



The American Legion



Ely-Fagan Post

Volume 6, Issue 2

God Bless America

February, 2015

Post Commander

Kevin Hermev

Our planning conference is over and we have again set an ambitious schedule for the upcoming year. To see what we have on the agenda for 2015, visit the web site at www.alpost1151.org and click on the "2015 Planning Calendar" button.

Our proposed schedule will require a lot of help. We need volunteers. Call or email us. Better yet, stop in and see us. Volunteer an hour or a couple hours. We can use the help. We'll find you something to do that needs to be done and you'll have friends helping you to do it.

It takes all kinds to make this thing work. All kinds of people, all kinds of work, all kinds of support. You may be cooking the meal or you might be buying the meal. Support is support and your support is needed and appreciated.

January 2015 was a successful month. Month-over-month, the participation rate continues to improve. We're running smoother. People are saying our Post is "more than just a bar". That probably has a lot to do with the new faces that are being seen. Who would have thought?

Next month we will be making nominations for our Post Officers for 2015 – 2016. We have had some rough spots the last three years, but we had a lot of successes as well and we seem to be on the right track now. My wish is that whoever the officers are, they will continue to move us forward. It is up to you.

We have a full calendar this month. Hopefully I will see you at one of our events! Have a great month!

2015 Membership Drive

We are at 88% of our 100% renewal goal. If your membership card: if it doesn't say "2015" you probably need to pay your dues. If you haven't paid yet, please do. If you know someone who has yet to pay their dues, please remind them. If you or someone you know needs help, please let us know. Those who have not paid their 2015 dues by January 31 will have their Post privileges suspended. If you have any questions please contact Tim Tysall, Ray McCormick or Kevin Hermev.

2015 – 2016 Post Officer Elections

It is time to start thinking about stepping up to a Post Leadership position. Below are the highlights of each position. Any Legionnaire in good standing is eligible to hold office. Candidates must be identified by March.

Post Commander: Has general responsibility for all business and affairs of the Post.

First Vice Commander: Assumes duties of Commander when needed. Chairman, membership committee.

Second Vice Commander: Fills in for Commander or First Vice as needed. Chairman, Americanism committee. Chairman, Finance committee.

Third Vice Commander: Assume duties of the Commander, First Vice, or Second Vice as needed. Chairman, Publicity committee.

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.

Nominations will open beginning with the March 11, 2015 General Meeting and will remain open until immediately prior to voting at the April 8, 2015 General Meeting.

February Meetings

The House Committee will meet February 4th at 6:00 pm. The Executive Committee will meet February 4th at 7:00 pm. Anyone can attend an Executive Committee meeting but only officers can vote. The S.A.L. will meet February 11th at 6:45 pm. The General Meeting is Wednesday, February 11th at 7:30. A light meal will be served prior to the meeting. The Auxiliary will meet February 25th at 6:30 pm. All meetings are in the Hall unless otherwise noted. Any member in good standing may attend any meeting held at the Post.

Four Chaplains Memorial Service

The Four Chaplains, also sometimes referred to as the "Immortal Chaplains," were four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel during the sinking of the troop ship USAT Dorchester during World War II. They helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship.

A memorial service is held annually in honor of these brave men at one of our area churches or synagogues. This year the service will be conducted on February 1st at 2:00 pm at the the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, 1959 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield, NY 14526. This special service is open to the public. Read more about the four chaplains at <http://www.fourchaplains.org>.

Veterans Choice Program

Many Veterans now have the option to receive non-VA health care rather than waiting for a VA appointment or traveling to a VA facility. The new Veterans Choice Program covers non-VA care for eligible Veterans enrolled in VA healthcare.

Veterans are generally eligible if they have been told by your local VA medical facility that you will need to wait more than 30 days to see your physician or your current residence is more than 40 miles from the closest VA health care facility or travel presents a significant hardship.

Every Veteran will receive a letter and a Choice Card in the mail with details about the program. To set up an appointment with a non-VA provider, first call the VA at 866-606-8198 and they will work with you to ensure you are approved for care in your community.

The Choice Program does not impact your existing VA health care or any other VA benefit. If you are satisfied with your wait time at a VA facility and wish to continue waiting for VA care, there is nothing you need to do at this time. Non-VA care is only covered by VA for medical needs which have been approved by your VA physician.

Movie Night

We will have a "Movie Night" Saturday, February 21st, at 6 pm in the Hall. The event is free to members and their guests. There will be free popcorn, sodas will be \$1.00 a can and the kitchen will be open for light fare such as burgers, fries, hot and snacks. The movies will be family-oriented so you can bring your kids and grandkids, watch the show and maybe have a burger, a hot, or some snacks. Check the website for the names of the movies.

2015 Stand Down

The 2015 Stand Down is a free event for all veterans, offering information regarding veterans benefits, VA enrollment, health care, housing, senior living, employment, education, veterans organizations, etc. Free breakfast & lunch will be provided, as well as personal care kits donated by the Blue Star Mothers.

