



The American Legion



# Ely-Fagan Post

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## Post Commander

How are we doing? I think we are doing great! We had another successful Sportsman's Raffle, not as profitable as the last one but it was a good turnout, helped us financially and we had a lot of fun. Remember if every member buys one and sells one ticket we will have sold almost half of goal.

We continue to make improvements, recently we had all the light fixtures improved with LED lights, which is expected to bring in a savings on our electrical bills and the electrical service will be upgraded shortly. We will be looking at other areas to upgrade and improve in the near future.

While we continue to sign up new members in the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons, I would like to encourage everyone to have conversations with the people they meet, if they are eligible, please encourage them to join. The first response I usually hear from a prospect is they don't have the time, my response is we don't want their time, we need their membership to make our organization stronger. Congress listens to the Legion and appropriates funds for veterans causes. We have a gem of a veterans network in Rochester, which continues to improve through added resources to this area. If a new member decides to become involved in our activities that is a plus for them and us but it is not a requirement of membership.

I recently have driven by three closed Legion posts in three different counties, this is a sad site and is the reason I encourage all to keep recruiting.

## For the Good of the Legion

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## 2017 Membership Drive

As of September 28, 2016, approximately fifty-seven percent (57%) of our members have renewed their membership for 2017. The number of current members at our Post helps strengthen our voice in Washington and determines how many delegates we will have at the County Convention.

Please send your dues in as soon as you can. 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. If you have any questions please contact Ray McCormick or Kevin Hermeý.

## American Legion Auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month except for November and December. Our meetings begin at 7 pm. Please join us.

We are collecting dues for the 2017 membership year. Please forward your checks payable to Ely-Fagan American Legion Auxiliary to Kathy Callagee, 65 Authors Avenue, Henrietta, New York 14467. If you have questions regarding your membership, please call Kathy Callagee at 334-0786.

## October Meetings

The Executive Committee meets October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The Sons of the American Legion meet at 6:45 pm on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The Legion General Meeting is October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Pizza & wings will be served at the General meeting. The Auxiliary meets October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Any member can attend any meeting at the Post.

## Past President / Past Commander Dinner

The 2016 Past Commander / Past President Dinner will be held Saturday, October 15, 2016 starting at 5 pm. Everyone is welcome. Cocktail Hour begins at 5:00 with Dinner at 6:00 followed by awards and recognitions. Our Guest Speaker, Mr. Chuck Bayliss, of the Military History Society of Rochester will take over following awards & recognitions.

The dinner menu will be your choice of either roast beef or chicken cordon bleu, with mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable blend, and dessert. Cost is \$12.00 per plate. Reservations are required and must be completed by October 12<sup>th</sup>. When making your reservations please specify either roast beef or chicken cordon bleu. Reservations may be made by calling the Post at 585-334-8228.

## November Sunday Breakfast

Our monthly Sunday breakfasts are starting again! The November Breakfast will be on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

We have eggs any style, omelets, pancakes, potatoes, toast, bacon and sausage with orange juice, great coffee, tea and a whole Hall full of friends! Come on down and see friends you haven't seen since May and enjoy a good meal. You won't find a better breakfast deal in a friendlier atmosphere anywhere in the county!

## Good of the Legion

As we get ready for our first annual Carolyn Davis Selfless Service Award, we need to think back and consider everyone who “gave a little more” and qualified for consideration: the Friday Night Fish Fry crews, the Tuesday Night Dinner Crews, the bartenders, the House Committee, the Spring & Fall Sportsman Raffle crews, the Hall Rental support crews, as well as the volunteers who came out of nowhere and saw something needed to be done and then just did it and faded back into the background. Let’s be thankful for those of us who come to our events, whether they are weekly dinners or raffles, to support our Post. We are a good group of people and we’re getting better.

## Monroe County Honor Guard

The Monroe County Honor Guard could use new members, are you ready to help out? The Honor Guard has about 25 active members, they perform a great and needed service rendering a final salute in honor of veteran’s service to our nation. Many times the Honor Guard has to turn down funerals as they don’t have the membership to support all requests. Some members have continued to perform funerals as long as they could but due to age or health reasons can no longer continue to be active members. Whether you are retired or still working you could volunteer to assist during the week or strictly weekends if that is what your schedule allows. It is a great organization that performs an honored tradition which is much appreciated by the families. If you need more information, please contact the Post Commander.

## Golden Corral Military Appreciation Night

Golden Corral restaurants have served over 4.7 million free ‘thank you’ meals to our heroes in the military and contributed almost 12 million dollars to the Disabled American Veterans over the past 15 years. Golden Corral is very proud of the men and women who are serving and who have served, and they are honored to offer a special night to congratulate them in person. This year our Military Appreciation Night will be Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Family and friends are welcome to come join the celebration for our military heroes; however, the free ‘thank you’ dinner is for the person who served. Other guests will pay the regular dinner menu pricing. No rain checks or take-outs allowed.

