



# Ely-Fagan Post

## Post Commander

The Ely-Fagan / Stevens-Connor vote is complete. The overwhelming majority, in both posts, was in favor of the motion. It is not a done deal until approved by NY State and The American Legion Department of NY. Going forward, we will submit the required documents. At this time we do not know how long it will take to complete the process. Thank you all for your input into this process that resulted in the final vote.

Last month we lost a longtime member and decorated veteran, Wendell Schillinger. Wendell had been a very active member of our post and was on the board of directors. He was also active in the community, supported and worked on veterans' benefits and issues. We have had many members through the years with the same dedication. It is these members that have helped our Post to grow and support the community in many positive ways. Thank you, to Ray Torres, Kathy Callagee, Ray Montanaro and the other volunteers who helped with the reception after Wendell's service. The post received numerous donations in Wendell's memory.

As I write this, we are celebrating Thanksgiving. It's a little cold this year but it's a great day spent with family & friends. I hope yours has been enjoyable as ours. We are also getting ready for Christmas and the holiday season. On December 15<sup>th</sup> we are having our Post Christmas dinner. The menu looks great! If you attend, please remember to bring a canned good for the food cupboard. You can also bring over non-perishables anytime as they have a need throughout the year.

As we close out the year, I would like to say thank you to all of our different committee chair leaders, their members and our many volunteers. We have done a great job this year supporting veterans and the community. Everyone should be proud of the work we have done!

God Bless and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

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## American Legion Auxiliary President

Wow! Hard to believe that the Auxiliary year is half over, and Christmas is upon us!

Ely-Fagan hosted the annual Monroe County Holiday Gift Shop for our local Veterans on November 14<sup>th</sup>. While the weather caused a smaller than expected turnout, we serviced about 15 Veterans. Each Veteran was able to shop for family and the treated to a delicious turkey dinner. We had volunteers from Auxiliary units all across Monroe County. Thanks to all!!! We will be hosting again next year. In addition to the Gift Shop at our Post, the Canandaigua VA held their Gift Shop event Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. This event was well attended. If you have never attended a Gift Shop before I encourage you to consider it for next year.

Our unit is sharing the love this Christmas with our active duty military. We will be preparing and sending packages to several soldiers currently stationed overseas including a local fire fighter. We also were treated to guest speakers from Full Circle Homes ([www.fullcirclehome.org](http://www.fullcirclehome.org)). This organization was founded in 2007 and helps our troops send gifts and love notes to their loved ones at home. Each box of love contains a love note from the soldier and twelve beautifully wrapped gifts, one for each of the 12 days of Christmas. All gifts are purchased from small businesses (Veteran and/or women run) and typically are all Made in the USA. This is a wonderful organization and local to Henrietta. (They do hold events across the US and service troops around the world). Our unit is proudly supporting them in their mission this year.

Reminder that dues do need to be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> to remain a member in good standing. Those not paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> will not be able to participate in Auxiliary/Post events until current. Consider giving the gift of membership for Christmas!!!!

The December meeting is at my house on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. I am very easy to find. If you need directions, call me at 585-622-0972. May everyone have a Blessed and Safe Christmas Holiday!

**For God and Country**  
Sandy Seacat, President  
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## Auxiliary News

Our Auxiliary Christmas Party / Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at President, Sandy Seacat's home located at 10 Amador Parkway, Rochester, NY 14623. Please bring a dish to pass. All Auxiliary members are welcome. If you need a ride to a meeting, please let one of the Auxiliary Officers know so we can pick you up and get you to the meeting!

Please remit your Auxiliary Junior and Senior dues to Kathy Callagee, 65 Authors Avenue, Henrietta, NY 14467. Her telephone number is [585-334-0786](tel:585-334-0786). Senior dues \$28.00 and Junior dues \$8.00. All dues are due by December 31, 2018. Please ensure our Post gets the credit of having our Auxiliary Membership in by the December 31, 2018 deadline.

**AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Do you have a few hours every 3 or 4 weeks to donate a few hours to work at the Tuesday night dinners or Friday Night Fish Fry? The time goes fast and you are able to meet members of our Post and Community. If you are interested in volunteering for either the Tuesday Night Dinners or Friday Night Fish Fry? Please give it a thought and reach out to volunteer. It is a great feeling to give back to our Post home. If interested, please talk to Kevin Hermey, [585-746-8450](tel:585-746-8450) or email: [lkhermey@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lkhermey@rochester.rr.com).

## December Meetings

The Executive Committee meets December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Rice-Hallick VFW Post meets at 7 pm December 11<sup>th</sup>. Sons of the American Legion meet at 6:45 pm on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The American Legion General Meeting is at 7:30 pm on December 12<sup>th</sup>. A light meal will be served. American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 pm on December 19<sup>th</sup> at Sandy Seacat's home. Any member in good standing can attend any meeting held at the Post.

## 2019 Membership Drive

Seventy-one percent of our members have renewed their membership for 2019. We still have a month to go and can easily make 100 percent before the end of the year.

