





# Ely-Fagan Post

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### **Post Commander**

Spring is here and our Sportsman Raffle is almost upon us. I continue to hear from members of our community how they look forward to our raffles each year. These are also our biggest fundraisers. It's not too late to sell or buy tickets, I keep promoting each member to buy one and sell one. If all members did this, we would sell half our tickets very quickly. Thank you to the members who volunteered to sell tickets at Field and Stream on weekends. At \$10.00 per ticket, this is one of the best deals in town.

Several of our members have hit a milestone, they have received a certificate of continuous membership from the National Commander. Joseph Holt, Jr 50 years and Lucien Morin and Harold Roeser each at 60 years. We appreciate their service to our country and their longstanding commitment to the legion and its programs!

The town supervisor would like to expand the veteran's memorial at the park. If anyone is interested in being a committee member to help with planning and design, please let me know. Kathy Callagee was on the committee that designed the current memorial and will be involved in this new project. I think it will be a great project and help show the community's appreciation for those who served.

There is a new slate of officers for the upcoming election, it's not too late to put your name in for an office if you are interested. Many of our current officers have served for years and would welcome a break. They would also be willing to help anyone who may be new to any of the positions. (continued on next page)

**Post Everlasting** 

Philip Dougherty US Army - Korea

Jack E. Hetrick USMC - WWII

# **American Legion Auxiliary President**

Spring is finally here! As we prep for warmer weather, planting, picnics and all the other wonderful warm weather activities, we as an Auxiliary are preparing for the end of our year. And there is much to do!!

Earlier in the month, several Auxiliary members presented Pluta with a check for \$2,500. All money donated will be used for their new 2<sup>nd</sup> floor center. Their 2<sup>nd</sup> floor houses massages, exercise programs, yoga, music and art therapy and much, much more. It is fully funded by donations and costs the patients nothing. If you are in the area, I would encourage you to stop by and take a look!

We have our District Spring Conference in Phelps on May 4<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in attending, please let me know within the next couple of weeks as we have to send registration in shortly. For those not interested in or unable to attend Conference, there is a fundraiser event at the Post on May 4<sup>th</sup> to benefit victims of human trafficking. Donations and/or help packing boxes would be appreciated.

At our March meeting, we selected our scholarship recipient, Lilly Oliver. She is a very bright and active young lady and was our Girls State attendee last year. When she visited us in September, Lily expressed an interest in Biology Research. We will be presenting the scholarship to her in a couple of months.

In March, we also had the pleasure of welcoming our new Auxiliary members with a meal and initiating them into the Auxiliary. In addition, we also welcomed several transfers. What a wonderful night and meeting! Thanks to Kevin and his crew for a delicious meal and great service.

Reminder . . . the Spring Sportsman's Raffle is April 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. If you are not interested in volunteering, please come out to support the Post and enjoy all the festivities.

Finally, it's time to look ahead to the upcoming Auxiliary year. We will be having nominations and election of officers at our April meeting. If you are interested in an office, please reach out to me. Also, I am starting to look at committee chairman for the upcoming year. If you are interested in working with a committee, please let me know.

#### Post Commander (continued from page 1)

Since I have been involved with our post membership has stayed steady, we are very fortunate as other posts have had membership decline and the county is closing about 4 posts this year. Overall in our district membership has declined. In WW I, when the legion was formed, we had over 4.7 million veterans, WW II we had 16.2 million, Korea 5.7 million, Vietnam 8.7 million, Desert Storm 2.3 million and we currently have about 1.3 million people serving now. As you can see our veteran pool is declining and many of our members are older. When I'm out and about I constantly ask veterans and other people if they are a member. Most people are qualified for the Sons or Auxiliary and aren't aware that they are eligible to join. We must continue to recruit to keep the legion and our post strong to support veterans and community programs.

#### FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

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# **April Meetings**

The Executive Committee meets April 3rd at 7 pm. Rice-Hallick VFW Post meets at 7 pm April 9th. Sons of the American Legion meet at 6:45 pm on April 10th. The American Legion General Meeting is at 7:30 pm on April 10th. A light meal will be served. Gun Owners of America meets Tuesday, April 16th at 7 pm. The MG Club meets Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 pm on April 24<sup>th</sup> in the Hall. Wii Bowling meets each Monday at 6:30 pm. 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

As of this newsletter, 90 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 <a href="http://www.legion.org/renew">http://www.legion.org/renew</a>, 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.

#### **Memorial Walkway**

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. Pavers ordered by March 15<sup>th</sup> will be placed in the walkway by Memorial Day.

