

Post 880 News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

I hope everyone survived the snow and cold.

The upcoming months will be very busy around the legion. The new wheelchair ramps to be ADA compliant are on order and estimates to finish the parking lot paving around the whole Post have been received. We have applied for grants for these projects but now it's a waiting game. Just like in the Army, Hurry Up and Wait.

On Sunday, April 2 come and have breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. and an Easter Egg hunt at 1:00 pm.

April 4th is nomination and election of officers. A good showing of members would be nice.

May 2nd will be installation of officers.

Don't forget the SAL gun raffle May 6th which supports Veterans, families of veterans and the community.

Clean up around the Post will be needed with a date and time to be determined.

We applied for a parade permit for Memorial Day. Flags will be placed at grave sites, and along Main St. and Church St. tentatively scheduled for Thursday May 25th weather permitting. Followup will be Friday. Services will be 10 AM. at St. Mary's Cemetery, and at 11 AM. a parade from Laing's Funeral Home parking lot to Eden Evergreen Field of Honor (FOH).

June 6th general meeting at 7 PM. will be the last meeting for summer break until September 5th.

God Bless everyone

God Bless Our Service Men and Woman

Cmdr. Jim Blidy



2022 - 2023 OFFICERS

LEGION

Commander	Jim Blidy
1st Vice Cdr.	Bob Weisedel
2nd Vice Cdr.	Vinny Skoczylas
3rd Vice Cdr.	Ken Franz
Finance Officer	Bob Reed
Adjutant	Bill Clark
Judge Advocate	
Sgt.-at-Arms	Bob Franz
Chaplain	Jerry Kopryanski
Historian	Dennis Stender
Service Officer	Dick Casseri
Public Relations	Jim Trembath

AUXILIARY

President	Karen Ferguson
1st VP	Cindy Henry
2nd VP	Lori Ranney
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	Grace Yingling
Sgt.-at-Arms	Renee Hadley-Scott
Chaplain	Karen Pruchnicki
Co-Historians	JoAnne Franz & Rosemary Peters

SAL

Commander	Ken Szal
1st Vice Cdr.	Pat Pitillo
2nd Vice Cdr.	Mark Flowers
Finance Officer	Mark Sisti
Adjutant	Joe Tutuska
Sgt.-at-Arms	Scot Christiansen
Chaplain	Wayne Mintz
Co-Chaplain	Jonathan Bauer
Historian	

GUESTS AND BOOSTERS

President	Bill Forness
Membership	Paul Marcin
Secretary/Treasurer	Jeff Winter

Karen Ferguson
3099 Milford Terrace
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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Spring at Last?

Perhaps some of you read the quote from Mark Twain that was posted in the Laing Ad in this week's Penny Saver. It states, "In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of twenty-four hours."



I can't help but think that the quote was inspired during the time Twain spent in Buffalo from 1869-1871. I'm sure many of us are tired of, what seems to be, an endless winter. Yet, we hope that Spring will eventually arrive with flowers appearing, the sweet song of Robins and warmer weather.

After such a long and dreary winter as the face of the earth is being renewed we too are called to be renewed in spirit and our commitment to God, family and country. As we enter the Easter season we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Savior and the gifts He has given us...the freedom to worship...the freedom of speech...the freedom to vote. I ask that we use those freedoms for the good of all.

Let us pray for continued blessings, for our families and neighbors and all those who serve to protect us from harm.

A very happy Easter to you, and all your loved ones.

God bless,

Chaplain Jerry K.

NEWS FROM SAL

Hello all,

The Sons are coming into a very busy spring and summer season. We are seeing a few new faces at meetings and events but many more are needed. Come join us, give back to your community, Post, and Veterans by doing your part. Give me a call if you have any questions at 716-498-0560.



Our next event is Breakfast with the Easter Bunny which takes place Sunday, April 2, from 10:30-12:30. Many hands are needed to help this event move along smoothly.

If you can't help out bring your children or grandchildren down to the Legion hall and enjoy a great and inexpensive breakfast. And watch the children's faces light up when they see the Easter Bunny and get a chance to get their picture taken on The Easter Bunny's lap.

