



Ely-Fagan Post



Post Commander

John Compitello

What a Veterans Day we had! I have heard nothing but praises for our events on November 11th, from the sign and walkway dedication, our ceremony at 11:00, raising a flag and visiting the veterans at Hurlbut nursing home. We were very visible that day and I think we earned a renewed appreciation for what we do. On this day a couple of people stepped up with some very generous donations, we have every right to be proud of our organization and each other. Thanks to all who made the day a success and to the new volunteers who stepped forward.

During the course of preparing for the walkway dedication I found four Henrietta residents who perished while in the service of their country during WW II. Their names are posted in the hall. Let us never forget those who gave all.

While we had a couple of new volunteers at the Veterans Day event's we always need more, remember even one day a month can be a huge help.

See you at the next meeting.

Volunteers are what make our organization work.

For the good of the Legion

**Post Everlasting
Louis Croce**

US Army WWII

Dick Zuber

US Army WWII

American Legion Auxiliary

Auxiliary Christmas party/regular meeting will be held on December 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Wendy Hayes home at 962 Middle Road, Rush, New York. Please bring a dish to pass and an item to put in a stocking for the Zion House - women veterans transition home. We need items for the stockings we are donating such as gift cards to stores, note cards, stamps, good pens, chap stick, gloves, scarves, ear muffs, etc.

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 December 9th at 6:45 pm and pay directly.

2016 Membership Drive

As of this writing, approximately seventy percent (70%) of our member have renewed their membership for 2016. We still have a month to go and easily make 100 percent before the end of the year.

Besides ensuring we have representation in Washington, ensuring the government keeps the promises it made to millions of servicemen, another very good reason to pay your dues is because it has an effect on our local level as well. This past year the Town connected us to the Town sewage system and expanded our parking lot at no cost. Home Depot has been very helpful with several projects as well. Still another reason to pay your annual dues now 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.

Post Legion Membership Dues Increase

Our Post has not increased dues in over ten years despite an extremely troubled economy. Two years ago the Department (NY) increased annual dues by \$5 and National added an additional \$5 this year. That brings our dues to \$45 a year on January 1, 2016. We recently received a letter from National reminding us to consider raising dues at the local level.

We currently keep \$5.50 from every active post membership. That works out to about \$1,375.00 a year. Gun raffles, dinners, bar sales and games of chance make up the rest of the Post operating expenses. If we were to increase dues by \$5.00 per member it would only mean a \$1,250.00 increase in annual revenue. We will discuss this matter at our December meeting. Since it will affect all of our members, all Legionnaires are asked to attend and join in the discussion.

Post Christmas Party

Our Post Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 19, 2015, starting with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar at 5 pm, dinner will be served at 6 pm followed by Karaoke with David Ell's in the Devil's Bar at 8 pm. The menu will include fresh garden salad, traditional turkey & dressing, with mashed potatoes & gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetable, rolls and dessert. There will be door prizes and 50/50 drawing. Cost is \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family and one canned food item per attendee. Canned food items will be donated to the local food bank. Reservations are necessary so we know how many to cook for. Please contact the Post to have your names added to the list. Must sign up by December 14, 2015.

Post New Years Party

We will have a New Years Party again this year. We will start with a NY Strip steak with baked potato dinner including salad, vegetable and dessert, followed by activities and games until midnight when we will toast the New Year and topping it all off with a pancake & sausage breakfast. Designated drivers will be available. \$20.00 per person. Cash bar. Sign up in the Devil's Bar by December 27, 2015.

American Legion Jackets

We have requested quotes and examples of American Legion jackets from several different sources. We expect the jackets will be navy blue or black with a full-color embroidered American Legion logo with "Ely-Fagan Post 1151 Henrietta NY" on the left breast, the owner's name on the right breast, and a full-sized, full-color, American Legion embroidered logo on the back with "Ely-Fagan Post 1151" over the top of the logo and "Henrietta, NY" on the bottom. Jackets are expected to be in the \$100 price range. Samples, if received, will be at the Post for your inspection. *As soon as we have more information we will get it out to you.*



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](http://2015ToysforTots.com), or write roctoys4tots@gmail.com or talk with Rose Rossi-Williams, our Post Toys for Tots Representative.

Post Memorial Walkway



The purpose for the "Post Memorial Walkway" is to create a permanent legacy to honor members of the American Legion Family, any US military veteran and any first responder.

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. If you have any questions please contact Ralph Litzenberger at 585-750-1854.

Because of the weather during the winter months any pavers purchased will not be placed in the walkway until the spring.

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	Home Depot
Young and Co, CPA's LLP	Suburban Animal Hospital
Northridge Contracting	Extreme Auto Solutions
Key Bank	Wegman's
Cheryl Litzenberger / Nothnagle Realtors	



Good of the Legion

Thanks to the Scouts of Troop 350, The Patriot Guard, the American Legion Riders, US Army Recruiting, the Auxiliary in general and the Legion Ladies in particular, as well as all of the Legionnaires from our Post and the County and all the dignitaries who came together to make our Veterans Day ceremonies a success!

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.

January Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the January newsletter is December 20th. Information received after that date may not be included in the newsletter.

2016 Post Planning Meeting

There is a Planning Meeting on January 16th at 9:00 am in the Hall where plans for fundraisers and Hall usage will be coordinated for 2016. All post officers, including the Auxiliary, Sons, and Scouts should attend to ensure your organization gets the support it needs.

December Sunday Breakfast

The December Breakfast will be on Sunday, December 6th from 9 am until 12 pm. We have 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!

Tuesday Night Dinners

The American Welding Society (AWS) holds their monthly dinner meetings on the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30 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. The AWS meetings supplement our kitchen revenues and are necessary. In order to best meet the needs of our Post, our members and our clientele, beginning this month the weekly dinner that is normally held on the second Tuesday will now be held the following Wednesday. We regret any inconvenience this may cause. We appreciate your support.

Some of our members have asked that we serve meals earlier as they can't drive at night and it gets dark before 5 pm during the winter. Many of our kitchen volunteers have jobs and it is sometimes difficult to have the meal ready to serve before 5 pm. However, depending on the situation at the time, call us and we will try to bring your meal to you. Call 585-334-8228 and ask to speak with the kitchen crew.

During the month of December we will be serving hamburgers /cheeseburgers, Italian sausages and French fries at every Tuesday night meal. Prices will be posted on the whiteboard in the Hall.

Weekday Dinners

Tuesday, 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 & chicken gravy, vegetable, and house salad. Only **\$8.00!**

Wednesday, December 9 / 5-7 pm: Spaghetti & Meatballs or Italian Sausage

Angel hair pasta, smothered in our classic secret sauce, with your choice of meatballs and/or Italian sausage! With house salad only \$8.00! (extra meat is \$2.00 more).

Tuesday, December 15 / 5-7 pm: Pulled Pork

A heapin' helpin' of Kathy's own pulled pork, piled high on a fresh Kaiser roll with a side of baked beans and cole slaw for just **\$8.00!**

Tuesday, December 22 / 5-7pm: Meatloaf

A plate full of our classic, delicious meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn and house salad for only **\$8.00!**

Tuesday, December 29 / 5-7 pm: Chicken & Biscuits

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.

Remember! We have a Fish Fry every Friday from 4 pm to 7 pm!

Devil's Bar News

We regret to inform everyone that our Bar Steward for the last 8 months, Paula Orme, requested relief this past month due to life issues in general. We are extremely sad to see her go. She was a very good bar steward who took an operation that was "just surviving" and within a month, made it profitable. She was a very good friend to many as well. We wish her well and offer her our support. We would welcome her back anytime.

We are looking for a new bar steward. The bar steward's main duties are to make sure our customers are happy, that there's plenty of stock behind the bar and that the bartenders know how to provide great service. To that end, the bar steward is responsible for recruiting and training reliable bartenders, keeping inventory and ordering replacements, adhering to budget, increasing profits and managing cash flow. The bar steward also works with the kitchen manager and hall rental coordinator to ensure we can maximize profit. Profits from the Devil's Bar are used to fund Post operations.

At the Devil's Bar, being the Bar Steward is not a 12 hour a day job. It isn't even an everyday job. You can pretty much make your own hours. The bartenders are all experienced and ready to help out. Whoever steps forward and takes the appointment would be filling a very important position at our Post.

We also need bartenders. We currently have a need for at least 4 bartenders.

Karaoke

We will have Karaoke with Dave Ells on Saturday, December 19, starting at 8 pm following the Christmas party. There will be drink specials and lots of popcorn!

Specials

We still have the "Tommy Hayes 2 for \$3 Sale" on Heineken's until they're gone. We have Hornitos Lime Shots on special for \$2.00 each.

Wii Bowling League

There will be no Wii Bowling on December 21st and December 28th. Otherwise, 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!

If you don't already have Christmas in your heart it is doubtful you will find it under a tree.

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 \$352! 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 over \$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.

Mystery Member



This is a current member of our Post. Know who it is? Send us a note with your guess. If you're right, we'll put your name into a drawing for an 8 pound, already cooked, delicatessen grade roast beef to be given away at the Christmas party! (must be present to win)





December 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 6:30 Wii Bowling	1 Tuesday Dinner Chicken Cordon Bleu	2 6pm House Committee Mtg 7pm Executive Committee Mtg Weekly Drawing	3	4 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	5
6 SUNDAY BREAKFAST	7 6:30 Wii Bowling	8 EUCHRE	9 Spaghetti & Meatballs/Italia Sausage General Meeting SAL Meeting Weekly Drawing	10	11 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	12
13	14 6:30 Wii Bowling	15 Tuesday Dinner Pulled Pork	16 6:30p Auxiliary Meeting Weekly Drawing	17	18 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	19 Christmas Party Karaoke
20	21	22 EUCHRE Tuesday Dinner Meatloaf	23 Weekly Drawing	24 Christmas Eve Post closes at 6 pm	25 Christmas Day Post Closed	26
27	28	29 Tuesday Dinner Chicken & Biscuits	30 Weekly Drawing	31 New Years Eve Party	1 New Years Day Post Closed	2
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