



# The Post

## Post Commander

As I write this portion of the newsletter, we are still under the restrictive guidelines from NYS concerning the corona virus. I hope everyone is safe and well and adhering to the safety measures. We have had one member that we know of that tested positive and is fortunately doing well. I do know of a few other people who have had the virus and have also recovered and are doing well. This is something we still need to take very seriously.

In accordance with direction from Department, NY, this year's elections will not be held and current officers are to remain in place. The Department and District conventions are cancelled and the County convention is still a maybe, we expect to know by the middle of the month.

As of now our Memorial Day events are cancelled for Rush, Henrietta and Downtown Rochester. We may do a short ceremony at Maplewood and Pine Hill Cemetery in Rush.

I'd like to give a huge shout out and thank you to our Friday night drive thru Fish Fry crew. These members have stepped up and really sold some fish which is currently our only source of revenue. They have a system down pat for take-out orders and have sold over 260 meals each Friday for the past three weeks. Our customers have consistently thanked us for providing this service and the crew is doing a great job.

Thank you to all who purchased or sold Sportsman Raffle tickets. Since we did not hold the events with the food and drink on the 25<sup>th</sup> we did not make as much as we usually do yet we did pretty well. The Sportsman Raffles continue to be our biggest fundraisers of the year. Congratulations to those who won a prize. Hopefully by September this virus will be behind us, the weather will be better and we can hold a great event as always.

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

John Compitello  
Commander  
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## Post Status

The Post is currently closed with some exceptions until the current Covid-19 protocols are eased. All regular meetings are suspended until further notice.

## American Legion Auxiliary President

I hope this finds everyone safe and healthy.

The National Convention has been cancelled for the 2019-20 year and so has the NY Department Convention. National and Department will be keeping all current officers and chairmen into the 2020-21 year. The upcoming year will be considered an extension of the current year and reporting will be a combination of both years. As such, most National Awards will not be awarded this year.

Currently, we are waiting on direction from Department to determine how to handle unit officers/elections. We hope to have further direction within the next couple of weeks. We will communicate more information as it becomes available.

Even with NY (and many other states) on pause, Auxiliary members have still been busy. Our 7<sup>th</sup> District juniors held a very successful Zoom meeting last month and will be having another this upcoming weekend. Our unit has made a \$200 donation to the Henrietta Food Cupboard.

While we are all now practicing "Social Distancing," there is plenty to keep us busy while helping out our Veterans and communities. Some suggestions are: Make face masks for our local health care agencies; offer to shop for neighbors/friends/unit/post members that are unable to get out or at high risk; have the kids color pictures and write notes and send to the local nursing homes and VA Medical Centers; clip coupons for our overseas military. Remember to keep track of your hours and report them!

If any member needs assistance or knows of a member in need, please contact me (585-622-0972), Kacy Friedler (585-455-1804) or Kathy Callagee (585-330-0786).

Together we can get through this situation.

## For God and Country

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## Chaplain's Corner

If someone in our Legion family is ill, passes, or otherwise in need of spiritual support, please contact me at 585-334-8578. Tim Tysall, Post Chaplain.

## Sons of the American Legion

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. Just a few quick updates. Our meetings are suspended until September. Our Officers will be the same from this year to next year. Commander Tom Hayes and Adjutant Kevin Yost are the two main ones. If you haven't paid dues yet, they can be mailed to Kevin Yost, 1474 Middle road, Rush, NY 14543. Please make a check payable to SAL #1151. You can reach us by sending a message on our Facebook page or contact Tom Hayes.

Thanks,

Tom Hayes  
733-1800

## What's in a name?

Now that Posts 1330 and 1151 are merged it might help to know a little bit about our Post name. To preserve the memories of the veterans for which our Posts were named, we (the majority combined membership) agreed to merge the post names as well: Ely-Fagan-Stevens-Connor Post. So, here's a 'snapshot' of our appellation.

Post 1151 was named after SGT Frank H. Ely and 2LT Arthur V. Fagan who served during WWI. Sgt Ely was a native of Rush while LT Fagan was from West Henrietta. SGT Ely entered the service in May 1917 at the age of 19 years, Discharged Feb. 1919. Records indicate that he served in the 80<sup>th</sup> Inf Div. LT Fagan joined the Army Feb. 1918 at the age of 23 as a private, was commissioned and later discharged Nov. 1918. LT Fagan was assigned to the 155<sup>th</sup> Depot Brigade at Camp Lee VA. He died less than a year later on Sep. 23, 1919.

Post 1330 was named for 2LT John H. Stevens and PFC John (Jack) F. Connor who served during WWII. Both were Rush residents upon entering the service. 2LT Stevens, a member of the U. S. Army Air Force, was K.I.A. (killed in action) on 4 JUL 1944 when he was shot down while flying a mission over France. PFC Connor, an Army Infantryman, was K.I.A. on 27 JAN 1945 in Luxemburg during the Battle of the Bulge.

While some of the details may be disputable (conflicting reports/articles) there is little dispute that our Post is named after four worthy American patriots. We memorialize these veterans by name but we, the American Legion Family, as a whole, memorializes all of our deceased veterans through community service and devotion to duty. – *Joe Hennekey*

## Friday Drive Thru Fish Fry!

We will continue our drive-thru Fish Fry on Fridays from 4-7 pm until further notice. Service is on a "first come, first served" basis. **We will not be taking phone orders.** We are now able to accept debit/credit cards. Our fish fry consists of 12-14 ounce battered haddock, French fries, cole slaw, tartar sauce, lemon wedge, and bread & butter. There are no substitutions. Cost is \$10.00.

## Current Post Officers

Commander:	John Compitello	585-481-7360
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Al Purdy	585-329-8540
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Ray Torres	585-737-8976
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Adjutant	Joe Henneky	585-334-8228
Chaplain	Tim Tysall	585-334-8578
Treasurer	Kevin Hermey	585-746-8450
Sgt-at-Arms	Del Young	585-405-5851

## Memorial Day 2020 Activities

Due to the current pandemic we will not have a Memorial Day Parade or an Open House this year.

We will meet at the post at 9 am on Monday, May 11 to flag Veterans graves. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping, contact Kevin Hermey at 585-746-8450.

We will have abbreviated ceremonies at Maplewood Cemetery in Henrietta and Pine Hill cemetery in Rush. Please check our Facebook page and website (alpost1151.org) for times.

Memorial Day is the most important day on our Post calendar. Honoring the Veterans who gave their all so that we will be free deserves the very best we can offer. Volunteers are needed. Memorial Day is an excellent opportunity for us to show our community what we are capable of.

## Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet

Due to the uncertainty of whether or not there will be dining in allowed on May 10<sup>th</sup>, as well as the availability of breakfast items in the quantity needed to have a breakfast buffet, we have no choice but to forego our annual Mother's Day breakfast buffet. As soon as restrictions allow we will return to have Sunday breakfast buffets.



# May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>  4-7 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  7pm Executive Committee	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  4-7 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  9am Grave Flagging	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  4-7 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  4-7 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Memorial Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  4-7 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry	<b>30</b>
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