In addition to having adequate representation in Washington to ensure the government keeps its' promises, another very good reason to pay your dues now is effective December 15, 2018, annual dues will increase to \$45.00 a year. Any renewals received after December 15 will be at the 2019 rate of \$45 instead of the current rate of \$40.

You can bring them in, mail them, or go online at <http://www.legion.org/renew> to renew. We need everyone to do their part: If you haven't paid your dues for 2019, please do so. If you know someone who has yet to renew, please remind them. Let us know if you or someone you know needs help. Together, we can reach one hundred percent!

## Good of the Legion

This past year we have hosted well over 100 meals events, two very successful fundraisers, run two very successful sportsman raffles, held two open houses, provided two deserving high school seniors with scholarships, sent a deserving young man to Boy's State, sponsored a Cub Scout Pack and a Boy Scout Troop, and in cooperation with the Town of Henrietta, had our 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual youth fishing derby and the annual Memorial Day Celebration. We have provided direct support to many families in their time of need, and made charitable donations exceeding \$10,000.00. We could not have done any of this without a lot of help from a lot of volunteers. For the record, there are no paid positions at Ely-Fagan American Legion Post 1151. All work is done by unpaid volunteers.

## Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 15, 2018 with the Social Hour beginning at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm with entertainment and karaoke afterward in the Devil's Bar. The menu will consist of Shrimp Cocktail, either Prime Rib with Baked Potato and House Salad, or Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable Blend, and House Salad. Dessert will be either a fresh fruit cup or Cheesecake. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 and a non-perishable food item for donation to the Rush-Henriatta Area Food Terminal if reservations payment is made by December 9<sup>th</sup>, after December 9<sup>th</sup> the cost will be \$15.00 and a non-perishable food item for donation to the Rush-Henriatta Area Food Terminal. There will be a donation jar in lieu of a non-perishable food item at the check-in desk. Reservations / payment must be made in advance! There will be Door Prizes and a 50/50 Drawing with the proceeds going to the Blue Star Mothers of Rochester. Tickets will be on sale in the Devil's Bar and during dinners starting Friday, November 23.

## Lights of Honor

Blue Star Mothers of Rochester Chapter 8 will honor military service members and veterans with a tree lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 2:00 pm in the War Memorial Atrium at the Blue Cross Arena. The public is invited to attend. For additional information, go to [www.BlueStarMomsROC.com](http://www.BlueStarMomsROC.com).

## CY 2019 Post Planning Meeting

There will be a Planning Meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Hall to coordinate support for post activities during calendar year 2019. All Post officers are required to attend. Officers of the Auxiliary, Sons, VFW, Scouts and other organizations are urged to attend to ensure their project or organization gets the support needed.

## Devil's Bar News

Happy Holidays! Trivia will be Thursday, December 13 at 7pm! As usual, \$5/person to play and pick teams when you arrive! Karaoke this month will be held on Saturday, December 15 at 8pm following the Post Christmas Party. Hope to see you there! The "Gentlemen's Card Night" will be Saturday, December 8 at 7 pm in the Devil's Bar.

All draft beer is \$2.00 a glass; we will not have any micro brews for the time being until we resolve our cooler situation.

We were recently given a 3-keg beer cooler for the bar. After extensive modification and a whole lot of heavy lifting, it turns out the refrigeration system stopped working and it is cheaper to just buy a new cooler. In keeping with our recently established tradition, we will raise the money to replace the cooler in addition to our normal operation. Towards that end, we have set up several fundraiser games:

We currently run a **weekly 50/50 drawing** on Fridays at 7 pm. Tickets are available for \$1 each at the bar throughout the week. If your ticket is drawn, you get half the pot, the other half goes into the new cooler fund.

We currently have a **100 Ticket Raffle** and the current prize is a .177 cal air rifle with a scope. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the drawing is held as soon as all 100 tickets are sold. The prizes in the 100 Ticket Raffle are always worth at least \$200 and you have a great chance of winning. Proceeds from the 100 Ticket Raffle are going to the new cooler fund.

We will have a "**prize-wheel**" game starting December 1<sup>st</sup> with chances to win cash and prizes with the proceeds going towards the purchase of a new beer cooler.

Of course, we always will accept good old fashioned donations, too.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

## Wii Bowling League

Wii Bowling is on break until after the holidays. Starting again on January 7, we will meet every Monday in the Devil's Bar for fun and camaraderie. Scores aren't important, having fun and getting to know one another is. 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.

## 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](mailto:elyfaganpost1151@gmail.com). Keep up to date with Post events and share your news with the post.

## Memorial Walkway

Our Memorial Walkway pavers make a great Christmas gift! The pavers are a permanent legacy to honor past & present members of the American Legion Family, and any U.S. Armed Forces veteran.

You can honor family members and friends with a brick paver in the Walkway. The pavers are \$75.00 each and have up to 3 lines with up to 15 characters per line for information about the individual.

