



Post 1151

Post Commander

We had a great year for the Legion! Having just had Thanksgiving we have much to celebrate and be thankful for. The Legion celebrated its 100th anniversary and we are as strong as ever. The eligibility dates have been opened to a greater number of veterans and some posts have picked up quite a few new members. Except for updating by-laws, our merger with Rush is complete. We did a lot of great work in the community and are looking forward to a productive 2020. Our Christmas dinner is shaping up to be another great event, we hope to see you there. As always part of the cost is a canned good for the R-H food cupboard who always appreciate our support.

As a county vice commander, I attend meetings for other posts. Recently I was asked by someone what post do I think is best. I said they all have their strongpoints and do great things. He told me he thinks Henrietta is a good post as they always have something going on and do a lot to support others. He didn't know I was the commander until I told him.

As we close out the year, I would like to say Thank You! to all of our different committee chair leaders, their members and our many volunteers. We have done a great job this year supporting veterans and the community. Everyone should be proud of the work we have done!

God Bless and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

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Post Closings

The Post will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day. The Devil's Bar will close at 6pm on Christmas Eve and at 6 pm on New Years Eve.

2020 Membership Drive

Approximately 70% of our members have renewed their memberships for 2020. We can still reach 100% by the end of the year! If you haven't renewed, please do so as soon as you can. Remind your friends. If you know of someone who needs help, please let us know. You can pay your dues by mail, or on line at www.legion.org/renew. The Legion is the nation's largest veteran organization and has helped secure many of the benefits veterans enjoy today.

Auxiliary President

Our unit charter will remain draped for another month in memory of two departed members: Mary Slough and Adele Knauf. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Veterans Day was busy with many members participating in services across Monroe County honoring our veterans.

Our unit hosted the Holiday Gift Shop and dinner for our local veterans on November 20th. The weather was much better this year and we served an estimated twenty veterans. On Nov 22nd & 23rd, we participated in the Holiday Gift Shop at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center. While I haven't heard how many we served, I will say we were busy with a steady stream all day on Friday. Volunteers were busy helping our veterans shop for family, while others were wrapping each gift with care. Then all gifts were boxed carefully for shipping.

With the merger of the Henrietta and Rush Legion Posts complete, we are happy and excited to welcome all the Legionaries and their families from Rush into our Post family. We hope that their family members will consider joining our Auxiliary unit and Sons squadron. Auxiliary applications can be found in the bar or by contacting a unit officer.

Happy Birthday Auxiliary!! In November, the American Legion Auxiliary celebrated it's 100th birthday. The ALA has gone through many changes to ensure its longevity, from adding Junior members to increasing the membership eligibility dates through The American Legion, replacing the word "wives" with "spouses," and keeping our nonprofit status within the regulations of the IRS. Throughout all changes, ALA members have found the right way to keep our organization strong by following our mission, working our programs, and increasing our membership. Social media has also expanded our reach with accounts on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and many more. It is together through shared goals that we have endured and will continue to endure for another 100 years.

As we all celebrate Thanksgiving, let us remember and give thanks for our veterans and their families. It is through their unselfish sacrifice that we are able to enjoy this holiday season.

For God and Country

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Ely-Fagan - Stevens-Connor Post 1151 Notice of Meeting

7:00pm Wednesday, January 15, 2015

There will be two very important organizational meetings at the post on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. A light dinner consisting of salad, bread, and pasta dish with meat will be served starting at 6:00 pm. All post Legionnaires in good standing are urged to attend.

The first meeting will start at 7pm and will be the first annual meeting of the Rush-Henrietta Post 1151 Inc. The meeting agenda will include a vote on the Corporation By-laws and the election of 5 Trustees. Proposed by-laws are available on the Post website (alpost1151.org) and printed copies in the Post dining room and Devil's Bar. Nomination of Trustees will be taken from the floor.

