



February Newsletter

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God Bless America

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Post Commander

Our Legion Family took in a lot of new members last year. Suddenly I am being flooded with new ideas on how to raise awareness. Please! Keep those ideas coming! It doesn't matter if you are an ALA or SAL member. Talk to me. I promise to listen and I will ensure that your idea gets to the right people. At the same time, please give Tom or Sandy a chance as well.

I am establishing a "Public Relations Committee". The committee will be responsible for the monthly newsletter, the web site (alpost1151.org), the Facebook account, the sign and Penny Saver. One Legionnaire has been doing all of the above plus other duties at the post, so it shouldn't be an issue for a committee to take it on and make it work. Interested Legion Family members should talk to me.

We had a number of members pass away during January. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. If you know of any members of our Legion Family that pass, or are ill, please, at the very least, call the post and leave a message.

I look forward to seeing you at a meeting, Tuesday Dinner, Friday Fish Fry, or Sunday Breakfast in February. Stay safe!

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

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USA WWII

JOSEPH HOLT JR

USN VIETNAM

NORMAN MILLER

USA KOREA

EUGENE PORTER

USA WWII

DONALD TOBEY

USN KOREA

Auxiliary News

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be Wednesday, February 24, 2021 @ at 7:00 p.m. at the Post home.

The Auxiliary is happy to announce that we are doing our 4th Annual Pink the Post event. This year it will be a drive-thru only event, with plates for \$10.00. The Plates can be 2 hamburgers, 2 cheeseburgers, or 2 red hotdogs, or a combo of 1 of each, with hot sauce, macaroni salad and home fries. All proceeds from this event will go to The Pluta Cancer Foundation, 125 Red Creek Drive, Rochester, New York 14623. Tickets are available before the event and on the day of the event too. There are tickets at the Devil's Bar if you'd like one. If you have questions or would like to volunteer for this event, please do not hesitate to contact me at 585-455-1804, or Kacy1547@yahoo.com. Thank you all for your support for this great community service event.

Membership:

Auxiliary Dues for the 2020-2021 year are now due. If you have paid your dues, Membership Chair, Kathy Callagee, will be sending your cards to you in the mail. If you have not received your card, and you believe you paid your dues already, please give Kathy Callagee a call and she will check her records. Her home telephone number is 585-334-0786. **Senior dues - \$28.00 Junior dues - \$8.00. Please mail to Kathy Callagee, 65 Authors Avenue, Henrietta, NY 14467.**

For God and Country,

Kacy Friedler, Secretary,
Ely-Fagan American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1151.

February Meetings

The Executive Committee meets at 7 pm on 2/3. The Rice-Hallick VFW will meet at 7 pm on February 9. The Sons of the American Legion will meet at 6:30 pm on February 10. The General Meeting will be at 7:30 pm on February 10. The Monroe-Powers Chapter 15 of the DAV will meet at 9 am on February 13. The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 7 pm on February 24.

"Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." M.L. King Jr

Good of the Legion

Many thanks to Heidi Maher of United Health Care for her much appreciated donation of \$500 to purchase the turkeys we raffled in November 2020. Because of Heidi's thoughtfulness, the post was able to raise \$1,300.00 that was used in community support operations. Thanks to Edward & Jean Auer and Betsy Converse for their recent substantial donations to the post.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

The DAV is an organization of more than one million veterans helping veterans. The DAV receives no government funding and looks out for our members 100% of the time because we have been in their shoes. We are proud of our more than 100-year history of serving the veterans who served us.

Any honorably discharged veteran, who was wounded, disabled, or left with long-term illness as a result of their military service is eligible for DAV membership. For more information, please contact George Sander, DSO, at 585-362-1991, or Shannon Sander, DSO at 585-752-2765.

American Legion Boys State

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a program where students learn the operation of local, county and state government. Boys State was founded in 1935 to teach select individuals the benefits of citizenship. At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs. Rush-Henrietta Post 1151 sends at least one deserving high school junior to attend the program each year and pays the cost of tuition. Applications are due by March 30, 2021. For more information contact Ray McCormick at 585-764-9548 / Relkml@yahoo.com

College Scholarship Applications Due April 29

The Post awards three \$1,000.00 college scholarships annually to deserving high school seniors who have been accepted by an approved institution of higher learning. Applicants are required to compose a 500 word essay on Americanism and submit the application and essay to be received no later than April 30, 2021. Applicants do not have to be members of the Post 1151 Legion Family or residents of Henrietta. Scholarship recipients receive their checks at the June General meeting where they will read their essays. This is an excellent opportunity to get extra money for school. For applications and more information contact Ray McCormick at 585-764-9548 / relkml@yahoo.com.

Pink the Post!

