



Ely-Fagan Post

Post Commander

John Compitello

November is Military Family Month, while we continue to support veterans, past, present and future let us remember and reach out to military families. They have loved ones serving around the world and in many cases a spouse has double duty at home. As we celebrate Veterans Day let us keep in mind the families that continue to work on the home front while the servicemen or women performs their duty.

On Wednesday, November 11th we will be celebrating Veterans Day at our Post Home. Beginning at 10:00 am there will be a ceremony by State Senator Patrick Gallivan, dedicating a portion of Route 15A as the Henrietta Veterans Memorial Highway. Thank You! to Wendell Schillinger for his time and effort on this project. The highway ceremony will be followed by our Memorial Walkway dedication which will be attended by town officials. Thank You! to Ralph Litzenburger, Eagle Scout Candidate Timothy Gaston and our Scout Troop. Following these dedications two awards will be presented, one by Senator Gallivan and one by town officials.

At 11:00 am we will assemble at our Post flagpole and conduct our Veterans Day Service, followed by our open house. We also plan on presenting the Senior Center with a new flag and raising it up the flagpole in front of their building.

As you can see, we have much going on that morning. It is a Wednesday but we hope to see many of you there. Be sure to thank a veteran or family on this or any other day for their service to our great nation.

October 24th was our Past Commander / Past President Dinner, What a night! We showed our appreciation to the Past Commander and Past President, one dinner is a small token for all they have done for our post. We also had representatives from the Town of Henrietta, The DDS Companies and Home Depot; we presented them with plaques to show how much we value their support. We also recognized several members for their contributions and, to be honest, if we took the time to honor all members who support the post, the dinner would be a weeklong event. And a very special thanks to our kitchen staff and Boy Scout Troop who helped to make this event successful and memorable.

Volunteers are what make our organization work.

For the good of the Legion

The Carolyn Davis Award for Selfless Service

Selfless service is a service which is performed without any expectation of result or award for the person performing it.

There are many people that help ensure our Post functions are a success. Dinners, raffles, craft fairs, flea markets, benefits, barbecues, the list could go on . . . There is always a cadre the Post can count on to stand up and step up, depending upon what their lives are allowing them to do. That is what makes organizations such as ours work. And we're grateful to have those volunteers.

But there has been one person among the many that has always been there, doing what needed to be done, or standing by, ready to assist at almost every Legion Family function. An experienced, knowledgeable, motivated and motivating, hardworking, loving person who without hesitation will volunteer to help with any Post function and expects nothing in return. A true asset who stays up-to-date of what is going on in our Legion Family. There are many members of our Legion Family who can claim title to most all the above, but there is only one who stands out among her peers: someone who epitomizes the Auxiliary's mission of "service, not self: Carolyn Davis.

Carolyn has come to the Post early on many occasions, regardless of the weather or how she was feeling, despite having no one to help her, to prepare and serve a meal. Carolyn volunteers to help with every Post function, whether it is helping out in the kitchen, selling raffle tickets during a meal, running a Chinese auction, or running the Post store. She takes an active part in the planning of events, providing insight and ideas. She is not afraid to do what needs to be done to ensure success. Carolyn is a friend to all. She is kind, caring, understanding and non-judgmental. Carolyn not only epitomizes the mission of the Auxiliary; she is the ultimate "Lady of the Legion". She is all those things that make our Ely-Fagan Legion Family a great family to be a member of. Carolyn could easily be everyone's mother.

We hereby institute this annual award, hereafter known as the "Carolyn Davis Annual Award for Selfless Service", and present it to none other than Carolyn Davis, herself.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Savings Time ends Saturday so remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night before bed.

2016 Membership Drive

As of October 18, fifty-eight percent (58%) of our members have renewed their membership for 2016. We still have two months to go before the end of the year and we can easily make 100 percent by Christmas.

