



October Newsletter

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God Bless America

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Post Commander

This is my last newsletter input as commander. As of the next general meeting I will be resigning. We are not able to hold an election until next year and after five years it's time for a change. Al Purdy, our first vice commander, will be stepping up as commander. The first vice position will remain vacant until the next election and Al was planning on running for commander this year as it was.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and say it's been a great five years. Since the county held an election and we had our first general meeting since the mandatory lock downs it was decided we would hold our overdue vote. I am amazed and very proud of the members of our post. We, and by we I mean a lot of our members and very little credit to myself, have done much in five years. Just to name a few things the post has been significantly strengthened financially from where we used to be. The hall looks better than ever and we receive many compliments on how good it looks. The bar has also been greatly improved with new coolers, tables, lights and other items.

We hosted several county conventions, one because they like our location and two, because of the way we run things and serve good food. We have established a great relationship with the VFW and merged with the Rush post strengthening both organizations into one. We let several charitable organizations use our post for their fundraising efforts and we're always alongside helping them. The Veterans Business council meets at our post and we provide a low-cost meal during their meeting. The Town Fireman's union uses our space for meetings as well as the Scouts. The County Honor Guard also meets in our building and we put on a picnic with an open bar for them once a year which is a small thing to do for their efforts.

More recently the Disabled American Veterans were displaced from the new Calkins Road VA and we will be accommodating space for them until they find something more permanent. The Auxiliary continues to do great things like holding a Pink the Post event to raise money for the Pluta cancer center and support other great veterans' causes. The Sons have done many things through the years to improve our post and our Color Guard, while not marching this year, has represented our post and won many awards for their efforts.

We are fortunate to have an Auxiliary, Sons and Color Guard so dedicated!

This year with COVID-19 putting the brakes on so much of our activities, our members have really stepped up and created ways to keep funds coming in. They set up the drive through Fish Fry's that have been very successful and popular with residents. It was a great plan from the start with everyone pitching in. During lent we had cars lined up down the street and around the corner on Lehigh Station Road. Most restaurants would love to have such a smooth take out operation as we do. Since we couldn't go anywhere to sell fall Sportsman Raffle tickets we switched to one Chicken BBQ a month for about five months. While they did not take in as much as a sportsman's raffle, they did help out our bottom line quite a bit along with the Tuesday night dinners which have started back up.

This past school year we gave out, along with the VFW, five \$1,000.00 scholarships to some very deserving students who will go on to do great things. It was a pleasure to read the student's essays and hand out the checks.

At this year's scaled down county meeting, in lieu of convention, also held at our post, the county recognized several individuals. This year's Law and Order award went to Deputy Kevin Cooper from Zone B. (This deputy was submitted by our post). The Legionnaire of the Year for the County and Seventh District was our own Tim Tysall and The County Scouter of the Year went to Dan Scurlock, also from our Post.

During my time as commander I have had numerous people tell me, on many occasions, we have such an active post. I have to agree and I am impressed and proud of what our post has accomplished and continues to do. I wish Al Purdy the best as he is sworn in this month and know that our post will have continued success.

For the good of the Legion

Regards,

John Compitello

"A good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guaranty of peace."

President Theodore Roosevelt

Incoming Post Commander

It is an honor to be selected as your Post Commander. I will do my best to ensure when the next commander takes over our post is in better shape than it is now.

My number one goal is to make our post as good a place for our members and their families as possible. We will do this by continually building on the improvements of my predecessor. The post will have more events that entire families can attend, not just the men.

Purchasing a programmable digital sign for out front would increase our ability to let members and the public know what we are doing. It should cause more interest, add new members and increase revenue. We are looking into either updating or replacing our current sign system.

We are growing and our needs are changing. To continue to grow we need to make room for growth to occur. We have a committee exploring our options with regard to adding on to our existing building or new construction.

We need more people to step up & help out our overworked volunteers. If you would work just one event – 4 hours a month – it would be a big help. Don't be surprised if I call you and ask for your help. Along those lines, we are developing incentives to encourage volunteerism. Some of those incentives are in this month's newsletter.

I want to thank all of you for giving me this opportunity. I won't let you down. I am always available and I am frequently at the post. Call me, text me, email me. I will respond!

We have several events scheduled in October. I hope to see you there!

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

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. COVID-19 Update

We continue to monitor the COVID situation and will continue with select events that can be done without exposing our members or community to risks. We promise to keep your safety in mind when scheduling events.

