



Ely-Fagan Post

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God Bless America

January 2017

Post Commander

It's the beginning of a new year and I think we had a great year 2016. Our fundraisers have been a great success and we provided a lot to the community. We continue to let nonprofit and other organizations use our post which has been mutually beneficial. We have made improvements in the building and will continue as funds allow. Many thanks and appreciation to those that have supported the improvements.

We lost a few members this year and we will always remember their service and contributions, we also picked up new members in the Legion, Sons and Auxiliary, let's keep up the recruiting and continue to grow.

The Executive Committee is currently having discussions with the Henrietta Veterans of Foreign Wars regarding their use of our Post. The executive committee met with their officers at our meeting on December 7, they are looking for a place to call home and have meetings. Initially we are considering sharing our facility with this organization. They have the same goals as our organization and we can see how this would be a mutually beneficial endeavor. We will hold discussions at the January and February general meetings and plan on having a vote at the March general meeting.

We wish a very happy and prosperous New Year to each member and their family.

For the good of the legion.

John Compitello
585-481-7360

Monroe County Honor Guard

The Monroe County Honor Guard needs new members. The Honor Guard currently has 25 active members who perform a great and needed service rendering a final salute in honor of a Veteran's service to our nation. Many times the Honor Guard has to turn down funerals as they do not have the membership to support all requests. Some members have continued to perform funerals as long as they could but due to age or health reasons can no longer continue to be active members. Whether you are retired or still working you could volunteer to assist during the week or strictly weekends if that is what your schedule allows. It is a great organization that performs a honored tradition which is deeply appreciated by the families. If you would like more information, please contact the Post Commander, John Compitello, at 585-481-7360 .

American Legion Auxiliary

The Auxiliary's Christmas gathering and meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. The meeting will be held at Betty Jane Lond's house, 788 Erie Station Road, West Henrietta, NY. PLEASE park in the West Henrietta Fire Department parking lot which is accessible off of West Henrietta Road before Erie Station Road. Her house is next door to the parking lot! Also we ask that anyone coming also bring LARGE sweat pants or sweat shirts, any color, which will be donated to the Canandaigua Hospital for our Veterans.

As the Auxiliary President and also the Auxiliary Cancer Committee Chair, my Auxiliary project for this year will be held on February 11, 2017, Pink the Post for Pluta Cancer Center. Our Pink the Post for Pluta project will raise donations for what is known as the Poncho Project. If you'd like to volunteer and help with this Auxiliary benefit, please contact President Kacy Friedler, [585-455-1804](tel:585-455-1804). I plan to have a few planning meetings before this community giving event. I appreciate any ideas, support, donation ideas and help for this event to become an annual event for our post home. To give back to Pluta Cancer Center who treated many Ely-Fagan Post members is my goal. For more information on the Poncho Project, please visit [Pluta Cancer Foundation.com](http://PlutaCancerFoundation.com).

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP: Have you paid your 2017 Membership yet? If not, as of December 31, 2016, your Auxiliary membership is **delinquent**. Dues are due for the new year by December 31, 2016 pursuant to the American Legion Auxiliary NATIONAL By-Laws. If you haven't paid your dues by December 31, 2016, technically you are not a current member in good standing and need to be current in order for you to be able to volunteer at our post home in any way, pursuant to National rules, not ours. Please do not become delinquent!. Also, reminder, Junior dues are due now as well. Please mail your 2016/2017 dues to Kathy Callagee, 65 Authors Avenue, Henrietta, New York 14467. If you aren't sure whether your dues are current or have any questions or concerns, please call Kathy Callagee at [585-334-0786](tel:585-334-0786). She will be more than happy to help you with any membership questions or needs. We appreciate your Membership! For all who have already paid their dues, thank you very much.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2018!

President Kacy Friedler

Sons of the American Legion

Tom Hayes

Wow, what a great start we have had so far. We are over 50% for membership. So check your membership card to see if it says 2017. If not, your dues are due. Please send a check payable to Sons of the American Legion #1151, and mail them to Kevin Yost, 1474 Middle Road, Rush NY 14543. Or save the postage fee and bring them to our next meeting on January 11 at 6:45 PM. We will be discussing various donation organizations.

January Meetings

The Executive Committee meets January 4th at 7 pm. The S.A.L meets at 6:45 pm on January 11th. The General Meeting is January 11th at 7:30 pm. A light meal is served at the General meeting. The Auxiliary meets January 25th at 7 pm. Any member can attend any meeting held at the Post.

