



The American Legion



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God Bless America

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Post Commander

We continue to improve! The memorial walkway looks great with the new lights, the new sign looks much better, is easier to see and use, the entrance foyer and office with the new carpet, the painted entrance to the Devils Bar, the painting, blinds and curtains in the hall, and more... I can't say enough about the volunteers who help, along with very generous monetary contributions from some of our members. I continue to hear positive comments about our recent hosting of the County Convention, and our girls practicing marching on Tuesday nights and proudly representing us at other town's events. We should all be very proud of who we are and what we do, we are a great organization! There are many ways to support our Post. Thanks to all who do!

Our Tuesday night dinners and Friday fish fries continue to be a steady source of income for our Post, these volunteers have worked consistently and diligently to keep these nights going, some of them are ready for a break, are you ready to help out? Even if it's once or twice a month it would definitely make a difference to those who work in the kitchen.

Recently we met with officers of the Rush post and discussed establishing a joint committee to examine areas where we could collaborate. Part of the meaning of collaborate is to come up with options for mutual gain. As more information becomes available we will post it in the newsletter.

If you hear the name Empire State American Legion and wonder what it is, this is a fund raising group hired by the Department of New York to raise funds for the State Convention. They are legitimate and will continue to solicit funds throughout New York.

As most of you already know, we suspend our general meetings during July and August. This does not mean we don't want to see you at the post; enjoy your family and the summer, but be sure to come around and enjoy our events or just stop in to say hello. Have a great summer!

Remember, consider volunteering even just few hours each month, if everyone gives a little bit the Post will continue to strengthen and improve.

I hope to see everyone at the Independence Day Legion Family Picnic!

For the good of the Legion

John Compitello
585-321-3648

American Legion Auxiliary

Our September meeting will be on September 28, 2016 at 6 p.m. This is a pot luck dinner meeting. Bring a dish to pass. Regular meeting to follow at 7 p.m.

Please mail your 2016/2017 dues to Kathy Callagee, 65 Authors Avenue, Henrietta, New York 14467. If you have questions regarding dues, please call Kathy at 585-334-0786. Thank you.

We need volunteers and desserts for our annual "Thanksgiving in July" dinner on Saturday, July 16, in the Hall from 5 - 7 pm. Please contact Carolyn Davis at 585-334-4457 if you can help.

President, Kacy Friedler

Good of the Legion

Many thanks to **Ralph Litzenberger** for his hard work as liaison with the many organizations that use our Hall for their meetings. His hard work, oftentimes unnoticed, has produced a dependable revenue stream and resulted several large gifts for the Post. Thanks, Ralph.

A mighty big THANK YOU! to **Russ Whalley** and **Lucien Morin** for their recent donations to the Floor Fund. The two of them and another, anonymous donor, took our Floor Fund over the \$10,000.00 mark!

Thanks to the **American Welding Society** for donating a made-to-order 16 foot steel barbeque grill to the Post. Additionally, at this past month's meeting they presented the Post with a beautiful steel sculpture. We appreciate the American Welding Society's friendship and generosity and want everyone to know it.

We have many members of our Legion Family who go out of their way to make sure the Post accomplishes its' mission. Their work they do isn't noticed like a large cash or material donation, but if it wasn't for their everyday contributions our Post wouldn't be here to get the larger donations. You people, and you know who you are, are the greatest!

July Meetings

The House Committee will meet July 6th at 5:30 pm. The Executive Committee will meet July 6th at 7 pm. Anyone can attend an Executive Meeting, but only members can vote. Any member in good standing can attend any meeting conducted at the Post.

Post Chaplain

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all members of our Legion Family who are sick or injured or have suffered a loss. Your Legion Family wishes all a complete recovery and is standing by, ready to assist.

Hank Wallace and **Joe Rinaldo** had surgery in June. Both are now home and doing well. **Bob Gruver** has moved to the Episcopal Church Home on East Henrietta Road.

There are many in our American Legion Family who have illnesses or otherwise unable to get out. If you or someone you know has a need or is sick, shut in, or suffered a loss, please advise the Post at 585-334-8228 or email pefroese@aol.com

House Committee

Memorial Walkway

Honor your loved ones by purchasing a brick paver to be placed in 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 by October 7th. Order forms are available at the Post and on the Post [website](#). If you have any questions please contact Ralph Litzenberger at 585-750-1854.

Marquee Sign

The marquee sign in front of the Post has been framed in and raised two feet off the ground. This will prevent wind damage and make it more visible from the road. Thanks to Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny for their hard work.

