



Ely-Fagan Post

Post Commander

Kevin Hermey

I want to thank everyone who participated in our steak dinner last month. We had 35 diners at \$15 each for a total of \$525. Our cost was \$331 and we turned \$194 over to the general fund. Additionally we had our "S.O.S. Saturday" meal the same day, in the morning and collected \$42 for the Floor Fund during the meal and an additional \$37 during & after the steak dinner, allowing us to turn \$79 over to the building fund to be used for floor replacement. All in all, it was a good day. We need more days like that. Our Hall should be in use every weekend, either rented out or for a Legion Family function. We have a lot of opportunity for more dinners and events and we ought to take advantage of them. Doing so demonstrates our capabilities to our community, attracts new members, revitalizes current members, and increases Post revenues. It's an all-around win-win for everyone. The S.A.L. and Auxiliary should consider having monthly fundraisers as well. Which reminds me: The Hall is currently booking reservations into 2016. If you have a need to use the Hall it would be a good idea to reserve it now. Once a contract is signed the Hall will not be available to rent.

Sometimes I am asked questions that would be better answered by one of the Post officers. Sometimes what I say can cause confusion. If you have a question about the GOC or raffles, see Les; about the Devil's Bar see Ray M; the Memorial Walkway, see Ralph; about the kitchen, see Ray T. They're the subject matter experts.

Memorial Day is fast approaching. We are flagging graves on May 13th, and will need volunteers. We will need a color guard for the ceremonies at Maplewood Cemetery and the Veterans Memorial Park. We are trying to put a groundbreaking ceremony together for the Memorial Walkway. We need volunteers for the Post Open House. Please consider donating some time to help out. There will be sign-up sheets in the Hall during meals and every day in the Devil's Bar.

This the month we have our Post election for the 2015-2016 cycle. We have an excellent slate of officers proposed, but any Legionnaire in good standing can run for any office, and nominations will be taken up to the time we vote.

For the Good of the Legion

American Legion Auxiliary

Carolyn Davis

Many thanks to everyone that made the corned beef & cabbage dinner the huge success that it was. We hope you enjoyed it. Special thanks for everyone that helped: Kathy S. and Ralph who stayed up late Saturday night peeling the carrots and chopping the cabbage; Sunday, Kathy S, Kathy V, Pat W, and Reva that brought everything together and made it a meal and then served it; Lee sold tickets and kept the money straight, and Paul made deliveries. Special thanks to Kevin for slicing the corned beef. Without the help of everyone it would not have been a success.

We will be having a Pancake Dinner (Yes, Dinner) on Thursday April 23rd. We will need help. If you're interested, please call Carolyn for more information.

2015 Membership Drive

As of this writing, there are 48 members from 2014 who have yet to renew their membership for 2015. We recognize that some of those members may have moved, some have made the final muster, and some have just decided they aren't going to renew. But there are some that keep putting it off for various reasons, and some who may be having to direct their finances elsewhere. Those are the people for whom this message is intended. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2015, please do. If you know someone who has yet to renew their membership for 2015, please remind them. If you or someone you know needs help, let us know.

With the recruitment of new members and transfers in we are within easy striking distance of our goal of 100%. We are currently stalled at approximately 87% and we need to get moving again. Our County Convention is in June and we need 100% to have our maximum vote. If you have any questions please contact Tim Tysall, Ray McCormick or Kevin Hermey.

Post is Closed Easter Sunday

The Post will be closed Easter Sunday, April 5th. It will reopen on Monday, April 6th. The monthly breakfast, normally held on the first Sunday of the month, will not be held in April as the first Sunday in April is also Easter Sunday. Breakfast will resume on the first Sunday in May.

Good of the Legion

A huge thank you to Tim Tysall as he steps down from yet another position on the Executive Committee. I believe at this time Tim, during his 37 years here, has served in every position on the Executive Committee except Adjutant. Tim also served as the Post Charter Representative for the Boy Scouts of America for 17 years. He also works the monthly breakfast, bartends, and serves on the Monroe County Honor Guard, providing military funeral support for our area veterans. Tim's not leaving the Post, he is just lightening his load. Thanks, Tim. We (all of us) appreciate your service.

April Meetings

The House Committee meets April 1st at 6 pm. The Executive Committee meets April 1st at 7 pm. The S.A.L. meets April 8th at 6:45 pm. The General Meeting is Wednesday, April 8th at 7:30 pm. A light meal of spaghetti, free to Legionnaires, will be served prior to the meeting. The Auxiliary meets April 22nd 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.

Post Memorial Walkway

The purpose for the "Post Memorial Walkway" is to create a permanent legacy to honor past & present members of the American Legion Family, and any veteran who served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Family members and friends can honor their loved one by purchasing a Brick Paver to be placed in the Post Memorial 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. We will have a Groundbreaking ceremony on Memorial Day 2015 and then will dedicate the Walkway on Veterans Day 2015.

Funds generated will be used to enhance our facility and fund our projects. Order forms are available at the Post or you can call and we will mail them to you.

The Post Memorial Walkway Project Committee reserves the right to refuse paver applications that may detract from the purpose of the walkway, which is to honor veterans and their families. Pavers for veterans should, as a minimum, have the branch of service, rank and dates of service to maintain some sense of uniformity. Pavers for members of the Auxiliary and S.A.L. should, as a minimum, have their affiliation with the Legion. If you would like assistance with designing your paver please contact the project committee. The Project Committee has final say on matters pertaining to the Memorial Walkway.

