



The Post

Post Commander

We had our first official meeting as the Ely-Fagan – Stevens-Connor Post, we definitely had a few more attendees than at our previous meetings. If you would like to attend a future meeting and need a ride don't hesitate to call for assistance.

We also had our first corporate meeting of the combined organization and voted in a new slate of officers and by-laws. The new officers are myself, Paul Davis, Rose Rossi-Williams, Dan Lindsay and Joe Henneky. The board will provide corporate updates as meetings take place.

Speaking of improvements, the painting is completed with the finishing of the ceilings. Thank you to Kevin Hermeay and Ray Torres for devoting their time and effort along with following up with the contractors to ensure we get quality work at a reasonable price. And thank you to Tom Sesock for his work in the ladies' room.

This month we are having another meat raffle. Kevin Hermeay has put a lot of work into these and they have raised a good amount of funds for our post. Our first one was on a Saturday and was the most successful so the next one will also be on a Saturday. Come on out that night and have some fun with us.

Thank you to Tim Tysall, Al Purdy, Dan Scurlock and Gary Junge. Gary has a great relationship with Crosman Corporation, they have been very generous in donating air guns for us to raffle. These guys spent time at the local gun show and raised quite a bit raffling off some air guns and a big thank you to Gun Owners of America (GOA) for letting us use some of their table space!

Our post continues to be very active and supportive of many different groups in our area. I've said it before and I'll say it again, all our members should be proud of the work we do.

For the Good of the Legion.

John Compitello
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Auxiliary President

Our big community service fundraiser, "Pink the Post," is set for Saturday, February 8th from 5p-7p. This is the third year for this event. We have a spaghetti dinner (\$10), lots of raffles and the juniors paint pinkies pink for \$1. Last year we were able to raise \$2500 for the Pluta Cancer Center. We hope to exceed that this year. We are always in need of volunteers both junior and senior members. Please come out to support this wonderful event.

Our Mid-Winter conference was held in Albany this past weekend. With 428 registered attendees, it was a fun and informative weekend. Committee chairmen had tables of information and were on hand to answer questions. We were treated to an excellent active shooter training on Friday and a phenomenal motivational speaker on Saturday. In celebration of our 100th birthday, we had a fashion show on Friday with each District representing fashion from a different decade. Even National President, Nicole Clapp, got into the spirit and was decked out for the fashion show!!

Our Department juniors held their own meeting and elected officers. Their service project was packing bags for homeless veterans with personal care items. They packed 208 bags over the weekend. In addition, they made and sold poppy ornaments to raise money for the National President's project. They raised \$300 through this sale. They also raised money for the Department President's project. What great future leaders we have!!

Remember, a title doesn't make you a leader. In the words of motivational speaker Kelly Merbler, "This isn't microwave leadership. This isn't instant gratification. This is crockpot stuff. It takes time."

For God and Country

Sandy Seacat, President
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Chaplain's Corner

If someone in our Legion family is ill, or passes, please contact me with the information and I will ensure they are properly honored by the post. Tim Tysall, Post Chaplain, 585-334-8578

Post Everlasting

Dick Andrus
US Navy Vietnam

Rich Kolady
US Navy Vietnam

VFW Commander

We have scheduled a corporate meeting that will be held at 6:30 on February 11th. This is 30 minutes prior to our general meeting at 7 pm. We hope to see you there.

With the Rush and Henrietta Legion merger, we are now awarding three \$1,000.00 scholarships between the Legion and VFW. This will benefit local seniors as they head off to further their education. All of the past recipients have been impressive with their scholastic achievements and enthusiasm for success. It has been a great pleasure to present the awards and listen to their essays.

As always, if you have a need please get in touch with us. Rochester and Monroe County have numerous resources to help veterans in need.

In Comradeship

John Compitello
Commander
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Post Corporation Meeting Report

The corporations of Ely Fagan Post 1151 Inc. and Stevens-Connor Inc. having legally merged as of; 1 October 2019, convened the first annual meeting of the Rush-Henrietta Post Inc. The meeting was called to order and presided over by John Compitello. Two items of business were on the agenda; the approval/disapproval of the new corporate by-laws and the election of trustees. First, the by-laws were passed unanimously, immediately followed by the election of 5 Trustees. The slate of nominees was also elected unanimously.

