savings Time Ends (Set Clocks Back One Hour)
Mon	Nov 3	7:00 PM	Tompkins County American Legion Meeting at Post 800, Groton
		7:00 PM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Nov 4</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>Election Day – Get Out and Vote</b>
		7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Nov 5	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sun	Nov 9	2:00 PM	Veteran's Day Parade in Ithaca (See Special Events)
Mon	Nov 10	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>Veterans Day (Signing of the WWI Armistice, 1918)</b>
		11:00 AM	Ceremony at DeWitt Park, Ithaca (See Special Events)
		6:00 – 8:00 PM	Open House at Post 770
Fri	Nov 14	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Don Smith's Crew
Weds	Nov 19	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Senior Citizen's Thanksgiving Luncheon
		7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Nov 20	5:30 – 8:00 PM	American Legion Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Sat	Nov 22	5:00 – 7:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner – Color Guard Fundraiser – Public Invited
Sun	Nov 23	7:30 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
Mon	Nov 24	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Nov 27</b>	<b>FLAG</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day – Post Closed</b>

### SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Volunteer Bartenders Needed:** Much of the social part of our facility events takes place in the lounge where friends meet friends and plans are formulated. It is vital that we are able to maintain a number of volunteer bartenders in order to maintain our posted hours. Please consider our situation and help us to avoid unannounced closures. Let Commander Stilwell or Bar Stewart, Brady Roach know of your availability.

**Lounge News:** Drink tokens (chips) are being replaced with ones that more clearly reflect their actual denomination. Old tokens will be honored through the end of November. As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, old tokens will become invalid.

**Veterans Day Parade in Ithaca:** Will take place at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 DeWitt Park in Ithaca:** Post 770 is often asked to join this celebration on the corner of Cayuga and Buffalo Streets at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> with a firing squad and color guard. Uniforms will be normal attire for ceremonies. Lets form up at the Post at about 10:00 AM. Please make an effort to attend this event.

**Walk of Honor:** We continue to accept orders for bricks to be etched and installed at our Memorial Site. Order forms are available in the entryway to the lounge. The purchase of a brick is a meaningful way to honor a veteran.

**Post 770 Website:** [www.Post770.com](http://www.Post770.com) Why not pull up our website and see what is new? If you have any newsworthy items that would be of interest to our Legion family, please contact Patrick Richar, 111Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188-2430

## CHAPLAINS CORNER

**Sick Call:**      **Jim Dew:** Surgery, Rochester- Now Home      **Bill Houseworth:** Surgery – Now Home

**TAPS:**      **Melva K. (Bickley) Evan:** Died Sunday, October 5, 2008 at the Oneida Healthcare Center Extended Care Facility following a lengthy illness. She was a 50-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary Arthur E. Bouton Post 770.

