



Ely-Fagan Post

Post Commander

Thank you to those who have purchased Sportsman's Raffle tickets by mail, remember if every member buys one, and sells one, we will be far along in our goal to sell out. At \$10.00 per ticket they are the best deal in town.

Elections are approaching, if you wish to run for an office or make a nomination, please get the name to Rose Rossi-Williams, she has generously agreed to chair the upcoming election. If anyone is interested, we would also like to fill the historian positions.

We continue our discussions with the Henrietta VFW and our collaboration with the use of the post, we continue to move forward and will have an acceptance vote at the March general meeting.

Thank you to the several new volunteer bartenders, there service, as well as all the others, is greatly appreciated and will help to support our bar operations.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), now known as the Exchange (better known by most of you as the PX or BX) beginning in November will offer veterans an on-line shopping benefit. For those of you that do shop on-line this could offer you some very nice savings on everyday items you use and more. For more information, the website is <https://www.shopmyexchange.com/veterans>

Don't forget Euchre is now every Tuesday at 6:30, if this is your game it's a great time.

For the good of the legion.

John Compitello
585-481-7360

Apology

In the February issue of The Ely-Fagan Post, in the article "2016 – 2017 Post Elections", under the heading, "Third Vice Commander", I made a thoughtless comment regarding the duties of the Third Vice Commander. The comment was made in error, it should never have been allowed to make it to print. I profusely and sincerely apologize to everyone affected by my error. It was unprofessional and detracted from the mission of the post newsletter. I will ensure it never happens again.

Kevin Hermey

American Legion Auxiliary

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m. Volunteers needed before and during the event. Please let Carolyn Davis know if you are able to help with this Auxiliary fund raiser. Cupcake donations are also needed!

Monroe County Community Hospital Bingo - our Auxiliary is hosting Bingo on Monday March 20, 2017. Please arrive at the hospital by 6:30 p.m. - Bingo starts at 7 p.m.

March 22, 2017 is our annual New Members Banquet - cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Our new Members will receive an invitation to be our guest for dinner this night. Dinner will be roast beef, potatoes, vegetable, and dessert. Cost \$8.00. For reservations, please contact Kathy Callagee - 334-0786 to make your reservation for this dinner.

The Auxiliary is happy to report that our first Pink the Post for Pluta was a success! Thank you everyone for their help for this event. We plan to do it again next year.

Our next regular Auxiliary meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 @ 6 p.m.

We are still collecting dues for this year. Please mail your dues to Kathy Callagee, 65 Authors Avenue, Henrietta, NY 14467. A friendly reminder that your dues are now overdue. If you have NOT received your membership card and HAVE paid your dues, please let Kathy Callagee know so she may look into the issue for you. Phone: [585-334-0786](tel:585-334-0786).

For God and Country,

Kacy Friedler
President
585-455-1804

Membership Renewal Assistance

During the month of March, the Post Commander, or his representative, will be available during breakfast and Tuesday night dinners at the post to assist those needing to renew their memberships with online renewal. The number of current members determines the amount of delegates we will have at the June County Convention. We will need all our delegates to make sure our voice is heard. For more information, contact John Compitello at 585-481-7360.

March Meetings

The Executive Committee meets March 1st at 7 pm. The S.A.L meets at 6:45 pm on March 8th. The General Meeting is March 8th at 7:30 pm. A light meal is served at the General meeting. The Auxiliary meets March 22nd at 6 pm. Any member in good standing can attend any meeting held at the Post.

2016 – 2017 Post Elections

That time is almost upon us again! We will nominate fellow Legionnaires to serve as officers for the Post for the 2016 – 2017 cycle during the March 8th General meeting. Elections will be held during the April General meeting with installation during the May General meeting. Any Legionnaire in good standing is eligible to hold any office. Below is a synopsis of the responsibilities of each office:

Post Commander: Is ultimately responsible to the membership for the Post.

First Vice Commander: Assumes duties of Commander when needed. Chairman, Membership committee, Responsible for planning and execution of Spring & Fall raffles.

Second Vice Commander: Fills in for Commander or First Vice as needed. Chairman, Americanism committee. Chairman, Finance committee.

Third Vice Commander: Assume duties of the Commander, First Vice, or Second Vice as needed. Chairman, Publicity committee.

Post Adjutant: Maintains complete records of proceedings of all meetings. Prepare complete and accurate membership reports. Responsible for all Post correspondence. Collects membership dues.

Treasurer: In charge of safety & security of all Post finances. Make recommendations for improving Post finances.

Post Chaplain: Charged with the Spiritual welfare of the Post. Provide religious, non-sectarian services as needed.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Maintain good order & discipline as needed.

Nominations will be taken at the March 8th General Meeting and will continue to be accepted until immediately prior to voting at the April 12, 2016 General Meeting. Again, the only requirement to run for any office in the American Legion is to be a member and a desire to have an impact on Post affairs.