Besides ensuring we have someone there in Washington, getting in the face of our politicians every day, ensuring the government keeps the promises it made to millions of our servicemen, another very good reason to pay your annual dues before January 1, 2016 is effective January 1, 2016 the amount of annual dues will increase \$5.00 to \$45.00 a year. Please send your dues in as soon as you can. You can bring your renewal in or mail it to the Post, or go to <http://www.legion.org/renew> and renew online. We need everyone to do their part: If you haven't paid your dues for 2016, please do so. If you know someone who has yet to renew, please remind them. Let us know if you or someone you know needs help.

NY State Champion Color Guard News



“On behalf of the New York State Champion Ely Fagan Women's Color Guard we would like to express our deepest thanks for the great party held for us on Friday, September 25th, in the Devil's Bar. We are proud to have the honor of representing our post. Thank you to Kevin Hermey for providing the great appetizers and thank you to Commander John and his wife Donna for celebrating with us. Again, it is a great honor to represent our Post during the marching season, and again, thank you!”

Squadron Adjutant Receives Honorable Mention

Kevin Yost, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 1151 Adjutant, received an honorable mention for his essay entitled, “What Memorial Day Means to Me”, which he entered in the Stevens-Connors American Legion Post 1330 Annual Memorial Day Essay Contest.

Post Memorial Walkway

The purpose for the “Post Memorial Walkway” is to create a permanent legacy to honor members of the American Legion Family, and any veteran who served in the U.S. military.

Honor your loved ones by purchasing a brick paver to be placed in the Post Memorial Walkway. The pavers are \$75.00 each and have 3 lines with 15 characters per line for name, rank, service & period.

Funds generated will be used to enhance our facility and fund our projects. Order forms are available at the Post and [website](#).

Any orders received after October 1st will not be completed until next spring as we cannot place them during the winter months. If you have any questions please contact Ralph Litzenberger at 585-750-1854.

United States Marine Corps 240th Birthday

In celebration of the 240th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps, the Genesee Valley Detachment of the Marine Corps League is hosting a Birthday Luncheon on Sunday, November 8, starting at 12:00 pm at the Wishing Well Party House at 1190 Chili Avenue in Rochester, NY 14624.

Cost is \$22.00 per attendee and reservations must be made no later than November 1, 2015. Reservation forms are available at the Post. For more information contact Thomas Marrocco at 585-227-0988

American Legion Auxiliary

We are accepting dues for the 2015/2016 year. Please mail your checks payable to Ely-Fagan ALA to Kathy Callagee, 65 Authors Avenue, Henrietta, New York 14467. If you have any questions concerning your membership, please call Kathy Callagee at 585-334-0786.

Sons of the American Legion

Our 2016 membership drive has started and we are now starting to get out the 2016 cards. Dues will stay the same as last year: \$20 for 21 years old and older, and \$9 for under 21 years old. Checks can be made out to Sons of the American Legion #1151. Please mail your dues to Kevin Yost, 1474 Middle Road, Rush NY 14543, or come to our next meeting on November 11 at 6:45 pm and pay directly.

Good of the Legion

A huge “THANK YOU!” to our “Legion Ladies” and the young men of Boy Scout Troop 350 for their efforts making the Past Commander / President's dinner a huge success! Thanks to Eagle candidate Jan Kuhns and Boy Scout Troop 350 for building the Post a much-needed shed. Thanks to Eagle candidate Timothy Gaston and Boy Scout Troop 350 for constructing our Memorial Walkway.

Veterans Day Freebies

The following is a partial listing of local merchants that will be offering discounts to veterans in honor of their service. Generally your American Legion membership card will be sufficient proof of service. **If you have questions please contact the restaurant directly.**

Applebee's: Veterans and Active Duty Military can select a free meal from a limited menu for Veteran's Day.

Carrabba's offers a free appetizer at participating locations on Monday, November 9th through Sunday, November 15th.

Denny's all Veterans a free Build Your Own Grand Slam Breakfast or All You Can Eat Pancakes.

Friendly's is offering a free dine-in breakfast, lunch or dinner from select menus on Veteran's Day.

Golden Corral offers a free sit-in "thank you" dinner for Military veterans, retirees, and active duty members.

