



Ely-Fagan Post

Post Commander

I hope everyone is enjoying our break from the regular meetings and enjoying the summer, I also hope you have been taking advantage of the events we have at the post, they are a good time and help support our bottom line.

This year I volunteered and was elected as a Monroe County Vice Commander, I am required to visit and attend meetings at the posts I have been assigned to. I look forward to getting out and interacting with other posts. From the phone calls I have had I can tell that some have quite a comradery among their members.

Congratulations to Sandy Seacat, our new Auxiliary President. We wish her well in her post and look forward to another productive year. Thank you to Kacy Friedler and all the elected officers for their service to our post.

Have you had a chance to watch our Color Guard in any of their parades? As usual they do a great job, thanks to their hard work and dedication. It is very competitive again this year between several posts, who will come out on top?

Friday Aug 3, 6:45 pm Pumpkin Hook Fireman's Parade (not definite)

Saturday Sep 15, 4:00 pm, Palmyra Canal Days (not definite)

Congratulations to Gary Junge and the 1967 Ely Fagan American Legion State Champion Team. They are being celebrated into the Walk of Fame at Frontier Field on August 12th. It is quite a well-deserved honor for this team. You should attend if your available that day.

We continue to discuss a merger with Stevens-Connor Post. You will be receiving information in the mail or an email. At first it will just be informational and in the future, we will be requesting input from all members.

Remember we always need volunteers for the bar and the kitchen, the work greatly supports our Post. Even if you bartend one night a month it would give one of our members a nice break.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

John Compitello
Commander
585-481-7360

American Legion Auxiliary

The Auxiliary Department Convention wrapped up on Saturday July 21st with the installation of our new Department officers. Ely-Fagan was instrumental in the success of the convention having worked very hard over the last several months as members of the convention planning committee and then during the convention as volunteers in various functions. Thanks to all those who volunteered and those who attended. Congratulations to our Ely-Fagan color guard for their 2nd place award. You ladies looked great!!

National Mission Training will be held in Albany this year on September 29th. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our programs with an emphasis on Membership, Children & Youth, Public Relations, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, and Legislative. For more information visit the [national website](#). You will need your membership card number to register. If you register by August 15, the early bird discounted rate is \$50. If you register by the registration deadline (September 19), the registration fee is \$60. After September 19 and for on-site registration, the fee is \$65. Cost is only \$50 if you register by August 15th.

Our district Fall Conference will be held at Batavia Downs September 1, starting at 9am. This will be a combined conference with 8th district. More information to follow. If you are interested in attending, please let me know.

Membership will be a big focus this year, both renewals and recruiting new members. I have some personal challenges and awards for the upcoming year. I will be having three drawings this year for renewals by the following dates: September 1st, December 1st and February 1st. If you renew by September 1st, you will be eligible for all three drawings. I would ask that all officers please pay by September 1st. I will also have a drawing for anyone who recruits an eligible new member with all paperwork complete by April 1. Kathy will provide and confirm all eligible names.

I look forward to working with everyone this year. Together we can make a difference in the lives of our veterans, active duty military and their families.

For God and Country

Sandy Seacat
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Auxiliary News

The 2018-2019 dues have increased to \$28.00 for Senior members and \$8.00 for Junior members. Please make checks payable to Ely-Fagan ALA and mail to Kathy Callagee, 65 Authors Avenue, Henrietta NY 14467. If you have questions, please call Kathy Callagee 585-334-0786.

The Auxiliary meetings are held at 7 pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month, at our Post home, unless otherwise indicated.

Our September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26th. We will have a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., so please bring a dish to pass. Our regular meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Kacy Friedler
Secretary

Membership

Our 2019 membership drive has begun. If you haven't yet received your renewal notice, you should be shortly. If you don't, please contact the Post.

Our annual dues will be increasing from \$40 to \$45 effective January 1, 2019. Dues paid prior to that date will be \$40, dues paid January 1, 2019 or later will be \$45. Save \$5 and send them in now.

You can bring your renewal in, mail it to the Post, or renew online at <http://www.legion.org/renew>. If you haven't paid your dues for 2019, please do so. If you know someone who has yet to renew, please remind them. Let us know if you or anyone you know needs help.

12th Annual Youth Fishing Derby

This year's Derby will be held rain or shine on Saturday, August 4th from 7:00 am to 10:30 am at Martin Road Park. All youths aged 4 to 14 years are invited to participate. The Derby and lunch are free but participants must bring their own pole & bait. Call the Henrietta Recreation Department at 585-359-2540 for more information and to register! To volunteer to help please contact Ray McCormick at 585-764-9548.

Memorial Walkway

Our Memorial Walkway was begun to create 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.

August Meetings

The Executive Committee meets August 1 at 7 pm. Rice-Hallick VFW Post meets at 7 pm August 14. Any member in good standing can attend any meeting at the Post.

Team of the Ages

In 1967 the Ely-Fagan American Legion baseball team won the New York State Championship. In one of the most exciting games ever played at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, Ely-Fagan defeated Staten Island 1-0 in 13 innings. It has been the only time in 92 years a Monroe County team has won the state championship.