The Auxiliary will be hosting the 4th annual "Pink the Post" for the Pluta Cancer Center, Friday, February 12, 2021 from 4 to 7 p.m. We are looking forward to another successful event! Our "Combo Plate" has a homemade macaroni salad and home fries base, with your choice of two burgers, or two cheeseburgers, or two Zweigle's red hots on top of that, with just enough onions and sauce for just \$10.00 a plate! Dine in or take out. Call ahead and we'll have it ready when you arrive. Debit/Credit cards accepted

2021 Post Officer Elections

We nominate Legionnaires for Post officers during the March General meeting. Elections are held in April with installation of officers in May. Any member in good standing is eligible to hold any office. Below is a brief description of each office:

Post Commander: Is ultimately responsible to the membership for Post activities.

3 Vice Commanders: In order of seniority, assume the duties of the commander when needed. Other duties as assigned by the commander.

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.

Monroe County American Legion Report

There will not be a Four Chaplains service this year.

The county is looking for volunteers to chair the following committees:

1. Veterans Day Committee
2. Baseball Committee

If you are or know of someone interested, please contact John Compitello (585) 481-7360.

The district mid-winter has been cancelled.

We are still waiting for the go ahead from National to resume elections.

Each post was sent a letter requesting support for the National Commander candidate from NY. Checks can be mailed to the Dept. in Troy.

With some relaxation of the COVID restrictions, the county is contemplating resuming general meetings in March. It will depend on how comfortable members are attending.

Devil's Bar News

Due to lack of business, the Devil's Bar hours will change to 3 pm – 9 pm on Fridays and Saturdays. We would much rather be expanding the hours but unfortunately that isn't the case.

We will open at 3 pm on Sunday, February 7th, for the Super Bowl and will remain open until the game is over. The kitchen will be selling wings and nachos from 3 pm to kick off.

We will be open on Sunday, February 14th, starting at 1 pm, for the running of the Daytona 500 and will remain open until the race is over.

The Weekly Drawing is held every Friday at 7 pm, as is the Queen of Hearts drawing. The pull tab machine is full and we have a coin board full of quality Morgan and Peace dollars. Devils Bar T-shirts are available in the bar.

COVID restrictions are enforced. Stay safe. **Bob Jeffers**

Drive Through Fish Fry Dinners

February Drive Through Fish Fry Fridays will be February 5th, 19th & , 26th 4 to 7 pm. We will have a fish fry every Friday during Lent (February 19th through April 2nd) Get a 12-14 ounce battered haddock filet, French fries, homemade coleslaw, tartar sauce, lemon wedge, bread & butter and a smile for just **\$10.00**.

Tuesday Night Drive-Thru Dinners

February 2 / 4-6 pm: Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Sliced gourmet ham with homemade scalloped potatoes. House salad, bread & butter for **\$8.00**

February 9 / 4-6 pm: Beef Tips & Noodles hot, healthy serving of tender & delicious sirloin beef tips with beefy mushroom gravy over a bed of buttered egg noodles, House Salad, bread & butter for only **\$8.00**.

February 16 / 4-6 pm: Hot Turkey Sandwich Sliced, roast turkey breast piled high between 2 pieces of fresh white bread, smothered with rich turkey gravy, with mashed potatoes, corn, house salad and bread & butter. **\$8.00**

February 23 / 4-6 pm Beef on Weck Dinner: Sliced, slow-roasted beef on fresh Kimmelweck with French fries and choice of homemade cole slaw or mac salad. Side of au jus and/or horseradish on request. **\$8.00**

March 2 / 4-6 pm Spaghetti & Meatballs / Italian Sausage Thin pasta, covered with sauce, with your choice of meatballs and/or Italian sausage! House salad, bread & butter included for only **\$8.00!** (extra meat is \$2.00 more).

Please be aware the cost of food is increasing almost daily. We will keep the cost of the Tuesday night dinners at \$8.00 each until the pandemic is over or the season ends on May 25, whichever comes first. No matter what, we will do our best to keep the food good and the costs low until the pandemic is over and people get back to work. **Thanks, Henrietta!**

Sunday Breakfasts

We are serving pancakes & sausage and sausage gravy & biscuits from 8 until 11 am on February 7th & February 21st. Get a stack of 3 big fluffy pancakes and 2 sausage patties or 8 French Toast points with 2 sausage patties, or Sausage Gravy & Biscuits for just **\$7.00!** Dine in or carry out. COVID restrictions apply. Debit/Credit cards accepted.

Wings to Go!

We will again be selling jumbo party chicken wings and nachos supreme on a drive through basis on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, from 2 pm to 7 pm. Prices will be \$10.00 for 1 dozen big wings with your choice of mild, medium, or hot sauce, garlic parm, or country sweet with heat. We even have some teriyaki sauce! We will also be selling big batches of nachos for \$10 a box. We start with a bed of crisp tortilla chips, cover them with real shredded cheddar, mozzarella and Monterey jack cheeses, heat it to melt the cheese, then add onions, chili con carne, refried beans, nacho cheese, southwestern flavored beef crumbles, jalapenos, black olives and sour cream. It is definitely worth the cost! We will begin taking phone orders at 11 am. Drive Thru only, debit/credit cards accepted.

Legacy to a Loved One

Each of us have loved ones who served in our nation's military. One way to pay tribute to that loved one is to purchase a Post Walkway Memorial Paver. Once "planted", others will see the honor, respect, and love behind that long lasting memorial. By the way, Personalized Pavers provide an excellent, long lasting gift, whether for a birthday, holidays, or other special remembrance.

