



The American Legion



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## Post Commander

Kevin Hermey

The last Post event of what has otherwise been a very successful year will be our New Years' Eve Party. Despite everything that got in our way we not only completed a very ambitious schedule, we added challenges along the way and overcame them. We did a great job in 2014. We are Unbroken. Now we have a new year, with new goals and new challenges. Get used to it.

The Christmas Party dinner was a huge hit. We haven't had so many folks attend one of our Christmas dinners in the last 8 years that I have been here. I hope this was a harbinger of things to come. The guys who put it together should be proud. don't mind if I do say so myself.

There will be a Planning Conference on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. We will coordinate usage of Post resources for 2015. If you are going to need Post support for any of your groups' activities in 2015 you need to be there.

Starting this month and every month going forward there will be a simple meal served at the general meeting. There is no charge for the meal.

Our support for the 2014 Toys For Tots Campaign is complete. We helped make a lot of children's Christmases a little happier. Now let's start planning on the 2015 campaign.

The question of Post "seniority" came up recently. Our Post wouldn't have been here if not for our long-time members. Then again, our Post wouldn't be here today if not for our current members. Generally speaking, current officers, appointees, and other people acting within the scope of their responsibilities rule every time.

Finally, our Post elections are coming up in April. I will be completing my third term as your Post Commander. I look forward to supporting our new Post Commander in whatever capacity I am allowed. Nominations are due in March, voting is in April and installation is in May. Please consider stepping up to serve as a Post officer.

Let's have a great 2015!

**For the Good of the Legion.**

## Good of the Legion

Thanks to Kathy Vogt, Ann Torres, Carol Rinaldo, Jan Litzenberger, Cheryl Litzenberger, Lee Accorso, Irma Hermey, Carolyn Davis, Ray Torres, Ralph Litzenberger, Joe Rinaldo, Matt Callagee, Tim Tysall, and that bald-headed guy with the beard for putting together such a stupendous Christmas party dinner.

## New Years Eve Party

We are going to end a very successful year with a New Years' Eve Party on Wednesday, December 31 starting at 6 pm with optional steak dinner (\$10.00), games & activities until midnight, complimentary champagne for toasting, and an optional breakfast (\$5.00). Everyone is invited.

## E.S.A.C.A. Gun Show

We will have a recruiting table set up at the Henrietta Dome Arena during the Empire State Arms Collectors Association Gun Show January 10 & 11 from 9 am to 4 pm. We will need volunteers to man the table to answer questions about the Legion in general and our Post in particular. If you are interested in helping out please contact Ralph Litzenberger or Kevin Hermey.

## January Sunday Breakfast

The January Breakfast will be on Sunday, January 4, 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!

## Monthly Meetings

The House Committee will meet January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The Executive Committee will meet January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The Sons will meet January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm. The General Meeting is Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. There is a Post Planning Meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to coordinate use of Post resources for 2015. The Auxiliary will meet January 28<sup>th</sup> 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 2015 Membership Drive

We are ending the year with approximately 84% of our goal of 100% by the beginning of the new year. Members who have not paid their 2015 dues by January 1, are considered "delinquent". Members who have not paid their dues by January 31, 2015 will have their Post privileges suspended. If you have any questions please contact Tim Tysall, Ray McCormick or Kevin Hermey.

## Tuesday Night Dinners

We will have a **spaghetti dinner** on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 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 and it is only \$8.00! We will have a **Meatloaf Dinner** on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 pm. The dinner will include a healthy serving of our delicious meatloaf and gravy with corn & mashed potatoes or French fries. House salad included and it too is 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.

## Annual Auxiliary Chicken Biscuit Dinner

The Auxiliary will serve its' annual Chicken & Biscuit Dinner on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 pm. The menu will include chicken & vegetable gravy over a biscuit with a salad and cherry cobbler for dessert. Cost is \$9.00 / person.

## Veteran Benefits Officer

Scott Maginn is a Veterans Benefits Officer with Monroe County. Scott can help you gather the information necessary to file a claim, track the claim as it moves through the VA system and assist with filing appeals for denied claims. For more information, please contact Scott at 585-753-6040 or email him at [scottmaginn@monroecounty.gov](mailto:scottmaginn@monroecounty.gov).

## 2014 Toys for Tots Campaign Results

We closed out our first year of participation in the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots campaign having helped 11 families have a brighter Christmas than they would have had otherwise. While the number "11" may not seem like much to some, when you consider the resources we had, it is great and it provides a benchmark for next year.

## Memorial Walkway

Our Memorial Walkway will be a 4 foot wide by 17 foot long walk leading to a 12 foot diameter circle at the base of the flagpole. The memorial bricks are \$75.00 each and are on sale now. Each brick will have 3 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 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 January 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!

## Games of Chance

The **Queen of Hearts** payout is currently in excess of \$1,200.00. Tickets are \$1.00 at the bar. Drawing is every Friday at 7 pm. You must have your ticket stub to claim your prize. The **Weekly Drawing** is about \$100.00. 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.

## 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](mailto:lkhermey@rochester.rr.com)

## Wii Bowling Tournament

Wii Bowling will start again on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> place team \$250 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place getting \$125. There may be individual prizes as well.

# January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31 Weekly Drawing	1	2 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	3
4 9am – 12 pm Breakfast!	5 Wii Bowling	6 <b>Tuesday Dinner</b> Spaghetti	7 Weekly Drawing 6pm House Cmte Meeting 7pm Exec Cmte Meeting	8	9 Fish Fry Friday! Queen of Hearts	10 E.S.A.CA. Gun Show
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