2017 Membership Drive

We are at 88% of our 100% renewal goal. If your membership card: if it doesn't say "2017" you probably need to pay your dues. If you haven't paid yet, please do. If you know someone who has yet to pay their dues, please remind them. If you or someone you know needs help, please let us know. Those who have not paid their 2017 dues by January 31 will have their Post privileges suspended. If you have any questions please contact Ray McCormick at 585-764-9548 or email at Relkml@yahoo.com.

Good of the Legion

Carolyn Davis, on behalf of our T.O.P.S. (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) group, presented the Post with a donation of \$155 at the Post Christmas party. The donation will go to our new kitchen stove fund. T.O.P.S. meets in the Hall every Thursday from 7 am to 9 am.

Thanks to Paul Davis and Reva Gherkin for putting up the Christmas tree and decorating the Hall for the party, and thanks to Ray Torres for setting up the tables.

A tip of our hat to the anonymous folks who donated the gift cards and poinsettias for door prizes at the Christmas Party. Tom & Terri Sesock barged into the kitchen after they finished their meals and chased all of the kitchen crew out, forcing them to set down, eat, and enjoy some of the party they worked so hard for. That was a wonderful, selfless sacrifice on their part, and it was appreciated.

Many thanks to Carolyn, Sue, Yoli, Carol, Irma, Diane, Joe and Kevin for coming together and putting on a Christmas dinner like nothing we have seen in at least 10 years! Several long-time members stated that was the largest crowd at one of our dinners in at least 10 years. There was enough turkey and stuffing for everyone to have second helpings and more. The dining hall was attractive and everyone loved the meatballs.

January Sunday Breakfast Canceled

Due to the first Sunday of January falling on January 1st, the January Sunday Breakfast has been canceled. The next Sunday Breakfast will be Sunday, February 5, 2017 from 9 am to 12 pm. Hope to see you there!

Snowbirds!

Snowbirds need to call the Legion at 317-860-3111 to notify them when they are leaving and when they intend to return. Questions? Contact Ray McCormick.

Legion Ladies News

During the month of December, 2016, the Legion Ladies Donated \$500 to the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal (RHAFT) and \$500 to the USMCR Toys for Tots annual Christmas drive. The Ladies will be sending at least one deserving Girl Scout to Camp next summer who otherwise would not be able to go.

The Ladies continue to raise funds through donations and receiving a percentage of the Tuesday Night Dinner sales. They will use the money raised to assist our community and our Legion Family.

The Legion Ladies are an unofficial group of Auxiliary members who are involved and want to support the Post and our community. If you are interested and want to help, please talk to one of the Ladies in the kitchen on any Tuesday

Post Inventory

If you currently have any Post property, such as tables, chairs, kitchen utensils, etc, please return them to the Post as soon as possible so they can be included in the annual Post Inventory. If you have any questions please contact Ralph Litzenberger, Ray Torres or Kevin Hermey.

Post Family Movie Night

Movies will be shown in the Hall on Saturday, January 28th starting at 7:00 pm. Bring a comfortable chair if you have one. Bring the kids in their pajamas and throw a sleeping bag on the floor if you want, you can wear comfy clothes yourself. If there is a particular movie you would like to see, tell us! Popcorn and soda are \$1.00 each, there is an intermission between the movies and the kitchen will be serving hamburgers & hot dogs, French fries, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, and wings.

The first movie is **The Choice**: Travis and Gabby first meet as neighbors in a small coastal town and wind up in a relationship that is tested by life's most defining events. The second movie is **Star Trek Beyond**: The USS Enterprise crew explores the furthest reaches of uncharted space, where they encounter a new ruthless enemy who puts them and everything the Federation stands for to the test.

American Legion Boys State

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a program where students learn the operation of local, county and state government. Boys State was founded in 1935 to teach select individuals the benefits of citizenship. The Auxiliary sponsors a similar program for young women called Girls State.

At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs. Ely-Fagan Post 1151 selects at least one deserving high school junior to attend the program each year and pays the cost of tuition.

For more information please call Ray McCormick at 585-764-9548 or email him at Relkml@yahoo.com.