Memorial Walkway Pavers cost only \$75.00 and provides three (3) lines of information, 15 spaces per line. Pavers placed in your Post's Memorial Walkway displays your gratitude for the sacrifices of your loved one, whether that individual is still living or not. Personalized Pavers are an inexpensive way to show your gratitude to your loved one.

Applications are available on your Post's website, www.alpost1151.org, at the Devil's Bar, or the Post during any meal service function. If you have any questions, please send an email to the "Memorial Walkway Committee" at elyfaganpost1151@gmail.com and we will get back to you.

American Legion Baseball Update

The pandemic continues to affect the American Legion Baseball program. The coaches are trying to coordinate a schedule, which is usually no problem, but the pandemic is affecting coach, player and field availability. We are monitoring the situation and will get the word out as soon as we know something for sure.

The Four Chaplains

The Four Chaplains were US Army chaplains who gave their lives to save others during the sinking of the troop ship *Dorchester* during WW II.

On the night of February 3, 1943, the USAT *Dorchester*, travelling in convoy, was torpedoed by the German submarine *U-223* off Newfoundland.

The torpedo knocked out the *Dorchester's* electrical system, leaving the ship dark. Panic set in among the men on board, many of them trapped below decks. The chaplains sought to calm the men and organize an orderly evacuation of the ship, and helped guide wounded men to safety. As life jackets were passed out to the men, the supply ran out before each man had one. The chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to others. They helped as many men as they could into lifeboats, and then linked arms and, saying prayers and singing hymns, went down with the ship.

The chaplains, who all held the rank of lieutenant, were the Methodist Reverend George L. Fox, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, the Roman Catholic Priest John P. Washington and the Reformed Church in America Reverend Clark V. Poling. Goode, Poling and Washington had served as leaders in the Boy Scouts of America.

Normally the Monroe County American Legion conducts an interfaith memorial service at a local synagogue or church. Due to the ongoing pandemic the service will not be held this year. Even though there won't be a service, we can still honor these fine men and tell others about their faith, compassion and heroism.

Filler Game

Arrange the numbers 1 through 9 in the boxes below so that any straight line, up, down, or diagonally adds up to fifteen.

Other VA benefits that may interest you:

Disability Compensation

File a claim for disability compensation for conditions related to your military service and manage your benefits over time.
(Open to all veterans, active duty, Reserve and Guard)

Support for Veteran-owned small businesses

If you served on active duty, register to do business with VA and get support for your Veteran-owned small business. If you have a service-connected disability related to active duty service or training, you may qualify to register as a service-disabled Veteran-owned small business.
(Open to all veterans, active duty, Reserve and Guard)

Veterans Pension Program

If you served on active duty during wartime, are at least 65 years old or have a service-connected disability, and have limited or no income, find out if you qualify for veterans pension benefits
(Open to active duty Veterans only)

Aid and attendance or housebound allowance

If you need help with your daily activities or you're housebound, check whether you're eligible to receive increased aid added to your monthly Veterans Pension payments.
(Open to active duty veterans only)

Disability housing grants

If you have a service-connected disability, find out how to apply for a housing grant to make changes to your home so you can live more independently.
(Open to all veterans, active duty, Reserve and Guard)

More life insurance options

Explore life insurance coverage options and services for you and your family, and manage your policy online.
(Open to all veterans, active duty, Reserve and Guard)

Pre-need eligibility determination for burial in a VA national cemetery

Apply for a pre-need eligibility decision letter to confirm that you qualify for burial in a VA national cemetery. This can help you pre-plan, and it can make the process easier for your family members in their time of need.
(Open to active-duty veterans only)

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It's That Time Again

Members are reminded that if they have not paid their current dues by January 31, they are considered delinquent and their membership privileges have been suspended. If the member has not paid their dues by June 30th their membership in the American Legion will be forfeited. A suspended member or one whose membership has been forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Post Membership Committee and payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs.

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 4pm Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Dinner	3 7pm Executive Meeting	4 9 am T.O.P.S. Meeting	5 4 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry	6
7 8 am Sunday Breakfast Superbowl Sunday	8 7 pm Building Committee Meeting	9 4pm Beef Tips & Noodles 7pm VFW Mtg	10 6:30 pm S.A.L. Meeting 7:30 pm General Meeting	11 9 am T.O.P.S. Meeting	12 Pink the Post	13 9am DAV Meeting
14	15	16 4pm Hot Turkey Sandwich 7pm GOA Meeting	17 Ash Wednesday	18 9 am T.O.P.S. Meeting 7 pm MG Club	19 4 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry	20
21 8 am Sunday Breakfast	22	23 4pm Beef on Weck Dinner	24 7pm Auxiliary Meeting	25 9 am T.O.P.S. Meeting	26 4 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry	27
28	1	2 4pm Spaghetti / Meatballs/Italian Sausage	3	4 9 am T.O.P.S. Meeting	5 4 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry	6

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