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God Bless America

May 2019

Post Commander

Another successful Sportsman Raffle! Even though the weather did not cooperate those who support us did. All day long I heard comments about what a great event it was and the good work we do. Thank you to all who sold tickets, worked on and supported the event. It is a lot of work but these are our biggest fundraisers of the year. Great job to all!

Last month we had elections and I will be your commander for another year. As I travel around the county, I continuously hear from others that we have one of the more active posts. I'm proud to be associated with our organization and realize none of what we do would be possible without our dedicated officers, volunteers and members. Thank you to all!

We have a quote for an electronic sign out front. It is a great looking sign, would be lit up at night and be much easier to change our events vs going out in all types of weather and having our letters constantly blow away. The cost is just over \$20,000.00 (yes, that's 20K). While we do not have a budget for this we're wondering if anyone has the skill and time to research and write a grant request. There are funds out there for just this sort of project. If you can help, call me.

Al Purdy has stepped up to take over Games of Chance (GOC) with assistance from Liz Cardinal. Les Bowens has been overseeing that for a few years with assistance from Jan Litzenberger. When Les assumed responsibility the GOC was not in good shape, since then he has done a tremendous job to make GOC a great asset to our post's financial status. Since Al will now be performing this function he is stepping down as House Committee Chair. If anyone wants the opportunity to chair the House Committee please let us know.

Sunday, May 19th is the town Memorial Day parade. Normally we host an open house, however; the town has asked us again to cook and serve at a picnic following the parade which will take place at the recreation center. The parade is a great event to honor those that have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country and the ideals that keep us a free nation. This year's parade Marshalls are Frank and Peggy Domuracki, they are long time members and supporters of our post. They have contributed countless volunteer hours to help ensure the success of our events. We hope to see you at the parade but whatever you have going on that day be sure to pause and reflect on what the day represents and those whose sacrifice we honor.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

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American Legion Auxiliary President

Our Auxiliary year is quickly coming to a close. Final reports to County and Department by our unit chairmen is coming up in about a week. If you have any activity/hours to report, please reach out to me and I can forward to the appropriate chairman. Reporting is so critical to our organization. It's these impact numbers that our National organization uses when lobbying Congress for our Veterans and their families.

2019-20 officer nominations were read at our April meeting. Officers will be officially elected and installed at our May meeting. We will also be holding our annual Memorial Service at that same meeting. There are still open committee chairman spots for next year. If you are interested in serving or want additional information, please call or email me.

There are several events going on this month. The Sportsman's Raffle is Saturday, April 27th at the Post. Volunteers are needed and welcome. Hope to see everyone there! The 7th District Juniors will be meeting at the Phelps unit on Sunday, April 28th. If you have a junior interested in attending let me know. On Saturday, May 4th, the 7th District Spring Conference will be held in Phelps. There are also a couple of community events surrounding Armed Forces Day. There will be a Blood Drive on 5/17/19 at the Rochester Museum and Science Center from 1-6pm. The Armed Forces Day luncheon will be May 18th. The Commander and I both have information on the event. Feel free to reach out to either of us for more information on how to register for the event.

May also brings Memorial Day, a day for honoring and remembering all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We will have poppies available throughout Henrietta, during the Henrietta Memorial Day parade and at the post. Donations from poppy distribution are used only for helping our veterans and can not be used for other purposes. "In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row . . . We shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Fields."

For God and Country

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May Meetings

The Executive Committee meets May 1st at 7 pm. Sons of the American Legion meet at 6:45 pm on May 8th. The American Legion General Meeting is at 7:30 pm on May 8th. A light meal will be served. Rice-Hallick VFW Post meets at 7 pm May 14th. The MG Club meets Thursday, May 16th at 7 pm. Gun Owners of America meets Tuesday, May 21st at 7 pm. The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 pm on May 22nd 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.

2019 Membership Drive

This is our final opportunity to get to 100 percent before the County Convention on June 1st. At that time, whatever our strength is will be reported to National and that is the number that will be used when addressing Congress regarding our benefits. As of this newsletter, 92 percent of our members have renewed their membership for 2019. The more current members we have, the louder our voice in Washington will be! You can pay your dues by mailing them in, on line at <http://www.legion.org/renew>, or bringing your dues to the Post. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so. Let us know if you or someone you know needs help.

Auxiliary News

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. This is a busy meeting night with a Memorial Service, followed by the initiation of our 2019-2020 Auxiliary Officers, followed by our regular meeting. We hope to see you all there!