The second meeting will start at 7:30 pm, or immediately after the end of the first meeting and will be the General Meeting for January 2020. The membership will then vote on the post by-laws. (proposed by-laws are available on the website (alpost1151.org) and there are copies in the dining room and the Devil's Bar at the Post). The current Post Officers will remain in office until the next regularly scheduled election (April 2020).

Post business should be concluded no later than 9 pm.

Christmas Party

The 2019 Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 14. Social hour starts at 5 pm and dinner will be served at 6 pm. There will be karaoke starting at 8 pm in the Devil's Bar.

The menu will be Shrimp Cocktail and Prime Rib & Baked Potato, or Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable Blend with House Salad and Cheesecake for dessert.. The dinner will be buffet style.

Tickets must be purchased in advance! Cost is \$10.00 per meal if ticket purchased by December 6th, \$15.00 if purchased after December 6th, if available. Tickets are on sale in the Devil's Bar and at dinners. Remember, we have a limited number of seats available in the Hall and tickets usually go fast.

Bring a non-perishable food item for the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal (RHAFT) and get a chance to win one of the neat door prizes! Extra chances may be purchased for \$1.00 each. All food items and cash will be donated to R.H.A.F.T.

December Sunday Breakfast Date Change!

Due to scheduling requirements, the **Sunday Breakfast** will be Sunday, December 8th from 9 am – 12 pm! Order eggs any style, omelets, pancakes, potatoes, toast, bacon and sausage with orange juice, great coffee, or tea. You won't find a better breakfast deal in a friendlier atmosphere anywhere in the county!

Auxiliary News:

Your 2019-2020 dues are due at this time. To keep your membership going, you must pay your dues by December 31, 2019. To date, Kathy Callagee, has collected 89 Auxiliary membership dues. That is great!! Thank you everyone for getting your dues in. We have until 12/31/2019 to get all our dues in. Let's help our Unit obtain some very deserving awards!

Also, if you know of a member who has a spouse or children that attends events and/or even volunteers at the Post home, let's all do our part and ask them to sign up for the Legion, Sons and/or Auxiliary. If you aren't sure of your eligibility, you may visit the American Legion Auxiliary (www.ala.com) website and check out the membership requirements. They have recently changed!!! If you are signing up a new member, please know that the "old" applications can be used and we are encouraged to use up all that we have. The new application can be found on the website www.ala.com, if you chose to use the new form.

Senior dues are \$28.00 and Junior dues are \$8.00. Please send your payment to Kathy Callagee, 65 Authors Avenue, Henrietta, NY 14467. Once your dues are paid, Kathy will send your membership card to you. If you are a new member, you will only get a handwritten membership card for the first year, then the 2nd year, your card will be a printed one. *As always, if you have questions about your membership status, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Callagee @ 334-0786 and she will answer your questions.*

December meeting:

Our next Auxiliary meeting is ****Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**** at President Sandy Seacat's house, 10 Amador Parkway, Rochester, New York. **This is our Christmas party which starts at 6:00 p.m. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS!!! We will eat and celebrate the holiday together.** Then a meeting to follow. We hope to see you all there! ****This meeting is moved one week due to the Christmas Holiday!****

For God and Country,
Kacy Friedler, Secretary

Friday Fish Fry

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, and clam strips. Meet friends for dinner or make friends at dinner. We apologize, but we are no longer able to deliver meals. Call 585-334-8228 and we will have it ready when you get here.

December Meetings

The Executive Committee meets December 4th at 7 pm. The VFW meets December 10 at 7 pm.. S.A.L. meets a December 11 at 6:45 pm. The General Meeting is December 11 at 7:30 pm. The Auxiliary meets December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Group Meeting / Hall Usage Contracts

Beginning in January 2020 all contracts with groups meeting in the Hall at Post 1151 will be reviewed and updated as needed. If your group currently meets at Post 1151 please contact the Hall Rental Coordinator, Ray Torres, at 585-737-8976 to schedule a meeting to review your group's contract.

The Veterans Outreach Center Needs Our Help!

The Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) helps all veterans with life and employment skills and finding employment. This is a very important part of what they do. Ask any veteran who has sought help from the VOC.

In 2018 the VOC provided services to veterans more than 7,500 times. They helped 97 veterans (female and male) get housing. They helped over 300 vets find jobs. In addition to feeding, housing and training veterans, they also provide them with clothing – in some cases the only change of clothing the vet has had in a long time.

The VOC needs our help. If you have any gently used, clean adult clothing you no longer have a use for, please donate it to the VOC. If you have shoes you no longer wear, a suit that no longer fits, or maybe even an unopened package of brand new undergarments you have laying around, please bring them to the post where we have a box marked "Veterans Outreach Center Clothing Donations" right inside the front door for your convenience. If you would like more information, please contact Sandy Junge at 585-729-3315.

Devil's Bar News

The Devil's Bar will be close at 6 pm on Christmas Eve and again New Years Eve. The Devil's Bar will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

We will have karaoke with Paul Cannon on Saturday, December 14th at 8 pm after the Christmas Party.

Saturdays well drinks are \$2 from 1 pm to 6 pm. On Sundays, during the football games beer by the pitcher will be \$6, cans and bottles will be \$2

We serve fresh Beef on Weck for \$5 on Thursdays from 4 to 7 pm. We also have Hot Dogs for \$2 and Personal Pizzas for \$3. Just let the bartender know you would like one.

Wii Bowling is on hiatus the month of December and will return Monday, January 6th at 6 pm.

Hall Rentals

Our Hall is available to rent from 10 am to 10 pm daily. Cost is \$175.00 with a \$100.00 security deposit. Use of the kitchen is extra. A contract is required. For more information contact the Hall Rental Coordinator, Ray Torres, at 585-737-8976.

Tuesday Night Dinner Meeting

There will be a meeting on Saturday, December 7, at 10 am in the Devil's bar to discuss ways to keep the Tuesday night dinner program running. Everyone is invited to attend.

Tuesday Night Dinners

There will be no Tuesday night dinners on Christmas Eve, December 24 and New Years' Eve, December 31

December 3, 5-7 pm: Spaghetti & Meatballs / Italian Sausage. Thin pasta, smothered in our classic secret sauce, with your choice of meatballs and/or Italian sausage! House salad & bread included for only **\$9.00!** (extra meat is \$2.00 more).

December 10, 5-7 pm: Beef Tips & Noodles: Perfect for a cold winter's night! The menu includes a hot, healthy serving of tender & delicious sirloin beef tips in a special, savory sauce over a bed of buttered egg noodles, House Salad and bread for only \$9.00!

December 17, 5-7 pm: Fried Chicken A 4 piece serving of our Classic Fried Chicken, with mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, 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. Call us (585-334-8228) and we will have it ready when you get here.

Memorial Walkway

Our Memorial Walkway pavers make a great Christmas gift! The pavers are a permanent legacy to honor past & present members of the American Legion Family, and any U.S. Armed Forces veteran.

You can honor family members and friends with a brick paver in the 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.

These make great gifts and they will last virtually forever. Order forms are available at the Post, online at alpost1151.org, or you can call and we will mail them to you. (Note: due to the weather no new pavers will be installed until spring 2020)

Digital Legion

Go to Facebook, search **Ely Fagan Post 1151** and our page will appear. "Like" the page and you will receive updates as they are made. Our website, **alpost1151.org** goes into more depth. If you want us to include something, contact us at elyfaganpost1151@gmail.com. Keep up to date with Post events and share your news with the post.

Out & About with Jimmy Oh!

No calendar this month. It was one of those things where I needed to either add a page or take a page away. I looked for something that would add a page but didn't find enough stuff to fill another page so I decided to drop the calendar for December. It saved us approximately \$42.50.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

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Ely-Fagan-Stevens-Connor Christmas Party

Prime Rib or Turkey Breast

\$10.00 and 1 non-perishable food item

5 pm Social Hour

6 pm Dinner

8 pm Entertainment