American Welding Society

We have been gifted by The American Welding Society with a sculpture that was created by a 17 year old first year welding student. It is a cross with a helmet mounted on the crossbar. It is temporarily on display in the dining room, but will shortly be placed permanently in the front of the building.

Color Guard News

The Post Color Guard is on a roll, right up to the 2016 State Championship! The Color Guard won the Mendon Fireman's parade with a score of 94, came in second in the Spencerport Fireman's Parade, and won the Barnard Fireman's parade with a score of 95. Our next parade is the Rush Fireman's Parade on July 8th, then the State Championship/State Convention on July 15. Come on out and support your Color Guard!

Their 2016 schedule is:

7/8 (Fri)	7:00pm	Rush Fireman's Parade
7/15 (Fri)	5:00pm	State Convention
8/5 (Fri)	6:30pm	Pumpkin Hook Fireman's Parade
9/17 (Sat)	4:00pm	Palmyra Canal Days

Ely-Fagan Color Guard. State Champions. Smokin' hot!

2017 Membership Drive Begins

We have received our new membership cards and you will soon be receiving your renewal notices for the 2017 membership year. As your dues are received at the Post or as the Department notifies the Post your dues have been paid your 2017 membership card will be sent out within 7 days of notification.

The American Legion is only as powerful as its' membership allows it to be. Without the American Legion, we may not have many of the benefits we now enjoy. The American Legion has fought for veterans throughout its' almost 100 year existence. You can ensure the Legion will be there for future veterans simply by renewing your membership.

You can bring your renewal in, mail it to the Post, or renew online at <http://www.legion.org/renew>. We need everyone to do their part: If you haven't paid your dues for 2017, please do so. If you know someone who has yet to renew, please remind them. Let us know if you or anyone you know needs help. If you have any questions please contact any Post Officer.

Independence Day Legion Family Celebration

Our Annual Legion Family Independence Day celebration will be Monday, July 4th, starting at 4 pm. We will have hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecued beans, salads, watermelon, and fun & games for the whole family! There will be a drawing for an Apple iPadMini 2 with 16 GB of memory and WiFi (tickets will be \$1.00 each) and a 50/50 raffle. Food will be served from 5 to 7pm. The Town Fireworks Show will start about 9:40 pm, so bring lawn chairs or a blanket to watch. Cost is \$5 per family, payable by the 4th. Everyone attending will receive 1 raffle ticket for the iPad Mini 2. Both Picnic and Raffle tickets may be purchased at the Devil's Bar.

Town of Henrietta July 4th Celebration

Join us at Veteran's Memorial Park for our annual July 4th Celebration! This event will begin at 4:00pm and will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display at 9:00pm. Don't miss the morning craft fair and community garage sale from 9:00am – 2:00pm at the Henrietta Senior Center. If you are interested in selling some items as a vendor at the community garage sale, please contact our main office at (585) 359-2540.

10th Annual American Legion/Town of Henrietta Youth Fishing Derby

This year's Derby will be held rain or shine on Saturday, August 6 from 7:00 am to 10:30 am at Martin Road Park. All youths aged 4 to 14 years are invited to participate. The Derby and lunch are free but participants must bring their own pole & bait. Call the Henrietta Recreation Department at 585-359-2540 for more information and to register! To volunteer to help please contact Ray McCormick at 585-764-9548.

July Tuesday Night Dinners

Tuesday, July 5 / 5-7 pm: Goulash Dinner Hot and meaty, with just the right amount of spice, sauce and macaroni. Roll and house salad. **\$8.00**

Tuesday, July 12 / 5-7 pm: Meatloaf Dinner A thick slice of our classic meatloaf, with mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable and house salad, only **\$8.00!**

Tuesday, July 19 / 5-7 pm: Grilled Chicken Sandwich A grilled, marinated chicken breast on a fresh bun with lettuce & tomato, BBQ beans and potato salad for \$8.00.

Tuesday, July 26 / 5-7 pm: Spaghetti & Meatballs / Italian Sausage. Angel hair pasta, smothered in our classic secret sauce, with your choice of meatballs and/or Italian sausage! With house salad only **\$8.00!** (extra meat is \$2.00 more).

As always, smiles, coffee, tea & water are included with all dinners at Ely-Fagan. Soda in cans is available for \$1.00 each. Eat here and let us clean up or take it out and eat it in the comfort of your home. Call us (585-334-8228) and we will have it ready when you get here. We can deliver for orders of \$25 or more.