This year the Stand Down will be held at the Harro East Theatre & Ballroom, 155 North Chestnut Street, Rochester, NY 14604 on Friday, February 13th, from 9 am to 3 pm. Please bring your DD214 / discharge papers if available. No reservation necessary, just show up! For more information contact the Veterans Outreach Center at (585) 546-4250.

Memorial Walkway

Our Memorial Walkway bricks cost \$75.00 each and are on sale now. Each brick has up to 3 – 15 character lines of information about the individual. You can purchase a brick for any member of the Legion Family, any honorably discharged veteran, and any canine who served in the military. Groundbreaking will be Memorial Day 2015 and the dedication will be Veterans Day 2015. Memorial Bricks are a great way to remember past and present veterans and members of the Legion Family. Information is available at the Post or you can call and we will mail the forms out to you. If you have any questions, please contact Ralph Litzenberger.

Post Newsletter

Our newsletter is delivered either by US Mail or electronically to over 500 local readers a month. In the one week that we have had the website up it has received over 80 visits and it is reasonable to expect that as word gets out the frequency will increase, especially if we continue to maintain an active profile at the Post.

Businesses and professionals desiring to take advantage of our market can purchase space in the newsletter and on our website for their business card or similar information for \$100.00 a year. That is 12 times a year that your name or your business' name will be out there, at least 6,000 times! Having your business' name in our newsletter and on our website demonstrates your level of support for our Post and increases the likelihood that our readers will offer you their business. For more information contact Ralph Litzenberger.

Southwest Airlines Vacation Giveaway Refunds

If you have yet to receive a refund for the Vacation Giveaway Raffle please bring your ticket stubs to the Post to collect. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Hermey at 585-746-8450 or write lkhermey@rochester.rr.com

February Sunday Breakfast

The February Breakfast will be on Sunday, February 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!

Super Bowl Party

The Post will have a Super Bowl Party in the Devil's Bar on Sunday, February 1st starting at 5 pm and going until the end of the game. Drink specials, popcorn, activities and prizes. Bring a dish to pass! Watch the game with friends! Don't mess your house up! Mess up the Post Social Area instead! Sign up sheet in the Devil's Bar.

"S.O.S." Saturday

Remember standing in line at 6 am to get a greasy metal tray and a fork, then standing in line a little longer to get a couple pieces of cold, rubbery toast thrown onto your tray and then have a spoonful of gray, steaming hot slop slammed on top of the toast? If you were lucky, you could get a fried egg literally *thrown* on top of it. Remember the hot sauce you poured on that mess to make it palatable? Don't you miss those days?

Saturday, February 21st, from 0800 hours to 1100 hours, you can relive those nostalgic meals right here at Ely-Fagan! For just \$4.00, you can get a plate full of stuff on a shingle with an egg, juice, coffee, and all the Frank's hot sauce you can handle.

Tuesday Night Dinners

We will have a **Fried Chicken dinner** on Tuesday, February 3rd from 5 to 7 pm. The dinner includes a healthy serving of Southern Fried Chicken with your choice of corn on the cob and mashed potatoes & gravy, or French fries for only \$8.00! We will have a **spaghetti dinner** on Tuesday, February 17th from 5 to 7 pm. The dinner includes a plate full of angel hair pasta, smothered in our classic secret sauce, with your choice of meatballs and/or Italian sausage! House salad & bread included for only \$8.00!

Coffee, tea & water are included with all dinners. Soda in cans is available for \$1.00 each. Adult beverages may be purchased in the Devil's Bar and brought to the Hall, or you can be served in the Devil's Bar. 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 and we will have it ready when you get here.

New York Strip Steak Dinner

The Post will host a "New York Strip" steak dinner on Saturday, March 28th, from 5 pm to 8 pm. The menu will include a ~12 ounce cut of New York Strip steak, grilled to your liking, baked potato, vegetable, house salad, roll and desert. Cost will be \$14.00 per person in advance. No walk-ins. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, March 20. Tickets are available in the Devil's Bar.

Games of Chance

We had a winner with the **Queen of Hearts** on Friday, January 23. The payout was in excess of \$1,400. We're starting over. Tickets are \$1.00 at the bar. Drawing is every Friday at 7 pm. You must have your ticket stub to claim your prize. The **Weekly Drawing** is almost \$200.00. You pay a dollar and sign the book. If your number is chosen and you are present, you get the whole prize! If your number is drawn and you're not there, you get half the prize. Our **Dice Game** is over \$200! 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 \$300. Proceeds from all games of chance are used to fund Post operations.

Wii Bowling Tournament

Wii Bowling will start again on Monday, January 5th at 6:30 in the Devil's Bar and will continue through to the end of April. New teams are welcome. There will be a tournament dinner and prizes at the end of the season with the team having the highest average getting \$500, 2nd place team \$250 and 3rd place getting \$125. There may be individual prizes as well.

Post Store T-Shirt Sale!

We need some new T-Shirt designs, but before we can get any more we have to reduce our current inventory. To that end we are slashing prices! For the month of February all T-shirts are \$10.00! All Hats are \$10.00! All patches are 50% off! But that's not all! Buy two and you'll be charged twice as much! Hurry!

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.