Our next event is our biggest fundraiser of the year, the annual Gun Raffle. Tickets may be purchased at the Post or by calling our chairman, Mark Sisti at 716-868-7509, or me at 716-498-0560. Call me if you would like to volunteer. Our 2 shifts are 3-6 and 6-9. Mark guarantees this is the best prize package we have ever put together so at \$20 per ticket you can't go wrong.

Our Post annual golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, August 25. Additional details will follow.

That's all for now. I'll see you at the post.

May God bless our country, may God bless our Veterans, may God bless our Post.

Kenneth D. Szal
Cdr. Squadron 880

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

Happy Spring! We had a successful March Money Madness FUNdraiser despite the lower attendance than previous years. Thank you to all who supported our event by either buying or selling tickets and also your donations of items for our basket raffle and especially to those who volunteered and helped out that day. Special thanks to Jim Ranney for filling in for Mark Sisti who was stranded in New Jersey! Mark and Noelle actually came and helped out as soon as they arrived in town - now that's dedication to our Post! Thanks so much to all!



We will hold election of officers at our April 11th meeting. If you are interested in running for any office, please contact our nominating committee - Barb Levulis at 716-982-9883 or Lori Ranney at 716-598-0518. Nominations from the floor will also take place the night of our meeting.

Our visit with the vets at Eden Heights will be on Thursday, April 13 from 1:30-2:30 in the activities room. If you would like to join us, simply show up at Eden Heights Assisted Living Center at 1:15. We serve coffee and cookies and share stories or conversation with the guys for an hour. It might not seem like much but I think they look forward to our visit....or maybe it's Lori's cookies!

On May 18 & 19 we will be distributing poppies. Barb Caffery is our poppy chairman once again and she will need volunteers to sign up for an hour to distribute poppies outside of Rite Aid/Eden Shurfine.

The Sons are having their annual gun raffle on Saturday, May 6 and will need volunteer help that day. They helped us with our fundraiser so it's only right that we return the favor.

This year our Memorial Day service will return to our regular program including the roll call of deceased veterans. We heard from several people last year that they look forward to hearing the name of their loved one so we are prepared to play the recording this year. We will also present awards to our essay winners. Ordinarily we introduce our candidates for Empire Girls State at the Memorial Day service but none of the eligible girls expressed an interest in participating so we are not sponsoring any girls this year.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter.

For God and Country,

Karen Ferguson
Unit President

March Money Madness FUNdraiser volunteers and attendees



Above: Jeanne Guenther, Rosie Peters Dora Bowen and Carrie Bowen selling tickets

Below: Sue Kruszynski, Cindy Henry, Jim Ranney, Renee Hadley-Scott, Terri Lester and Shirley Hadley



A big shout out goes to Jim Blidy, Dave Daurelio and Bill Clark for recent repairs done at the Post. Floor tiles have been replaced in the entrance and behind the bar and in some areas, new subfloor was installed. Jim and Dave spent the better part of a day this week making repairs to a leaky sink in the kitchen. Another project on the "to-do list" is to replace lights in the back hall with the help of a 12' wobbly ladder. This is just a small example of work that "magically" gets done with little or no recognition. On any given day you can find one or two of our dedicated members volunteering their time to upkeep the building and grounds and keep things running smoothly and functioning well.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO STEP UP AND HELP OUT

Don't forget to get your gun raffle tickets !