Following the first annual Rush-Henrietta Post Inc. meeting, the new Board of Trustees convened to determine new officer positions and duration of service as prescribed by Section 5.2 of the Corp. By-laws. The length of initial terms were set by drawing lots. The officer positions were set by volunteering for specific positions and subsequent consensus approval of the trustees present. The Inaugural Board of Trustees for Rush Henrietta Post Inc. is set as follows:

President – John Compitello (3 year)
Vice President – Rose Rossi-Williams (1 year)
Secretary – Joe Hennekey (2 years)
Treasurer – Dan Lindsay (2 years)
Trustee at large – Paul Davis (1 year)

Hopefully the merger of Ely-Fagan and Stevens-Connor corporations will be as productive for the Rush-Henrietta community as it was groundbreaking in terms of the American Legion changing demographic. Corporate foundations of active Posts provide financial opportunities and protections beyond the scope of simple not-for-profit organizations. Every member is encouraged to participate in corporation business as much as the day-to-day operations of the Post.

Auxiliary News

If you have not yet paid your dues for the year 2019 – 2020, your dues are now overdue. Please keep your membership in good standing. Please help Auxiliary 2nd Vice, Kathy Callagee, collect all dues for 2020. If you are unsure if your dues have been paid yet, give Kathy Callagee a call. She will be glad to look up your membership status and help with any questions you may have. Senior dues \$28.00 and Junior dues \$8.00. Please mail your dues to Kathy Callagee 65 Authors Ave, Henrietta, NY 14467. Her phone number is 334-0786.

PINK THE POST is fast approaching. My Committee is working hard at collecting food donations as well as basket donations from around the town and County for our event. If you have something you'd like to add to our raffle, please let us know. We will be glad to accept your donation and add to our array of baskets and gift certificates. Tickets are now available \$10.00 for spaghetti, meatballs, salad and bread. There will be tickets at the bar. The silent auction tickets will be for sale at the event. Tickets are \$10.00 for 25 tickets. We were able to raise \$2,500 for the Pluta Cancer Center. We hope to see you all there to help us raise more to give to Pluta this year. Thank you all for your support for this event!

Our next regular Auxiliary meeting will be Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

For God and Country,
Kacy Friedler
Secretary

Good of the Legion

Al Purdy & Tim Tysall raffled three air rifles at the Rochester Gun Show held at the Dome Arena, earning over \$1,800.00 for the post in two short days. Major thanks to Gary Junge for getting Crosman Corporation to donate the air rifles.

Building Committee Forming

A Building Committee is being formed to assess our needs & capabilities and come up with a growth plan for our post. If you are interested in being a part of this very important committee, Please call John Compitello at 585-481-7360.

Pink the Post! February 8th

The Auxiliary will be hosting our 3rd annual Pink the Post for Pluta Cancer Center Foundation Spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 5 to 7 p.m. We have been collecting donations from local businesses for our side auction and will be offering some great items for our side auction. We are looking forward to another successful event! The Spaghetti Dinner will be salad, bread, pasta with sauce & meatballs for \$10.00 a plate, dine in or take out. Call ahead and we'll have it ready when you arrive.

Fall Sportsman's Raffle

The 2020 Spring Sportsman Raffle will be Saturday, April 25th from 12 pm to 5 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each and include food and beverage from 1 pm to 4 pm. There will be two Early Bird Drawings, on March 1st and April 1st at 6 pm in the Devil's Bar. You do not have to be present to win. All local, state, and federal laws will be adhered to. With the exception of the Barnett Crossbow and the Pelican Trailblazer Kayak, instead of the actual prize, winners will receive gift cards for the cost (including tax) of the prize that can be redeemed at the Sportsman's Warehouse store at the Marketplace Mall or online. Bring in a non-perishable food item for the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal (R.H.A.F.T.) and be included in a raffle for a Coleman Road Trip LXE Gas Grill (\$150 value).

