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God Bless America

October 2017

Post Commander

Fall is already here, I hope everyone had a great summer. We thought all the rain we had made for a terrible summer, then came the hurricanes to our neighbors in the south. We received donations that we forwarded to charitable organizations. Please keep our countrymen as well as those in Puerto Rico and the victims of the earthquake in Mexico in your prayers.

It looks like we will be suspending our Tuesday night dinners, except for one or two times when we will support organizations meeting at our post. For various reasons, we have lost a few volunteers and the rest need a much-deserved break. They have been serving these dinners for a few years and have tremendously helped the bottom line of the post. There is nothing I can say that would come close to showing the appreciation we have for the Tuesday night volunteers. Thank You, to all for a job well done! Maybe we can get more dinner teams going in the future?

This brings me to another topic, fundraising. We have many members who belong or have belonged to other organizations, if you know of a good fundraising project or have an idea, bring it to a meeting and we'll see if it can be implemented.

Our fall sportsman raffle was another success, attendance was down but overall, we did very good. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the food, set up, tear down and all the other necessary functions it takes to pull off this event. Thanks to Les Bowens the chairperson and to Ralph Litzenberger for his work with Field and Stream.

Thanks to Bob Jeffers for having new chairs and tables donated to the post. You may have seen these during your visits. This new furniture certainly looks better and is more comfortable than the old. With the new bar stools purchased by Kevin Hermeiy and some work that Bob and Al Purdy have done, I believe our post is looking great.

Let's all keep working together, as we should, to continue to improve and serve veterans and our community.

For the good of the legion.

John Compitello 585-
481-7360 **Kitchen Help
Needed**

We are in constant need of kitchen help for the Sunday Breakfast, Tuesday night dinner and the Friday fish fry as well as Thursday night Wing Nights – no experience necessary, we will train you. You don't have to help with every meal. Our meal operations are a reliable source of revenue and many of our members enjoy the break and like

dining with friends in our dining room. We need help if we are to continue. If you're interested, contact Ray Torres or Kevin Hermeiy.

September General Meeting Report

As a result of voting at the General Meeting conducted on September 13th in the Hall, the Auxiliary has been notified that if they do not have a NYS Gaming Commission Games of Chance Identification Number by November 1, 2017, they will be banned from having any meetings or other functions on Post property. It was further voted that when the ID number is obtained, that, in order for the Auxiliary to use the Post facilities for meetings that it be required to contribute \$100 a month to the Post Building Fund, and if they want to use the Hall for an Auxiliary event they will be required to pay \$175.00 rental fee with a \$150.00 security deposit.

The reason this is happening is because we have been asking the Post Auxiliary to obtain a GOC ID number for at least the past 7 years and they have not done so. As a result, we have had to secure GOC activities when a member of the Auxiliary tends bar and it is impacting business in the bar. The post is losing money and the Auxiliary knows it, and still doesn't have the ID number.

The membership also approved purchase of a \$6,000.00 12'x20' storage shed from Amish Outlet. The price includes site prep, delivery and placement.

2017 Membership Drive Begins

As your dues are received at the Post, or as the Department notifies the Post your dues are paid, your 2018 membership card will be mailed to you. You can bring your renewal in to the Post, mail it, or renew online <http://www.legion.org/renew>. We need everyone to do their part: If you haven't paid your dues for 2018, please do so. If you know someone who hasn't renewed, please remind them. Let us know if we can help. If you have any questions please contact Ray McCormick.

Tuesday Night Dinners

It is with regret that we have to suspend Tuesday night dinners for the time being. Our team is getting older, we have had 4 valuable members leave for personal reasons since January, leaving 5 members. Recently we were informed another member will be having foot surgery and will be out 6 – 8 weeks and also another member of

our crew was hospitalized with severe pneumonia and won't be back for a while, if at all.