#### **ALA President (continued)**

I want to close by saying a BIG THANK YOU to all the unit members for their support and endorsing me as a candidate for the office of 7<sup>th</sup> District President 2019-20. I am looking forward to running, and if elected, will dedication and honor.

#### For God and Country

Sandy Seacat 585-622-0972 seacatala2@yahoo.com

## **Auxiliary News**

Our next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Nominations for Officers for the 2019-2020 term are now being received by Kacy Friedler. If you are interested in any office, please let Kacy Friedler know before April 24, 2019, so she can present the nominations to the Auxiliary (text or call 585-455-1804). The Officers will be voted on and sworn in at our May meeting, Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Membership: By now most have paid their 2018-2019 dues and we thank you. If you have not paid your dues or aren't sure if you have, please give Kathy Callagee, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, a call and she will be glad to help you. 585-334-0786.

As Community Service Committee Chair, I would like to thank Ely-Fagan American Legion Family for their help and support at the Pink the Post for Pluta. We were pleased to give our donation to the Executive Director at Pluta as an Auxiliary Group on Friday, March 8, 2019 in the sum of \$2,500.00! We can't wait to do it again next year. Thank you again for supporting us. Attached is a list of our generous businesses that gave a donation for our event and raffles.

The Auxiliary is happy to announce that our very own President, Sandy Seacat, will be running for 7<sup>th</sup> District Vice President. We are happy to back President Sandy Seacat in her election process. The Officers are voted on at our Convention to be held in Buffalo, New York, July 17, 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Best of luck to you, President Sandy Seacat.

#### For God and Country,

Kacy Friedler, Secretary

# Time to Bring Sportsman Raffle Tickets Back to Post As Soon As Possible!

If you signed out Spring Sportsman Raffle Tickets to sell, it is time to bring any money and unsold tickets back to the Post so they can be sold at the Devil's Bar and have at the door on the day of the raffle. Doing so will also give us an idea of how many tickets have been sold and help us plan what we need to do to have a successful raffle. Thank you for your effort. Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of their post!

#### **Donations Needed**

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

Michelle has been collaborating with Rochester Regional Coalition Against Human Trafficking Trafficking and local agencies to idenify tangible ways for people to help this cause in our community. These care packs will be donated to human services, emergency shelters and local law enforcement to be distributed to those that are brought out of 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.

#### **Digital Legion**

A current scam is you get a phone call from a service that claims they fixed your computer some time ago and they have just discovered that your computer has been infected with a terrible virus which is set to destroy your hard drive and give up all your personal information. The caller says he can fix it, but needs permission to remotely access your computer. If you allow the caller to remotely access your computer, he will have access to all of your personal information. Don't ever allow any caller to remotely access your computer. Just hang up on them. If a tech support scammer contacts you, report it to the Federal Trade Commission. When you report a scam, the FTC can use the information to build cases against scammers.

## Spring 2019 Sportsman's Raffle

The Spring Sportsman Raffle will be held Saturday, April 27th, from 12 pm to 5 pm at the Post. Tickets are \$10.00 each and entitle the bearer to free food and beverage from 1 pm to 4 pm. You do not have to be present to win. All local, state, and federal laws will be adhered to. Winners will receive gift cards for the cost (including tax) of the prize that can be redeemed at the Field and Stream store at the Marketplace Mall. Bring in a non-perishable food item for the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal and be included in a raffle for a Coleman Road Trip LXE Gas Grill (\$150 value).

#### **PRIZES**

- 1. \$300.00 Cash
- 2. Fenwick Eagle GT Rod, Abu-Garcia Pro-Max Reel, Flambeau #400-C Bag
- 3. Henry Golden Boy .22 Cal
- 4. \$300.00 Cash
- 5. Fenwick HMX Rod, Pflueger Presidential Reel, Flambeau #400-C Bag
- 6. Perception Swifty Deluxe 9.5" kayak with paddle
- 7. Fenwick Eagle GT Rod, Abu-Garcia Pro-Max Reel, Flambeau #400-C Bag
- 8. \$300.00 Cash
- 9. Fenwick HMX Rod, Pflueger Presidential Reel, Flambeau #400-C Bag
- 10. Field & Stream 16 Gun Safe

Prizes are subject to change

There will be side raffles, pull tabs, a Chinese Auction, a 50/50 and last chance drawing. Tickets will be at the Devil's Bar. Volunteers will be selling tickets at Field & Stream on weekends. If you would like to volunteer to help, or if you have a question, contact Les Bowens, or Al Purdy at the Post. The Spring Sportsman Raffle is a major source of Post income. Please help support our Post!

