



The Post

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God Bless America

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Post Commander

We hope everyone is continuing to stay safe, as NY reopens we have many members going back to work and getting back to semi normal before the pandemic hit. We also have many members who are still at home taking all the precautions they can due to health reasons. As always, if there is anything we can do for you please don't hesitate to call.

The Henrietta reverse parade was a great event. Joe Hennekey and I set up a display for the Legion and we collected donations as people drove by. Many folks drove by more than once and donated several times. The Corvette Club of Rochester made a great contribution and we had a fun time.

The Carolyn Davis Award for Selfless Service Nominations due by September 20th. This award is presented to an individual of the post who has contributed significantly without expectation of reward. Nominations are open to the entire Legion Family and are due by September 20th. The criteria for nominations are the nominee did something for the Post for which you think they should be deserving. The award committee will take care of the rest. If you have someone that you would like to nominate please submit their name with a list of accomplishments and the reason why you think they should be selected. The Award will be presented at the Past Commander / Past President's Dinner.

We are getting to the latter part of the year and we have missed our color guard, the girls have always practiced hard and done a great job representing our post and the legion. It will be great to see them at next year's parades.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

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August Meetings

The Executive Committee meets Wednesday, August 5th at 7 pm. The Building Planning Committee meets Monday, August 10th at 7 pm. Rice-Hallick VFW Post meets at 7 pm, Tuesday, August 11th. Any member of the Post Legion Family in good standing can attend any regular meeting held at the Post.

3rd Annual Car Show and Chicken BBQ

Mark your calendars! **The 3rd Annual Car Show & Chicken BBQ** will be held on Sunday, August 16, from 1-4 pm. There will be at least 30 "show quality" classic cars and street rods! DJ Dave Ells will supply the music. The MG Club of Western New York will be showing their classic sportscars! Come on out for a Sunday Funday! Free admission!

Annual Youth Fishing Derby Cancelled

The Annual Youth Fishing Derby has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Hopefully, things will be back to normal next year and we can have it then!

Building Plan Committee Meeting

We have received advice on whether to expand our current building or build a new facility. A contractor drawing plans for an expansion and an architect is designing plans for a new facility. The plans should be available for discussion at our next meeting, which is at 7 pm on Monday, August 10th. We are currently in need of folks with grant-writing experience. For more information contact Kevin Hermey at 585-746-8450.

Henrietta Reverse Parade is a Success

Ely-Fagan-Stevens-Connor Post was represented in Henrietta's first reverse parade on July 17th. For those of you who don't know what a reverse parade is; the units line up along a designated route and the spectators drive through. Post 1151 displayed the US and American Legion flags as well as a banner identifying our post, some 'Get-out-the-Vote' signs and some recruiting signs. Commander Compitello and Adjutant Hennekey manned the display and greeted spectators. Other units such as bands, firefighting apparatus, gymnastics demonstrations and automobile displays lined the route. There were also intermittent fireworks throughout the course of the parade. Even though there was no personal contact permitted, we managed to devise a collection vessel attached to an extension pole which allowed the Post to collect over \$400.00 in donations. All-in-all it was a great time and the Post got some well-deserved public exposure. Special thanks go out to the Vettes for Vets display which made a significant contribution.

COVID-19 Update/Post Opening

The post leadership is constantly discussing changes in the governor's COVID-19 restrictions to be either lifted entirely or modified to the point we feel we can resume operations without risk to our members. We will continue with select events we can do without violating the restrictions.. We ask for your understanding during these uncertain times and promise to reopen as soon as it becomes practical.

The Carolyn Davis Award Nominations Due

Nominations for the 2020 Carolyn Davis Selfless Service Award are due by September 10th. The only criteria for nomination is that you think they should be nominated for the award and will tell us why. The award will be presented at the Past Commander / Past President's Dinner on October 17th.

Fall Planning Meeting

There will be a meeting to coordinate post support for the remainder of this year and beginning of next year Saturday morning, August 22nd, at 9 am. All post officers are expected to attend. Officers of those groups meeting at the post are invited to attend & provide input. It should be a short meeting. Contact Kevin Hermey 585-746-8450 for more information.

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Fundraiser

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, our 6th annual Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Fundraiser has been modified to a **drive-thru Chicken BBQ Sunday, August 30 from 1 pm until sold out**. The menu includes ½ BBQ chicken with beans, homemade macaroni salad, bread & butter. **Cost is \$10.00 per meal**. This is first come, first served. No phone orders will be taken. All profits will go to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation.

Membership

Our 2021 membership drive has begun. You should be receiving your renewal notices shortly. Our dues remain \$45 / year. You can bring your renewal in, mail it to the Post, or renew online at <http://www.legion.org/renew>. If you renew online please print the temporary membership card and show it to our Membership Chairman to get your permanent card. Let us know if you or anyone you know needs help.

Past President/Past Commander Dinner

The 2020 Past President / Past Commander Dinner will be Saturday October 17 at 6 pm. The speaker has yet to be determined. Menu is choice of roast beef/roast turkey breast, mashed potatoes, gravy and vegetable with cheesecake. Tickets will be \$10.00 each and will go on sale September 1. Tickets must be purchased by October 9. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, seating will be limited, so you may want to get your tickets early. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Hermey at 585-746-8450.

Kitchen News

The Fish Fry crew is on R&R during the month of August and much needed maintenance is being performed in the kitchen and hall. **There will be no fish fries during the month of August**. Drive-Through Fish Fries will resume Friday, September 4.

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One Dish Meal Drive Thru

We are going to have a "One-Dish meal drive through on Tuesday, August 11, from 4-7 pm. For \$8.00 you will get a house salad with your choice of bleu cheese, ranch or Italian dressing, and a hot, fresh heaping helping of Irma's homemade goulash with lots of meat and just the right amount of spice with bread and butter. The meal will be drive-through only and first come, first served. We will be prepared for a big crowd and should be selling right up to 7 pm. If we are successful, we will try more "comfort food" meals to help ease the frustration of the pandemic.

University of Rochester Vaccine Research

The University of Rochester (UofR) medical research will be starting a vaccine trial for the COVID-19 virus and is looking for people to provide input on questions to be expected from the public before the research starts and suggestions on how to approach different groups of society. This is online and pays participants \$75 for about 2 hours or less of work. There is a presentation about the study and then they ask for input on how best to approach the public.

The actual vaccine trial will include an online physical interview, then 2 injections (when they become available) spaced a month apart, then blood work afterwards. The compensation is very generous for the actual study. This is a blind study meaning that some people will get the trial vaccine and others will get a harmless placebo. People over 60 with underlying conditions are preferred. The vaccine is very safe.

The U of R was able to obtain a federal grant from the President's Operation Warp Speed program to produce a vaccine for the virus. They are recruiting 1000 people for now. So far they have 500.

Your input on research is important. If you're interested in giving feedback on research and being compensated for your time please sign up here: bit.ly/researchinput or call (585) 758-7877. You will be contacted about upcoming activities.

Life is short and unpredictable. Eat the dessert first

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 Volunteer Picnic | 3 | 4 | 5 7 PM Executive Committee Meeting | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 7 pm Planning Committee Meeting | 11 4-7pm Goulash Dinner Drive Through 7pm VFW Mtg | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 3 rd Annual Car Show & Chicken BBQ | 17 | 18 7pm Gun Owners of America Meeting | 19 | 20 7pm MG Club Meeting | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 12 pm VBC Luncheon | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 1pm Crohn's & Colitis Fund raiser Drive-thru Chicken BBQ | 31 | | | | | |

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