These make great gifts and they will last virtually forever. Order forms are available at the Post, online at [alpost1151.org](http://alpost1151.org), or you can call and we will mail them to you. (Note: due to the weather no new pavers will be installed until spring 2019)

## 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. Call 585-334-8228 and we will have it ready when you get here. We will deliver for orders of \$25 or more (Limited Delivery Area / Depending on availability of a driver)

## December Sunday Breakfast

Will be on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

## Tuesday Night Dinner Menu

### December 4, 5-7pm: Chicken Cordon Bleu

Thin slices of chicken, wrapped around ham & Swiss cheese, coated with bread crumbs, served hot with mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, and house salad. Only **\$8.00!**

### December 11, 5-7 pm: Country Fried Steak

A piece of delicious breaded, fried steak, with mashed potatoes & smokehouse gravy, Southern-style green beans and a house salad for only **\$8.00!**

### December 18, 5-7 pm: Chop Steak:

A half-pound of ground Angus beef, smothered in delicious brown gravy (with or without mushrooms and onions) corn and house salad for only **\$8.00!**

**There will be no Tuesday Night Dinner on Christmas Day or New Years Day.**

## 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. A contract is required. For more information contact the post at 585-334-8228.

## **Out & About with Jimmy O . . . . .**

Ray McCormick, currently our Post Adjutant, has been an active officer or committee chair continuously for the past twenty-one years. He was intending on stepping down this past May and allowing someone else to step up, but events didn't allow it. Ray will be stepping down at the end of this cycle and will not be a candidate in the next election. He will continue to work with scholarships and the Youth Fishing Derby, as well as other projects that come along. He is willing to train any qualified Legionnaire to be his replacement. The Post needs someone to stand up and relieve Ray as Post Adjutant. If you would like more information, please contact Ray directly at 585-764-9548 or by email at [relkml@yahoo.com](mailto:relkml@yahoo.com).

Starting on January 1, 2019, Ray Torres, the Kitchen Manager, will take over the Hall Rental Coordinator responsibilities. Our Hall rentals usually include some level of kitchen support, be it needing refrigeration or oven use up to full-service catering. Having Ray assume the duties helps streamline the operation by distributing the responsibilities more evenly. After January 1, 2019, Ray Torres can be reached at 585-737-8976 or email at [RAYARMY@rochester.rr.com](mailto:RAYARMY@rochester.rr.com).

Kevin Hermey will be stepping away from both the Tuesday and Friday meals after this upcoming summer. He will remain involved in post affairs as the Finance Officer and any other new projects that come available. A replacement for Kevin is needed. Our food operations are very important to the financial health of our post. Interested people are asked to contact Kevin directly by calling 585-746-8450 or by emailing [lkhermey@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lkhermey@rochester.rr.com), or contact Ray Torres by calling 585-737-8976 or emailing at [RAYARMY@rochester.rr.com](mailto:RAYARMY@rochester.rr.com).

We have many volunteers, but we never seem to have enough. It would help greatly if someone would volunteer to help in the kitchen during a meal for 2-4 hours once a month. Do you like meeting and talking to people? How about being a bartender once a month for 4 hours? Recently, the bar took two people who were in between jobs and taught them the basics of bartending. Both of those volunteers were able to get full-time jobs as bartenders in area establishments

based on their experience in the Devil's Bar. Prospective employers often take volunteer work into account when hiring. Having a bullet in your resume that you managed a kitchen or a bar as a volunteer can't hurt.

We also need volunteers to help with post maintenance and upkeep. Our Hall is just about due for a new paint job and the social area needs some paint as well. Honestly, many of the chores don't take more than an hour or two and many hands make light work.

If you're interested in volunteering talk with any post officer, or any post volunteer for that matter. We're sure we can find something that fits your desired skill set and available time.

Many of us have discussed either extensively upgrading or building a new hall on our current property. A committee will be forming soon to begin exploring our options and possibilities. Our current facility needs extensive upgrading to make it accessible to all our members and the kitchen and dining areas need to be expanded/upgraded as well. There has even been discussions about adding a miniature golf course, a pool or tennis court to attract more members. Our financial status is rock-steady and we have no loans or liens on our property. Upgrading or building would make our facility accessible to all our members and would likely attract new members. That's the keys to our survival: increasing member participation and obtaining new members. If we don't take care of the members we have and attract new members our post is going to die.

We need someone with knowledge of grant writing to step up and help us out, either by writing our grants, or instructing us on how to do it properly. If you have experience in grant writing and want some awe, respect and admiration, give us a call.

Lastly, we are looking for framed artwork to hang in the Hall. It needn't be military in nature, but ideally it should be about American values. If you can help with this we would be happy to provide you with a receipt so you can claim a deduction on your taxes.

Until Next Month! Up! Up! ...and Away!

# December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 pm Wii Bowling	<b>27</b> 5-7pm Stuffed Pork Chops 6:30 pm Euchre	<b>28</b> 7 pm Weekly Drawing	<b>29</b> 9 am T.O.P.S.	<b>30</b> Fish Fry 7 pm Queen of Hearts	<b>1</b>
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