In Memoriam Robert P. Gruver

Leader, Legionnaire, Son and Friend

**United States Marine Corps
Korean War**

Sons of the American Legion

First I would like to thank all our members that have been doing the various things at the post home that keep it running. From dinners, to repairs, to running the bar. Thank you. Our regular meetings have resumed, but will have a change going forward. We will start our meeting time a little earlier from here on out. Meetings for the SAL will now start at 6:30 PM on the second Wednesday of the month. This will allow us to keep some distance and be able to get our business done before the Legion General meeting.

Dues are also due at this time. National has raised the amount that they collect, in turn we will have to raise ours to follow. But we won't raise the price until January 1st. So if you pay now, they are \$20 for members that are 21 years old and older and \$9 for members 20 and younger. Starting January 1st dues will be \$25 and \$10. Dues can be mailed to Kevin Yost, 1174 Middle Road, Rush NY 14543, checks payable to SAL 1151.

Thank you to everyone who supports our Legion Family home and stay safe.

Tom Hayes
Commander

Auxiliary News

Auxiliary Dues for the 2020-2021 year are now due. If you have paid your dues, Membership Chair, Kathy Callagee, will be sending your cards to you in the mail. If you have not received your card, and you believe you paid your dues already, please give Kathy Callagee a call and she will check her records. Her home telephone number is 585-334-0786. **Senior dues - \$28.00 Junior dues - \$8.00. Please mail to Kathy Callagee, 65 Authors Ave, Henrietta, NY 14467.**

Membership

Our 2021 membership drive is underway. You can renew online at <http://www.legion.org/renew>, mail it in, or bring it in. Let us know if you or anyone you know needs

October Meetings

Rice-Hallick VFW Post 6465 meets Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 pm. The Executive Committee meets Wednesday, October 8th at 7:00 pm. Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 15 meets Saturday, October 10th at 9:00 am. The Building Committee meets Monday October 12th at 7:00 pm. The Legion General Meeting is Wednesday, October 14th at 7:30 pm. The Auxiliary meets October 28th at 7:00 pm

Past President/Commander Dinner Canceled

The Past President / Past Commander Dinner has been canceled for this year. With the social distancing requirements and the number & age of participants we may have, this is the responsible action to take. Please bring any questions to the October General meeting.

Devil's Bar News

The Devil's Bar is an integral part of the vitality of your post! The bar is open on Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings: 12 noon until 9 pm.

Please understand the Devil's Bar must abide by all COVID restrictions: signing in upon arrival for contact tracing, facial coverings worn anytime not seated at bar or table, spaced out and limited seating, no standing at bar, all sanitizing protocols, etc. Further all post members must be prepared to present current Legion membership card anytime requested by bartender on duty. All non-members must be guests of a current member and the member must be present with the guest. The bartender on duty has authority to refuse service to anyone!

New York State places significant requirements on our post and Devil's Bar in order to maintain our license to sell alcohol for consumption on premises!

If you are interested in volunteering as a bartender, please contact our Bar Steward, Bob Jeffers.

Your Devil's Bar staff looks forward to serving you: stop by and say "Hello!" – Dan Scurlock, Post ABC Officer

Drive Through Fish Fry

We will have a **Drive Through Fish Fry** on Friday, **October 2**, from 4 pm to 7 pm and again on Friday, **October 16**, from 4 pm to 7 pm. The Fish Fry will consist of 12-14 ounce **battered** haddock filet, French fries, cole slaw, tartar sauce, lemon wedge, bread & butter. **Cost is \$10.00 per meal.** Drive Through only, First Come, First Served. We will be serving homemade coleslaw again.

Tuesday Night Dinners

We will continue to serve Tuesday Night Dinners on a "drive-thru" basis from 4 pm to 6 pm. We will not have dining room service. We are prepared for a crowd and should be selling right up to 6 pm.

October 6/4-6 pm Country Fried Steak: Steak, breaded and seasoned, fried and served with country gravy, Southern style green beans and mashed potatoes. House salad, bread & butter included for \$8.00

October 13/4-7 pm Beef Tips & Noodles: A hot, healthy serving of tender & delicious sirloin beef tips in our beefy mushroom gravy over a bed of buttered egg noodles. House salad, bread & butter included for \$8.00.

October 20/4-6 pm Fried Chicken Dinner 4 pieces of our delicious fried chicken, French fries and coleslaw for \$8.00.

October 27/4-6 pm Goulash Hot and meaty, with just the right amount of sauce and macaroni. Bread and house salad for \$8.00!

Litzenberger Memorial Educational Grants

The Litzenberger Memorial Educational Grant is just one of the ways the Post shows appreciation for those Legion Family members who volunteer to help the post in its mission to serve our veterans, their families and our community.

