



Ely-Fagan Post

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God Bless America

September 2017

Post Commander

August was a great month for our Post! We sponsored the youth fishing derby that continues to be very popular. We supported the "Clara's Crohn's BBQ" fundraiser (they surpassed the amount raised last year). We catered a meal for a reunion of the 1967 Ely-Fagan Championship baseball team, which I was proud to attend. I've said it before and I'll say it again; I think we do a great job supporting the community and veterans and projecting a positive image to our community.

Many times, when I speak with a potential member, the first thing I hear is "I don't have the time". I explain the many benefits of being a member, which are too numerous to list, and that by being a member they make our organization stronger. The more members we have the stronger voice we have with Congress which approves and funds our benefits. I also tell them I would encourage them to volunteer just one day a year to support any function they choose, but volunteering time is not mandatory. In past newsletter's I have provided information on collaborating or merging with the Stevens-Connor Rush Legion Post. We have formed a committee to discuss a possible merger. We are in the beginning stages of the discussion and will be surveying members on their opinions as time goes on.

Our fall Sportsman Raffle is almost upon us and it's not too late to purchase or sell tickets. Remember if every member buys one and sells one, we will have sold almost half of all tickets. It will be a great day and we hope to see you there.

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 Hermey.

American Legion Auxiliary

Our next Auxiliary meeting is on September 27 starting with a picnic at 6 pm and meeting to follow. Please bring a dish to pass. Hope to see everyone there!

Auxiliary dues are now due. Please mail your checks to Kathy Callagee, 64 Authors Ave, Henrietta NY 14467

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.

The Carolyn Davis Award for Selfless Service Nominations due by September 16th

Selfless service is a service which is performed without any expectation of result or award for the person performing it.

Nominations for the Carolyn Davis Selfless Service Award are due by September 16th. Nominations are open to the entire Legion Family. The only criteria for nomination is that the nominee did something for the Post and you think they should be nominated for the award. 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 their accomplishments and the reason why you think they should be selected for the award. The Award will be presented by the Post Commander at the Past Commander / Past President's Dinner on October 16.

VA Outpatient Clinic Town Hall Meeting

The Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic will hold a Town Hall meeting on September 13th at 6 pm at the VA Outpatient Clinic, 465 Westfall Rd., Rochester, NY 14620. Dr. Joan McInerny, the VA VISN Director is scheduled to be at this meeting. Attendance by as many veterans as possible is crucial to ensure our voice is heard. Please mark your calendar and make plans to be there! If you need a ride, or help, let someone know. No need to register - just show up!

Good of the Legion

Hats off to Bob Jeffers, who has donated four new, beautiful, functional heavy-duty, 4-place tables to the Devil's Bar and also to Earl Morris, who found an organization willing to donate 52 padded, stacking chairs to the post. The new tables and chairs make the Devil's Bar brighter, more welcoming and certainly more comfortable. The 2017 Wii Bowlers used their funds to purchase 16 new bar stools for the Devil's Bar to replace the ones we had as they were old and well-used.

Fall 2017 Sportsman's Raffle

The Spring Sportsman Raffle will be held Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 12 noon to 5 pm at the Post Home. Tickets are \$10.00 each and entitle the bearer to free food and beverage during the raffle.

The main prizes are listed below. Instead of the actual prize, winners will be given gift cards for the cost of the prize, including sales tax that can be redeemed at the Field and Stream store at the Marketplace Mall.

1. \$300.00 Cash
2. Mossberg 500 Home Defense 12 gauge
3. Ruger 10-22
4. Ruger 10-22 Takedown
5. \$300.00 Cash
6. Savage Axis 30-06 Cal
7. Field & Stream 12 Gun Fire Safe
8. Ruger American .243 Cal
9. \$300.00 Cash
10. RCBS Rock Chucker Reload Press (Includes \$100.00 for dies)
11. Marlin 336 30-30 Combo 12. Henry Golden Boy .22 Cal.

Between every main prize raffle there will be a side raffle and volunteers will sell tickets in the crowd. There will also be pull tabs, a Chinese Auction, 50/50 drawing and a last chance drawing. All Federal, State and Local Laws will be adhered to.

Tickets are available at the Devil's Bar to buy or to sign out and sell. Volunteers will be selling tickets at the Marketplace Field & Stream Store on Saturday & Sundays. If you would like to volunteer to sell tickets and to help with the Sportsman Raffle, or if you have any questions, please contact the raffle Chairman, Les Bowens, or Ralph Litzenberger at the Post.