Monroe County American Legion Honor Guard

Did you know the Monroe County American Legion Honor Guard provides full military honors at funeral services for deceased veterans? The "Final Salute" rendered by the Honor Guard is a reverent and solemn service to bid farewell to our departed comrade. It is our honor and duty to provide a military send-off for a deserving veteran that offered his/her life for the good of the country.

The "Final Salute" consists of a prayer, the firing of the rifles, the sounding of taps, the folding and presenting of the American Flag under which this veteran served. A poppy is then placed on the urn or casket signifying this veteran will not be forgotten. A salute is executed with a blessing that the veteran "Rest in Peace."

Too often a veteran does not receive a "Final Salute" because the family wasn't aware that such a service existed. The family should notify the funeral director and request this service as not all funeral directors will ask if the deceased was a veteran.

Talk with your family and friends about this service. There is no charge, but donations are welcomed. Let us not forget what these veterans did to preserve our freedom. For more information contact John Compitello at 585-481-7360.

Hall Rentals

Our Hall is available to rent from 8 am to 10 pm daily. Hall rental is \$175.00 with a \$100.00 security deposit. The rental fee does not include use of the kitchen, which is extra. A contract is required and other conditions may apply. For more information contact Ralph Litzenberger at 585-750-1854.

Ely-Fagan Post 1151 Jacket Orders



The jacket shown above with your name over the right breast is \$80.00. A high quality, light & warm jacket, with velcro cuffs, two pockets inside and two pockets outside with embroidered Legion logos, Post name, and personalization. We have a sample jacket in the Devil's Bar for those who would like to examine it. The jackets will be purchased from Aramark. If you are interested please place your prepaid order at the Devil's Bar by Sunday, January 15, 2017. If you have any questions please see Les Bowens at the Devil's Bar on Thursdays and Fridays. (Thanks again, Joe.)

The Following Businesses Support Our Post

We encourage you to consider the below listed businesses first when you have need of services and let the manager know we sincerely appreciate their support.

Gander Mountain

The Outback Steak House

Mama G's Italian Restaurant

Cerame's Italian Villa

Fireside Grill & Sports Bar

MacGregor's Grill & Tap Room Home Depot

Young and Co, CPA's LLP

Suburban Animal Hospital

Perri's Pizzeria

Key Bank

Tony Pepperoni

Declan Casey Entertainment

Cheryl Litzenberger / Nothnagle Realtors

Macaroni Grill

Olive Garden

Buffalo Wild Wings

Tim Hortons

Bill Gray's

Wegman's

Northridge Contracting

Extreme Auto Solutions

Cortese Lincoln

Peppermints

The Appliance Store

Fish Fry Every Friday!

Join us for a fish fry every Friday from 4 pm to 7 pm, serving battered, breaded or baked 12 – 14 ounce haddock filets, shrimp, scallops, clams and a limited landlubber's menu. Meet friends for dinner or make friends at dinner. Call us at 585-334-8228 and we will have it ready when you get here. We deliver for orders of \$25 or more.

Tuesday Night Dinners . . .

January 3 / 5 - 7pm: Sandwich Night: Grilled Reuben or a **Turkey Bacon Club**. Sandwiches come with French fries and cole slaw. **\$8.00**

January 10 / 5 – 7 pm: Hot Turkey Sandwich. A healthy portion of tender, succulent roast turkey breast on toast, smothered with rich turkey gravy. Choice of mashed potatoes or stuffing, vegetable and house salad included for just **\$8.00!**

January 17 / 5 – 7 pm: Roast Beef Dinner Tender & tasty roast beef, served with mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable and house salad **\$8.00!**

January 24 / 5 – 7 pm: Chicken Parmesan Breaded & deep fried chicken breast, with layers of sauce & mozzarella, served on a bed of thin pasta and covered in our secret sauce. Served with house salad. Only **\$8.00!**

January 31 / 5 - 7pm: Beef Tips & Noodles: The perfect comfort food for a cold winter's night! A hot, healthy serving of tender & delicious sirloin beef tips in a special, savory sauce on a bed of hot buttered egg noodles with House Salad and bread for only **\$8.00**.

February 7 / 5 - 7pm: Fried Chicken A 4 piece serving of our own Fried Chicken, with mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, and House salad for only **\$9.00!**

As always, smiles, coffee, tea & water are included with all dinners at Ely-Fagan. Soda in cans and bottled water are available for \$1.00 each. Eat here and let us clear the table and do the dishes or take it out and eat it in the comfort of your home. Call us (585-334-8228) and we will have it ready when you get here. We deliver locally for orders of \$25 or more.