The "1967 Ely-Fagan American Legion NYS Champions" has been elected as a "Team of the Ages" and awarded a paver on the Frontier Field Walk of Fame.

There will be a VIP reception and pre-game induction ceremony beginning at 11 am and ending at 12:00 pm on Sunday, August 12th at Frontier Field. Tickets for the reception and game are \$26.00 each. Tickets for the game only are available for \$10.50 each. There is an [order form](#) on line.

Devil's Bar News

Happy July!

Come on down to the **Post Car Show**, Sunday July 29th! We plan to have at least 30 "show quality" classic cars and street rods! Free admission! **Trivia night** will be held August 23. Please arrive by 7pm for sign up. Trivia will start promptly at 7:15pm.

**There will be a slight increase in prices for top shelf liquor and premium beers only, beginning August 1st.
Reminder that the 50/50 raffle for the beer cooler is still going on! Tickets are pulled every Friday so don't miss your chance to win!

Wishing everyone a cool and happy August!

To all my Legion family,

I can't possibly name everyone who has touched me and our family since Ralph's passing.

If you contributed in any way whether with money, time, cooking or maybe just a hug and a kind word I want to thank you so much.

I continue to be amazed at the number of people he knew. I would be hard pressed to match the passion he had for this post. It is my wish that everyone will continue to band together to make Post 1151 even stronger.

Thanks again to all of you,

Janice Litzenberger

Ely-Fagan / Stevens–Connor Post Merger

The commanders of the Stevens-Connor Post and the Ely-Fagan Post would like to take this opportunity to explain and clarify the Post merger project that is currently under way.

Ely-Fagan Post:

Since I have been a member (2004) our membership has stayed about the same. We continue to do great things for the community and veterans, so very few of our membership continue to do the work. Many members have contributed much to the post through the years and no longer participate, through their hard work have earned the right to enjoy their time.

Our post has been fortunate to have a steady membership, others do not have the veteran base that we have and would like to have a post to call home as well as be a part of a very active post, which we are.

As they approached us, we discussed the different aspects of what we could do for each other, there was a concern that a merger would bring more work to our already overtaxed volunteer work crews. The consensus was that it would not, they already have members that flag the Rush cemetery and perform some fundraisers, they also provide scholarships and send students to boy's state, some of these functions could be consolidated. Some of their members may also fill executive positions which, at times, we have difficulty filling. I believe a merger, overall would be for the good of the legion.

Regards, John Compitello

Stevens-Connor Post:

Almost two years ago Stevens-Connor Post created a Strategic Planning Committee to evaluate the direction of the Post and to explore options for maintaining an American Legion presence in the Town of Rush. The Stevens-Connor Post has provided service to the Rush community for decades and with a declining and aging membership there appeared to be a real possibility that the Post would simply dissolve away with age and the community service with it.

The committee came up with four proposals: do nothing; surrender the charter; revitalize; or merge/consolidate with another post. These options were presented to the membership at meetings and through a survey that was sent to every member. The committee also met with other local Post commanders, including Ely-Fagan, to discuss the possibility of a merger or consolidation. Smith-Warren (Scottsville) and Ely-Fagan Posts were receptive to a merger/consolidation and with maintaining Legion programs in the Town of Rush.

The survey indicated that over 70% of the Stevens-Connor Post membership favored merging/ consolidating with another post and a majority of that 70% favored Ely-Fagan Post. Based upon the survey results and a resolution passed at a

general membership meeting, the committee proceeded to engage Ely-Fagan leadership with planning and coordination.

Today, a committee of Stevens-Connor and Ely-Fagan Post leaders are actively planning a merger proposal that will soon be presented to both Posts in the form of resolutions. The 'Plan of Merger', upon approval of both Posts, will then be presented to the NY Dept. of State as well as the American Legion Dept. of NY for review and approval. This entire process has been totally transparent in both Posts, including open discussions at membership meetings, newsletter articles and formal/informal polling of members.

Finally, a merger of our posts will protect the assets of both posts, consolidate membership and preserve the programs and services provided by the American Legion to the entire Rush-Henrietta community. We, (your commanders and members of the committee) hope that you will participate in this process. Your suggestions, recommendations and participation are always welcome.

Salute, Ron Regoord

Kitchen News

Remember, we are only serving the Friday Fish Fry on the First and third Fridays for the month of August. We will start serving them weekly again on September 7th. Tuesday night dinners will resume September 11. This is necessary to give our crews a break and to make much needed renovations in the kitchen.

Join us for a **fish fry on Friday, August 3rd and Friday August 17th 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. Call 585-334-8228 and we will have it ready when you get here. We deliver orders of \$25 or more.

We will have a **Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, August 19th**, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Serving regular or western style scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, French toast, sausage gravy and biscuits, fresh fruit, juice, coffee & tea. Cost is \$8.00 per diner.

We will have an all you can eat **pancake & sausage supper on Wednesday, August 15th, from 5 to 7 pm**. The first serving will cost \$5.00, then all you can eat pancakes! Additional sausage will be \$2 per serving.

