



# May Newsletter

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God Bless America

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## Post Commander

Thank you all for allowing me to serve another term as Post Commander. We have made quite a bit of progress so far and, with my officers, it is my intention to keep the post moving forward. With your help and support, we will.

We still need volunteers in the kitchen. Tuesdays and Fridays are our primary need, but with summer coming and COVID restrictions being relaxed we expect to get busier. When we hold a function here at the post, we demonstrate what we are capable of, and this post has demonstrated the ability to do some amazing things. There is a volunteer sign up sheet on the refrigerator door in the kitchen. Please check it out. Please help where you can. Please support your post!

We begin selling "Technology Raffle" tickets this month for \$10 each. If every member of the Post Legion Family pledged to buy one for themselves and sell one to someone else we would have almost all the tickets sold already! Please take a look at the prize list in this newsletter and buy some tickets! We need all hands on deck for this!

We continue to find new ways to improve our post and generate revenue, which we then use to better our community. We welcome new ideas. If you have any questions or recommendations, please talk with an officer and they will be looked at. Thanks for your support! I hope to see you at the post sometime this month!

### FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

Alan Purdy  
585-329-8540

## WWII and Korean War Veterans

The Rochester Elks Lodge #24 would like to recognize all of Ely-Fagan-Stevens-Connor Post WWII and Korea War veterans who reside locally with a service award. The Awards will be presented during the May 12th General Membership meeting. Please attend the meeting to receive your award in person. Those awards that are not personally presented at the meeting will be sent via US Postal Service. If you would like to attend but need transportation please call the Post Adjutant at 480-382-7130.

## DAV Office Hours

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) claims office, located at 260 Middle Road in Henrietta, is open Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11 am to 4 pm. For appointments and questions, call George Sander, DSO, 585-362-1991 or Shannon Sander, DSO, 585-752-2765.

## Auxiliary President

Our 2021-22 Unit officers were elected at our April meeting. Our new officers are: President: Kathy Callagee; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Sue Silver; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Lisa Burkhardt; Secretary: Kacy Friedler; Treasurer: Betty Jane Lond; Chaplain: Dianne Meli; and Sgt-At-Arms: Julie Lincourt. Installation will take place at our May meeting.

May is Poppy month. We will be distributing poppies throughout the month of May. Please consider donating and wearing your poppy. Our poppies are hand-made by Veterans and the money is used to help veterans, active duty members and their families. Inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," the poppy was first distributed by Moira Michael in November 1918 as a tribute to the fallen of WWI. Through her efforts the poppy was adopted as the national symbol of sacrifice. Most of us are familiar with the poem, "[In Flanders Fields](#)", by John McCrea. But did you know that Moira Michael wrote a poem in response to In Flanders Fields entitled "[We Shall Keep the Faith](#)"?

As this will be my last message as unit President, I want thank our Auxiliary members and our entire Legion Family for all your support. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your president for the last three years.

### For God and Country

Sandy Seacat, President

## Auxiliary News

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be May 26, 2021. This is a very busy meeting with our annual Memorial Service and installation of our 2021-2022 Auxiliary Officers.

May is Poppy month. The Auxiliary will be distributing cans at businesses through-out our town. We will also distribute during our weekly dinners as well. Poppy distributions will also be at Country Max store on West Henrietta Road. If you'd like to volunteer to distribute poppies at the Country Max store, please do not hesitate to contact Poppy Chair, Kacy Friedler. ([kacy1547@yahoo.com](mailto:kacy1547@yahoo.com) or 585-455-1804).

Membership: Kathy Callagee has done a great job collecting dues for our Unit this year. There are still a few members who have not yet paid their dues. If you are unsure if you paid your dues, please give Kathy Callagee a call at 585-334-0786.

### For God and Country,

Kacy Friedler, Secretary  
Auxiliary, Unit 1151

## **Rush-Henrietta Post Inc., Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Rush-Henrietta Post Inc. will be held immediately following the Ely-Fagan-Stevens-Connor Post General Membership meeting June 16<sup>th</sup> 2021. All Post members in good standing are welcome and encouraged to attend. The agenda will include an annual review of corporation business and election of officers. Two officer positions will be open for election. Those positions are currently held by Rose Rossi-Williams and Paul Davis. Incumbents are eligible for re-nomination and nominations will be taken from the floor. Anyone interested in running for an officer position who cannot attend the meeting should contact the Corporate Secretary; Joe Hennekey at 585-978-1130 or [jhennek@gmail.com](mailto:jhennek@gmail.com).

