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CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Sat	Oct 1	1:00 PM	Wedding
Mon	Oct 3	6:30 PM	Tompkins County Joint American Legion & Auxiliary Dinner Meeting At Post 770, Trumansburg
Tues	Oct 4	7:00 PM	Unit 770 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
Weds	Oct 5	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Oct 6	7:00 PM	Joint Legion Family Meeting (See Special Events)
		7:00 PM	Euchre Night (See Special Events)
Fri	Oct 7	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Surf & Turf Dinner– Public Invited (See Special Events)
Sat	Oct 8	TBA	Shower
Sun	Oct 9	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast – Public Invited
Mon	Oct 10	FLAG	Columbus Day
		7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Weds	Oct 12	Noon	Senior Citizens Meeting
Fri	Oct 14	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Jim Heroux’s Crew
		6:45 PM	Post the Colors at 7 PM at our H.S. football game
Sat	Oct 15	6:00 PM	Early Bird Dinner & Program (See Special Events)
Weds	Oct 19	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs	Oct 20	5:30 PM	NRA Banquet
Fri	Oct 21	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited
Sun	Oct 23	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast & Book Signing – Public Invited (See Special Events)
		11:00 AM	Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting
Mon	Oct 24	7:30 PM	Post 770 American Legion Meeting
Fri – Sat	Oct 28 – 29	All Day	American Legion Auxiliary & Senior Citizens Yard & Bake Sale
Sat	Oct 29	8:00 PM	Halloween Party – Public Invited (See Special Events)
Sun	Oct 30	3:00 PM	National Commanders Visitation at Post 442 in Horseheads
		4:00 PM	Visitation Dinner (See Special Events)
Mon	Oct 31	BOO!	Halloween

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Signing – At the Sunday, Oct 23rd breakfast we are honored to have on hand, John B. Babcock, local author of the book “Taught to Kill”, an American Boys War from Ardennes to Berlin. This account is one infantry rifleman’s personal story about combat, casualties, how he fought, and with which weapons, and about both the heroism and cowardice of his fellow soldiers. Published in cooperation with the Association of the US Army, it is a gripping account of how an ordinary American boy felt and experienced during the so-called “good war”. After the war, John embarked on a career in the broadcasting and communications industry. Married over 50 years and with three daughters, he is now retired and lives in his boyhood home of Ithaca, NY. Please plan to enjoy our fabulous breakfast and afterwards meet John, the author of a number of books. He will be glad to sign any of his books.

Pavilion Fund – David & Sandy Kline are looking for antiques, collectables, new stuff, or stuff in your way, to use on our pull-tabs. All proceeds to go towards the Pavilion Fund. No doubt you have noticed the donation cans on the bar and the raffles conducted at the picnic. These are all fund-raisers to provide a pavilion on our Legion grounds. Dave & Sandy are chairing this fund drive. Donations to this cause may be made to the American Legion earmarked “Pavilion Fund”.

Surf & Turf, Breakfast, Steak & Fish Fry, Early Bird, & Auxiliary Dinners – are all events being put on during October at our Post. Surely you are familiar with our breakfast on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. We will also be treated to a book signing at the 4th Sunday breakfast ... With an open weekend in October it was decided to put on a “Surf & Turf” dinner. It will include a New York Strip steak and a skewered bevy of shrimp plus two items picked from a long list including potatoes, salad, vegetables, soups, etc. Sounds great! ... Need we say more about our monthly Steak & Fish Fry? Judging from your attendance we feel we put on one of the best around. ... Auxiliary dinners are homemade and something different every month. They are truly an experience from which you will not go home hungry. ... The Early Bird dinner is, more or less, our fall kickoff for activities and membership. The best part is if you have paid your dues as of Sept 30th, it is absolutely free, certainly a win – win situation for both the membership and the Legion. Tom and Mary Ann & crew are sure to have something to tickle the pallet. We hope to have a bonus for this event, in that we have invited the boys & girls’ stater's to relate their experiences. You won’t want to miss this one. Sign up sheets will be posted.

Joint Meeting – This is the Legion Family information meeting with food to share if you wish, but not mandatory. There are a number of issues and decisions pending that need to be dealt with. Come and share your thoughts for the betterment of our organization.

Euchre Night – We are trying to organize a weekly Euchre night. Need not be a member. Come to the Post on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 PM if interested.