The **Grill will be open Thursday, August 16th and Tuesday Tuesday, August 21st from 5 pm to 7 pm** burgers, Italian Sausage, fries & Zweigles' red and whites. Take a break, come on down and relax for a few minutes.

We collect **non-perishable items for the food shelf**. If you have any you wish to donate, please bring it to the post collection box, leave it on the kitchen porch, or call us at 585-334-8228 and we'll pick it up.

Fall Sportsman's Raffle

The Fall Sportsman Raffle will be Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 12 pm to 5 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each and include food and beverage from 1 pm to 5 pm. There will be two Early Bird Drawings, on August 1st and September 1st, at 6 pm in the Devil's Bar. You do not have to be present to win. All local, state, and federal laws will be adhered to. Instead of the actual prize, winners will receive gift cards for the cost (including tax) of the prize that can be redeemed at the Field and Stream store at the Marketplace Mall, Dick's Sporting Goods, or online. Bring in a non-perishable food item for the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal (R.H.A.F.T.) and be included in a raffle for a Coleman Road Trip LXE Gas Grill (\$150 value).

The main prizes are:

1. **\$300 Cash**
2. **Ruger 10-22 Takedown**
3. **Mossberg Combo 12 GA**
4. **Savage Axis with Scope 308**
5. **\$300 Cash**
6. **Henry Golden Boy 22 cal**
7. **RCBS Rock Chucker Reloader**
8. **Bear RH Combo Compound Bow**
9. **\$300.00 Cash**
10. **Field & Stream 16 Gun Case**

There will be side raffles, pull tabs, a Chinese Auction, a 50/50 and last chance drawing. Tickets are available at the Devil's Bar and volunteers will be selling tickets at Field & Stream and Pep Boys at Marketplace Mall on weekends and at the Castle Road Canandaigua National Bank on Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. If you send a check made out to Ely Fagan Post 1151, we will put your tickets in the mail the same day.

We need help selling tickets! If you would like to volunteer to help, or if you have a question, contact Al Purdy, Les Bowens or Kevin Hermey at the Post. **The Fall Sportsman Raffle is a major source of Post income. Please help support our Post!**

Hall Rentals

Our Hall is available to rent from 8 am to 10 pm daily. Cost is \$175.00 with a \$100.00 security deposit. A contract is required. For more information contact the post at 585-334-8228. If there is no answer please leave a message and someone will get back to you within 24 hours.

Have a Party Coming Up?

Did you know that the Post has tables, chairs, & canopies for rent at very reasonable prices? We also make a mean tray of baked ziti with meat, make some neat meat & cheese and veggie trays (with really good dip!) as well as some great macaroni & pasta, as well as other salads. We make other stuff too. For more information, contact Kevin or Ray at 585-334-8228

Impact of Colors

*Colors have a lot more impact on our daily lives than you might think. Here are some things researchers have found out about people and their perceptions and responses to colors. (This article was first published in **Uncle John's Legendary Lost Bathroom Reader.**)*

PINK

- Studies have shown that people almost always believe pastries from a pink box taste better than from any other color box."
- People are willing to pay more for personal services (e.g., haircuts) performed by people wearing pink.
- Men believe pink products do the best job, but don't want to be seen buying them. However, if they think someone's watching, they'll choose something brown or blue.

ORANGE

- A quick attention, getter, it communicates informality.
- When it is used on a product, it "loudly proclaims that the product is for everyone."

PALE BLUE

- Pale blue can actually make people feel cooler. Designers often use it in places where men work, "because men feel 5° warmer than a woman in the same room temperature."
- Blue inhibits the desire to eat; in fact, researchers say, "people tend to eat less from blue plates."
- Because blue is associated with eating less, marketers use it to sell products like club soda, skim milk, and cottage cheese—all foods associated with dieting and weight loss.

BROWN

- Researchers say a brown suit subconsciously communicates, "a symbol of informality that invites people to open up." It is recommended for reporters and marriage counselors.

GRAY

- Your eye can process gray more easily than any other color.
- Even so, people often become prejudiced against it, especially in areas with a bleak climate.

BRONZE

- This metallic hue often gets a negative response. Researchers say it is "useful when rejection is desired."

GREEN

- It's used to sell vegetables and chewing gum. But people avoid using it to sell meat, because it reminds consumers of mold.

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31 6 pm Euchre	1 7 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm Weekly Drawing	2 9 am T.O.P.S.	3 Fish Fry 7 pm Queen of Hearts	4
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12	13	14 6 pm Euchre 7 pm VFW Mtg	15 5pm Pancakes & Sausage 7 pm Weekly Drawing	16 5-7 pm Grill Open 9 am T.O.P.S.	27 Fish Fry 7 pm Queen of Hearts	18
19 9-12 Breakfast Buffet	20	21 5-7 pm Grill Open 6 pm Euchre	22 7 pm Weekly Drawing	23 9 am T.O.P.S. 7 pm Bar Trivia	24 7 pm Queen of Hearts	25
26 Post Car Show	27	28 6 pm Euchre	29 7 pm Weekly Drawing	30 9 am T.O.P.S.	31 7 pm Queen of Hearts	1
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