



The Post

Post Commander

Happy New Year to all of our members. This January marks our first official meeting with members from the Rush post. We welcome our Rush neighbors and look forward to a long and beneficial relationship. Both Rush and Henrietta are fortunate to have members who work hard to better veterans, their families and community and to promote the Four Pillars of the American Legion. As we move into 2020 and put one hundred years of service behind us it's exciting to start another one hundred years of support to our veterans and community.

I was sorry I could not make the Christmas party! I heard we had a great turnout, lots of door prizes, an excellent meal (as usual) and much Christmas cheer. We donated \$500.00 each to Toys for Tots and the Honor Guard and a pile of canned goods to the area food cupboard. What a great way to end the year! Thanks to all who helped make it another successful event.

As I understand it, the kitchen crew was able to have enough volunteers and were able to come up with a schedule to keep Tuesday night dinners going. Thank you!, to these volunteers, from the preliminary work to prepare for a meal to the final clean up this is a lot of work. We are again fortunate to have volunteers such as these. It was the Tuesday night dinners that helped our post when it was really needed, we owe a lot to these crews. Come on out, have a meal and show your support.

This year we have another full schedule of events and fundraisers as last year. These benefit our post, veterans, their families and the community. You can show your support by attending the event or volunteering to help out. Even volunteering one day a year, for any event, is a big help and we'd love to see you here.

The Executive committee wishes all members the best for the New Year!

For the Good of the Legion.

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Post Closing

The Post will be closed on New Years Day.

Auxiliary President

While our December meeting was cancelled due to weather, we still had plenty to do attending County and Post events. The Ely-Fagan Post Christmas Party was a wonderful event with delicious food, door prizes and great fellowship. Thanks to all who helped make it a success.

In January, the Auxiliary Mid-Winter conference will be held in Albany on January 24-25th. Our National President, Nicole Clapp, will be in attendance. There will also be a Fashion Extravaganza on Friday night to celebrate 100 years of the American Legion Auxiliary. Each district has been assigned a decade. Our wonderful 7th district will be dressed and representing the 70s! If anyone is interested in attending, the registration information can be found on our department website at www.deptny.org.

As we all prepare for the upcoming holiday season, let's take a few minutes to remember all our military servicemembers that will not be home for the holidays and their families. Let's remember all those dedicated members we have lost this year. And as we remember and pray for our servicemembers, their families and all those who are struggling this year, let us rededicate ourselves to service in this great organization.

May you all have a very blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For God and Country

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January Meetings

The Executive Committee meets January 8th at 7 pm. The VFW meets January 14th at 7 pm.. The S.A.L. meets January 15th at 6:45 pm. The General Meeting is January 15th at 7:30 pm. The Auxiliary meets January 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Group Meeting / Hall Usage Contracts

Beginning in January 2020 all contracts with groups meeting in the Hall at Post 1151 will be reviewed and updated as needed. If your group currently meets at Post 1151 please contact the Hall Rental Coordinator, Ray Torres, at 585-737-8976 to schedule a meeting to review your group's contract.

Ely-Fagan - Stevens-Connor Post 1151

Notice of Meeting

7:00pm Wednesday, January 15, 2015

There will be two very important organizational meetings at the post on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. A light dinner consisting of salad, bread, and pasta dish with meat will be served starting at 6:00 pm. All post Legionnaires in good standing are urged to attend.

The corporate meeting will start at 7 pm. The agenda includes voting on the Corporation By-laws and election of 5 Trustees. Nomination of Trustees will be taken from the floor.

The General meeting will start at 7:30 pm, or immediately after the end of the first meeting. The membership will then vote on the Post By-Laws

The proposed By-Laws are available on the Post website (alpost1151.org) and printed copies are available in the dining room and Devil's Bar.

Post business should be concluded no later than 9 pm.

2020 Membership Drive

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do. If you or someone you know needs help, please let us know. The NY Department moved recently and it caused a backlog in membership processing. You may receive a late notice after you have paid your dues. Please ignore the notice. We know who has paid and are working to resolve the issue. If you have a question contact Ray McCormick at 585-764-9548.