The main prizes are:

1. \$200.00 Cash
2. Fenwick Eagle Rod, Pflueger President Reel & Plano waist pack.
3. Barnett Crossbow
4. \$500.00 Cash
5. Pelican Trailblazer Kayak
6. Henry Golden Boy .22 cal
7. Fenwick Eagle Rod, Pflueger President Reel & Plano waist pack.
8. \$200.00 Cash
9. Vital Impact 16 Gun Fireproof Safe
10. Fenwick/Pflueger Fly Fishing Package with 10 Assorted Flies

Prizes subject to Change

There will be side raffles, pull tabs, a 50/50 and last chance drawing. Tickets are available at the Devil's Bar and volunteers will be selling tickets at Sportsman's Warehouse and Pep Boys at Marketplace Mall on weekends. If you send a check made out to Ely-Fagan Post 1151, your tickets will be sent the same day. We need help selling tickets! If you would like to volunteer to help call Les Bowens, 585-334.8228.

Post Meat Raffle

Our Winter Meat Raffle will be on Saturday, February 22, 2019, doors open at 5 pm, first spin at 6pm, last spin no later than 9 pm. Prime Rib, Strip Loins, Pork Loins, chicken, Beef Roasts, surf & turf, shrimp and full meal packages will be raffled. Tickets will cost \$1.00 to \$5.00, depending on the prize. The winning ticket number will be determined by spinning a prize wheel. The public is welcome. Volunteers are needed. For more info, call Kevin Hermey at 585-746-8450.

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. For more information contact Ray Torres, at 585-737-8976.

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!

February Sunday Breakfast

Will be on Sunday, February 2nd from 9 am to 12 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!

All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes Supper

The Tuesday Night Dinner on Tuesday, February 25th will be Pancakes & Sausage. For \$5.00, you get a stack of 3 pancakes and 2 sausage patties. You can have all of the pancakes you want after that, but additional sausage will be \$2.00 for 2 sausage patties.

Tuesday Night Dinner Menu

February 4, 5-7 pm: Beef Tips & Noodles Perfect for a cold winter's night! The menu 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 and bread for only **\$9.00**

February 11, 5-7 pm: Sloppy Joe Night Dinner includes a tasty, hot, delicious Sloppy Joe piled high on a fresh bun with sides of baked beans and homemade macaroni salad. All that and dessert, too for only **\$9.00**

February 18, 5-7 pm: Spaghetti & Meatballs / Italian Sausage. Thin pasta, smothered in our classic secret sauce, with your choice of meatballs and/or Italian sausage! House salad & toasted garlic bread included for only **\$9.00!** (extra meat is \$2.00 more).

February 24, 5-7 pm: Pancakes and Sausage Dinner A stack of hot buttery pancakes and two sausage patties. Eat as many pancakes as you like for **\$5.00!** (Additional sausage is \$2.00 more)

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.

2020 Membership Drive

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do. If you or someone you know needs help, please let us know. If you have a question please contact Ray McCormick at 585-764-9548.

American Legion Boys State

American Legion Boys State is one of the most respected educational programs for high school students. Boys State was founded in 1935 to teach young men the benefits of citizenship. At Boys State, boys learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. Training centers on the structure of local and state governments. Run by students elected to various offices, activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, and recreational programs. This year, Boys State will be June 22 - July 2 at Morrisville College in Morrisville, NY. Our Post selects at least one deserving high school junior to attend the program and pays the tuition. To be eligible for the program, individuals must be a Junior in high school, be in the top 50% of males in his class and may be attending public, private or home school. For further information, please contact Ray McCormick at 585-764-9548

Monroe County Honor Guard

The Monroe County Honor Guard constantly needs new members. The Honor Guard currently renders honors at more than 100 veterans funerals each year. Some times the Honor Guard has to deny support requests because they don't have enough people to provide the support. If you can volunteer one day a month, or once a week, or one weekend a month, it would surely help. If you would like more information please contact John Compitello at 585-481-7360.

2020 Post Officer Elections

We will nominate fellow Legionnaires to serve as officers for the Post for the 2020 – 2021 cycle during the March 11th General meeting. Elections will be held in April with installation in May. Any member in good standing is eligible to hold any office. If you are interested and have questions refer to the Post By-laws or speak with a post officer. Post officers are required to attend all monthly Executive Committee meetings, General meetings, and all major post functions..