Longhorn Steakhouse has a free complimentary Texas Tonion appetizer and a non-alcoholic beverage.

Olive Garden will have a free meal from a special menu including entrees, freshly baked garlic breadsticks and a choice of unlimited soup or salad.

Outback Steakhouse will have a free Bloomin' Onion® and beverage and will also have a military discount of 15% off the total check from November 12th thru December 31st, 2015, valid for military members and their families.

Red Lobster will have a complimentary appetizer or dessert from a special menu. Valid Monday, November 9 through Thursday, November 12, 2015.

Home Depot offers a 10% discount to all military veterans on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veterans Day. A year round 10% discount up to a maximum \$500 is offered at all U.S. locations to active duty personnel, reservists, retired or disabled veterans and their immediate families.

Lowes Home Improvement honors all Veterans on three specific holidays: Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veterans Day. During these three holiday weekends, Lowes extends the discount to all veterans who served honorably and who present a valid Form DD214 or other proof of service.

Chili's is offering your choice of one of 7 meals during the dinner hour, or any lunch combo during lunch.

Red Robin has a free Red's Tavern Double and Bottomless Steak Fries.

Texas Roadhouse has your choice of one of 10 free meals, plus sides and a soft drink, coffee, or tea. Dine-in only.

Uno Chicago Grill has a free individual pizza or entrée with the purchase of a pizza or entrée of equal or greater value.

Tops Friendly Markets Veterans Day Discount

In a show of appreciation, Tops Friendly Markets will be offering all Veterans and their immediate families an eleven percent (11%) discount on their total order for purchases made on Veterans Day, November 11, 2015 during normal business hours. To obtain the discount, just show proof that you or someone living in your home is a Veteran and the 11% discount will be automatically deducted from the total cost of your order. Tops Friendly Markets is a long-time supporter of the US military and our nation's Veterans.

St. Lawrence School Veterans Day Concert

The children of St Lawrence School have invited all veterans, active and reserve military, police, fire and other first responders to their annual Veterans Day Concert at the St Lawrence Church – Deacon Hall on Tuesday, November 10, either at 1 pm or at 7 pm.

If you would like to attend, please call the School by November 6, 2015 at 585-225-3870 to reserve a seat.

The Following Businesses Support Our Post

The following local businesses support our Post. We encourage you to consider these businesses first when you have need of services and let the manager know we sincerely appreciate their support.

Gander Mountain	Macaroni Grill
The Outback Steak House	Olive Garden
Mama G's Italian Restaurant	Rush Creekside Inn
Buffalo Wild Wings	Cerame's Italian Villa
Fireside Grill & Sports Bar	NRG Home Solar
Lamartina's Italian Restaurant	Culver Auto & Detail
MacGregor's Grill and Tap Room	Henrietta Home Depot
Young and Co, CPA's LLP	Suburban Animal Hospital
Northridge Contracting	Extreme Auto Solutions
Key Bank	

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December Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the December newsletter is November 23rd. Information received after that date may not be included in the newsletter.

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.

Wii Bowling Season is Here!

The Wii Bowling League meets every Monday at 6:00 pm in the Devil's Bar. We have 2 large screen TVs and 2 Wii consoles so it goes pretty fast. Dues are \$5 each night and you roll three games. We use the money collected for our League dinner at an area restaurant, possibly give out some prizes, and use the remainder to improve our Post. We are still accepting members. All members of the Post Legion Family and their guests are welcome!

Games of Chance

The **Queen of Hearts** jackpot is in excess of \$250.00! Tickets are \$1.00 and the drawings on Friday at 7 pm. You must have your ticket stub to claim your prize. The **Weekly Drawing** pot has split. The first pot is \$500 and the second is almost \$100! The drawings are every Wednesday at 6 pm. Pay a dollar & sign the book. If your number is chosen, you win! The **Dice Game** is almost \$500! 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 \$100. Proceeds from all games of chance are used to fund Post operations.



