

Post 880 News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Now that St. Patrick's week is over and Spring is here, events at the Legion will be starting soon. RV and boat storage should be removed April 1st, so work can begin in the beer barn/Annex.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is April 9th starting at 10:30 AM followed by the Easter egg hunt at approximately 1 PM.

Please check YOUR club room for upcoming events, also check out the new menu items.

Nominations and election of post officers for anyone interested will take place at our March 27th and April 24th meetings. Please note - in May we will be meeting on May 22nd at 7 PM due to Memorial Day.

Flag detail to decorate graves at local cemeteries is set for May 25th, meet at the post at 9 AM.

Memorial Day Services will be on May 29th at 10 AM at St. Mary's Cemetery. Please meet at the post by 9 AM. Parade assembly starts at 10:30 AM at Laing's Funeral Home parking lot and proceeds to the Eden Evergreen Cemetery at 11:00 AM.

God Bless America,
Jim Blidy
Post Commander



Tacos and chili are now offered on Mondays and Tuesdays at the Post. We also have new menus for Wednesday - Saturday as well. Stop in and check out the great selection or go online to www.post880.com and click on the 'From the Kitchen' tab to view the entire menu.



2016-2017 OFFICERS

LEGION

Commander	Jim Blidy
1st Vice Cdr.	Bob Weisedel
2nd Vice Cdr.	Juan Carias
3rd Vice Cdr.	Ken Franz
Finance Officer	Bob Reed
Adjutant	Bill Clark
Judge Advocate	Paul Pruchnicki
Sgt.-at-Arms	Bob Franz
Chaplain	Ron Smith
Historian	
Service Officer	Dick Casseri
Public Relations	Jim Trembath

AUXILIARY

President	Karen Ferguson
1st VP	Sharon Reilly
2nd VP	Lori Ranney
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	Grace Yingling
Sgt.-at-Arms	Dora Bowen
Chaplain	June Sercu
Historian	JoAnne Franz

SAL

Commander	Ken Szal
1st Vice Cdr.	Bob Reed
2nd Vice Cdr.	Larry Szal Jr.
Finance Officer	Mark Sisti
Adjutant	Joe Tutuska
Sgt.-at-Arms	Scot Christiansen
Chaplain	Wayne Mintz
Historian	Larry Clerc

GUESTS AND BOOSTERS

President	Bill Robison
Secretary/Membership	Bob Brueggeman
Treasurer	Jeff Winter

The deadline for the next issue of Post 880 News will be May 15, 2017.

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

THE SEASON OF LENT

"A Cross for Others"

Christianity will not be a walk in the park. Jesus tells us this in clear, certain language. The cross must be taken up every day. Everyone is challenged differently. We all know people who seem to face one crisis after another; one more illness, one more lost job, one more untimely death in their family. For those of us with fewer burdens, we need to understand that we are not absolved because our crosses are lighter. It is simply another sign from God that we turn our good fortune into our cross, a cross to share daily the pain and heartache of others, to help, to pray, to heal and to love. Like Simon of Cyrene, who helped Jesus carry the cross at Calvary, our Christianity depends on our willingness to take up the cross for others. (Paul Pennick)

We are all brothers and sisters in God's eyes. During this Lenten season, let us all help others with our prayers and love to carry their crosses.

With Blessings on your Lenten Journey,
Chaplain Ron Smith



NEWS FROM SAL

Hello Everyone,

Spring has sprung and we are gearing up for two big dates when looking at the Sons itinerary for the year. One is Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, to be held Sunday, April 9 from 10:30-12:30. Bring your children and grandchildren down to see the Easter Bunny, make a craft, and enjoy some great breakfast. Sausage, eggs, OJ and coffee are always on the menu, in fact, that's all that's on the menu, and are a crowd favorite. This is followed up by Post 880's Easter Egg Hunt. So come on down and enjoy the fun.

May 20 is our annual Sons of the American Legion Gun Raffle. Last year Mark Sisti won 3 awards for organizing the best gun raffle in the area, 2 shots of Jack and a Bud Light! Mark and Noelle work their butts off, along with a host of dedicated volunteers. The event runs from 4 - 9 pm. This year the prizes are bigger and better than ever, and the beer and roast beef sandwiches are plentiful. As always, we will have a Chinese auction, 2 - 50/50s, a 70/30, paddle wheel raffles, floor prizes, ticket prizes, the possibility of extra guns, and I'm sure there's more. I just can't remember all the great stuff we have for everyone that attends. See flyer on back page of this newsletter for a complete list. Tickets are available through Mark, myself, or any of the Sons. Just give us a call, or ask at the bar. There's always tickets to be had.

One final note, and a sad one it is. One of our members, Bill Bosinski, passed away last night. Bill was a fighter, and a dedicated member of the Sons of the American Legion. His wisdom, strong voice, and volunteerism will be sorely missed. On behalf of the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 880, let me offer our sincerest condolences to Bill's family and friends. May God bless you Bill.

May God bless our Post and our military, past, present, and future. And may God bless the United States of America.

Cdr. Kenneth D. Szal



AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

Our March Money Madness FUNdraiser was the most successful one to date. We had almost 100 items for our basket raffle this year! Thanks to all our members who pitched in and helped either behind the scenes selling tickets, making basket items for our raffle and helping with set up, to those who volunteered their time that day handling admissions, selling tickets for our various raffles (see Carrie modeling our Lottery Hat!), working in the kitchen, handing out basket raffle items, or recording winners and losers, I really appreciate everyone coming together to make it a great success. Special thanks to the Sons (and their better halves) for running the paddle wheel for us, to Mark Sisti for acting as our MC, and a tip of the hat to our bartenders, Bob Franz and Jim Trembath. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help. Thanks again.