We do our best to provide a good meal at a reasonable cost. Due to rising costs we are being forced to raise prices on some dinners beginning January 1, 2017. Those meals having the price increase will be clearly marked in the newsletter. We appreciate your support and will do our best to keep prices as low as possible. Thanks!

Serve Safe Training

The County Health Department requires Low Risk Establishments such as ours to have at least one Level 2 Food Worker present at any event involving food handling with a Level 1 Food Worker readily available. Several of our food workers' certificates will be expiring soon and we are considering holding a certification class at the Post. The class is 8 hours long with a test, your test score determining if you are certified as a Level 1 or Level 2. Once we know the class size we can call for a date. Members of the kitchen crews needing certification will be paid for by the Post. If you are interested contact Kevin Hervey call 585-746-8450 and leave a message with your name and telephone number.

Devil's Bar News

Happy Holiday from the Devil's Bar!

WOW, what an awesome time we had during the Christmas Party! The dinner was amazing and the entertainment was entertaining! Thank you to all who had a hand in making it a success.

We have 3 new bartenders currently in training! Please welcome Vica, Isabelle and Liz to our family! With these three joining us we will have the Bar back open 7 days a week very soon! I am presently bartending every Tuesday now instead of Les.

We will be having a Super Bowl Party Sunday February 5th with Pizza and Wings and drink specials. We would love to have you come join us.

Our next karaoke will be on Saturday January 21, 2017 at 8:30 pm until 12:30 am.

Jello Shots are back!!! Come check out the DAILY drink specials! **Henry's Hard Orange Soda is temporarily available for \$2.75 a bottle!** Stop in and try one and let us know if we should make it a regular item!

If you have any suggestions for drink specials or any beers you would like to try, let us know and we will look into it.

Be safe and keep warm !

Paula

Starting Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 6:30 pm, we will have a **euchre** tournament every Tuesday night. Come early and have dinner with friends and make an evening of it! **Wii Bowling** meets Mondays at 6:30. Everyone is welcome! We have a **dart board** and a beautiful, 8 foot **pool table** just waiting for someone to play. Have a **birthday drink on the Post!** Just show proof it is your birthday & your favorite drink is on the house. Bring your friends with you to help celebrate!

Spring 2017 Sportsman's Raffle

The Spring Sportsman's Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017. The Spring and Fall raffles are the Post's largest single source of revenue. The success of the raffles is vital to our Post's financial health.

Our Post Legion Family has approximately 400 members. We order 1,200 \$10 tickets to sell for each raffle. If every member of the Post committed to purchasing two tickets, we would only have about 400 tickets left to sell. If every member committed to selling at least one additional ticket to a friend, the sale would be over almost as soon as it began.

Planning is already underway for the Spring raffle. Volunteers will soon be needed. Help your Post make this raffle the best one yet!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:30p Wii Bowling	3 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Sandwich Night / Club Reuben	4 Weekly Drawing 7pm Exec Mtg	5 TOPS Devils Bar Closed	6 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	7
8 SUNDAY BREAKFAST Devils Bar Closed	9 6:30p Wii Bowling	10 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Hot Turkey Sandwich	11 Weekly Drawing 6:45p SAL Mtg 7:30p Gen Mtg	12 TOPS Devils Bar Closed	13 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	14
15 Devils Bar Closed	16 6:30p Wii Bowling	17 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Roast Beef Dinner	18 Weekly Drawing	19 TOPS Devils Bar Closed	20 Inauguration Day Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	21 Karaoke
22 Devils Bar Closed	23 6:30p Wii Bowling	24 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Chicken Parmesan	25 Weekly Drawing 6:30p Aux Mtg	26 TOPS Devils Bar Closed	27 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	28
29 Devils Bar Closed	30 6:30p Wii Bowling	31 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Beef Tips & Noodles	1 Weekly Drawing 7pm Exec Mtg	2 TOPS Devils Bar Closed	3 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	4
5 New Years Day Devils Bar Closed	6 6:30p Wii Bowling	7 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Fried Chicken	8 Weekly Drawing 6:45p SAL Mtg 7:30p Gen Mtg	9 TOPS Devils Bar Closed	6 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	10

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