Post 770 Website – www.Post770.com – Patrick Richar would welcome pictures and info regarding the American Legion to post on the Legion website. Please send them to 111 Third Street, Waterford, NY 12188-2430. We need your help to keep this site current and up to date. You may also receive your newsletter via this website by informing Patrick of your intentions.

Newsletters- It is extremely important you inform us of any changes in address, especially if you go south or west during the winter. It is amazing how the slightest deviation in address numbers or names can cause your 3rd class mail to end up in the trashcan. We get letters and calls, even from locals who have lived in the same area for years, about not receiving their newsletters. I try to personally mail them one when informed. Lately we have had a number of complaints, so we are adding this month “Return Service Requested”, which means if your newsletter is undeliverable, it must be returned to us. We of course have to pay 1st class postage for this to happen. Never the less, we will know who is not receiving theirs.

“Walk of Honor” – We continue to receive applications for bricks to be placed in our “Walk of Honor”. We currently have 317 bricks in our “Walk of Honor”. At this time, we are in the process of having holes drilled in our marble posts to enable us to put a chain around the memorial site. We hope to accomplish this before the snow flies. Applications will be held until next year once we get into the winter 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. In fact, we now have 4 but we would love to have 3 more. This would enable us to fill the roster and perhaps have some substitutes to call on at various times. Please consider this option.

Halloween Party – Although Halloween is on Monday the 31st, we thought it would be fun to have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, the 29th. Come in your costume, scare a few friends and enjoy some munchies. We will turn up the jukebox, perhaps give away a few drinks for best costume prizes, and have one heck of a time. Can’t wait to see you there at about 8 PM.

National Commanders Visitation – will be at Post 442 in Horseheads at 3:00 PM with dinner at 4 PM. If you are interested in attending this event please contact the Commander or Adjutant for tickets, which are necessary in advance. We have attended several in the past and found them to be very worthwhile.

POST NEWS

So, who has egg all over his face? The left hand hasn’t learned what the right hand is doing yet? Breakfast at the Legion on the 28th of August? No, the grills are at the fairgrounds...Correction, grills we are using at the fairgrounds belong to the Fire Department... Therefore we are serving breakfast at the Post... But no, our crew chiefs dad died unexpectedly; therefore breakfast at the Post is cancelled. Please enjoy our regular breakfast at the Legion fair tent... Confused???? We try to inform you of our Legion events as accurately as possible, but as you can see there are many happenings that affect the outcome. We try to do our best, but our knowledge is limited. Thank you for understanding.

Commander Al has asked that we thank all of those who have given so generously of their time at the Legion food tent and also other functions as well. Pat Platt, chairperson of the Fair food tent, also adds her thanks to the many volunteers at the

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I received this on August 18th from Fred Updike and thought I'd share it with you.

George, Hope this finds you, the Legion and T-burg all doing well. I won't make it up this year, but plan on being up next summer. Thought this might be of interest to you and others, the story of Peter Giroux being shot down over N. Vietnam. (The front page is the cover of the book) All is well here in Pensacola, FL. We're still recovering from hurricane damage. It's a slow and on-going process. Hello to all you see, and if anybody ever gets down this way, we have a wonderful Naval Air Museum at Pensacola Naval Air Station. Hoist one for me! Fred Updike

We are posting the story of Peter Giroux's "Life on the Line, Stories of Vietnam Air Combat" by Philip O. Chinnery, on the bulletin board for all to see. Feel free to remove and make copies before returning. Peter is an American Legion member of Post 770 and I am proud to say, was a former student of mine during the 1st year I taught at Trumansburg Central School. Peter retired from the US Air Force as a Colonel. He and his wife Mareyn reside in Kansas. I am in possession of a brief synopsis of Peter's military career as early as 1972. I will be glad, as Post Historian, to send you a copy if you will write me.

Local, State, and National News

Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Stacie L. Yaw-Bieber and her husband, Staff Sgt. John M. Bieber, have received the Army Reserve Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Award for their service while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The award acknowledges the personal courage, selfless service, time and dedication the individuals have sacrificed to do their duty and help ensure a better tomorrow for all. Both John and Stacie are Emergency Medical Assistants & Instructors assigned to the 11th Battalion, 98th Division in Ayers, Mass.