



# Ely-Fagan Post

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God Bless America

June 2019

## Post Commander

What a great Memorial Day! We had a few more members at the remembrance ceremony at Maple Cemetery. Not enough for a rifle volley but more than we had last year. The parade went off well and the rain held off till just before the end. I think there was a good turnout even though the clouds were closing in. I noticed a few of our members along the parade route, next year if you'd like to participate, I'm sure we can find a ride for you. We did suspend the closing ceremony due to the down pour, overall it was a great day to celebrate those that served and died for our freedom.

As General Patton once said "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived."

Thank you! to all who helped flag our veteran's graves. I hear from many families that they appreciate this. – "Lest we forget"

Our Mother's Day Brunch was very good as usual, we had a great turn out. Thank you to everyone who set up, served and cleaned up. It was a very busy day, and the team received many thanks from those who came and enjoyed a great meal while celebrating Mother's Day.

Cheryl Dinolfo, our county executive, had her team reach out to let them know the county building is open to veterans' group that want to distribute poppies Our Auxiliary is making plans to take advantage of her offer. Cheryl has been very vocal about supporting veterans since the post office threatened to have a VFW member arrested unless he left the property. The Henrietta VFW has distributed poppies at the main post office for years, they never did provide an explanation as to why we can no longer use their property other than the regulations say we can't. Senator Shumer supposedly submitted a bill to change the rules. The last we checked, his office gave a less than satisfactory explanation as to why it did not move forward and said they will try again next year.

Our merger packet is still being reviewed. We hope to make necessary changes in early June and submit it to the state shortly after that.

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## American Legion Auxiliary President

As our Auxiliary year comes to a close, I'd like to thank everyone for your hard work and dedication to this organization. It is through your continued support that we are able to support our Veterans, Active Duty Military, their families and our greater Legion Family organization.

June is our last meeting before we break for the summer. While we do not hold unit meetings in June or July, we are still hard at work supporting the Auxiliary and its mission. Several of us will be traveling to Buffalo in July for our Department Convention where we will wrap up the year and elect our 2019-20 Department and District officers. Our County meetings also continue through the summer months as we continue to work programs and plan for upcoming events.

As members, there are still many opportunities to help and volunteer. Our next meat raffle is June 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are always needed or just come out and buy some tickets!!! Let's get the word out!!! I know that our Color Guard has several events planned and is always looking for new members. While our Fish Fry Fridays will be reverting to a bi-weekly schedule, additional help is always appreciated. As other events come up, check the Facebook page or the newsletter for additional information.

Hope to see everyone at our June meeting. I look forward to working with everyone again next year.

## For God and Country

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## June Meetings

The Executive Committee meets June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Sons of the American Legion meet at 6:45 pm on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The American Legion General Meeting is at 7:30 pm on June 12<sup>th</sup>. A light meal will be served. Rice-Hallick VFW Post meets at 7 pm June 11<sup>th</sup>. The MG Club meets Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Gun Owners of America meets Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 pm on June 26<sup>th</sup> in the Hall. T.O.P.S. (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Thursday morning at 9 am. Any member in good standing can attend any meeting at the Post.

## **Post Commander** *(continued from previous page)*

Our next meat raffle is scheduled for Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>. We had a pretty good turnout for our first one and we expect this one to be as successful.

Our color guard started off the year with our town parade and will be marching at many towns this summer. They work hard and spend a lot of time in practice and do very well representing our Post and the American Legion. A special thanks to Pam Lentine, who has hung up her marching boots after many years of dedication and hard work with the color guard.

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION**

John Compitello  
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## **Auxiliary News**

June 26th is our last meeting until September. It is a picnic starting at 6 pm. Hots and hamburgers and rolls being provided by Kathy Callagee. Please bring a dish to pass. Regular meeting to follow.

Congratulations to our scholarship winner, Lilyana Oliver. Auxiliary was able to give her \$250.00. Her scholarship will be presented at the Rush-Henrietta Senior Awards ceremony on May 29, 2019.

### **For God and Country,**

Kacy Friedler, Secretary

## **Monroe County Convention June 1<sup>st</sup>!**

We are again hosting the Monroe County Convention, this time for 2019, on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be members from all 35 County posts, as well as the County and District leadership and many local, regional and state politicians at the Post throughout the day. It is an excellent opportunity for us to show everyone what we are capable of. Many members have been working for the past few months quietly planning, preparing and getting things spruced up so we will be ready and look our best.

Everyone is welcome to participate and everyone is asked to help. For more information please contact Kevin Hermey at 585-746-8450 or email at [lkhermey@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lkhermey@rochester.rr.com).

## **2020 Membership Drive**

The Membership Committee thanks all our Legionnaires who have renewed their memberships for 2019. Your loyalty is sincerely appreciated.

Our 2020 membership drive begins shortly and you will be receiving dues notices in the mail. You can pay your dues by mailing them in, on line at <http://www.legion.org/renew> , or bringing your dues to the Post.