### **Current Board of Trustees:**

President – John Compitello (3 year)  
Vice President – Rose Rossi-Williams (1 year)  
Secretary – Joe Hennekey (2 years)  
Treasurer – Dan Lindsay (2 years)  
Trustee at large – Paul Davis (1 year)

## **Disabled American Veterans (DAV)**

We are an organization of more than one million veterans, helping veterans. We receive no government funding and we look out for our members 100% of the time because we have been in their shoes and know what it is like to be forgotten. 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. You can also just come to a meeting! We meet the second Saturday of each month at 9 am.

## **May Meetings**

The Executive Committee meets at 7 pm on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The DAV meets at 9 am on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The VFW meets at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The SAL meets at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Legion meets at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. A light meal will be served. The Auxiliary meets at 7 pm on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **From the Monroe County Honor Guard:**

The Monroe County Honor Guard wishes to thank the Rush-Henrietta post for hosting our Training and Certification session on April 27.

As the certification included two full Funeral Honors Ceremonies; these were dedicated to past post members Robert Gruver and Eugene Porter.

Providing coffee and donuts, preparing and serving lunch along with a donation of over \$200.00 dollars is truly a generous expression and is greatly appreciated.

Wayne Hartmann, Commander

## **Memorial Day 2021 Activities**

Memorial Day is the most important day on our Post calendar. Honoring the Veterans who gave their all so that we will be free deserves the very best we can offer. Memorial Day is an excellent opportunity for us to show our community what we are capable of.

### **Memorial Day Grave Flagging**

We flag all known veterans' graves in Rush and Henrietta cemeteries prior to the Town Memorial Day celebration. Volunteers are needed for this noble function. This year we will meet at the Post on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to receive flags and assignments..

### **Maplewood Cemetery Ceremony**

We will hold a ceremony with the reading of the names of our honored veterans who reported for their final muster at Maplewood Cemetery at 9 am on Monday, May 31, 2021. Everyone is invited to attend. Volunteers are needed for the Color Guard and Rifle Squad.

### **Memorial Day Parade**

This year the Memorial Day Parade will be a “reverse parade” where the performers are stationed along the route and the spectators, in cars, drive slowly past them. This year the parade will be on Sunday, May 23, from 2 pm to 4 pm. Spectators are asked to stay in their cars and drive slowly.

### **Win a 32GB iPad Air!**

We are having a raffle for an Apple iPad Air with a 10.5” touch screen and 32GB of storage that is WiFi only! The drawing is July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are free with purchase of meal(s). 1 ticket per car. Thanks for your support, Henrietta!

## **Personalized Memorial Walkway Pavers**

The deadline, April 30, to have a Personalized Paver “planted” by Memorial Day has passed! However, anytime is a great time to purchase a Personalized Memorial Walkway Paver, paying tribute to a loved one who served in our nation’s military, or has served our Post as an “Auxiliary” member or a “Sons of the Legion” member. Once “planted”, anyone who views the Paver(s) will see the honor, respect, and love behind this long lasting memorial. By the way, Personalized Pavers provide a great, 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](http://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](mailto:elyfaganpost1151@gmail.com) and we will get back to you.

## Technology Raffle

If the pandemic has taught us anything it is that our future is going to be intertwined with technology. Whether it is a computer, a smartphone or an Alexa, etc., like it or not, technology is here to stay, so we may as well get used to it.

This year instead of having a "Sportsman Raffle" we will have a "Technology Raffle", because everyone uses technology.

United Healthcare is sponsoring our raffle. Most of us use technology to communicate. We have learned social isolation has a major impact on a person's mental and physical well-being. If this raffle can help just one person, it is worth it.

Second, there will be no "gathering" on the day of the raffle. When the raffle was originally conceived, COVID restrictions would have made a gathering difficult at best. Looking ahead to August, we don't know what the restrictions, if any will be. In place of food and drink we have added additional prizes. The drawing will be conducted in the Post Hall and will be streamed on Facebook. Ticket holders wishing to attend may do so, but the COVID restrictions in effect at that time will be enforced.

Third, each ticket will cost \$10.00 and will be eligible to win any, some, or all of the 20 prizes listed on the ticket. Initially there will be 1,000 tickets. If we need to print more tickets we will add additional prizes. Winners will receive the actual "prize". There will be no gift cards or substitutions. Winners will be notified immediately as they are identified and arrangements made to claim their prize. All prizes must be claimed by September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, ticket sales will begin on May 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue until 3 pm on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Tickets will be on sale during events at the post (meals, meetings, etc), at the Devil's Bar and other places as they are identified. Please consider Checking out a book of tickets to sell. Person selling the most tickets (over 50) will have a choice of a Samsung 40" Class Full HD Smart LED TV or \$250.00 Cash!