## Memorial Walkway

Honor your loved ones by purchasing a brick paver for the Post Memorial Walkway. The pavers are \$75.00 each and have 3 lines with 15 characters per line for name, rank, service & period. If you would like your paver placed before Veterans Day your order must be placed by October 7<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are available at the Post and on the Post [website](#). If you have questions please contact Ralph Litzenberger at 585-750-1854.

## Color Guard News

We want to thank everyone for coming out and showing their support at the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser we had on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>. We couldn’t do it and we wouldn’t do it without you! Be sure to watch us on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, when we post Colors at the **Buffalo Bills** Game! We are always looking for women to join the Color Guard. If you are interested in joining an awesome group of ladies and having a great time, please contact Missy Clark @ [585-281-9017](tel:585-281-9017). We have a great time competing and representing our Post. So come on down and check us out, we look forward to seeing you.

## Legion Ladies

With the help of our Legion Family and community we are halfway to our goal! Thank you to everyone for your support of the Tuesday Night Dinners and your donations! The funds will be used to provide holiday meals to families in need, make a substantial contribution to the annual USMCR “Toys for Tots” campaign and send at least one Girl Scout to camp who otherwise would not be able to go. Together, we can make this work! For more information or to volunteer, contact Irma Herney at 585-315-4654.

## Annual Gold Star Mothers & Family Day



National Gold Star Mother’s Day, also known as National Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day, is observed annually on the last Sunday in September. National Gold Star Mother’s Day was created to recognize and honor those that have lost their child while serving our country in the United States Armed Forces.

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, was the First Annual Wreath laying at the Gold Star Mother’s and Families Memorial at White Haven Memorial Park in Pittsford. The wreath laying ceremony by Gold Star Families is a small tribute to those who gave their lives in the service of our great nation. This event was sponsored by the local Blue Star Mother’s organization and our Post provided support for this event. We hope to be more involved in this fitting tribute next year. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this fitting tribute next year.

If you have lost a child in the service to our country and would like the community of others in your situation, we invite you to [join](#). No one knows how you feel like another mother who has lost a child. If you want to know more about Gold Star Mothers, please go to <http://www.goldstarmoms.com/#>

## Do You Know . . .

In 2014, an average of 20 Veterans died from suicide each day. 6 of the 20 were users of VA services. In 2014, Veterans accounted for 18% of all deaths from suicide among U.S. adults, while they constituted only 8.5% of the population. There is continued evidence of high burden of suicide among middle-aged and older adult Veterans. In 2014, approximately 65% of all Veterans who died from suicide were aged 50 years or older. After adjusting for differences in age and gender, risk for suicide was 21% higher among Veterans when compared to U.S. civilian adults. After adjusting for differences in age, risk for suicide was 18% higher among male Veterans when compared to U.S. civilian adult males. After adjusting for differences in age, risk for suicide was 2.4 times higher among female Veterans when compared to U.S. civilian adult females.

### Veterans in Crisis Hotline

Are you a veteran in crisis, or do you know of a veteran in crisis? Call **1-800-273-8255** and **press 1 to TALK TO SOMEONE RIGHT NOW!** Go to <http://veteranscrisisline.net> to learn more about the veterans' crisis hotline, and how it can help you or someone you know.

### Veteran's Caregivers

Respite care provides a break for a Veteran's regular caregiver, and VA offers professional respite care to caregivers. Eligible Veterans may be eligible to receive 30 days of respite care per year. Go to [Respite Care](#) to read the full story.

### ID Cards

The ID card office is located at the Rochester Reserve Center, 49 Jetview Drive, Rochester, NY. Call 585-528-2004 to schedule an appointment for a new ID card or to update DEERS. Navy and Marine Corps retirees can also obtain ID cards at the Navy Reserve Support Center, 439 Paul Road, Rochester, NY by calling 585-247-6858 for an appointment.

### Continental School of Beauty

Continental School of Beauty at 633 Jefferson Road, offers free haircuts for veterans on a walk-in basis. Just walk-in and show your current Legion membership card, or any veteran's ID for your haircut. Hours for free haircuts are Monday – Friday 10:30 am to 3 pm and 6 pm to 9 pm. If you have any questions about Continental, give them a call at 585-272-8060

### Fish Fry Every Friday!

Join us for a fish fry every Friday from 4 pm to 7 pm, serving battered, breaded or baked 12 – 14 ounce haddock filets, shrimp, scallops, clams and a limited landlubber's menu. We have the best cole slaw around here, anyways! Meet friends for dinner or make friends at dinner. Call us at 585-334-8228 and we will have it ready when you get here.