We are working to put together another Tuesday night crew, or several new crews. The post food operations are the largest regular and most reliable source of income the post has. It is vital that our members stand up and step forward. If you're interested, for more information, contact Kevin Herney 585-746-8450 or Ray Torres 585-334-8228

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 oz. haddock filets, shrimp, scallops, clams and a limited landlubber's menu. Meet friends for dinner or make friends at dinner. Call 585-334-8228 and we will have it ready when you get here. We deliver for orders of \$25 or more.

Monthly Sunday Breakfast starts October 1

Our monthly Sunday breakfasts are starting again! The next breakfast will be on Sunday, October 1st from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

You can 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!

Devil's Bar News

Karaoke with Paulie is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th, in the Devil's Bar. This will coincide with our Halloween celebration. Wear a costume, sing a song, get a free drink valued to \$3.50. Sing a lot, get a lot. (But drink responsibly!) There will be drink specials, free popcorn and snacks and a rollicking good time.

Wii Bowlers will meet to discuss the Wii Bowling season Monday, October 2 at 6pm in the Devil's Bar. Wii Bowling is fun with friends. We have two large screen televisions and two Wii machines so it doesn't take long!

We have Wii Bowling every Monday at 6 pm, a Euchre tournament every Tuesday at 6:30 pm (everyone is welcome!), a Weekly Drawing every Wednesday at 7 pm and on Fridays, a Queen drawing at 7 pm.

Hall Rentals

Our Hall is available to rent from 10 am to 10 pm daily. Cost is \$175.00 with a \$100.00 security deposit. The cost does not include use of the kitchen. A contract is required and other conditions may apply. For more information contact, Al Purdy.

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 soon. Order forms are available at the Post and on the Post [website](#). If you have questions please contact Ralph Litzenberger at 585-750-1854.

Legion Ladies

During the month of September, the Legion Ladies provided support for several dinners and events at the post, including the Fall Sportsman Raffle, Sunday Breakfast Buffet, the Tuesday Night

Dinners and the MG Club dinner, raising almost \$3300.00 for the kitchen renovation fund, and \$700.00 for the Legion Ladies Fund, which is now approximately \$3,500.00.

We sent one fruit basket and two floral arrangements to members of the Post Legion Family, provided \$200 to a Post Legion Family in need, and supplied the hot dogs and prizes for the 11th Annual Town/Post Fishing Derby.

Our goals for this year still include donating \$500 to R.H.A.F.T. (local food shelf), and \$500 to the USMCR Toys for Tots, and we are also planning to make a substantial donation to the Honor Flight and the Monroe County Honor Guard at the Past Commander / Past President's Dinner.

The Legion Ladies are an unofficial group of Post Legion Family members, including members of the Legion, the S.A.L. and the Auxiliary, both female and male, who are involved and want to support the Post and our community. For more information or to volunteer, contact Irma Herney at 585-315-4654.

October Meetings

Persons interested in **Wii Bowling** are scheduled to meet in the Devil's Bar at 6 pm on Monday, October 2nd. The **Executive Committee** is scheduled to meet in the Hall at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 4th at 7 pm. Anyone can attend an Executive Committee meeting, but only members of the committee can vote. The **Sons of the American Legion** are scheduled to meet in the Hall at 6:45 on October 11th. The **General Meeting** is scheduled to meet in the Hall at 7:30 on October 11th. A light meal will be served at the General Meeting. The **American Legion Auxiliary** is scheduled to meet October 25th at 6:30pm. Any Legion Family member in good standing can attend any Legion Family (Legion/S.A.L./Auxiliary) meeting held at the post.

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 a Veteran's service to our nation. Many times, the Honor Guard has to turn down funerals as they do not 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 would like more information, please contact the Post Commander.