#### **Hall Rentals**

Our Hall is available to rent from 10 am to 10 pm daily. Cost is \$175.00 with a \$100.00 security deposit. A contract is required. For more information call the post at 585-334-8228.

#### Wii Bowling League

Wii Bowling meets every Monday at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per bowler per night. This is the last month of Wii Bowling before the end of the season and our fabulous no holds barred dinner at Delmonicos. Wii Bowling will start the next season October 7<sup>th</sup>. The Wii bowling program has donated over \$5,000.00 to post projects since it started. Come join your old friends and make new friends and enjoy supporting your Post!

# **April Sunday Breakfast**

Will be on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Order eggs any style, omelets, pancakes, potatoes, toast, bacon and sausage with orange juice, great coffee, or tea. You won't find a better breakfast deal in a friendlier atmosphere anywhere in the county!

## 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**

**April 2, 5-7pm: Meatloaf Dinner:** Our classic meatloaf, with mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet corn and house salad. **\$8.00** 

**April 9, 5-7pm: Country Fried Steak:** A piece of delicious breaded, fried steak, with mashed potatoes & smokehouse gravy, Southern-style green beans and a house salad. **\$8.00** 

**April 16, 5-7pm: Sloppy Joe Night** Dinner includes a tasty, hot, healthy serving of delicious Sloppy Joe piled high on a fresh bun with sides of baked beans and homemade macaroni salad. \$8.00.

**April 23, 5-7pm: Beef Tips & Noodles:** Perfect for a cool spring evening! Includes a hot, healthy serving of tender & delicious sirloin beef tips in a special, savory sauce over a bed of buttered egg noodles, House Salad. **\$8.00** 

**April 30, 5-7pm: Stuffed Pork Chops:** A thick, tender, tasty, boneless pork chop, stuffed with stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable and house salad. **\$8.00**.

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

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.

# **National Do Not Call Registry**

Once you register your phone you should stop getting calls from telemarketers after 31 days. If they continue to call, you can file a complaint at <a href="www.donotcall.gov">www.donotcall.gov</a>. You can enroll your phone with the Do Not Call Registry by calling 1-888-382-1222 You must **call** from the **phone** number that you want to **register**.

#### **Devil's Bar News**

April is here and that means warmer weather will soon be upon us. When the warmer weather hits things tend to slow down here at the post, but the Devil's Bar will continue to try to be a great place to gather with friends.

We are hosting a Horseshoe Tournament every Monday during May, June and July, Sign up in the bar at 6:30 pm on Mondays for a 7pm start. There will be more information coming in the next newsletter. We will continue to have Bar Trivia, and Euchre will continue on Tuesdays. We will be showing movies in the Devil's Bar on Saturday nights starting in May. Check the May newsletter for movies and times. If you have a suggestion, please tell the bartender!

This month we will have Karaoke on April 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 pm and Bar Trivia on April 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 pm.

We have three new bartenders, Liz, Ann and Jake. Stop by on their nights and welcome them.

#### College Scholarship Applications Due April 28

The Post awards two \$600 college scholarships annually to deserving high school seniors who have been accepted by an approved institution of higher learning. Applicants are required to compose a 500-word essay on Americanism and submit the application and essay to be received no later than April 28, 2019. Applicants do not have to be members of the Post 1151 Legion Family or residents of Henrietta. Scholarship recipients receive their checks at the June General meeting where they will read their essays. This is an excellent opportunity to get extra money for school. Applications and information can be obtained from Ray McCormick by email at relkm1@yahoo.com or by calling him at 585-764-9548.

#### 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.

Our next Meat Raffle will be on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5 pm with the first spin of the wheel at 6pm. We have a new format and it is an improvement over our last raffle.

# **April 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:30 pm Wii Bowling	5-7pm Meatloaf Dinner 6:30 pm Euchre	7pm Weekly Drawing 7pm Exec Mtg	9 am T.O.P.S.	Fish Fry 7 pm Queen of Hearts	RHAA Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
7	8	9	<b>10</b> 6:45 SAL	11	12	13
9-12 Sunday Breakfast	6:30 pm Wii Bowling	5-7 pm Country Fried Steak 6:30 pm Euchre 7 pm VFW Mtg	Meeting 7 pm Weekly Drawing 7:30 pm General Meeting	9 am T.O.P.S.	Fish Fry 7 pm Queen of Hearts	
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# RHAA Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at The American Legion Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 11am

\$7 per person at the door or with tix from a RHAA Board Member Ely-Fagan Post 1151 260 Middle Road, Henrietta NY 14467