## Tuesday Night Dinners . . .

**October 4 / 5-7 pm: Meatloaf Dinner:** A plate full of our classic, delicious meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn and house salad for only **\$8.00!**

### October 11 / 5 - 7pm: Sandwich Night:

**Grilled Chicken** A grilled, marinated chicken breast on a fresh bun with lettuce & tomato, BBQ beans and potato salad or two **Sloppy Joes**, hot & meaty with just the right amount of spice, piled high on a fresh bun. Sandwiches come with French fries and cole slaw. **\$8.00**

**October 18 / 5 – 7pm: Spaghetti & Meatballs / Italian Sausage.** Angel hair pasta, smothered in our classic secret sauce, with your choice of meatballs and/or Italian sausage! House salad & toasted garlic bread included for only **\$8.00!** (extra meat is \$2.00 more).

**October 25 / 5 – 7pm: Beef Tips & Noodles:** The perfect comfort food for a crisp, fall night! A hot, healthy serving of tender & delicious sirloin beef tips in a special, savory sauce on a bed of hot buttered egg noodles with House Salad and bread for only **\$8.00.**

### November 1 / 5 – 7 pm: Sandwich Night:

**Grilled Reuben** (Delicious, thin sliced corned beef, piled high on grilled marble rye with sauerkraut and Swiss cheese with a side of Thousand Island dressing) or a **Turkey-Bacon Club** (Thinly sliced turkey, American cheese and mayo on one deck with bacon, lettuce, tomato and more mayo on the other deck. Choice of white or wheat). Sandwiches come with French fries and cole slaw. **\$8.00**

As always, smiles, coffee, tea & water are included with all dinners at Ely-Fagan. Soda in cans and bottled water is available for \$1.00 each. 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 (585-334-8228) and we will have it ready when you get here. We deliver locally for orders of \$25 or more.

## Veterans and Families Adventure Day

On Sunday, October 9th from 11am-2pm the Veterans Outreach Center will be holding a Veterans and Families Adventure Day at the YMCA's Camp Arrowhead, 20 Arrowhead Rd. Pittsford, NY, 14534. Activities include: Climbing Tower, Boulder Wall, Archery, Bounce Pillow, Hikes, Mountain Bikes, Campfire Cooking (Cinnamon apples), Bubble Ball Soccer (Inflatable bubbles that you play full contact soccer in- geared towards teens and adults). Lunch will be provided and will consist of hot dogs, pizza, chips, drinks, and fruit. If you are interested in attending this event please RSVP by calling at [585-295-7821](tel:585-295-7821) or emailing Sean Smith at [sean.smith@vocroc.org](mailto:sean.smith@vocroc.org). Come out for a great time with your Families and fellow Veterans!

## Devil's Bar News

**Karaoke nights (with Paulie!) are Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm and Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm.** There will be drink specials and free popcorn.

**Try Paula's Melon 'Rita for \$2.00! or her Watermelon Jello Shots for \$2.00.** We have a variety of personal **pizzas** at the bar for \$3.00 each.

The **Queen of Hearts** tickets are \$1.00 and the drawing is every Friday at 7 pm. You must have your ticket to claim your prize. The **Weekly Drawing** has split with one pot at \$500 and the other growing. That's two chances to win for the same dollar! The drawings are every Wednesday at 7 pm. Pay a dollar & sign the book. If you are chosen, you win! **The Money Tree** has \$100 worth of NY State Lottery scratch off tickets. Tickets are \$2 each and 3 for \$5. The next drawing is October 24<sup>th</sup>! We also have a variety of **pull tabs** with prizes ranging from \$1 to \$100.

**Euchre Night** is every other Tuesday starting at 6:30 pm. (October 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>). **Wii Bowling** starts again on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 in the Devil's Bar. Interested people should come to elect season officers and establish rules. We have a **dart board** and we are looking for interested people to come and play darts with the hope of getting a league going. We have a beautiful, 8 foot **pool table** just waiting for someone to play.

Have a **birthday drink on the Post!** Just show proof it is your birthday & your favorite drink is on the house. Bring your friends with you! **Happy Hour every Thursday** from 5 to 7 pm with discounted drinks and free popcorn.

## The Following Businesses Support Our Post

The following local businesses support our Post. We encourage you to consider these businesses first when you have need of services and let the manager know we sincerely appreciate their support.