## **Post Meat Raffle**

We will have our second Meat Raffle on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5pm to 9pm. The raffle will open at 5 pm with the first spin of the prize wheel at 6pm on the dot. We learned several lessons from our first raffle and will be implementing them in our second raffle.

There will be 25 different prizes and 25 different raffles for those prizes. Each raffle will have 50 “chances” and each “chance will consist of two raffle tickets. “Chances” will cost \$2.00, \$3.00, and \$4.00, depending on the prize being raffled. Once the last chance in a particular raffle is sold , the winner will be determined by spinning the prize wheel. We will continue to sell tickets, spin the prize wheel and award prizes until all prizes are handed out. The prizes will be well worth the cost of the chances. The public is welcome. Any profits will be used to fund post operations. Volunteers are needed. We need friendly, but aggressive raffle ticket salespersons on the day of the raffle. For further information, contact Kevin Hermey by email: [lkhermey@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lkhermey@rochester.rr.com) or call 585-746-8450.

## **Summer Kitchen Operations**

To accommodate the vacation plans of the kitchen crew and allow time for much needed maintenance, the traditional Sunday breakfasts have stopped for the summer and will resume October 6<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday night dinners have stopped for the summer and will resume September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Friday Fish Fry will be held twice a month on the first and third Fridays of June and July. There will be no Fish Fry in August. The weekly Fish Fry will resume September 6<sup>th</sup>. The kitchen will be shut down for the month of August to allow a new floor and sink to be installed. Keep checking the newsletter, Facebook and the website for updates.

## **Sunday Breakfast Buffet**

Our Sunday Breakfast Buffet will be June 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The menu includes regular or western style scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, sausage gravy and biscuits, fresh fruit, juice, coffee & tea. Because it's Father's Day, they can eat free. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5, Children 5 & under free. Make Dad feel special on his Day and get a great meal at the same time!

## **Friday Fish Fry**

Join us for a **fish fry on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 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)!

## Devil's Bar News

Summer is upon us! June Trivia will be on Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:15 pm. Sign in by 7pm and pick your team. \$5.00 per person to play, leading team at halftime gets free drink at bar, winning team splits pot with bar improvement fund. Karaoke will be on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8 pm. Come on down and be Elvis for a night!

We now have Genesee Ruby Red Kolsch and Southern Tier IPA bottles. June drink specials include \$1 Owls brew through the month of June, \$1 Genny Oktoberfest, \$2 Ruby Red Kolsch, and \$2 Bud Light Orange. Come out for Sunday Funday during June for \$4 Bloody Mary's and Margaritas

The drawing for the Remington 22 Air Rifle and the drawing for the 50/50 raffle will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Check out our suggestion box located by the sign in book. Let us know what beers you want to see on tap this summer!!

Happy first month of summer!!!

## Memorial Walkway

All the pavers received are in the Memorial Walkway as of May 18. If you ordered a paver and it is not in the walkway, please contact the Walkway Chairman, Liz Kain, at 585-966-9099 or email her at [lizkain101@gmail.com](mailto:lizkain101@gmail.com).

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](http://alpost1151.org), or you can call and we will mail them to you.

## From Henrietta Town Councilman Rick Page

Just wanted to say thank you and "job well done" for yesterday's parade and celebration of Memorial Day 2019. Under difficult weather conditions you did not miss a beat and it went off without a hitch.

Gary, please express our thanks and appreciation to our American Legion family for serving hot dogs and treats after the parade.

It is events like this that make Henrietta the special community that it is. There is so much prep-planning, set up, coordination and on time decision making that most do not realize. You guys did a great job once again. I did not have the contact for the Monroe County Sheriff's liaison but please thank them as well.

With sincere appreciation,

Rick

## I attended a great program today!

John Compitello

One of the fourth grade teachers, Ms. Toni Stevens-Oliver, started a program with her class and the Pittsford Post.

She has her class interview veterans, they ask all sorts of questions about their childhood, service and what they did after the service.

The interviews are taped and the kids use their notes and the tapes to put together a story of the veterans.

Today the veterans went back to the school so the children could share the stories.

When I arrived at the school, several kids were raising the flag. They raised it all the way then lowered it to half mast, as it should be, in honor of Peace Officer Memorial Day. As they were walking away, someone came over the loudspeaker throughout the school and asked everyone to stand and follow along with reciting the pledge of allegiance. The kids near the flagpole stopped, faced the flag, covered their hearts and recited the pledge.

Inside the auditorium, the program included a rendition from the kids of God Bless America (joined in by the audience), and their own rendition of the preamble to the constitution.

In attendance were the County Executive, a representative from Senator Funke's office, the town supervisor, school board members, the chairman of Honor Flight and many of the children's parents.

After the program in the auditorium we adjourned to the cafeteria where the kids showed us their impressive stories they wrote about the veterans they interviewed. This was followed by pizza that was donated by Pontillo's when they heard it was for school children and veterans.

It was really refreshing to take part in this and see what is being taught and impressed upon young students.