Spring Sportsmen's Raffle

Our Spring Sportsmen's Raffle will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 12 pm to 6 pm. The tickets will again be just \$10.00 each and will allow the holder to be included in all 12 major prize drawings and free food & beverage.

Major Prizes (Does not include side raffle)

1. Ruger 10/22
2. Remington 870 Combo 12 Gauge
3. Henry Golden Boy .22
4. CVA Optima V2 Muzzleloader with Scope
5. Savage 111 .30-06 Nikon Scope Combo
6. Ruger American .243 Bolt
7. Liberty Revolution 18 Gun Fire Safe
8. Diamond Outlaw Compound Bow
9. Perception Conduit 9.5' Kayak
10. Fishing Package # 1
 - a. Flueger President Spinning Reel
 - b. St Croix Triumph Rod
 - c. Tackle Bag with Gift Card
11. Fishing Package # 2
 - a. Abu Garcia Pro Max Low Pro Baitcast Reel
 - b. St Croix Mojo Bass 1 piece Rod
 - c. Tackle Bag with Gift Card
12. Fishing Package # 3
 - a. Abu Garcia Cardinal Spinning Reel
 - b. Abu Garcia Veritas 2.0 1 piece Rod
 - c. Tackle Bag with Gift Card

Tickets will be available for sale and selling shortly. This year, instead of having an "early bird" drawing, there will be three separate monthly drawings leading up to the Raffle. Once a month, there will be a drawing from the tickets sold the previous month with the winner getting \$100.00. So if you sell a lot of tickets, your chance of having your name drawn is pretty good. The first drawing will be March 1st, the second drawing on April 1st, and the third and final drawing on May 1st.

You can purchase tickets from the Devil's Bar, from any member of the Legion Family that is selling them, you can mail us a check and we will send the tickets right out to you. You can also sell tickets!

The Spring & Fall Raffles are our main source of revenue and it is very important that we are successful in our raffles. If each member of the Legion Family at Ely-Fagan was to purchase just one ticket, we would have a third of them sold right off the bat. If each Legionnaire made a commitment to sell just 5 tickets, the sale would be over and we could move on.

Please help support your Post!

Post Business Boosters

The following businesses / individuals have demonstrated their support for the American Legion and our Post. Please remember them when you need something they offer.



Nothnagle
REAL ESTATE Group

Cheryl Litzenberger
Licensed Real Estate Salesperson

2170 Chili Ave • Rochester, NY 14624
Office: 585.429.1128
Cell: 585.506.7198 • Fax: 585.426.3865
Email: clitzenberger@nothnagle.com
Website: www.nothnagle.com



Culver
Auto & Detail
Sales / Service

Trust us to keep you moving

Dan Kinsella
1387 Culver Road
Rochester, NY 14609
288 - 0306

- ✓ General Repairs & Maintenance
- ✓ Oil Changes
- ✓ New York State Inspections
- ✓ Brakes
- ✓ Starters, Batteries, Alternators
- ✓ Tune Ups
- ✓ Struts, Shocks & Springs
- ✓ Antifreeze / Coolant Flush
- ✓ Exhaust
- ✓ Fuel & Brake Lines
- ✓ Tires
- ✓ Detailing Service



Neil Ramage
Pro Department Supervisor

770 Jefferson Road
Rochester, New York 14623

(585) 240-8430
Fax (585) 240-8481
prodeak_1246@homedepot.com
www.homedepot.com



NORTHRIDGE
CONTRACTING

Electrical
Plumbing
Carpentry
Painting

Ralph Litzenberger
585.750.1854 Fully Insured



DECLAN CASEY
ENTERTAINMENT

DAVID M. ELLS
PROFESSIONAL DJ AND
KARAOKE SERVICES

Book your event today!
585.330.3048
BigDavid@me.com

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5pm Super Bowl Party 9am – 12 pm Breakfast!	2 Wii Bowling	3 Euchre Tuesday Dinner Fried Chicken	4 Weekly Drawing 6pm House Cmte Meeting 7pm Exec Cmte Meeting	5	6 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	7
8	9 Wii Bowling	10	11 Weekly Drawing 6:45pm S.A.L. Meeting 7:30pm General Meeting	12	13 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	14 Karaoke Valentine's Day
15	16 Wii Bowling	17 Euchre Tuesday Dinner Spaghetti	18 Weekly Drawing	19	20 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	21 8am SOS Saturday Movie Night
22	23 Wii Bowling	24	25 Weekly Drawing 7pm Auxiliary Meeting	26	27 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	28
1	2 Wii Bowling	3 Euchre Tuesday Dinner Meatloaf	4 Weekly Drawing 6pm House Committee Mtg 7pm Executive Committee Mtg	5	6 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	7
8	9 Wii Bowling	10	11 Weekly Drawing 6:45pm S.A.L. Meeting 7:30pm General Meeting	12	13 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	14

Visit www.alpost1151.org

Ely-Fagan Post 1151
P.O. Box 72
260 Middle Rd
Henrietta, NY 14467

Non-Profit Org
US Postage
Paid
Rochester, NY
Permit No. 1297