The grant is for up to \$1,000.00 and is awarded annually. Awardees may apply more than once. To be eligible for the grant a candidate must be a member of the Post 1151 Legion Family and be an active volunteer with the post, or have a direct family member who is an active volunteer with the post who is willing to sponsor the candidate. The candidate must be enrolled and making satisfactory progress in an educational program leading to either a degree or an apprenticeship program in one the building trades. An "active volunteer" is a member who, on a regular basis, volunteers to help with Post functions. Grantees are selected by majority vote of the grant committee.

This year we have two recipients. Legionnaire 2nd Lt Rafael Ortega USAR, son of Auxiliary member Ellen Ortega, is currently in his 2nd year of medical school at the University of Rochester. Auxiliary member, Jayme Lynn Fantauzzo, daughter of Legionnaire Al Purdy, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in human resources at Empire State College. We wish Rafael and Jayme both success in their future endeavors.

Turkey Raffle!

We are raffling 20 turkeys, all at least 14 pounds each, on Saturday, November 14 at 6 pm. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need a ticket!. Tickets are \$2.00 each, or 3 tickets for \$5.00, and are on sale at all drive thru dinners, meetings and in the Devil's Bar on Fridays and Saturdays.

Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park

We will be serving Pancakes and Sausage Patties in the dining hall from 8 am to 11 am on October 11th & 25th. Cost is \$7.00 per plate and you get 4 pancakes and 2 sausage patties. This is a "dine in or take-out" event. Masks are required. **All profits go to the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park.**

Annual Clara's Crohn's & Colitis Fundraiser

The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation is a volunteer-driven non-profit organization dedicated to finding cures for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis and improving the quality of life of children and adults affected by these digestive diseases.

The local chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation will have a drive-thru fundraiser at the post on Friday, October 23 from 4 pm to 7 pm. For \$10.00 you will get our combo plate, made of the best garbage we have. All profits will go to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation

Veterans Bridge Spaghetti Fundraiser

Veterans Bridge is holding a fundraiser at our post on Saturday, October 3rd, from 4 to 7 pm. For a \$10.00 donation you get a healthy serving of pasta and meatballs, smothered in sauce, bread butter and house salad.

Veteran's Bridge is staffed with volunteers and was created to help serve veterans in the greater Rochester areas who would otherwise fall through the cracks between the different government services. Veterans in need get help in finding housing and getting reduced rent from various services, however, these homes do not usually come furnished. The veterans would then either have to spend what money they have to purchase furniture, dishes, utensils, etc. This is where Veterans Bridge comes in. They collect gently used furniture from around the community, make minor repairs and thoroughly clean the items as needed and then place it in their warehouse. Qualified transitioning veterans may then make an appointment to see what furniture is available and chose what he/she needs. The furniture and other items are then delivered the third Saturday of each month. All of this is done at no cost to the veterans, using funds generated by our fundraisers. Veterans Bridge is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. For more information about Veterans Bridge see their website

245th U.S. Navy Birthday Ball

The Navy Occupational Support Center (NOSC) Rochester is organizing the 245th Navy Birthday Ball to be held on October 17th at the Doubletree by Hilton Rochester at 1111 Jefferson Rd. For more information call the NOSC at 585-247-9312

Confused about Medicare? Need help reviewing your health care insurance plan?

Do you just want to make sure you receive all the 2021 Medicare benefits you're eligible for including **Dental, Vision, Hearing, Gym Membership and any new benefits that have been added in 2021?** Then let our friend, Ellen Ortega, and NYS Licensed Medicare Broker assist you at **NO COST** to you! Don't hesitate....Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) is right around the corner, October 15th – December 7th. Any and all family members are welcome to join. Be sure to call soon to schedule your appointment.

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(The above is a paid advertisement.)

Post Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 12, with social hour at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. The menu will start with a house salad, then either prime rib with baked potato, or roast turkey breast with mashed potatoes, gravy and vegetable, with cheesecake for dessert. There will again be fabulous door prizes and presentation of donations to area non-profit organizations. Cost of the dinner will be \$10.00 per person. Tickets will go on sale November 15th. Due to COVID restrictions, this year the party will be limited to a maximum of 64 attendees, so tickets sales will be restricted to members and their guests. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Hermey, 585-746-8450.

Out & About . . .

If you borrowed tables and chairs from the post and have yet to bring them back, please bring them in now. In the future, when removing anything from the post a hand receipt with signature will be required.

All bartenders holding keys to the bar are asked to contact the Bar Steward, Bob Jeffers.