Good of the Legion

Thanks to Sandy Junge for making the table runners for the Christmas party. They were beautiful and coveted. Thanks to Rice-Hallick VFW Post 5465 for donating the poinsetta centerpieces for the Christmas party. Thanks to Dan Scurlock for becoming the Post ABC Officer. Thanks to the many folks who showed an interest in keeping the Tuesday dinners going. Ely-Fagan-Stevens-Connor Post 1151, between October 19th and December 14th, donated over \$2,000.00 to area charities.

The Veterans Outreach Center Needs Our Help!

The Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) helps all veterans with life & employment skills and finding jobs. This is a very important part of what they do. Ask any veteran who has sought help from the VOC.

If you have any gently used, clean adult clothing and / or shoes you don't need, please donate it to the VOC. We have a box labeled "Veterans Outreach Center Clothing Donations" in the hall by the refrigerator for your convenience. If you have questions contact Sandy Junge at 585-729-3315.

January Sunday Breakfast

Will be on Sunday, January 6th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Order eggs any style, omelets, pancakes, potatoes, toast, bacon and sausage with orange juice, great coffee, or tea. You won't find a better breakfast deal in a friendlier atmosphere anywhere in the county!

Friday Fish Fry

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, and clam strips. Meet friends for dinner or make friends at dinner. We apologize, but we are no longer able to deliver meals. Call 585-334-8228 and we will have it ready when you get here..

January Tuesday Night Dinner Menu

January 7, 5-7 pm: Country Fried Steak Dinner Delicious breaded, fried steak, mashed potatoes & smokehouse gravy, green beans and a house salad for only **\$9.00**

January 14, 5-7 pm: Oven "Fried" Breaded Pork Chop Dinner a boneless pork chop coated with a seasoned crisp crust, roasted potatoes, corn with House Salad for only **\$9.00**

January 21, 5-7 pm: Meatloaf Dinner A thick slice of our classic meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet corn and house salad, only **\$9.00!**

January 28, 5-7 pm: Goulash Dinner Hot and meaty, with just the right amount of sauce and macaroni. Roll and house salad. **\$9.00!**

As always, smiles, coffee, tea & water are included with all dinners at Ely-Fagan. Soda in cans and bottled water are available for \$1.00 each. Call us (585-334-8228) and we will have it ready when you get here.

Devil's Bar News

The Devil's Bar will be closed on New Years Day. An "Open Mic Night" is planned for Thursday, January 30, at 7 pm, in the hall. The grill will be open

Saturdays well drinks are \$2 from 1 pm to 6 pm. On Sundays, during the football games beer by the pitcher will be \$6, cans and bottles will be \$2

We serve fresh Beef on Weck for \$5 on Thursdays from 4 to 7 pm. We also have Hot Dogs for \$2 and Personal Pizzas for \$3. Just let the bartender know you would like one.

Wii Bowling returns Monday, January 6th at 6 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. For more information contact Ray Torres, at 585-737-8976.

Wii Bowling League

Wii Bowling resumes on Monday, January 6th at 6:30 pm and will meet every Monday thereafter until the end of April. Cost is \$5.00 per bowler per night. At the end of the season we have an outrageous dinner. Truly a great annual event! Wii bowling has donated over \$5,000.00 to post projects since it started.

Post Meat Raffle

Our Winter Meat Raffle will be on Saturday, February 22, 2019, starting at 6 pm. Fresh, Prime Rib, Strip Loins, Pork Loins, chicken, Beef Roasts, surf & turf, shrimp and full meal packages will be awarded to 25 lucky winners!

There will be 25 different prizes and 25 raffles for those prizes. Each raffle will consist of 50 tickets and each ticket will have two different numbers. Tickets will cost \$1.00 to \$5.00, depending on the prize. The winning ticket number will be determined by spinning a prize wheel. We will continue to sell tickets, spin the prize wheel every 10 minutes and award prizes until all prizes are handed out. The public is welcome. Volunteers are needed. For further information, contact Kevin Herney at 585-746-8450.

