



Ely-Fagan Post

Post Commander

Kevin Hermey

This month we will be nominating candidates for the Post Elections. The only prerequisite to hold office in the American Legion is to be a member in good standing. It helps if you care about the Post and will do what is best for the Post. It also helps if you have the time available to fulfill the duties of your office. I am confident that whoever is elected will be qualified to lead and will have the full support of the General Membership. Once the nominations are made they will be posted to the website and will be in the April newsletter.

Our Hall floor is in bad shape. Talking with several people in the field it seems it would cost more to repair the floor and then maintain it than it would to just replace the floor and be done with it. We are looking at bids to replace the floor now. It is likely we will have to borrow the money to have the work done and so it will be discussed at the General meeting this month.

Home Depot Foundation has generously donated the material and labor to replace the wall and the French doors in the Hall as well as the exit door in the White room. Further, the Town of Henrietta is working up plans to connect the Post to the Town sewer line and will likely be able to bring the sewer line to within 5 feet of the Post. The work will be done at no cost to the Post. These jobs represent a tremendous savings to the Post. Please show your appreciation by thanking our Town employees and shopping at our Henrietta Home Depot store.

For the Good of the Legion

Post Everlasting

John T. McCarthy Jr.
USMC WWII Korea
Past Post 1151 Commander

Francis K. Quinn
USAF Vietnam
"FQ"

American Legion Auxiliary

We will be electing new officers for 2015 – 2016. If you are interested, contact Dianne Meli at 359-8725 by March 21st.

We will host bingo at the Monroe Community Hospital at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 16th and again at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 18th. If you would like to ride together, meet at the Post at 6:15 pm both days.

We are having the annual New Members Banquet on Wednesday, March 25th. Reservations are needed by Saturday, March 21st. The meal includes roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, salad, roll, and desert and will cost \$8.00 per member. New members are free.

Our annual St Patrick's Day dinner is Sunday, March 15th from 3 until 7 pm. Volunteers and cupcakes are needed. Please contact Carolyn Davis at 334-4457 for more information.

Post Memorial Walkway

The purpose for the "Post Memorial Walkway" is to create a permanent legacy and to honor past & present members of the American Legion Family, any honorably discharged veteran, and any canine who served in the military.

Family members and friends can honor their loved one by purchasing a Brick Paver to be placed in the Post Memorial Walkway. The Pavers are \$75.00 each and have up to 3 lines with up to 15 characters per line for information about the individual. We will have a Groundbreaking ceremony on Memorial Day 2015 and then will dedicate the Walkway on Veterans Day 2015.

Funds generated will be used to enhance our facility and fund our projects. Order forms are available at the Post or you can call and we will mail them to you. If you have any questions, please contact Ralph Litzenberger.

We will be submitting our first order for bricks on March 31, 2015. These Pavers will be used in the initial set up of the Walkway. The next order after this will be several months away depending on how fast the Pavers are selling (larger orders decrease shipping costs).

2015 Membership Drive

Recruiting new members and maintaining current membership levels is a top priority for any organization. Organizations having large numbers of voting-aged Citizens are something the American political class knows not to ignore.

Two years ago Washington wanted to send troops to Syria to cause “regime change”. Many Legionnaires were opposed to it. Our National Commander made a statement praising Congress and the President for exercising “due diligence” before making a decision to commit our troops to war. Did his statement have any impact on the decision not to send troops in? Who knows, but imagine if the National Commander supported sending troops. We would be there now.

We are just a small piece in the overall debate over where our country is headed. There is strength in numbers. By banding together in our community, we can affect policy at our level. Grouping together with other Posts in the County, we affect policy at County, and it continues up through district, department and National. The more members we have, the more voting power we have at the County convention. We can have an impact. We as veterans who have stood the watch, ready to do whatever needed to be done have something to offer. Our friends, families, communities, State and Nation need us to have the impact. It all begins with you.

We have stalled just shy of our goal of 100%. We need to get it moving again. 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, let us know. If you have any questions please contact Tim Tysall, Ray McCormick or Kevin Hermey.

Good of the Legion

Many thanks to **Ralph Litzberger** for taking the initiative to have the Home Depot Foundation to rebuild the wall between the Hall and the White Room, remounting the interior French doors and repairing the door frame and replacing the exterior door to the White room. Ralph has saved the Post an enormous amount of money during his tenure as House Committee Chairman mostly by donating his labor & expertise, and also through his vast network of friends & acquaintances in the trades. Someone else who is just as deserving our thanks and recognition is our friend, **Les Bowens**. Les recently spoke with the Henrietta Town Supervisor, Jack Moore about our need to connect to the Town sewage line. The Supervisor looked into the issue and has indicated the Town may be able to arrange to have a contractor bring the line to within 5 feet of the Post home at no cost. The actions of these two Legionnaires demonstrates the high level of commitment we enjoy here.

2015 – 2016 Post Officer Elections

Below are the highlights of each Post Officer position. Any Legionnaire in good standing is eligible to hold office. Nominations will open at the March 11 General Meeting.