For God and Country,
Kacy Friedler, Secretary

2019 – 2020 Post Officers

As required by the Post Constitution & By-Laws, an election of Post Officers was conducted on April 10, 2019 with the following results:

Commander	John Compitello
1 st Vice Commander	Alan Purdy
2 nd Vice Commander	Ray Torres
3 rd Vice Commander	Ray Pipitone
Finance Officer	Kevin Hermev
Adjutant	Les Bowens
Sergeant at Arms	Del Young
Chaplain	Tim Tysall

Officers will be installed at the General Meeting, Wednesday, May 8, 2019. Everyone is invited to a "Meet Your Post Officers" with a spaghetti dinner following the meeting.

Donations Needed

On May 4, 2019, Auxiliary member Michelle Lentine will have her birthday party at our Post home. Michelle has chosen to use her birthday party to collect donations to make care packs for local victims of Human trafficking.

Michelle has been collaborating with Rochester Regional Coalition Against Human Trafficking and local agencies to identify ways people can help. These care packs will be donated to appropriate services to be given to those who are rescued from trafficking situations.

Since the event will be hosted by Ely-Fagan, Michelle would like to invite post members to partner with her by collecting items for donation throughout the month of April till May 4th when the care packs will be made. The items that are being asked for donation are as follows:

Essentials for Care Packs for Adults & Children

Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Soap
Travel size shampoo, conditioner and lotion
Antibacterial wipes
Protein snack (e.g., granola bars or tuna kit)
Bottled water or juice box
Additional items that can be collected:
Journal or coloring books
Pens, pencils & crayons
Hairbrush
Lip balm
Tampons & panty liners
Socks
Ground coffee, filters, sugar packets, stir sticks, dried creamer, disposable cups
If anyone has any questions they can email Michelle @ palsadie@hotmail.com.

Memorial Walkway

We are waiting for the ground to warm up and dry a little before we put the new pavers in the walkway. If you ordered a paver before November, it will be in the Walkway by Memorial Day

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, or you can call and we will mail them to you.

Memorial Day 2019 Activities

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 desperately needed. Memorial Day is an excellent opportunity for us to show our community what we are capable of.

Memorial Day Grave Flagging

We flag all known veteran graves in Henrietta cemeteries in time for the Memorial Day celebration. Volunteers are needed for this noble function. This year we will meet at the Post on Monday, May 13th at 9:00 am. Volunteers are desperately needed!

Maplewood Cemetery

We will hold a ceremony at Maplewood Cemetery on Sunday, May 19th, at 9 am where we will read the names of our honored veterans who reported for their final muster. Everyone is invited to attend. Volunteers are needed for the Color Guard and Rifle Squad. The Color Guard and Rifle Squad are also needed for the ceremony at the Veterans Memorial.

Memorial Day Parade / Ceremony

The Memorial Day Parade is Sunday, May 19th. The parade will begin at 12:00 pm at the Rush-Henrietta Senior High School and end at the Henrietta Town Hall. After the parade there will be a brief ceremony at the Veterans Memorial to honor those who gave their lives for our country.

Open House

We will not have an Open House this time, instead we are partnering with the Town and having an old fashioned picnic behind the Recreation Center where we will be grilling Zweigle's hot dogs, serving them with a bag of chips and lemonade for \$1.00 a serving. The money we make will be donated to a Town charity. The post will be open immediately following the parade. Help is needed to set up, cook, serve and clean up afterwards.



Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in military service for the United States and is a federal holiday that is observed on the last Monday of May. As a federal holiday, most federal and state offices are closed and there are no mail deliveries on Memorial Day.

As Memorial Day always falls on a Monday, this creates a three-day break known as Memorial Day weekend. The Memorial Day weekend is seen as the unofficial start of summer, and as such, it is a popular holiday enjoyed with outdoor events and picnics.

Originally called Decoration Day, it is a day of remembrance for those who have died in military service for the United States. Many cities have laid claim to have begun Memorial Day, though President Johnson officially declared Waterloo N.Y. as the birthplace of Memorial Day in May 1966.

Memorial Day was celebrated on May 30 up to 1971 when the National Holiday Act of 1971, designated the last Monday in May to be Memorial Day.