There will be an Early Bird Drawing at 6 pm on September 1st with \$100.00 going to the winner, so you want to get your tickets in as soon as possible.

All attendees must check in at the foyer and get a wrist band that will entitle them to participate in the raffles and get free food & beverage.

Revenue from the Fall Sportsman Raffle is used to fund post operations and improvements. **Please support our Post!**

Tuesday Night Dinners . . .

September 5 / 5 - 7pm: Chicken Parmesan Lightly seasoned, tender chicken breast, with layers of sauce & mozzarella, served on a bed of thin pasta and covered in our secret sauce. Served with house salad. **\$9.00!**

September 12 / 5 - 7pm: Meatloaf Dinner A thick slice of our classic meatloaf, with mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet corn and house salad, only **\$9.00!**

September 19 / 5 - 7pm: Fried Chicken Dinner A healthy serving of our own Classic Fried Chicken, with mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, and House salad. **\$9.00!**

September 26 / 5 - 7pm: Grilled London Broil. Marinated steak, Grilled to perfection, then thin-sliced and heaped on your plate with braised potato, vegetable and house salad, only **\$9.00**

October 3 / 5 - 7pm: Spaghetti & Meatballs / Italian Sausage. Thin pasta, smothered in our classic sauce, with your choice of meatballs or Italian sausage! House salad included for only **\$9.00!** (extra meat is \$2.00 more).

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. Eat here and let us clear the table and do the dishes 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 deliver locally for orders of \$25 or more.

We do our best to serve good food, properly prepared, that we would serve our families. Due to rising costs, we have had to raise prices to \$9.00 a meal. We regret having to do so and we will make every effort to ensure you have an enjoyable meal with us. Thank you for your support!

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 585-3348228 and we will have it ready when you get here. We deliver for orders of \$25 or more.

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.

Bring Your Fall Sportsman Raffle Tickets In

All tickets and money for the Fall Sportsman's Raffle need to be turned in as soon as possible. We need to know how many tickets have been sold so we can plan accordingly. If you have any questions, please call the Post.

Summer Sunday Breakfast Buffet

We will have a Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, Sep 17th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The menu includes regular or western style scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, French toast, sausage gravy and biscuits, fruit, juice and coffee & tea. Cost is \$8.00 per diner, Children 5 & under free. Have a good meal, let us do the cooking and cleaning. Meet old friends and make new friends.

Devil's Bar News

The Devil's Bar will be closed on Labor Day, September 4th so our volunteers can enjoy the holiday with their family and friends.

Karaoke with Paulie is scheduled for 8 pm Saturday, September 16th, and 8pm Saturday, September 30th.

The Devil's Bar has simplified its' already low prices: Well drinks are \$2.50, call drinks are \$3.50 (no more tiers!). All beer (including Genny) is \$2.50 a can, \$2.00 a draft, \$4.00 a half pitcher and \$7.00 a full pitcher. Wine is \$2.50 a glass.

Please note: The basic "shot", or serving, of liquor, used in the Devils bar is 1.5 ounces. If you want a drink in a short glass, it will be stronger, if you want your drink in a tall glass, it will taste weaker. You can ask the bartender to use any one of the several sizes of glasses we have in the Devil's Bar.

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!

On NFL game days when the kitchen isn't open, the bar will serve hot, grilled hotdogs for your dining pleasure. We have purchased a new hotdog roller and we're dying to use it. We have a Euchre tournament every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Devil's Bar (and everyone is welcome!), Weekly Drawing every Wednesday at 7 pm in the Devil's Bar, the grill is open from 5- 7 pm on Thursdays, serving wings, burgers, hotdogs, fries & pizza. Prices are very reasonable. We have a fish fry on Fridays with the Queen drawing at 7 pm.

Beginning in October we will be having a Euchre Tournament once a month on a Saturday. Sign in time will be 1:00pm and there will be a \$10.00 dollar fee. We will play 10 games and after the 5th game, we will break for a bit to eat. More info to follow next month.

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.

11TH Annual Fishing Derby Results

Our 11th Annual Town of Henrietta / American Legion Fishing Derby was held Saturday, August 5 at Martin Road Park. There were approximately 60 anglers present, catching 7 & 8 pound catfish, 3 – 5 pound bass and many smaller varieties as well. The goal of the annual fishing derby is to get children interested in fishing and to bring families together. Now in the 11th year, the fishing derby is doing just that!