## POST NEWS

Halleluja! Our greatest hopes were fulfilled when Ruth Doan answered Octobers Newsletter announcement – Wanted: Newsletter Editor, Librarian, and Display Coordinator. She advised us of her willingness to share these responsibilities. We will begin our joint venture with Ruth's account of the acquisition of Marine and Air Force uniforms for our mannequins. "You've probably noticed the display of military uniforms on the mannequins in the main entrance lobby. We are pleased to announce the gifts of a US Marine dress uniform and US Air Force uniform to complete our collection. Ed and Elsie (Borden) Smolarsky of Upper Marlboro, Md. recently delivered the uniforms to the Legion. We'd like to thank Ed, a 20 + year Air Force veteran and Gunnery Sgt. Paul E. Minix, Marine Liaison at Andrews Air Force Base Hospital for their generous donation. In the next few weeks we'll be working on the display and the glass display case, to further enhance the lobby."... Our plan is to straighten out our meeting room – museum- library by relocating and adding to our uniform display made possible by an additional contribution by Oleta Bower. This will provide viewing of our hallway display case, which we hope to fill. Also on our list is the grouping and listing of titles of our military related books enabling us to provide a lending library through sign outs. Finally we hope to use a lot of picture hanging hooks with much imagination to create an attractive display in our multiuse facility. Sound ambitious? It's a long winter, let's not end here, we would like to include your assistance and suggestions in the enhancement of our facilities. ...Our Department visitation at the Post on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM was very brief but quite nice. About 25 people were in attendance including the Department, 6<sup>th</sup> District, County, and Post Commanders and Presidents and their aides. Representing Post 770 were Tom & Roberta Stilwell, Lee & Sue Weaver, Don & Dawn Smith, Tom Bennett, George Van Valen, Anne Stiles Hunt, Brady Roach, and Marty Smith. A nice assortment of horsd'ourves was on hand to accompany the many conversations that took place before the group headed out to Post 1134 in Dryden for dinner. The Department Commander presented a Gold Pin award to Tom Bennett for his many years of dedicated service in the American Legion.... The Early Bird dinner and program was a great event to begin our fall season at the Post. About 70 people enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner, which I must say was very tender with rare slices available for the enjoyment of those who prefer it that way. We thank our kitchen crew of Tom & Roberta Stilwell, Wayne & Ruth Doane, Mary Schmidt and husband, and Jim Wellin and Bill Krom for a great meal. Commander Stilwell and President Hunt introduced the officers and longtime membership recipients. We were quite disappointed that none of the Boys Stater's were in attendance to tell about their experiences but were delighted by the enthusiastic presentation for the Girl State activities and events by Rian Little, who was accompanied by her parents Frank & Lynn Palmer. Her candid talk makes us realize what a wonderful program Girls State offers. ...The October fish fry and steak dinner was put on by the Colvin crew. About 175 dinners were served. It was the first fry our crew had put on since May and wow, were we tired! The salad bar, which is my assignment, didn't see too many changes although there were a few items deleted to keep our costs down. All in all, things went quite well and we heard a lot of nice compliments. ...Looking down my list of odds 'n ends to report we notice the following: The membership paid for umpire fees for our home games. We are purchasing new bar drink chips, which should be more price explanatory oriented. Expect to see them issued soon. The membership made monetary donations to the National and Department Commanders projects, The Boy Scouts, SPCA, and donated a flag to the Junior Girl Scouts. ...If you change your address or have any questions regarding your newsletter mailing, please contact Roger Meier. He is the guy who keeps up our computer mailing list up to date.

## MEMBERSHIP

Tom Bennett, our membership chairman, advises us that our membership is currently 288. This means we are 92 short of our new quota of 380. They are out there; all we need to do is sign them up. We welcome Walter L. Harford, a recent transfer to our Post. Please take note of the following announcements by Bill Parker. All members who are on active duty please let us know what your correct address is. We need to be notified of all and any changes. You may have

moved and we didn't know and your newsletter and other mailings have been returned. Please contact us with the new and correct mailing address as soon as possible. Thank you.

### AUXILIARY NEWS

Our membership is 97 seniors & 4 juniors for a total of 101 and our quota is 154. Let's keep the membership drive going. The two names drawn for their 2010 dues to be paid by the Auxiliary were Rene Heroux and Ann Stiles Hunt. Continuous year certificates were presented at the Early Bird dinner on 9/17. Our condolences to the Jean Hovencamp family on the loss of Jean. She was a 42-year member of our Auxiliary. She worked on a lot of clambakes at the old Post. Also, our condolences to the Melva Evans family on the loss of Melva on 10/05. She was a 37-year member. Her daughter is Past Unit President Jean Ward. Our thoughts are with Georgia & Norm Sickler. The next Auxiliary dinner is on November 20<sup>th</sup> serving a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings and homemade desserts. We made monetary donations to the USO & Clothes for Kabul & 4 gift certificates for a benefit. A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped out & baked goodies for when the Bath Veterans were here on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting is Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, if you see a veteran, please say hello and thank you for protecting our country. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Respectively Submitted, Marge Bennett

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

The SAL will be collecting health and wellness items for the Bath Vets for Christmas. Items most needed are: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs/brushes, body wash, baby shampoo, disposable razors, shaving cream, and denture products. There is a collection box placed in the lounge foyer. Monetary donations are also greatly needed and should be sent to: Bath VA Medical Center, ATTN: Voluntary Service (135), Bath, NY 14810. For more details contact Brady Roach. Please welcome new member Ron Everhart. Membership is currently 24. Our quota this year is 58, so lets get out and renew your membership. Our next meeting will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Plan on doing some kitchen cleaning chores.