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 ounce haddock filets, shrimp, scallops, clams and a limited landlubber's menu. We have the best cole slaw north of the Mason-Dixon Line and it would definitely give most folks south of the Mason-Dixon Line reason to pause and think! Meet friends for dinner or make friends at dinner. Call us at 585-334-8228 and we will have it ready when you get here. We deliver locally for orders of \$25 or more.

Sunday Breakfast Buffet

Our Sunday Breakfast Buffet will be on Sunday, July 17th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Help yourself to regular or western style scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, home fries, pancakes, French toast, sausage gravy and biscuits, fruit, juice and coffee. \$8.00 for Adults & \$5.00 for children 6 – 10 years and free for children 5 & under.

Thanksgiving in July

Turkey is not just for Thanksgiving! It's good all year round! We will be serving succulent, roasted, sliced turkey, homemade dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce and dessert for \$8.00 a plate! The date is July 16, 2016 from 5 pm to 7 pm in the Hall! Help is needed. Please contact Carolyn Davis at 585-334-4457 or email chasmom@aol.com to volunteer.

There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America. ~William J. Clinton

Devil's Bar News

Notice: Our Bar Steward, **Paula Orme**, for personal reasons, has to step aside for the month of July. **Kevin Hermey**, the Assistant Bar Steward, will be stepping up to take Paula's place until she returns. Please direct all bar inquiries to Kevin until further notice.

We are selling **Angry Orchard** Crisp Apple hard cider for \$2.50 a bottle and will have **Labatt's Blue Light** on draft during the month of July. We have **frozen Margaritas** and **frozen Fuzzy Navels** for \$3.50 a glass. We have a variety of **Jello Shots** for \$2.00 each. Make sure you have something in your belly! We have of **pizzas at the bar** for \$3.00 each.

Karaoke nights (with Paulie!) for July are **Friday, July 8th** and **Saturday, July 23rd** at 8 pm and lasting to midnight. There will be drink specials and free popcorn, and at the end of the night on July 23rd we will award the best singer present \$25.00 cash!

The **Queen of Hearts** jackpot is in excess of \$300.00! Tickets are \$1.00 and the drawing is every Friday at 7 pm. You must have your ticket stub to claim your prize. The **Weekly Drawing** pot has split with one pot at \$500 and the other over \$100. That's two chances to win for the same dollar! The drawings are every Wednesday at 6 pm. Pay a dollar & sign the book. If your number is chosen, you win! The **Dice Game** is over \$300! 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 \$100.

Euchre Night is every other Tuesday starting at 6:30 pm. July Euchre nights are the 5th & 19th. This is another great opportunity to support your Post by coming to dinner, making friends and having a good time! Everyone is welcome!

Come to the Devil's Bar on your birthday and have a **birthday drink on the Post!** Just show proof to the bartender that it is your birthday & order your favorite drink on the house. Bring your friends with you to help you celebrate...

The Devil's Bar Reserves the Right to Refuse Service to Anyone Who Appears Intoxicated.

Rochester Rattlers Military Appreciation Night!

The Rochester Rattlers are hosting a "Military Appreciation Night" at their next home game at 5:00 pm on Saturday, July 2nd at Aquinas Institute. Active duty members and veterans with ID showing service will have free admission to the game and family members will be offered discounted tickets. Click here to go to the Rattlers website and enter the promo code "USA" to order your tickets or call Joseph Schwab, ticket sales associate, at 585-978-7798 and he will reserve your tickets. This is an excellent opportunity for a clean and wholesome family event. Show your support for our home team! www.rochesterrattlers.com

Kitchen Volunteers

Our Post used to be known for the Devil's Bar. We were the last place in the county where people could smoke cigarettes (and cigars) at the bar and have a drink at the same time. In addition, we could curse, shoot pool and scratch anytime and anywhere we wanted. We made so much money at the bar we ignored other traditional money making opportunities. Some people really liked having it that way. Most members of the Post Legion Family did not. So we changed it. Two and a half years ago, we stopped smoking in the Post. The bar business dried right up. Revenue went from \$5,000 a month down to \$1,000 literally overnight. In May of 2014 we discovered we were running out of money due to the bar and several other factors. We considered putting the ashtrays out and allowing smoking again. We started Fish Fry Fridays instead. **We offered to serve a good meal, properly prepared and reasonably priced, every Friday in return for the loyalty of our clientele.** Our clientele responded and Fish Fry Fridays has since become a very reliable source of income. This allowed our Post to cast off the "good ol' boys" mantle and begin to build a reputation as a clean, wholesome, family oriented American Legion Post. We are well along on the way to achieving that goal thanks to Fish Fry Fridays.