Biggest Fish

Most Fish

10- 14 year olds

Bella Schopful
Andrew Newman
Sara Harris

Matthew Pitcher
Dominic Migliorini
Mallory Johnson

7-9 year olds

Bella Stradley
Ryan Gascon
Isabella Magn

Ethan Collum
Arielle Misra
Colton Paladino

6 and under

David Preston
Blake Schultz
Joushua Mayo

Gianne Rivera
Hunter Schultz
Presley Werven

Big thank you to the Legion Ladies for supplying the hot dogs and prizes for this year's derby and for all the Legion Family members for their help. Without them the fishing derby would not be as successful as it is.

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!

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 August the Legion Ladies provided support for several dinners and events at the post, including the Crohn's/Colitis fundraiser and the town employees picnic, raising almost \$1,000.00 for the kitchen renovation fund, \$100 for the Commander's Fund and \$200 for the Legion Ladies Fund, which is now approximately \$3,000.00.

We sent one fruit basket and two floral arrangements to members of the Post Legion Family, sent \$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, but we are also going to make a substantial donation to Honor Flight at the Past Commander / Past President's Dinner.

The Legion Ladies are an unofficial group of Post Legion Family members who are involved and want to support the Post and our community. For more information or to volunteer, contact Irma Hermey at 585-315-4654.

President Trump Signs VA Accountability and Whistleblowers Protection Act

WASHINGTON — President Trump signed legislation Friday designed to protect whistleblowers while making it easier to fire problem employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs. The act makes permanent an office created by a Trump executive order earlier this year to look into claims made by whistleblowers and to protect them from retaliation. It also shortens the timeframes allowed for employee appeals of disciplinary actions and mandates that courts reviewing the actions uphold them if there is "substantial evidence" they are warranted.

Trump referenced the VA wait time scandal of 2014, when veterans died waiting for appointments, and some VA workers who put them on secret wait lists weren't disciplined because of federal employment laws.

The new law also gets rid of senior executives' right to appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) but replaces that process with an internal VA grievance procedure.

The legislation also allows the VA to take back bonuses paid to employees found guilty of misconduct and prohibits employees who are appealing discipline from being placed on paid administrative leave.

Concerned Veterans for America, a conservative advocacy group, hailed the legislation as an important step forward in a "new era of accountability, customer focus, and integrity at the department." CVA Policy Director Dan Caldwell said. "Americans should be proud of the way Congress and this administration came together to take decisive action to help our veterans."

September Meetings

The Executive Committee will meet in the Hall at 7 pm on Wednesday, September 6th. Anyone can attend an Executive Committee meeting, but only members of the committee can vote. The Sons of the American Legion will meet in the Hall at 6:45 on September 13th. The General Meeting will be in the Hall at 7:30 on September 13th. A light meal will be served. The American Legion Auxiliary will have a picnic at the Post starting at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 27th. Please bring a dish to pass. A meeting will follow.

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 catered at \$15.00 a plate. Cocktail Hour begins at 6:00 PM with Dinner at 7:00 and awards presentations at 8. We hope to have the Director of Honor Flight as the guest speaker. Tickets must be purchased in advance by October 13th. Tickets will be available in the Devil's Bar September 11th. The complete menu and any additional information will be in the October newsletter.

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 one. 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. We are working to get it cleared up as soon as possible.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30 Weekly Drawing	31 TOPS 5-7p Grill Open	1 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	2
3	4 Labor Day Devil's Bar Closed	5 Tuesday Dinner Chicken Parm 6:30 Euchre	6 Weekly Drawing 7pm Exec Mtg	7 TOPS 5-7p Grill Open	8 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	9 Sportsman Raffle 12-5pm
10	11	12 Tuesday Dinner Meatloaf 6:30 Euchre	13 6:45 SAL Mtg 7:30 Gen Mtg Weekly Drawing	14 TOPS 5-7p Grill Open	15 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	16 Karaoke With Paulie 8pm
17 Buffet Breakfast 9am- 12pm	18	19 Tuesday Dinner Fried Chicken 6:30 Euchre	20 Weekly Drawing	21 TOPS 5-7p Grill Open	22 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	23
24	25	26 Tuesday Dinner London Broil 6:30 Euchre	27 6pm Aux Mtg Weekly Drawing	28 TOPS 5-7p Grill Open	29 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	30 Karaoke With Paulie 8pm
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Tim Hortons

Bill Gray's

Wegmans

Suburban Animal Hospital

Perri's Pizzeria

Cortese Lincoln

Outback Steak House

Mama G's Italian Restaurant

Cerame's Italian Villa

Fireside Grill & Sports Bar

MacGregor's Grill & Tap Room

The Appliance Store

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Peppermints Restaurant Declan
The Appliance Store