Gander Mountain	<b>Macaroni Grill</b>
<b>The Outback Steak House</b>	Olive Garden
Mama G's Italian Restaurant	<b>Rush Creekside Inn</b>
<b>Buffalo Wild Wings</b>	Cerame's Italian Villa
Fireside Grill & Sports Bar	<b>NRG Home Solar</b>
<b>Lamartina's Italian Restaurant</b>	Bill Gray's
MacGregor's Grill and Tap Room	<b>Home Depot</b>
<b>Young and Co, CPA's LLP</b>	Suburban Animal Hospital
Northridge Contracting	<b>Extreme Auto Solutions</b>
<b>Key Bank</b>	Wegman's
Perri's Pizzeria	<b>Tony Pepperoni</b>
<b>Peppermints</b>	Cortese Lincoln

**Cheryl Litzenberger / Nothnagle Realtors**

## Veterans Ticket Foundation

The Veteran Tickets Foundation (VetTix) provides free and discounted event tickets to our military, veterans and their families in all 50 states and Washington, DC. VetTix teams up with major sports teams, leagues, promoters, organizations, venues and every day event ticket holders to provide free or discounted tickets to all kinds of events, including all sports, circus, comedy, concerts, performing arts, dance, dining, festivals, film, rodeo, theater, travel, and much, much, more. Free tickets are currently available for over 1,000 events, including events in Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse. Over 2.1 million tickets have been given out to date. Go to <http://www.vettix.org/index.php> to sign up.

## Honor Flight

Honor Flight is not-for-profit, and was created to honor America's veterans for their sacrifices. Honor Flight is free to veterans who served prior to 1964 or veterans from any era who suffer a catastrophic illness. Our goal is to take every veteran who otherwise would not or could not go, and who wants to fly. Veterans typically fly in the order their applications are received. Medical priorities are the exception. WWII veterans will fly before Korean War veterans because of the health issues many of our aging WWII veterans face. The flying season is April to November. With hundreds of local veterans currently in line, applications are now being accepted the Fall of 2016 and for the 2017 flying season. The following link should give you all the information you need to apply to go on an Honor Flight: <http://honorflightrochester.org>

## 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. The rental fee does not include use of the kitchen, which is extra. A contract is required and other conditions may apply. For more information contact Ralph Litzenberger at 585-750-1854.

## Post Legion Family Volunteer Coordinator

The Post Legion Family Volunteer Coordinator position is still open. This is a first of its kind volunteer coordinating program for Posts our size and could well be used as a model for other Posts. Interested? Contact Post Commander John Comitello at 585-481-7360.

## Fall Sportsman's Raffle

The Fall Raffle was a success! We sold over eleven hundred tickets (eighty-one were sold the day of the raffle at the door) out of the twelve hundred printed and took in over three thousand dollars from side raffles. We didn't have the best of weather, but we still had over 150 people attend. The final numbers aren't in yet, but we expect to surpass any raffle in recent memory!

# October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Goulash	<b>28</b> Weekly Drawing	<b>29</b> TOPS 5-7 Happy Hour!	<b>30</b> Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> SUNDAY BREAKFAST	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Tuesday Dinner Meatloaf	<b>5</b> Weekly Drawing 7pm Exec Mtg	<b>6</b> TOPS 5-7 Happy Hour!	<b>7</b> Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30p Wii Bowling	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Sandwich Night	<b>12</b> Weekly Drawing 6:45p SAL Mtg 7:30p Gen Mtg	<b>13</b> US Navy 241 <sup>st</sup> Birthday TOPS 5-7 Happy Hour!	<b>14</b> Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	<b>15</b> Past Commander / President Dinner Karaoke
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Tuesday Dinner Spaghetti	<b>19</b> Weekly Drawing	<b>20</b> TOPS 5-7 Happy Hour!	<b>21</b> Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	<b>22</b>
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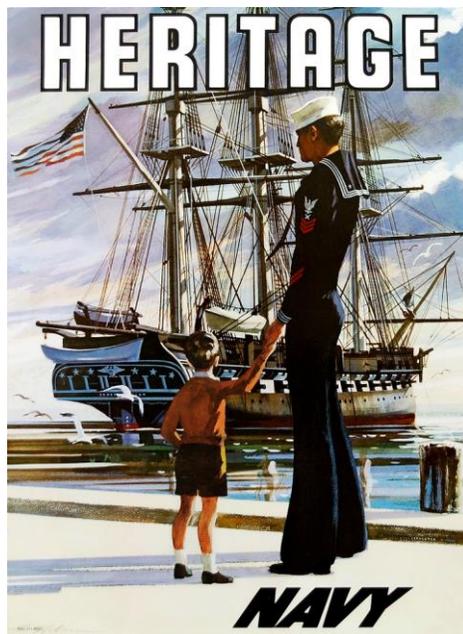
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