2015 – 2016 Post Officer Election Slate

Commander	John Compitello
1 st Vice Commander	Les Bowen
2 nd Vice Commander	Ray Torres
3 rd Vice Commander	Ralph Litzenberger
Finance Officer	Kevin Hermey
Adjutant	Ray McCormick
Sergeant at Arms	Brian Hughes
Chaplain	Bob Gruver / Rose Rossi-Williams

Nominations will accepted until immediately prior to voting at the April 8, 2015 General Meeting. Check the Post web site (<http://alpost1151.org>) for more up to date information.

Fifty Cent Wing Night

We will serve chicken wings for 50 cents each on Thursday, April 16th from 6 pm to 8 pm. Burgers, Fries, Hots, Italian sausages, Poppers, Mozzarella sticks, and MacnCheese wedges also available. We promise not to run out of wings this time.

April Karaoke Nights with David Ells

We will have karaoke on Saturday, April 11th starting at 8 pm and on Friday, April 17th starting at 8 pm. There will be drink specials, plenty of fresh popcorn and a lot of live entertainment! The kitchen will be open with a light menu from 8 pm to 10 pm.

Pancake Dinner

The Auxiliary will host a Pancake Dinner on Thursday Evening, April 23rd, from 5 pm to 7 pm. For \$6.00 get all the pancakes you can eat with two sausage patties or two strips of bacon. (Extra serving of sausage or bacon is \$2.00) Takeout orders are limited to 4 pancakes.

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.

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 for refund.

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 second or next drawing is 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.

The next Early Bird Drawing will be April 1st at 6 pm in the Devil's Bar. Someone who has already purchased their tickets is going to be \$100.00 richer!

Tuesday Night Dinners

We will have **Fried Chicken** on Tuesday, April 14th from 5 to 7 pm. The dinner includes a healthy serving of our very own Classic Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, House salad and bread for only \$8.00! We'll be having **Country Fried Steak** on Tuesday, April 28th from 5 to 7 pm. The dinner includes a huge piece of Country Fried Steak, vegetable, mashed potatoes & Gravy and a House Salad (may substitute French fries for mashed potatoes) for \$8.00! For the SCOPE meeting on April 21st we will have **Spaghetti**. 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! (extra serving of meatballs or sausage \$2.00)

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.

"S.O.S." Saturday

This month's "S.O.S. Saturday" will really be "chipped beef" and will be on April 11th from 8:00 am to 11 am. The meal is free for Post members and their guests, but donations to the Floor Replacement Fund are encouraged. Come on down and try to determine which is better: Chipped Beef or S.O.S. and which service made it best. Meet your friends & neighbors. Free. Can't beat it. Just like your Uncle Sam used to make.

Current Post Officer Listing

Have a problem? Have a suggestion? Contact a Post Officer! If you would like a Post Officer to call you, please call the Post at 585-334-8228 and leave your name, number, and best time to call. You will be contacted within 72 hours of your call.

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Bar Steward	Ray McCormick
Games of Chance	Les Bowens
House Committee	Ralph Litzenberger
Historian	John Compitello
Newsletter	Kevin Hermey

Games of Chance

People need to quit winning the Queen of Hearts so we can build the pot. We are starting over, but the payout for the **Queen of Hearts** is currently in excess of \$400.00! Tickets are \$1.00 at the bar. Drawing is every Friday at 7 pm. You must have your ticket stub to claim your prize. Come in for the Fish Fry, stay for the drawing! The Wednesday **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 \$500. Proceeds from all games of chance are used to fund operations.

Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet

Our second annual Mother's Day Brunch Buffet will be May 11th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Help yourself to regular or western style scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, sausage gravy and biscuits, smoked ham and turkey breast, fruit, juice and coffee for \$10.00, \$5.00 for children 6 – 12 years and free for children 5 & under. Make Mom feel special on her Day and get a great meal at the same time! Please call 585-334-8228 to reserve a spot!

Ely-Fagan Spring Flea Market / Garage Sale and Boy Scout Troop 350 Chicken Barbecue

This year the Post is partnering with our Scout Troop to host our annual Spring Flea Market /Garage Sale and Scout Barbecue on Saturday, May 16th. The Post will handle the advertising. Spaces are \$10.00 each. We also have a limited number of 6 & 8 foot long tables available to rent for \$5.00 each.

There are two ways to do this: 1) Rent a space and a table, bring your stuff in on the day of the event and sell it. What you don't sell you must take home. 2) Donate usable items to the Legion and we will sell them and use the money for Post operations. The Legion will provide you with a receipt for income tax purposes. Spaces are available now and are selling quickly.

We will need volunteers for this event. Interested volunteers should contact Ralph Litzenberger or Joe Rinaldo for more information.

Some people are like Slinkies. They don't really have a purpose, but they sure do a smile to your face when you push them down the stairs.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Wii Bowling	31 Euchre Tuesday Dinner Spaghetti & Meatballs or Italian Sausage	1 Early Bird Drawing Weekly Drawing 6p House Cmte 7p Exec Cmte	2	3 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	4
5 Post Closed Easter	6 Wii Bowling	7	8 Weekly Drawing 6:45p S.A.L. 7:30p General	9 Genesee Valley Hasta Society	10 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	11 SOS Saturday Karaoke
12	13 Wii Bowling	14 Euchre Tuesday Dinner Fried Chicken	15	16 Wing Night	17 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts Karaoke	18
19	20 Wii Bowling	21 SCOPE Mtg Dinner: Spaghetti & Meatballs or Italian Sausage	22 Weekly Drawing 7pm Auxiliary	23 Pancake Supper	24 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts Karaoke	25
26	27 Wii Bowling	28 Euchre Tuesday Dinner Country Fried Steak	29 Weekly Drawing	30	1 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	2
3	4	5	6 Weekly Drawing 6pm House Committee Mtg 7pm Executive Committee Mtg	7	8 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	9

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