### Prizes

1. Apple iPad Air, 32GB WiFi only
2. Carson Night Vision Monocular
3. Fire HD 10 Tablet, 10.1", 32GB
4. Arlo Pro 3 Wire Free Camera Kit
5. Dell Latitude E6430 14" Laptop
6. HP 22" AIO R3 Touch Desktop PC
7. Ring Video Doorbell 3
8. HP OfficeJet Pro 8025 AIO Printer
9. Samsung Galaxy Tab A7 10.4"
10. Epson WF2850 AIO Printer
11. Acer Aspire 3 Laptop 17.3"
12. Acer Chromebook Convertible 11.6"
13. Bose Sport Earbuds, Wireless
14. GoPro Hero7 Action Camera
15. Google Nest Smart Speaker
16. HP 11.6" Chromebook
17. Samsung Chromebook 11.6"
18. Doss Soundbox Wireless Speakers
19. Microsoft Surface Go2 10.5" Touch
20. Samsung 40" Smart LED TV

## Scammers and You

Every day we hear about someone being scammed, mostly within the elderly community. Scammers are professionals who prey on people for a living. If they get you on the phone they can be very convincing and use scare tactics to get you to send them money, they are very good at what they do. Your personal information is available to them on the internet, they can find out how old you are, where you live now and in the past and they can find out family member names and addresses.

If your computer starts flashing that it has a problem, shut it down, restart it, chances are there is no problem. Do not call numbers supplied by your computer if you get a virus alert.

### Four Signs That It's a Scam

#### 1. Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know.

Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, or even a charity asking for donations. They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID. So, the name and number you see might not be real.

#### 2. Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE.

They might say you're in trouble with the government; Or you owe money; Or someone in your family had an emergency; Or that there's a virus on your computer. Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and you need to verify some information. Others will lie and say you won money but you have to pay a fee to get it.

#### 3. Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately.

Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.

#### 4. Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.

They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it, and then send them money.

Many scams can be perpetrated through email and text messages. Do not click on links, open attachments or call embedded phone numbers before verifying the source. Remember the old saying "if it's too good (or too BAD) to be true it probably is." Don't fall for it!

If you receive a phone call from someone saying you owe money or they need money to fix a situation the best thing to do is hang up immediately! If you have any doubts or concerns call someone you trust or call the post, we have people that can help you determine if it was a legitimate contact. **Be safe, be aware and never provide personal information over the phone!**

## Devil's Bar News

The Devil's Bar is a benefit of membership and is open from 3 pm to 9 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays unless otherwise noted.

**Euchre** starts back this month on Tuesdays at 7 pm starting May 11.

**Karaoke** will be Saturday, May 15 at 8 pm with Paul Anken.

**Bar Trivia** will be on Saturday, May 22, starting at 7 pm. There must be a minimum of 4 teams, each team must have a minimum of 2 people, to play. Cost is \$5.00 per person. The Team with the **highest score over 90** wins the Pot. If no team scores above 90, pot carries forward to following month and another \$50 is added. The pot for May will be \$150. The Weekly drawing is held Wednesdays at 7 pm and the Queen of Hearts drawing is on Fridays at 7 pm.

## Just a Reminder

The kitchen will close Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and remain closed for the entire month of August for facility maintenance & upgrade and worker rest & relaxation. Normal operations will resume Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Drive-Thru Fish Fry

We will have a drive-thru fish fry from 4 – 7 pm Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. 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**.

## Chicken Barbecue Drive Through May 16

We will have a drive-thru Chicken BBQ Sunday, May 16, from 1 pm until sold out. The menu includes ½ BBQ chicken with beans, homemade macaroni salad, and bread & butter. Cost is \$10.00 per meal. This is first come, first served. No phone orders will be taken. Credit/Debit cards accepted.

## Tuesday Night Drive-Thru Dinners

**5/4 4-6 pm Country Fried Steak** Breaded & seasoned fried steak, with country gravy, Southern-style green beans, mashed potatoes and a house salad and bread & butter for **\$8.00**

**5/11 4-6 pm Baked Macaroni & Cheese with Sliced Ham** Homemade 3 cheese macaroni casserole with Sliced, smoked ham, salad, bread & butter for **\$8.00**

**5/18 4-6 pm Beef on Weck Dinner:** Sliced, tender & tasty beef on a fresh Kimmelweck bun with French fries and homemade macaroni salad. Includes side of au jus and pickle, with horseradish on request.