In early September we discovered the glass in the right front door had been shattered. It was still intact and there was an irregular (not round) hole in the center. There was a rock, probably from the Memorial Walkway, laying on the deck in front of the door. It looked as if a lawn mower had caught the rock and flung it into the door. Thanks to Bob Jeffers, we will have the door repaired by the first weekend of October and at a price that doesn't break the bank.

We will continue to have "drive-thru dinners" in October. We have learned that it is the most efficient way for us to do things. By limiting our menus and serving dinners to go, we don't need as many volunteers and we are serving more meals than when we had a full menu and dining in. The exception this month is the pancakes & sausage fundraisers. Diners have the option of dining in and COVID restrictions are adhered to, but the experience in September was the majority of meals were to go and very few people took advantage of being able to eat in the hall. When the restrictions are lifted we will resume table service in the hall as practicable.

October must be the fundraising month. We have the Veteran's Bridge Spaghetti Fundraiser on Saturday, the 3rd, two Naval & Military Park Pancakes & Sausage Fundraisers on Sunday the 11th & Sunday the 25th, and our modified annual Crohn's & Colitis Fundraiser on the 23rd. The COVID restrictions have hit charities especially hard as the businesses and individuals who regularly contribute have not been able to do so, yet the charities' work has, if anything, increased. Check out the Legion's "Combo Plates" served with the best garbage we can find, on Friday, October 23rd, from 4 – 7 pm.

Have a great month! *Jimmy*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9 am T.O.P.S. Meeting	2 4 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry 7 pm Weekly and Queen of Hearts Drawings	3 4-7pm Veterans Bridge Spaghetti Fundraiser
4	5	6 4-6 pm Country Fried Steak Dinner 7pm VFW Mtg	7 7 pm Executive Meeting	8 9 am T.O.P.S. Meeting	9 7 pm Weekly and Queen of Hearts Drawings	10 9 am DAV Meeting
11 8am Pancakes & Sausage Fundraiser	12 7 pm Building Committee Meeting	13 4-6 pm Beef Tips & Noodles Dinner 7pm VFW Mtg US Navy 245 th Birthday	14 6:45 pm S.A.L. Meeting 7:30 pm General Meeting	15 9 am T.O.P.S. Meeting 7pm MG Club Meeting	16 4 pm Drive Thru Fish Fry 7 pm Weekly and Queen of Hearts Drawings	17
18	19	20 4-6 pm Fried Chicken Dinner 7pm GOA Mtg	21	22 9 am T.O.P.S. Meeting	23 Clara's Crohn's & Colitis Combo Plate Fundraiser 7 pm Weekly Drawings	24
25 8am Pancakes & Sausage Fundraiser	26	27 4-6 pm Goulash Dinner	28 7:00 pm ALA Meeting	29 9 am T.O.P.S. Meeting	30	31

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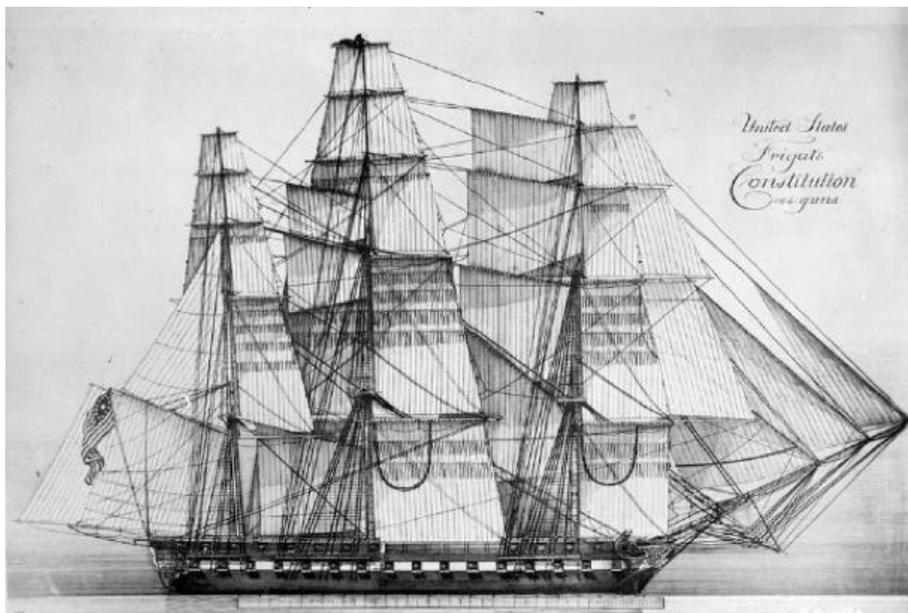
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