Past Commander / Past President Dinner

The 2017 Past President / Past Commander Dinner will be Saturday October 21, 2017. Everyone is welcome. Dinner will be \$12.00 a plate. Cocktail Hour begins at 6:00 PM with Dinner at 7:00 and awards presentations at 8. Honor Flight of Rochester will make an audio/visual presentation after dinner. Diners will have a choice of either roast beef and mashed potatoes with vegetable blend, or roasted turkey breast with stuffing or mashed potatoes and vegetable blend. House salad and dessert included. Sign up in the Devil's bar by October 18th. Please specify whether you want roast beef or turkey breast.

Devil's Bar and Pull-Tab Games

The New York State Gaming Commission requires auxiliary organizations to have a Games of Chance ID number before they can

assist in pull tab, or Bell Jar operations. We have determined our Auxiliary does not have the required ID number. We have provided the Auxiliary with the necessary forms and instructions to apply. Pending the Auxiliary's receipt of a Games of Chance ID number, the pull tab machines will be turned off whenever an Auxiliary member is bartending. This does not apply to signing up for the weekly drawing, the dice game, purchasing Sportsman Raffle or Queen of Hearts tickets. Only "pull tabs" are affected. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. As soon as the Auxiliary obtains a Games of Chance ID number we will resume normal operations.

Post Web Site

The post website has been transferred to a new internet services provider and in the process, has had some changes that are slow to take shape. Now that the summer event schedule is clear and we have time to train, it will be working better quicker. Please bear with us.

American Legion Auxiliary

On Wednesday, August 31, 2017 President Kacy Friedler, 1st Vice President Kathy Callagee, Treasurer Betty Jane Lond, and Auxiliary member Margaret Hayes traveled to Mt. Morris, NY for the American Legion Fall Conference.

Our Auxiliary donated \$100.00 to the Hurricane Harvey Fund in August.

Ely-Fagan American Legion Auxiliary hosted the Monroe County American Legion Auxiliary Bingo night at the Monroe Community Hospital. About 45 patients enjoyed an hour of playing Bingo! The winner wins \$1.00 and all patients receive a medium sized stuffed animal. This a great community project of the Monroe County American Legion Auxiliary that is enjoyed each 3rd Monday of each month (except October this year which is the 4th Monday).

President Kacy Friedler, 2nd Vice President Sandy Seecat, Treasurer Betty Jane Lond And Auxiliary member Margaret Hayes attended Monroe County Auxiliary meeting at the Chili post on Thursday September 14, 2017.

Our next Auxiliary meeting is at 7 pm on Wednesday October 25, 2017 at 7 pm.

A big focus for Americanism this year is to increase participation in the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay Contest. The

essay contest is open to any youth in grades 3-12. Essays and coversheets are due to the Unit Americanism Chairman, Sandy Seecat, no later than March 16, 2018.

This year the theme is "What can I personally do to promote Americanism in my school or community?"

Essay Classes:

Class Grade Level Word Requirement

- I 3 and 4 150-250
- II 5 and 6 250-300
- III 7 and 8 350-400
- IV 9 and 10 450-500
- V 11 and 12 450-500
- VI Students with special needs Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

If you know a youth that is interested and would like more information or a copy of the cover sheet, please email Sandy Seecat at seacatala2@yahoo.com.

Grill Open Thursdays from 5 – 7 pm

The grill is open from 5 to 7 pm on Thursdays serving wings, burgers, hot dogs, fried chicken, chicken fingers, poppers, macaroni & cheese wedges, mozzarella sticks and pizza.

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8	9 Columbus Day Devil's Bar Closed	10 7:00 Euc hre	11 6:45 SAL Mtg 7:30 Gen Mtg Weekly Drawing m Exec Mtg	12 TOPS 5-7p Grill Open	13 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	14
15	16	17 7:00 Euc hre	18 Weekly Drawing	19 TOPS 5-7p Grill Open	20 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	21 Past Commander / Past President Dinner 6:00pm
22 Buffet Breakfast 9am-12pm	23	24 7:00 Euc hre	25 6:30pm Aux Mtg Weekly Drawing	26 TOPS 5-7p Grill Open	27 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	28 Karaoke With Paulie 8pm

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