Since the late 1950's, on the Thursday before Memorial Day, soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place American flags at each of the gravestones in Arlington National Cemetery. Red poppy flowers are also often placed near the graves. The tradition of the poppy comes from the poem, 'In Flanders Field', written in May 1915 by John McCrae after the Second Battle of Ypres. The poppy, which bloomed in battlefields during the first world war in Belgium and France, has become a symbol of remembrance and is a key element of the Remembrance Day observations in the UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Since 2001, the 'National Moment of Remembrance Act' has defined 3pm local time on Memorial Day as the National Moment of Remembrance.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
They mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard among the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Low and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields

May Sunday Breakfast

Will be on Sunday, May 5th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Order eggs any style, omelets, pancakes, potatoes, toast, bacon, sausage with orange juice, great coffee, or tea. You won't find a better breakfast deal in a friendlier atmosphere anywhere in the county! **Note: This is the last regular Sunday breakfast until October 6th.**

Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet

Our Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet will be May 12th, 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. Mothers eat free. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5, Children 5 & under free. Make Mom feel special on her Day and get a great meal at the same time!

Friday Fish Fry

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, 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)

Tuesday Night Dinner Menu

May 7, 5-7pm: Grilled London Broil: Marinated London Broil, Grilled to perfection, then thin-sliced and heaped on your plate with braised, seasoned potatoes and vegetable. With house salad, only **\$8.00**

May 14, 5-7pm: Macaroni & Cheese with Ham: A good helping of our homemade macaroni and cheese with sliced, smoked ham and vegetable. House salad included. **\$8.00**

May 21, 5-7pm: Fried Chicken: 4 pieces of delicious Fried Chicken, with potato salad, baked beans and cole slaw for only **\$8.00!**

May 28, 5-7pm: Beef on Weck Dinner: Sliced, tender, tasty slow-roasted beef on Kimmelweck with French fries and cole slaw (horseradish on side/on request) **\$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. Call us (585-334-8228) and we will have it ready when you get here.

Tuesday, May 28th is the last Tuesday Night Dinner until September 10th. Have a great summer and watch the newsletter for dinner specials this summer!

Monroe County Honor Guard

The Monroe County Honor Guard needs 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 John Compitello at 585-481-7360.

Summer Kitchen Operations

Starting after the May 5th Sunday Breakfast, Sunday breakfasts will stop until the first weekend in October. After the May 28th Tuesday night dinner, Tuesday night dinners will stop until September 10th. After the 31st Fish Fry, fish fries will be held twice a month on the first and third Fridays of June and July. After the July 19th Fish Fry, the next fish fry will be September 6th when they will return to the weekly schedule. This is being done to allow the kitchen personnel time to enjoy summer and recharge their batteries. During the month of August the kitchen will be shut down most of the time while much needed maintenance is performed.

Devil's Bar News

Beginning May 13th at 6:30 pm, we will have a horseshoe league every Monday night through July. Cost will be \$5.00 per player per night. There will be prizes at league end. Details to be hashed out at the first meeting on May 13th.

Bar Trivia Night will be Thursday, May 16, beginning at 7 pm. The cost is \$5.00 a person to play, with leading team at halftime getting a free draft beer or well drink at half time and winners taking half the pot with the remainder being used for bar improvements.

Karaoke is on Saturday, May 18 beginning at 8 pm with DJ Paulie. Come join us for a rocking good time!

Wishing all moms a very happy Mother's Day!!

Who's Job is it?

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was a very important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 6:30 pm Wii Bowling	30 6:30 pm Euchre	1 7pm Weekly Drawing 7pm Exec Mtg	2 9 am T.O.P.S.	3 Fish Fry 7 pm Queen of Hearts	4
5 9-12 Sunday Breakfast	6 6:30 pm Horseshoe Tournament	7 5-7 pm Grilled London Broil 6:30 pm Euchre	8 6:45 SAL Meeting 7 pm Weekly Drawing 7:30 pm General Meeting	9 9 am T.O.P.S.	10 Fish Fry 7 pm Queen of Hearts	11
12 9am – 12pm Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet	13 6:30 pm Horseshoe Tournament	14 5-7pm Mac & Cheese Dinner 6:30pm Euchre 7 pm VFW Mtg	15 7 pm Weekly Drawing	16 9am T.O.P.S. 5pm Grill open 7pm MG Club 7pm Bar Trivia	17 Fish Fry 7 pm Queen of Hearts	18
19 Town Memorial Day Observed	20 6:30 pm Horseshoe Tournament	21 5-7pm Fried Chicken Dinner 7pm GOA Mtg 6:30 pm Euchre	22 7pm Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm Weekly Drawing	23 9 am T.O.P.S.	24 Fish Fry 7 pm Queen of Hearts	25
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