Memorial Walkway

Memorial Walkway pavers are a permanent legacy to honor past & present members of the Ely-Fagan American Legion Family, and any U.S. Armed Forces veteran. The pavers are \$75.00 each and have up to 3 lines with up to 15 characters per line for information about the individual. Order forms are available at the Post, online at alpost1151.org, or you can call and we will mail them to you. Pavers ordered by March 15th will be placed in the walkway by Memorial Day.

Spring 2019 Sportsman's Raffle

The Spring Sportsman's Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2019. The Spring and Fall raffles are the Post's largest source of revenue. The success of the raffles is vital to our Post's financial health.

Tickets will be available at the Devil's Bar after January 15th to purchase or to sign out to sell. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets on weekends at select locations in Henrietta. There is a \$100 prize for the individual who sells the most tickets. For more information contact John Compitello.

Membership Card Check in effect for January

As always, January is card check month. Please show your card when asked. Post privileges are suspended for members who have not paid their 2020 dues. This is necessary to comply with existing federal & state laws and insurance & post regulations. If you don't have a current membership card it may be time for you to renew. Thanks in advance!

2020 Post Officer Elections

We will nominate fellow Legionnaires to serve as officers for the Post for the 2020 – 2021 cycle during the March 11th General meeting. Elections will be held in April with installation in May. Any member in good standing is eligible to hold any office. Below is a brief synopsis of the responsibilities of each office:

Post Commander: Responsible for day-to-day operation of the post. Responsible for long range planning for the Post.

First Vice Commander: Assumes duties of Commander when needed. Chairman, Membership committee, Responsible for planning and execution of Spring & Fall Sportsman raffles.

Second Vice Commander: Fills in for Commander or First Vice as needed. Chairman, Americanism committee. Chairman, Finance committee.

Third Vice Commander: Assume duties of the Commander, First Vice, or Second Vice as needed. Chairman, Publicity Committee, Chairman, Sick & Visiting Committee.

Post Adjutant: Maintains complete records of all meetings. Prepare complete and accurate membership reports. Responsible for all Post correspondence. Collects membership dues.

Treasurer: In charge of safety & security of all Post finances. Make recommendations for improving Post finances.

Post Chaplain: Charged with the Spiritual welfare of the Post. Provide religious, non-sectarian services as needed.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Maintains good order as needed.

If you are interested and have questions refer to the Post By-laws or speak with a post officer. Post officers are required to attend all monthly Executive Committee meetings, General meetings, and all major post functions..

Monroe County Honor Guard

The Monroe County Honor Guard constantly needs new members. The Honor Guard currently has about 25 active members that render "the Final Salute" at more than 100 veterans funerals each year. There are times when they have to deny requests from families because they do not have enough people to provide the service. Whether you can volunteer one day a month, or once a week, or one weekend a month, it would go a long way to serving veterans' families in their time of bereavement. If you would like more information please contact John Compitello at 585-481-7360.

Annual Post Inventory

January is post inventory month. If you are currently in possession of any post property, such as tables, chairs, kitchen gear or canopies, please return them as soon as possible so they can be included in the inventory.

American Legion Boys State

American Legion Boys State is one of the most respected educational programs for high school students. Boys State was founded in 1935 to teach young men the benefits of citizenship. The Auxiliary sponsors a similar program for young women called Girls State.

At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs. This year, Boys State will run from June 22 through July 2 at Morrisville College in Morrisville, NY. Our Post selects at least one deserving high school junior to attend the program each year and pays the cost of tuition. To be eligible for the program, individuals must be in their Junior year of high school, be in the top 50% of males in his class and may be attending public, private or home school. For further information, please contact Ray McCormick at 585-764-9548

College Scholarship Applications Due April 24

The Post awards two \$1000.00 college scholarships annually to deserving high school seniors who have been accepted by an approved institution of higher learning. Applicants are required to compose a 500-word essay on Americanism and submit the application and essay to be received no later than April 24, 2020. Applicants do not have to be members of the Post 1151 Legion Family or residents of Rush-Henrietta. Scholarship recipients receive their checks at the June General meeting where they will read their essays. This is an excellent opportunity to get extra money for school. Applications and information can be obtained from Ray McCormick by email at relkml@yahoo.com or by calling him at 585-764-9548.