We are again assisting the Marine Corps League with the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. We have Toy collection boxes in the Hall and in the Devil's Bar at the Post that need to be filled with new toys, books, and stocking stuffers as soon as possible. The items need not be expensive. We will be accepting applications for assistance from families and we will distribute gifts from the Post during the month of December. If you have a few extra dollars after you've done your Christmas shopping, buy an inexpensive toy, book or stocking stuffer to drop in our Toys for Tots collection boxes. We can help a child have a Merry Christmas.

The program is always in need of volunteers. For more information, click here [2015 Toys for Tots](#), or write roctoys4tots@gmail.com or talk with Rose Rossi-Williams, our Post Toys for Tots Representative.

American Welding Society

The American Welding Society (AWS) is holding their monthly meetings Second Tuesday of each month from 6 pm to 9 pm until at least the end of the year. This creates a challenge as our Tuesday night dinner hours have always been 5 to 7 pm. To make it up to our regular clientele we will sell takeout dinners from the kitchen door for \$6.00 and serve at the bar for \$7.00 during the AWS meetings. We regret this inconvenience and we are taking step to resolve it. We appreciate your support.

Devil's Bar News

We will have Karaoke on Saturday, November 14, starting at 8 pm. Beginning the first day of November, we will have the "Tommy Hayes 2 for \$3 Sale" on Heineken's until they're gone.

Tuesday Night Dinners

November 3 / 5-7 pm: Goulash Hot and meaty, with just the right amount of sauce and macaroni. Roll, house salad and dessert. **\$8.00**

November 10 / 5-7 pm: Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Tender, seasoned slices of roast beef, piled high on a piece of Texas bread, smothered in rich brown gravy. Mashed potatoes or French fries, house salad and dessert. only **\$8.00!**

November 17 / 5-7 pm: Fried Chicken A healthy serving of our own Classic Fried Chicken, with mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, House salad and dessert for only **\$8.00!**

November 24 / 5-7pm: Spaghetti & Meatballs / Italian Sausage Angel hair pasta, smothered in our classic secret sauce, with your choice of meatballs and/or Italian sausage! House salad & Dessert only \$8.00! (extra meat is \$2.00 more).

December 1 / 5-7 pm: Chicken Cordon Bleu Thin slices of chicken, wrapped around ham & Swiss cheese, coated with bread crumbs, served hot with mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, House salad and dessert. Only **\$8.00!**

As always, smiles, coffee, tea & water are included with all dinners at Ely-Fagan. Soda in cans is available for \$1.00 each. Bottled water, when available, is free. 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.

November Sunday Breakfast

The November Breakfast will be on Sunday, November 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!

Auxiliary Roast Beef Dinner

The Auxiliary will serve a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 5 to 7 pm. The meal will include slow-cooked, succulent, tasty roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, salad and dessert. Buy your tickets from the Devil's Bar or from Carolyn at 585-334-4457 by November 15 and receive a coupon for \$1.00 off any Tuesday night dinner or Friday fish fry. Hope to see you on November 21st!

Freedom lies in being bold. – Robert Frost

November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SUNDAY BREAKFAST	2 6:30 Wii Bowling	3 EUCHRE Tuesday Dinner Goulash	4 6pm House Committee Mtg 7pm Executive Committee Mtg Weekly Drawing	5	6 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	7
8	9 6:30 Wii Bowling	10 Tuesday Dinner Hot Roast Beef Sandwich	11 Veterans Day Activities Weekly Drawing	12	13 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	14 Karaoke 8 pm
15	16 6:30 Wii Bowling	17 EUCHRE Tuesday Dinner Fried Chicken	18 6:30p Auxiliary Meeting Weekly Drawing	19	20 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	21 Auxiliary Roast Beef Dinner 5 to 7 pm
22	23 6:30 Wii Bowling	24 Tuesday Dinner Spaghetti & Meatballs / Italian sausage	25 Weekly Drawing	26 Thanksgiving	27 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	28
29	30 6:30 Wii Bowling	1 EUCHRE Tuesday Dinner Chicken Cordon Bleu ?	2 Weekly Drawing	3	4 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	5
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