CPR/AED Training

If you are interested in attending a CPR AED certification class contact Kevin at Elyfaganpost1151@gmail.com . When we have enough folks interested we can schedule a Saturday. No charge for residents of Henrietta, Chili and Wheatland.

Memorial Walkway

Memorial Walkway pavers are meant to honor past & present members of the Ely-Fagan American Legion Family, and military veterans. The pavers are \$75.00 each and have 3 lines with 15 characters per line for the individual's information. Order forms are available at the Post. If you have questions about the pavers or the Walkway, please call Liz Kain at 585-966-9099.

The Veterans Outreach Center Needs Our Help!

The Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) helps all veterans with life & employment skills and finding jobs. This is a very important part of what they do. Ask any veteran who has sought help from the VOC.

If you have any gently used, clean adult clothing and / or shoes you don't need, please donate it to the VOC. We have a box labeled "Veterans Outreach Center Clothing Donations" in the hall by the refrigerator for your convenience. If you have questions contact Sandy Junge at 585-729-3315.

Devil's Bar News

- Party on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2nd. Bring a dish to pass.
- Karaoke with Cody, February 8th 7-11 pm.
- Open mic is February 27th, 6:30 -9 pm. Kitchen will be open.
- Check Facebook/website for the next Trivia Night
- We have Hot Dogs for \$2 and Pizzas for \$3.
- Stop in & sign up for our weekly drawing.

Please support your post!

Wii Bowling League

Wii Bowling meets every Monday at 6 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per bowler per night. Wii bowling has donated over \$5,000.00 to post projects since it began.

College Scholarship Applications Due April 24

The Ely-Fagan-Stevens-Connor Post 1151 and Rice-Hallick Post 5465, through their Veterans Scholarship Fund, award three \$1000.00 college scholarships annually to high school seniors who have been accepted by an institution of higher learning. Applicants must be students at Rush-Henrietta High School or related to a member of the post and must compose a 500-word essay on Americanism or the Second Amendment. Submit application to Ray McCormick, 6 Gatehouse Trail, Henrietta, NY 14467, to be received no later than April 24th. Scholarships are awarded at the June meeting. Applications and information can be obtained from Ray McCormick by email at relkm1@yahoo.com or by calling him at 585-764-9548.

Jimmy O's Filler for February

We've been talking for a while about an, additional building or an addition. I'm interested to see what the building committee comes up with. I still think we ought to make a 3 hole miniature golf course. Maybe a putting green.

We lost our Tuesday night dinner cook and everyone has pulled together to keep the dinners going. If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions, please speak to the cook or Ray Torres. Please support these very necessary fund raising meals. Happy trails to you . . .

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 am Sunday Breakfast	3 6:30 Wii Bowling 7pm Scouts	4 A 5pm Beef Tips & Noodles 6:30 pm Euchre	5 7pm Post Exec Comm Mtg	6 9am T.O.P.S.	7 D 4pm Fish Fry 7pm Queen of Hearts	8 5pm Pink the Post 7pm Karaoke
9 BACA Mtg	10 6:30 Wii Bowling 7pm Scouts	11 J 5pm Sloppy Joe Dinner 6:30 pm Euchre 7pm VFW Mtg	12 6:45pm S.A.L. Meeting 7:30 Post General Meeting	13 9am T.O.P.S. 7pm MG Club Meeting	14 K 4pm Fish Fry 7pm Queen of Hearts	15
16	17 6:30 Wii Bowling 7pm Scouts	18 H 5pm Spaghetti & Meatballs / Italian Sausage 6:30pm Euchre 7pm GOA Mtg	19 7pm Auxiliary Meeting	20 9am T.O.P.S. 6pm Scouts	21 R 4pm Fish Fry 7pm Queen of Hearts	22 Meat Raffle
23	24 6:30 Wii Bowling 7pm Scouts	25 L 5pm Pancakes & Sausage Dinner 6:30 pm Euchre 7pm MCHG Mtg	26 11am VBC Luncheon	27 9am T.O.P.S. 6:30pm Open Mike Night	28 D 4pm Fish Fry 7pm Queen of Hearts	29

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