<p>Eden Sons of the American Legion Squadron 880</p> <p>14TH ANNUAL GUN RAFFLE</p> <p>2912 Legion Drive • Eden, NY 14057 (Behind Tim Hortons)</p> <p>Saturday, May 6, 2023 • 4-8 PM</p> <p>\$20.00 PER TICKET</p> <p>Ticket Includes: Main Prize Drawings, Food, Refreshments, Pop & Snacks</p> <p>Additional Tickets Available at Post 880 or Call: Mark 716-868-7509 or Ken 716-498-0560 VENMO @Mark-Sisti-01</p> <p>For every 75 tickets sold over 750, a gun will be added to the Main Prizes</p> <p>MAIN PRIZE DRAWING</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tristar Viper G2 Silver SGA 12 ga. 5+1 28" Barrel or \$365.00 2. Glock G48 9mm Pistol 10+1 Black Finish or \$310.00 3. Remington 870 Field 12 ga. 28" Barrel or \$310.00 4. Mossberg SA-20 ga. w/20" Barrel 4+1 Blued Black Finish w/ Fixed Pistol Grip or \$300.00 5. Tristar Viper G2 Bronze SGA 12 ga. 28" Barrel or \$425.00 6. Savage Arms 110 6.5 Creedmoor 24" Barrel 4+1 Detachable Box Mag or \$425.00 7. Bergara BMR 22LR Bolt Action Rifle, Matte Blued Black/Grey Speckled Stock or \$320.00 8. Killer Instinct Burner 415 Cross Bow Package w/ DSC Crank 9. Ruger American Predator Rifle 350 Legend 22" Barrel or \$310.00 10. Sauer Classic XT 6.6 Creedmoor 5+1 22" Barrel or \$430.00 11. Remington 700 SPS 308 4+1 24" Barrel or \$430.00 12. Winchester SXP Hybrid Hunter 12 ga. 4+1 28" Barrel Flat Dark Earth/Realtree Finish 3 Chokes or \$240.00 13. Savage Arms Tactical 300 Win Mag 5+1 24" Barrel or \$440.00 14. Mossberg 590 Tactical 12 ga. 6+1 18.5" Barrel or \$280.00 15. Savage Arms Ultra Lite 308 Win 4+1 22" Carbon Fiber Wrapped Barrel or \$650.00 <p>No: 1208</p> <p>S.A.L. Squadron 880 Gun Raffle • 5/6/23</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p><small>Seller of winning ticket will receive \$20 Gift Card from John Henrich & Company. Place Seller Information on back.</small></p>		<p>DELUXE CASH DOOR PRIZES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$500.00 Cash Prize 2. \$500.00 Cash Prize <p>ENTRY TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE DOOR</p> <p>FLOOR RAFFLES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2 Sets of 10 Extra Main Prize Tickets 2. Ruger American 270 Win 22" Barrel w/Vortex Scope 3. Gun Safe 4. Savage Arms Bolt 22 LR 18" Barrel 10+1 Timber Hardwood Laminate Stock 5. Killer Instinct Burner 415 Cross Bow Package w/ DSC Crank 6. Glock G19 Compact MOS 9mm 10+1 Black Finish 7. Henry Golden Boy 22 LR 20" Barrel Wood Stock <p>Bundle packages will be sold at the door for Floor Raffles</p> <p>SPONSORS</p> <p>JOHN HENRICH COMPANY INC. Custom Gunsmith • Fine Firearms & Accessories "A full service shop for the sportsman & woman" 2686 Green Street, Eden, NY 14057 716-992-3985 • JohnHenrich.com</p> <p>towne CHEVY BUICK CADILLAC Route 62 • North Collins, NY 14111 (716) 337-4700 • townechevbuickcadillac.com</p> <p><small>Winners of guns are subject to NICS check and must have a valid NYS Pistol Permit to claim any pistol. Winners need not be present to Win Main Raffles</small></p> <p>Proceeds will Benefit Veterans Related Services</p> <p>S.A.L. Squadron 880 Gun Raffle • 5/6/23</p> <p>SELLER INFORMATION</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p>
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Calendar

April

- 2 - Breakfast with Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt
- 4 - Legion Member Meeting
- 9 - Happy Easter!
- 11 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 13 - Auxiliary Visit with Vets @ Eden Heights
- 19 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 25 - Sons Meeting

May

- 2 - Legion Member Meeting
- 6 - SAL Gun Raffle
- 9 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 11 - Auxiliary Visit with Vets @ Eden Heights
- 14 - Happy Mother's Day
- 17 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 18 & 19 - Poppy Distribution at Eden Shurfine
- 25 - Flag Detail
- 29 - Memorial Day Services
- 30 - Sons Meeting

Sick Call

Shirley Hadley
Janice Johnson
Ed Travis

In Sympathy

Joe Laud
Cheryl Matwijkow (death of brother)
Don McNulty

*For illness or death notification, please call
Legion Contact Dick Casseri at 549-4975
Auxiliary Contact is Karen Pruchnicki 380-4410
SAL Contact is Wayne Mintz 575-4045*