Election of officers takes place at our next meeting on Monday, April 3rd. Executive board meets at 6:30 followed by our membership meeting at 7 pm. If anyone is interested in running for any office, please contact Barb Levulis at 649-2210 or Lori Ranney at 646-1204 and make your intention known.

We will be visiting with the vets at Eden Heights on Thursday, April 6 at 1:15. All are welcome to join us. In March we celebrated a birthday with one of the residents, George Thompson who is 93 years old. Pictured here is Debbie, Cindy and Rosie with George and the red/white/blue crocheted lap blanket we presented to him for his birthday. We also gave him a paracord bracelet in Army colors made by a veteran for a veteran.



George's daughter and their dog joined us for a little while too. We enjoyed coffee and cream puffs and a laugh or two.

GUESTS & BOOSTERS

Hello Legion Family,

The Guests and Boosters will not meet again until May 9. We will, however be available to help our fellow organizations in Post 880.



I was very sorry to learn that the Business Development Committee was disbanded. At some point I feel it should be brought back, it was a great concept. I know I missed meetings, as we all did, but the people of this committee were all very busy in other post activities. I for one would be willing to give it another try!

Talk to you all again next month.

God Bless our Troops & Veterans

Bill Robison

(Auxiliary News - continued)

On Sunday, April 30 at 2 pm, we are having a "Cheers to Monet" painting party at the Post. Cost is \$45 and includes step-by-step instruction of "American Sunset" (shown here) on a 12" x 16" canvas. One free drink from the bar is also included. Snacks will be provided or you can bring your own. This event is open to the public so tell your friends and family. You must register online by going to www.cheerstomonet.com and clicking on the 'Calendar' tab and the event on April 30. Seats are limited and deadline to register is April 14 so sign up now!



On Memorial Day, the Legion will have our annual services followed by a luncheon. Members are asked to provide side dishes, salads, and desserts to serve. They can be dropped off at the post anytime after 10 am on Memorial Day. Ladies, if you are planning on marching, please meet at the Post at 9 am.

If you have any questions on any of this information, please don't hesitate to call or text me at 716/870-2857.

For God and Country,

Karen Ferguson, Unit President

EDEN SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
SQUADRON No. 880



**8TH ANNUAL
GUN RAFFLE**

Saturday, May 20, 2017
4 pm - 9 pm
2912 Legion Dr. • Eden, NY 14057
(Behind Tim Hortons)

MAIN PRIZE DRAWINGS

1. Glock Gen 4, 9mm or 40 S&W
2. Savage 11 Trophy 308 Win
3. CVA Optima V2 Package
4. Mossberg Patriot 308 Win
5. Henry Lever 22LR Evil Roy
6. Remington 700 ADL 308 Win w/scope
7. Thompson Center Venture 270 Win
8. Winchester SXP 12GA Field
9. Ruger 10/22 Target 22LR
10. Traditions Pursuit G4 50Cal BP
11. Remington 870 EXP Combo 20 GA
12. Tristar Viper G2 Wood 12 GA
13. Mossberg SA-20 Muddygirl Semi
14. Ruger American 243 Win w/scope
15. CZ455 Ultralux 22LR

FLOOR RAFFLES



CHINESE AUCTION

50/50 RAFFLES

**FOR EVERY 40 TICKETS SOLD OVER 750
A GUN WILL BE ADDED TO MAIN PRIZES**

DELUXE DOOR PRIZES

1. Windham Weaponry SRC THD 223 Rem
(New York Compliant AR-15)
2. \$500.00 Cash Prize
3. \$500.00 Cash Prize

Entry tickets will be given at door.

DONATION:
\$20.00 PER TICKET
Proceeds will benefit
Veterans Related Services

TICKET INCLUDES:
Main Prize Drawings,
Food, Beer, Pop, Snacks

Winners of guns are subject to "NICS" check and have a valid NYS pistol permit to claim any pistol. If unable to pass, 70% of cost of gun will be given.

Calendar

April

- 3 - Auxiliary meeting and elections 7 pm
- 5 - Line Dance Lessons 7 pm
- 9 - Breakfast with Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt
- 12 Line Dance Lessons 7 pm
- 16 - Happy Easter - POST CLOSED
- 19 - Post Board Meeting/Line Dance Lessons 7 pm
- 24 - Post Membership Meeting
- 25 - SAL Meeting
- 26 - Line Dance Lessons 7 pm
- 30 - Cheers to Monet Painting Party 2 pm

May

- 1 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 3 - Line Dance Lessons 7 pm
- 10 - Line Dance Lessons 7 pm
- 14 - Don't forget about Mom! - Mother's Day
- 17 - Post Board Meeting/Line Dance Lessons 7 pm
- 20 - SAL Gun Raffle 4 - 9 pm
- 22 - Post Membership Meeting
- 24 - Line Dance Lessons 7 pm
- 25 - Flag Detail 9 am
- 29 - Memorial Day
- 30 - SAL Meeting
- 31 - Line Dance Lessons 7 pm

Sick Call

Terry Filbey - Select Specialty Hospital, Erie, PA
Glen Scheuneman - Gowanda Nursing Home
June Sercu

In Sympathy

Michael Anderson
Bill Bosinski
Richard Miller

*For illness or death notification, please call the
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Dick Casseri at 549-4975
Auxiliary Contact is Karen Ferguson 870-2857
SAL Contact is Wayne Mintz 941-3966*