**5/25 4-6 pm Turkey-Bacon Club Dinner** It is a turkey with American cheese sandwich and a BLT combined. Comes with French fries, macaroni salad & pickle. **\$8.00**

May 25 is the last Tuesday Night Drive Thru Dinner until September. We will have other events, some on Tuesday, during the summer months. We will post information to the newsletter, Facebook, and the post website for more information as it comes available.

## Sunday Breakfasts

We are serving a limited breakfast from 8 until 11 am on **Sunday 5/2 & Sunday 5/23**. Get a stack of 3 big fluffy pancakes and 2 sausage patties, French Toast with 2 sausage patties, or 3 buttermilk biscuits halved and smothered with our sausage gravy for just **\$7.00!** Dine in or drive through.

## DAV Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser June 6<sup>th</sup>

The Monroe Powers Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans will have a Chicken BBQ fundraiser at the post on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm until gone. For a \$10 donation you will receive ½ BBQ chicken, baked beans and macaroni salad. This will be a drive through meal, but there will be picnic tables set up if you would like to park and eat.

## Mother's Day

The post will not have a Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet this year. Several other local non-profits have already scheduled a breakfast buffet, notably the Henrietta Moose Lodge (585-359-1937) and our volunteers need a break. We had several discussions and the general consensus was that with the other non-profits already out front with plans we would take some much needed time with our families.

## Laptop Raffle Winner Announced

Congratulations to Harley Jordan, winner of the HP Windows 10 Laptop. Harley, who helped develop the original codes, is looking forward to seeing how simple things have become. The first thing he needs to know is the laptop works better when he is eating a meal from the Rush-Henrietta American Legion! We have another raffle going on right now, this time the prize is an Apple iPad Pro with a 10" touch screen, 32GB of memory and Wifi. Tickets are free, one per car, with the purchase of a meal. The next drawing will be on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Like before, the winning ticket number will be on the sign, on the website, and in the July 9<sup>th</sup> Penny Saver. Maybe next time the winner will be you? Buy a couple of meals every week until then and find out!

### Confused about Medicare? Need help reviewing your health care insurance plan?

Be sure **NOT** to miss out on **ALL** the **BENEFITS** you may be eligible for in **2022!** Let our member and friend, Ellen Ortega, a NYS Licensed Medicare Broker assist you at **NO COST** to you!

**Contact: Ellen Ortega, NYS Licensed Medicare Agent**

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# May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 8am Pancakes & Sausage	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4pm Country Fried Steak Dinner 7pm VFW Mtg	<b>5</b> 11-4 pm DAV 7 pm Exec Comm Mtg	<b>6</b> 9 am T.O.P.S. Meeting 11-4 pm DAV	<b>7</b> 4 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry	<b>8</b> 9 am DAV Mtg
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 4pm Mac & Cheese with Sliced Ham 7 pm VFW Mtg 7pm Euchre	<b>12</b> 11-4 pm DAV 6:30 pm S.A.L. Meeting 7:30pm General Mtg / Elks Presentation	<b>13</b> 9 am T.O.P.S. Meeting 11-4 pm DAV	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8pm Karaoke with Paul Anken
<b>16</b> 8am Pancakes & Sausage 1pm Chicken BBQ	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 4pm Beef on Weck Dinner 7pm GOA Meeting 7pm Euchre	<b>19</b> 9am Grave Flagging 11-4 pm DAV	<b>20</b> 9 am T.O.P.S. Meeting 11-4 pm DAV 7 pm MG Club	<b>21</b> 4 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry	<b>22</b> 7pm Bar Trivia
<b>23</b> Blue Star Mothers Future Stars Dinner 2pm Reverse Parade	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 4 pm Turkey Bacon Club Dinner 7pm MCHG Mtg 7pm Euchre	<b>26</b> 11-4 pm DAV 7pm Auxiliary Meeting	<b>27</b> 9 am T.O.P.S. Meeting 11-4 pm DAV	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9am Maplewood Cemetery Ceremony					

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***We Shall Keep the Faith by Moina Michael***

*Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,  
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!  
We caught the torch you threw  
And holding high, we keep the Faith  
With All who died.*

*We cherish, too, the poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led;  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies,  
But lends a lustre to the red  
Of the flower that blooms above the dead  
In Flanders Fields.*

*And now the Torch and Poppy Red  
We wear in honor of our dead.  
Fear not that ye have died for naught;  
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought  
In Flanders Fields.*