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. The rental fee does not include use of the kitchen, which is extra. A contract is required and other conditions may apply. For more information contact Ralph Litzenberger at 585-750-1854.

Membership

Currently over 80 percent of our members have renewed their membership for 2017. Those of you that have not yet paid your 2017 dues are considered delinquent at this time and your post privileges have been suspended pending receipt of your dues. The number of current members at our post determines the number of delegates we have at the County Convention in June. There are several initiatives that will be brought up and we need to make sure our voice is heard.

Check your membership card. If it doesn't say "2017" you probably need to pay your dues. If you haven't paid yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you know someone who has yet to pay their dues, please remind them. If you or someone you know needs help, please let us know. For questions please contact Ray McCormick at 585-764-9548 or email at Relkml@yahoo.com.

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 need more information, please contact John Compitello at 585-481-7360.

American Legion Boys State

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a program where students learn the operation of local, county and state government. Boys State was founded in 1935 to teach select individuals the benefits of citizenship. The Auxiliary sponsors a similar program for young women called Girls State.

At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs. Ely-Fagan Post 1151 selects at least one deserving high school junior to attend the program each year and pays the cost of tuition.

For more information please call Ray McCormick at 585-764-9548 or email him at Relkml@yahoo.com.

Spring 2017 Sportsman's Raffle

The Spring Sportsman Raffle will be held Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 12 noon to 6 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 Gander Mountain gift cards for the cost of the prize, including sales tax. These gift cards can be used to purchase anything you want at Gander Mountain if you do not want the listed prize.

1. \$300.00 Cash
2. Fenwick Eagle GT Rod, Abu-Garcia Reel, Flambeau Bag, \$75.00 Gift Card
3. Henry Golden Boy .22 Cal.
4. \$300.00 Cash
5. Fenwick HMX Rod, Pflueger Presidential Reel, Flambeau Bag, \$75.00 Gift Card
6. Moddberg 500 Home Defense 12 ga.
7. Kayak
8. Fenwick Eagle GT Rod, Abu-Garcia Reel, Flambeau Bag, \$75.00 Gift Card.
9. Ruger 10-22 Takedown
10. \$300.00 Cash
11. Fenwick HMX Rod, Pflueger Presidential Reel, Flambeau Bag, \$75.00 Gift Card
12. Marlin 336-w30/30 with 3-9x40 Scope, Rings, & Base.

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 Gander Mountain on Saturdays. 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 March 1st and April 1st with \$100.00 going to the winner, so you want to get your tickets in as soon as possible.

The Spring and Fall Sportsman Raffles are primary sources of our Post income. **Please support our Post!**

March Sunday Breakfast

The breakfast will be on Sunday March 5, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Order eggs any style, omelets, pancakes, potatoes, toast, bacon and sausage with orange juice, great coffee, tea and a whole Hall full of friends! Enjoy a good meal. You won't find a better breakfast deal in a friendlier atmosphere anywhere in the county!

Annual St Patrick's Day Dinner

The American Legion Auxiliary Annual St Patrick's Day Dinner will be on Saturday, March 18th from 5 pm to 7 pm. The cost is \$9.00 per dinner and includes corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots with a roll. Help and cupcakes are needed. To volunteer contact Carolyn Davis at 585-334-4457.

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. 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 for orders of \$25 or more.

Tuesday Night Dinners . . .

February 28 / 5 – 7 pm: Sandwich Night Your choice of a dressed Chicken Breast on a fresh bun, or a hot, tasty Sloppy Joe, piled high on a fresh bun. Sandwiches come with French fries and cole slaw. **\$8.00.**

March 7 / 5 – 7 pm: Grilled London Broil. Marinated steak, Grilled to perfection, then thin-sliced and heaped on your plate with baked potato, vegetable and house salad, only **\$8.00**

March 14 / 5 – 7 pm: 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. **\$8.00!**

March 21 / 5 - 7pm: Sandwich Night! Your choice of either a 1/3 pound angus burger, or a turkey-bacon club. Sandwiches come with French fries and cole slaw. **\$8.00**

March 28 / 5-7 pm: Roast Beef Dinner Tender roast beef, served with mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable and house salad **\$9.00!**

April 4 / 5-7 pm: Country Fried Steak A healthy portion of delicious, lightly seasoned breaded, fried steak, with mashed potatoes & smokehouse gravy, Southern-style green beans and a house salad for only **\$8.00!**

April 11 / 5-7 pm: 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!**

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.

Devil's Bar News

March Karaoke Night will be Saturday, March 18th, beginning at 8:30 pm. There will be drink specials and free popcorn available.

We have Wii Bowling on Mondays at 6:30 pm and a euchre tournament every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome! We have a **dart board** and a beautiful, 8 foot **pool table** just waiting for someone to play. Have a **birthday drink on the Post!** Just show proof it is your birthday & your favorite drink is on the house. Bring your friends with you to help celebrate!