Post Commander: Has general responsibility for all business and affairs of the Post.

First Vice Commander: Assumes duties of Commander when needed. Chairman, membership committee.

Second Vice Commander: Fills in for Commander or First Vice as needed. Chairman, Americanism committee. Chairman, Finance committee.

Third Vice Commander: Assume duties of the Commander, First Vice, or Second Vice as needed. Chairman, Publicity committee.

Post Adjutant: Maintains complete records of proceedings of all meetings. Prepare complete and accurate membership reports. Responsible for all Post correspondence. Collects membership dues.

Treasurer: In charge of safety & security of all Post finances. Make recommendations for improving Post finances.

Post Chaplain: Charged with the Spiritual welfare of the Post. Provide religious, non-sectarian services as needed.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Maintain good order & discipline as needed.

Nominations will accepted until immediately prior to voting at the April 8, 2015 General Meeting. Check the Post web site (<http://alpost1151.org>) for more up to date information.

March Meetings

The House Committee meets March 4th at 6 pm. The Executive Committee meets March 4th at 7 pm. The S.A.L. meets March 11th at 6:45 pm. The General Meeting is Wednesday, March 11th at 7:30 pm. A light meal will be served prior to the meeting. The Auxiliary meets March 25th at 6:30 pm. All meetings are in the Hall unless otherwise noted. Any member in good standing may attend any meeting held at the Post.

March Sunday Breakfast

This month's Breakfast will be on Sunday, March 1st, from 9 am until 12 pm. The menu includes eggs any style, omelets, pancakes, potatoes, toast, bacon and sausage with orange juice, great coffee and tea. You won't find a better breakfast deal in a friendlier atmosphere anywhere in the county!

Spring Sportsmen's Raffle

Our Spring Sportsmen's Raffle will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 12 pm to 6 pm. The tickets will again be just \$10.00 each and will allow the holder to be included in all 12 major prize drawings and free food & beverage.

Major Prizes (Does not include side raffle)

1. Ruger 10/22
2. Remington 870 Combo 12 Gauge
3. Henry Golden Boy .22
4. CVA Optima V2 Muzzleloader with Scope
5. Savage 111 .30-06 Nikon Scope Combo
6. Ruger American .243 Bolt
7. Liberty Revolution 18 Gun Fire Safe
8. Diamond Outlaw Compound Bow
9. Perception Conduit 9.5' Kayak
10. Fishing Package # 1
 - a. Flueger President Spinning Reel
 - b. St Croix Triumph Rod
 - c. Tackle Bag with Gift Card
11. Fishing Package # 2
 - a. Abu Garcia Pro Max Low Pro Baitcast Reel
 - b. St Croix Mojo Bass 1 piece Rod
 - c. Tackle Bag with Gift Card
12. Fishing Package # 3
 - a. Abu Garcia Cardinal Spinning Reel
 - b. Abu Garcia Veritas 2.0 1 piece Rod
 - c. Tackle Bag with Gift Card

Tickets will be available for sale and selling shortly. This year, instead of having an "early bird" drawing, there will be three separate monthly drawings leading up to the Raffle. Once a month, there will be a drawing from the tickets sold the previous month with the winner getting \$100.00. So if you sell a lot of tickets, your chance of having your name drawn is pretty good. The first drawing will be March 1st, the second drawing on April 1st, and the third and final drawing on May 1st.

You can purchase tickets from the Devil's Bar, from any member of the Legion Family that is selling them, you can mail us a check and we will send the tickets right out to you. You can also sell tickets!

The Spring & Fall Raffles are our main source of revenue and it is very important that we are successful in our raffles. If each member of the Legion Family at Ely-Fagan was to purchase just one ticket, we would have a third of them sold right off the bat.

The first Early Bird Drawing will be March 1st at 1 pm in the Devil's Bar. Someone who has turned in the money for their tickets is going to be \$100.00 richer!

Annual St Patrick's Day Dinner

The American Legion Auxiliary Annual St Patrick's Day Dinner will be on Sunday March 15th from 3 pm to 7 pm. The meal will consist of Corned Beef, Cabbage, potatoes, carrots and a roll, Salad and light dessert. Cost will be \$8.00 per dinner, 2 dinners for \$15.00! What a deal! Enjoy a nice meal without having to cook or clean! Dine in or take out. Help and cupcakes are needed. Please contact Carolyn Davis at 334-4457 for more information.

NY Strip Steak Dinner

The Post will host a "NY Strip" steak dinner on Saturday, March 28th, from 5 pm to 8 pm. The menu will include a ~12 ounce cut of NY Strip steak, grilled to your liking, baked potato, vegetable, house salad, roll and dessert. Cost will be \$15.00 per person in advance. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, March 20. Tickets are available in the Devil's Bar.

Movie Night

Movie Night will be Saturday, March 14th, starting at 7 pm. Movies are "Despicable Me" and "Avatar". Open to all Legion Family members and guests. Free popcorn. Canned sodas are \$1.00 a can and the kitchen will be open for burgers, fries, hots, and snacks during the intermission.