Ms. Toni Stevens-Oliver has presented and helped implement this program in other local schools. If anyone is interested she is very willing to assist with the startup of this program.

## Are You Ready to Help Out?

The Monroe County Honor Guard currently has about 25 members who perform a great and needed service rendering a final salute in honor of a Veteran's service to our nation. Often, the Honor Guard must turn down funerals as they do not have enough people to support a request. Whether you are retired or still working, if you could volunteer to assist anytime, during the week or only on weekends, it would help a great deal. 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 John Compitello at 585-481-7360.

## Fourth of July Picnic

The Post will host the Fourth of July Picnic again this year. The Post will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, watermelon, koolaid and iced tea. Please bring a dish to pass and remember to bring a chair and mosquito repellent to watch the fireworks! Sign up sheet is in the Devil's Bar.

## Good of the Legion

Thanks to Peggy and Frank Domuracki for being this year's Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshalls. The Domurackis are active, dedicated and hardworking long time members of the Post Legion Family and very deserving of the honor.

Congratulations to Lilijana Oliver of Rush-Henrietta High School and Joshua Sultar of Churchville-Chili High School for being selected as this year's recipients of the Ely-Fagan Scholarship Award. Both Lilijana and Josh submitted winning essays on Americanism which they will read at our June General Meeting.

## Out & About with Jimmy O . . .

There have been a lot of questions recently regarding why we didn't have an open house like we used to after the Memorial Day parade, why the post merger isn't done, why we have to change our name, how much money the Stevens-Connor post is bringing, the Memorial Walkway pavers, etc., etc., etc.

When you ask these types of questions in the Devil's Bar, you are rarely going to get the straight scoop. More often than not, you will hear "How I would have done it . . .", "What they should do . . .", or the conversation ending, "They can't do it, it's in the By-Laws!".

We are the Legion Family at Ely-Fagan. It is our Post Home. All of us. We have several different groups meeting here (Legion/SAL/Auxiliary), but that is the thing, we all MEET here. Post policy is and has always been that any member in good standing can attend any meeting held at the post. That means if you are an Auxiliary member and you want to have an open house, you can go to the Legion General Meeting and talk about the subject. You can't vote, but you can make sure your voice is heard. Same thing with the post merger. It has been in and out of the newsletter for the last two years. There has been more discussion in the Devil's Bar than there ever was in a meeting prior to the vote – which passed – last November.

If you don't agree with the way things are going, you should come to a meeting and make your voice heard. Don't cop out and say "Well, they won't listen to me anyway". You ask to be recognized and you will be recognized; then you make your point. If it is worthy of discussion it will be discussed and you will hear both sides of the story. Most likely a vote will be held, and you may win! You never know. It doesn't hurt to try.



## American Legion 100th Anniversary Day

Sunday, June 16th @ 1:05pm

Come Join Us As We Celebrate 100 Years of The American Legion

- Gates Open at Noon
- Watch your hometown Red Wings & Pre-Game American Legion Celebration
- **Discounted \$7 Tickets Available in our section (order details below)**
- Please Contact **Bill Schell** at **585-746-7030** or **BCSchell74@gmail.com** if you would like to participate in the pregame activities (Big Flag Ceremony & Lining Baselines)
- Participants should meet at 12:15pm at the grassy area down 3rd baseline

### To Get Your \$7 Discounted Tickets:

Please mail the form below to Mike Ewing of the Rochester Red Wings at

**1 Morrie Silver Way– Rochester, NY 14608**

**Checks Payable to: Rochester Community Baseball**

**\*\*\*Or Give Mike a call at 585-454-1001 ext. 3036\*\*\***

**We Look Forward To Seeing You June 16th**

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Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

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AMX/DISC/MC/VISA #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5-7pm Beef on Weck Dinner 6:30 pm Euchre	<b>29</b> 7 pm Weekly Drawing	<b>30</b> 9 am T.O.P.S.	<b>31</b> Fish Fry 7 pm Queen of Hearts	<b>1</b>  <b>County Convention</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Horseshoe Tournament	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm Euchre	<b>5</b> 7pm Weekly Drawing 7pm Exec Mtg	<b>6</b> 9 am T.O.P.S.	<b>7</b> <b>Fish Fry</b> 7 pm Queen of Hearts	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm Horseshoe Tournament	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Euchre 7 pm VFW Mtg	<b>12</b> 6:45 SAL Meeting 7 pm Weekly Drawing 7:30 pm General Meeting	<b>13</b> 9 am T.O.P.S.	<b>14</b> Flag Day <b>Meat Raffle</b> 7 pm Queen of Hearts	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9 am – 12 pm Father's Day Breakfast Buffet	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm Horseshoe Tournament	<b>18</b> 5pm Grill Open 6:30 pm Euchre 7pm GOA Mtg	<b>19</b> 7 pm Weekly Drawing	<b>20</b> 9am T.O.P.S. 5pm Grill open 7pm MG Club 7pm Bar Trivia	<b>21</b> <b>Fish Fry</b> 7 pm Queen of Hearts	<b>22</b>
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