We are always looking for bartenders. We will be going to a rotating schedule soon and will need more help. The more bartenders we have the better the schedule works! Bartenders are volunteers and unpaid, but you do get to meet interesting people, you'll have that feeling of satisfaction that comes with giving! There are other perks too! If you're interested please tell the bartender or call 585-334-8228!

The bartender is the Commander's representative when the Commander is not at the Post and the bar is open. The bartender can refuse service to anyone, and can take appropriate action as needed.

The Following Businesses Support Our Post

We encourage you to consider the below listed businesses first when you have need of services and let the manager know we sincerely appreciate their support.

Gander Mountain	Macaroni Grill
The Outback Steak House	Olive Garden
Mama G's Italian Restaurant	Buffalo Wild Wings
Cerame's Italian Villa	Tim Hortons
Fireside Grill & Sports Bar	Bill Gray's
MacGregor's Grill & Tap Room	Home Depot
Young and Co, CPA's LLP	Wegman's
Suburban Animal Hospital	Northridge Contracting
Perri's Pizzeria	Extreme Auto Solutions
Key Bank	Cortese Lincoln
Tony Pepperoni	Peppermints
Declan Casey Entertainment	The Appliance Store
Cheryl Litzenger / Nothnagle Realtors	

Cooks & Kitchen Help Needed

We are always in need of cooks and kitchen help. Many hands make light work. We need cooks for the Tuesday night dinner and the Friday fish fry – no experience necessary, we will train you and there will always be help. We also need platers, servers and dishwashers. If you're interested, contact Ray Torres or Kevin Hermey.

American Legion Post 1151 Officers

Commander	John Compitello
1 st Vice Commander	Les Bowens
2 nd Vice Commander	Ray Torres
3 rd Vice Commander	Ralph Litzenger
Adjutant	Ray McCormick
Chaplain	Bob Gruver / Rose Rossi-Williams
Finance Officer	Kevin Hermey
Sergeant at Arms	Brian Hughes
Historian	Vacant

Appointed Positions

Bar Steward	Kevin Hermey
Assistant	Diane Kreutzer
Games of Chance	Les Bowens
Assistant	Jan Litzenger

Contacting the Post / Updates

It is tough to plan ahead these days with all that is going on about us. If you need assistance please contact us:

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Address:	P.O. Box 72 Henrietta, NY 14467
Email:	ElyFaganPost1151@gmail.com
Web:	www.alpost1151.org

Out & About

Talk about raising our annual dues is creeping in again. Currently, of the \$40.00 annual dues, we get \$3.00 and the rest goes to the Department. How we came to that point is another story. But, at \$3 per member per year and 250 members, that's about \$750 a year to operate the post with. Our monthly expenses, just to keep the doors open are about \$2,200 – \$2,600, depending on the season. So you can see what we get for dues have very little impact at our level. What Department and National do with the dues they receive is another story. We will likely be discussing membership dues at our next General meeting.

There's a lot of talk about "sanctuary" cities in the news today. Just so everyone knows, this is a "sanctuary" post in that all members of our Legion Family are welcomed here, no member being any more important or valuable than the next. Military rank is an admirable achievement, but please check it at the door. Our younger members are our future. Because you are seeing them here means that they are interested and we need to cultivate that interest. It is okay to disagree, but do so respectfully.

This warm weather has been a hoot. Brings out the shorts and T-Shirts. I planted some iris bulbs today. They were rotting, but hey? You never know. Anyone up for a community garden this year? We have the land. Work in the field, share the harvest. Something to talk about instead of other stuff.

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 6:30p Wii Bowling	28 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Sandwich Night	1 Weekly Drawing 7pm Exec Mtg	2 TOPS	3 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	4
5 SUNDAY BREAKFAST Super Bowl Party	6 6:30p Wii Bowling	7 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner London Broil	8 Weekly Drawing 6:45p SAL Mtg 7:30p Gen Mtg	9 TOPS	10 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	11
12	13 6:30p Wii Bowling	14 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Chicken Parmesan	15 Weekly Drawing	16 TOPS	17 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	18 St Patrick's Day Dinner Karaoke
19	20 6:30p Wii Bowling	21 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Sandwich Night	22 Weekly Drawing 6:30p Aux Mtg	23 TOPS	24 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	25
26	27 6:30p Wii Bowling	28 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Roast Beef	29 Weekly Drawing	30 TOPS	31 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	1
2	3 6:30p Wii Bowling	4 6:30 PM Euchre Tuesday Dinner Country Fried Steak	5 Weekly Drawing 7pm Exec Mtg	6 TOPS	7 Fish Fry Friday! 7pm Queen of Hearts	8

Contact the Post

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**May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.**

Happy St Patrick's Day!