### SENECA LAKE STATE PARK TO PUT FLAGS ON DISPLAY

Proceeds from a Veterans Field of Honor this fall will help finance a proposed veterans cemetery alongside Route 96A in the Town of Romulus, Seneca County. Officials are predicting that some 2,000 American flags representing service personnel will be on display at Seneca Lake State Park on Routes 5 & 20 just east of Geneva from November 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, the site of the Field of Honor. The public will have the opportunity to purchase a 3-foot by 5-foot printed flag at a cost of \$30. Each flag will be labeled with the name of the individual or individuals that it honors and will be on display during the event. Once the event concludes, the flag will be given to the purchaser. Flags will represent deceased personnel, those who have served and those who are currently serving. The 176-acre cemetery site lies alongside Route 96A south of Sampson State Park in the Town of Romulus. The site, now vacant, was the home of the Navy's largest East Coast hospital during WW II and was acquired in later years by the state Department of Corrections with plans to build a correction facility there. The prison was built on the nearby grounds of the former Seneca Army Depot, leaving the former hospital site vacant. Navy veterans took their case for a New York State Owned veteran's cemetery to state Senator Nozzolio seven years ago. Those of various veterans' organizations, town boards and others joined their voices. "We have come a long way", Nozzolio said during a recent groundbreaking. He told of overcoming "bureaucratic red tape and many obstacles and we still have a long way to go." While there are national cemeteries in New York State, Nozzolio said, there are not enough to meet current needs. In the Finger Lakes area alone, he added, there are some 200,000 veterans. The proposed state cemetery, he added, "takes on even greater significance as our troops overseas continue to put themselves in harms way." Field of Honor representatives were on hand for Nozzolio's launching of a fund drive for the cemetery project. There is \$1 million on hand with \$500,000 coming from the state and a \$25,000 donation via Seneca Meadows Inc. of Waterloo. Future fund raising will involve the sale of engraved bricks on a walkway, memorial benches and trees by a non-profit cemetery advisory board. The senator said an engineering firm has been retained to layout a master plan and will be meeting with veterans and others for their input. The goal, the senator said, "is a world-class cemetery" for veterans and members of their immediate families. For more information, log onto [www.sampsonveteranscemetery.com](http://www.sampsonveteranscemetery.com) or call Nancy Mangano at 315-568-1063. As for the Veterans Field of Honor, considerable volunteer help is needed. Call 315-539-8542 or email [ringer6@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ringer6@rochester.rr.com). Flags are available through the Field of Honor project, Main Street Shop Centre, Suite 206, Waterloo, NY 13165. Call 315-729-6891

## DID YOU KNOW?

The former Naval Training Base in Seneca County has been in the news a lot lately. Let us summarize what has been happening. **1:** Some of the Sampson Air Force Base veterans and their spouses will get their first look in just a few days at their completed T-33 jet trainer now on display at the Sampson State museum grounds. The T-33 needed a complete restoration once acquired by the airmen. The current state park site was utilized by the Air Force during the Korean War years in the early 1950's. The same location was a Navy training center during World War II. Some 700,000 men and women are Navy & Air Force veterans of Sampson. Their story is told in Navy & Air Force museums at Sampson. Hours are 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM Wednesday through Sunday. There are no visiting hours on Monday or Tuesday.

**2:** \$1 Million in Hand for Seneca Co. Veterans' Cemetery. A light rain couldn't dampen the spirits of some 250 people who learned during an outdoor event at Sampson State Park Saturday afternoon that funds for a proposed Town of Romulus veterans' cemetery now total \$1 million. The occasion was the official ground breaking, which took place on the grounds of the Navy/Air Force museums at the state park. In revealing the beginning of a fund drive, Senator Michael F. Nozzolio of Fayette, R-54<sup>th</sup> Dist., said anyone wishing to donate or needing more information should contact Nancy Mangano at 315-568-1063 or log onto the new Web Site [www.sampsonveteranscemetery.com](http://www.sampsonveteranscemetery.com). The web site, Nozzolio said, "has been created to keep veterans and other residents updated on the newest developments."