Tuesday Night Dinners

We will have **Meatloaf** on Tuesday, March 3rd from 5 to 7 pm. The dinner includes a healthy serving of our very own Classic meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, House salad and bread for only \$8.00! We'll be having **Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches** on Tuesday, March 17th from 5 to 7 pm. The dinner includes a savory, tender, huge pile of Roast Beef on fresh bread, mashed potatoes & Gravy and a House Salad (may substitute French fries for mashed potatoes) for \$8.00! On March 31st we will have **Spaghetti**. The dinner includes a plate full of angel hair pasta, smothered in our classic secret sauce, with your choice of meatballs and/or Italian sausage! House salad & bread included for only \$8.00!

Coffee, tea & water are included with all dinners. Soda in cans is available for \$1.00 each. Adult beverages may be purchased in the Devil's Bar and brought to the Hall, or you can be served in the Devil's Bar. 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 and we will have it ready when you get here.

Southwest Airlines Vacation Giveaway Refunds

If you have yet to receive a refund for the Vacation Giveaway Raffle please bring your ticket stubs to the Post for refund.

“S.O.S.” Saturday

This month’s “S.O.S. Saturday” will be on March 28th from 8:00 am to 11 am. The meal is free for Post members and their guests, but donations to the Floor Replacement Fund are encouraged. Come on down and try to determine which is better: Chipped Beef or S.O.S. and which service made it best. Meet your friends & neighbors. Free. Can’t beat it.

Wii Bowling Tournament

Wii Bowling will start again on Monday, January 5th at 6:30 in the Devil’s Bar and will continue through to the end of April. New teams are welcome. There will be a tournament dinner and prizes at the end of the season with prizes.

Post Store T-Shirt Sale!

We need some new T-Shirt designs, but before we can get any more we have to reduce our current inventory. To that end we are slashing prices! Buy one T shirt for \$10.00, get the second for \$5! All Hats are \$10.00! All patches are 50% off! We need to clear the decks so we can get new items.

March Karaoke Nights with David Ells

We will have karaoke on Saturday, March 7, starting at 8 pm. We will also have karaoke after the Steak Dinner on Saturday, March 28 starting at 8:00 pm. There will be drink specials, plenty of fresh popcorn and a lot of live entertainment! The kitchen will be open with a light menu.

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. Hall rental fee does not include use of the kitchen, which is extra. A contract is required. For more information contact the Post at 585- 334- 8228.

Fifty Cent Wing Night

We will serve chicken wings for 50 cents each on Thursday, March 19th from 6 pm to 8 pm. Poppers, Mozzarella sticks, Mac n Cheese and Burgers also available.

Chef Salads on Fish Fry Fridays

We have a limited number of Chef Salads available on Fridays. Heaped with Swiss & cheddar cheese, ham, turkey & salami, hard boiled eggs, tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, olives, pepperocini & croutons on a bed of fresh lettuce, it is a true meal by itself. \$6.00 each. Variety of creamy dressings available.

Games of Chance

We are starting over, but the payout for the **Queen of Hearts** is currently in excess of \$400.00! Tickets are \$1.00 at the bar. Drawing is every Friday at 7 pm. You must have your ticket stub to claim your prize. Come in for the Fish Fry, stay for the drawing! The Wednesday **Weekly Drawing** is almost \$200.00. You pay a dollar and sign the book. If your number is chosen and you are present, you get the whole prize! If your number is drawn and you’re not there, you get half the prize. Our **Dice Game** is over \$200! Pay a dollar and get 3 chances to roll 5 of a kind and win it all. We have a variety of **pull tabs** with prizes ranging from \$1 to \$500. Proceeds from all games of chance are used to fund operations.

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March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Early Bird Drawing 9am – 12 pm Breakfast!	2 Wii Bowling	3 Euchre Tuesday Dinner Meatloaf	4 Weekly Drawing 6p House Cmte 7p Exec Cmte	5	6 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	7 Karaoke
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 Wii Bowling	10	11 Weekly Drawing 6:45p S.A.L. 7:30p General	12	13 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	14 Movie Night
15 St Patrick's Day Dinner	16 Wii Bowling	17 Euchre Tuesday Dinner Hot Roast Beef	18	19 Wing Night	20 1 st Day of Spring! Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	21 Blue/Gold Dinner
22	23 Union Meeting Wii Bowling	24	25 Weekly Drawing 7pm Auxiliary	26	27 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	28 S.O.S Saturday Steak Night Karaoke
29	30 Wii Bowling	31 Euchre Tuesday Dinner Spaghetti & Meatballs or Italian Sausage	1 Weekly Drawing 6pm House Committee Mtg 7pm Executive Committee Mtg	2	3 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	4
5	6 Wii Bowling	7	8 Weekly Drawing 6:45pm S.A.L. Meeting 7:30pm General Meeting	9	10 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	11

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