CPR/AED Training

We are planning a CPR AED certification class as soon as at least 20 people commit. There is no charge for residents of Henrietta, Chili and Wheatland. Training will be on a Saturday morning. Interested people should contact Kevin Hermey at 585-746-8450 or elyfaganpost1151@gmail.com.

Digital Legion

Go to Facebook, search **Ely Fagan Post 1151** and our page will appear. "Like" the page and you will receive updates as they are made. Our website, alpost1151.org goes into more depth. If you want us to include something, contact us at elyfaganpost1151@gmail.com Keep up to date with Post events and share your news with the post.

Fundamentals of Alcohol Intoxication Recognition (F.A.I.R.) Training

Ely-Fagan-Stephens-Connor bartenders are required to attend F.A.I.R. training as necessary. All bartenders must have current cards showing their training. If you are currently a bartender, or may want to bartend, then this training is for you. Training will be held at the post, on a weekday morning. Class date will be announced once we have enough people signed up. There is no charge for this training. Interested people should contact Kevin Hermey at 585-746-8450.

Snowbirds!

Snowbirds need to call the Legion at 317-860-3111 to notify them when they are leaving and when they intend to return. Questions? Contact Ray McCormick.

Empire State Arms Collectors Association Gun Show Recruiting Table Volunteers Needed

The post will have a recruiting table set up at the ROC (Henrietta) Dome Arena during the Empire State Arms Collectors Association Gun Show January 11 & 12 from 9 am to 4 pm. Volunteers are needed 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 Les Bowens or Kevin Hermey.

Out & About with Jimmy O

Last month I didn't include the calendar because I didn't have enough input for an additional page. Goodness! I never would have thought so many people would miss the calendar! I promise I won't do that again! Even if it means a blank page. We have an important meeting on January 15th. We are serving a meal with the hope that more members will attend. Trust me, you should attend. If you don't attend the meeting, you can't complain about any changes, and there are some changes! You don't have to be a Legionnaire, to attend as this meeting will affect the entire Post Legion Family! You can present your point of view and everyone will listen, but only Legionnaires will be allowed to vote.

To keep Tuesday night dinners going several teams have stepped up. The "teams" are primarily "cooks", and volunteers are still needed to help with everything else. Like I said last month, Tuesday night dinners are a great source of revenue for the post. We should all either be working on a team or eating at the post at least once a month.

I'm currently working on a year end report, "What We Did In 2019". No doubt about it, we were very busy this past year. When done, we will make some brochures and put it on the website. Maybe if there is room, we can put it in the next newsletter. If you want something included, please email it to elyfaganpost1151@gmail.com as soon as you can.

Six fullk pages AND a calendar! Happy trails to you . . .

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Years Day Post Closed	2 9am T.O.P.S.	3 K 4pm Fish Fry 7pm Queen of Hearts	4
5 R 9 am Sunday Breakfast	6 6:30 Wii Bowling 7pm Scouts	7 A 5pm Country Fried Steak 6:30 pm Euchre	8 7pm Post Exec Comm Mtg	9 9am T.O.P.S.	10 R 4pm Fish Fry 7pm Queen of Hearts	11
12 R BACA Mtg	13 6:30 Wii Bowling 7pm Scouts	14 J 5pm Pork Chop Dinner 6:30 pm Euchre 7pm VFW Mtg	15 6:45pm S.A.L. Meeting 7:30 Post General Meeting	16 9am T.O.P.S. 7pm MG Club Meeting	17 D 4pm Fish Fry 7pm Queen of Hearts	18
19	20 6:30 Wii Bowling 7pm Scouts	21 H 5pm Meatloaf Dinner 6:30pm Euchre 7pm GOA Mtg	22 7pm Auxiliary Meeting	23 9am T.O.P.S. 6pm Scouts	24 K 4pm Fish Fry 7pm Queen of Hearts	25
26	27 6:30 Wii Bowling 7pm Scouts	28 L 5pm Goulash Dinner 6:30 pm Euchre 7pm MCHG Mtg	29 11am VBC Luncheon	30 9am T.O.P.S.	31 R 4pm Fish Fry 7pm Queen of Hearts	

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