We have had the same two crews working Fish Fry Fridays May 16, 2014. The crews are the same people now that they were then. They are getting tired. There has been talk of closing the Fish Fry Fridays down for the summer to give the crews a much needed break. If we stop serving dinner on Friday, our clientele will go elsewhere. Assuming they will come back in one or two months out of "loyalty" is the wrong attitude to take. We need to look for ways to keep our dinners going, and to make them more appealing to our clientele.

If everyone volunteered for just one dinner a month it would make a huge difference. If everyone working the dinners made it their goal to recruit at least one volunteer that would be a good start to solving the problem. More volunteers would mean less work for everyone.

We need help with preparing the food, setting up the dining room, taking orders, serving the food, washing dishes and cleaning up afterwards. No one should have to work more than 4 hours at a time and the more people who volunteer, the less time we will have to work. A calendar has been placed on the refrigerator in the kitchen. All the regularly scheduled dinners for the next 90 days are marked. Please review the dates and if you can volunteer for even one dinner, please sign up.

Hall Rentals

Our Hall is available to rent from 8 am to 10 pm daily. Hall rental is \$175.00 with a \$100.00 security deposit. Hall rental fee does not include use of the kitchen, which is \$50.00 extra. A contract is required and other conditions may apply. For more information contact Ralph Litzenberger at 585-750-1854.

Post Clean Up

For over a year we relied on volunteers to clean the Post. The volunteers did a very good job, but it only lasted so long before it had to be done again. Sometimes the volunteers volunteered for everything but cleaning the bathrooms. We had a clean Hall but the bathrooms left something to be desired. As a result it was necessary to hire someone to come in once a week and ensure the bathrooms were clean, the floors swept and the trash emptied. Once a week, minimal requirements, minimal pay. If there is someone who can do a better job for the same, or less, money, then step up! We can always use a better deal.

We still need volunteer support. Something we can all do is take a minute and clean the cobwebs. Sweep the floor. Empty the trash. Help out! You'll feel good about yourself and others will respect you for it.

Post Legion Family Volunteer Coordinator

Will someone please step up and volunteer to be the Post Legion Family Volunteer Coordinator? In order to have an effective volunteer program there needs to be a person with the specific task of managing our volunteer program. The coordinator would report to the Post Commander and work with the Executive Committee. Responsibilities would include maintaining a volunteer roster with the names, phone numbers & email addresses of volunteers and a log with the names of people who volunteered, the dates they volunteered and the work they did or will do. The coordinator would be responsible for ensuring volunteers have access to the Post on the days they volunteer. In return, the coordinator would get to meet and interact with a lot of good people and earn the respect and support of our Legion Family. And that's a lot. Any member of our Post Legion Family is eligible to fill the position. If you want to know more, please contact the Post Commander, John Compitello.



We are selling tickets for a raffle to win an Apple iPad Mini 2 tablet with a 7.9 inch Retina display, an A7 chip with a M7 motion coprocessor and built in WiFi. It has a 5 MP iSight camera with 1080p HD video recording, a Facetime HD camera, and with iPhoto, iMovie, GarageBand, Pages, Numbers & Keynote applications included! And there are over 475,000 applications at the App Store!

Tickets are \$1.00 each and are available in the Devil's Bar, during Tuesday and Friday dinners and at our Legion Family Independence Day Picnic on July 4th where & when we will have our drawing.

July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 Tuesday Dinner Fried Chicken	29 Weekly Drawing	30 TOPS	1 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	2
3	4 Independence Day Family Picnic	5 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Goulash	6 6pm House Mtg 7pm Exec Mtg Weekly Drawing	7 TOPS	8 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts Karaoke 8pm	9
10	11	12 Tuesday Dinner Meatloaf	13 Weekly Drawing	14 TOPS	15 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	16
17 Breakfast Buffet	18	19 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Grilled Chicken Sandwich Plate	20 Weekly Drawing	21 TOPS	22 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	23 Karaoke 8pm
24	25	26 Tuesday Dinner Spaghetti	27 Weekly Drawing	28 TOPS	29 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	30
31	1	2 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Sloppy Joes	3 6pm House Mtg 7pm Exec Mtg Weekly Drawing	4 TOPS	5 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	6

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You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism. ~Erma Bombeck

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



Seabreeze Amusement Park Military Appreciation Days Thursday, June 23 – Sunday, July 3, 2016
(not valid Saturday, June 25) Service Person Free Admission with Military ID (or DD214/DD2) Friends &
Family Only \$19.50 Each when accompanied by a Service Person