

# Post 880 News

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

At this year's Erie County Convention, Post 880 was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Children & Youth once again. Membership missed reaching 100% by 15 members.

We are looking for someone to take over the Legion Historian position.

Corn Festival is August 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, Sign Up Sheets are posted in Club Room.

There will be a tent with information on the Post Restoration and Thank a Vet programs outside the Legion Post, along with Eden Hometown Hero banner applications during the Corn Festival.

Many of you are asking "What is the Post Restoration Project?" A group of 14 Posts including Post 880 are working together to get private donations to fund needed upgrades to our buildings. These upgrades include handicap access, roof repairs, foundation repairs and upgrades to restrooms that are necessary for our members and visitors. Donations of any amount will be accepted and are greatly appreciated.

The "THANK A VET" program for Veterans is a discount program of many area stores, restaurants and businesses. Information will be available during the Corn Festival.

The Hometown Hero banners project honors Eden's military veterans, both alive and deceased. Applications can be submitted by a veteran or a family member. Applicants must either be from Eden or a member of Post 880. Each year new banners will be placed along the streets from May through November and then taken down and given to the veteran or their family. Banners cost \$150 to make and donations in any amount are greatly appreciated to keep this project going.

Stop by the tent for information on the above and enjoy the Corn Festival festivities.

Veterans Day at Fair, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>.

September 30<sup>th</sup> will be next Post meeting.  
Post 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday is in 2020. We will be forming a committee.

Please Support Your Post.

God Bless Our Troops,  
God Bless America,  
Jim Blidy Post 880 Commander



## 2019 - 2020 OFFICERS

### LEGION

Commander	Jim Blidy
1st Vice Cdr.	Bob Weisedel
2nd Vice Cdr.	Nancy James
3rd Vice Cdr.	Ken Franz
Finance Officer	Bob Reed
Adjutant	Bill Clark
Judge Advocate	Heidi Wysocki
Sgt.-at-Arms	Bob Franz
Chaplain	Ron Smith
Historian	
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	Dora Bowen
Chaplain	Karen Pruchnicki
Co-Historians	JoAnne Franz Rosemary Peters

### SAL

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

### GUESTS AND BOOSTERS

President	Bill Forness
Secretary	Mary Ann Clerc
Membership/Treasurer	Jeff Winter

**The deadline for the next issue of Post 880 News will be September 20, 2019.**

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**NEWS FROM SAL**

Hello to all,

I trust everyone is enjoying our summer. What started out as a monsoon season is turning into a tropical heat wave. We need something in between to have a successful Corn Festival. It's early this year, Thursday, Aug 1-Sunday Aug 4. What we really need is volunteers to help set up, work, and take down our stand that we use at the Festival. The Sons ask for everyone to commit to one event a year. The Corn Festival needs more man/woman hours than any other of our events. We need your help, especially on Sunday of the Festival. We have a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board of the Post. Please, help give back and donate some time to this huge event on behalf of the Sons. Give me a call, I can always find something for you to do to lighten the load on some of our other volunteers that have tirelessly given their time, year after year.



Our Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament is the following week, Saturday, August 10! Eden Valley Golf Course hosts the golfing end of this event. \$95.00 buys you the best deal around; 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at the turn, and 5 refreshment tickets on the course. Afterwards we enjoy a steak dinner with all the sides, clams, corn, prizes, and an open bar back at the Legion. All the proceeds go to the scholarships we donate to graduating seniors of Eden Central High School. We need golfers (3 man scramble format), hole sponsorships (\$100.00 gets you a professional sign advertising your business at both tee and green), and prizes (such as gift certificates, debit cards, apparel, or any other items). And last, but not least, is the opportunity to win a new(er) car from Towne Chevrolet in North Collins, NY, home of some of the best

deals, new or used, you will ever come across. Get that hole in one and get that new car.

Veterans/parade day is August 11 at the Erie County Fair this year. The Sons march every year, but need more marchers. Come to a meeting and see how you can get involved. Our meetings in the summer are at 6:30, the last Tuesday of the month (except this month, to be held July 23, after our Cornfest trailer load up).

We have our football books for sale at the Post. Buy a book which get you into a pool every week where you can win \$50 if you have the last 2 numbers of the Buffalo score that week. Sign a few out and help us sell them.

Hope you can step up and help out.

May God bless you all and may God bless the United States of America.

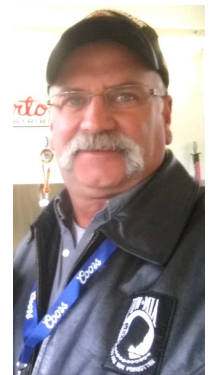
Commander Kenneth D. Szal

**GUESTS & BOOSTERS MESSAGE**

Another year has come and gone and the Corn festival is right around the corner. Please sign up to help out the Legion, Sons or Ladies auxiliary. Any help is greatly appreciated. I could use an updated email list of the Guest and Boosters. Please email me at [Bfordn24@yahoo.com](mailto:Bfordn24@yahoo.com).

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart".

Bill Forness  
G & B President



VETERANS DAY AT THE ERIE COUNTY FAIR is Sunday, August 11. We will have a tent in the dugout. If you will be attending, please bring dish to share. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers and Italian sausage but we will need salads and desserts. Thank you.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone is enjoying the great summer weather we've had. Auxiliary members have been keeping busy even though we don't have meetings over the summer. In June, I presented scholarship awards to 2 Eden High School senior girls. Congratulations to Angeleah Lograsso and Jillian Weber as this year's recipients.



At the beginning of July we delivered the clothing that was collected for veterans to the Buffalo VA Medical Center and received a letter of thanks for our donation.

On July 1 and 2 we filled 165 drawstring bags with items purchased for military children attending Camp Purple. Thanks to all who donated to this cause and to those who helped fill the bags and distribute them to the children on July 7th at Camp Pioneer in Angola.

On July 11, Auxiliary members had a barbecue for the veteran residents at Eden Heights. Thanks to Cheryl Matwijkow for donating the hamburgers and to my fellow Auxiliary members for helping serve up the burgers and brats, salad and chips, and dessert to about 12 veterans on the patio at Eden Heights. Eden Heights posted video and pictures on their Facebook page so check it out!

And now it's time to prepare for the Corn Festival! The Auxiliary will be selling wine in both the beer barn and beer tent as we have for the past couple years. I have a few shifts available:

Thursday 5 - 8 pm (1 person)  
Saturday 3:30 - 7 pm (1 person)  
Saturday 7 pm - Closing (3 people)  
Sunday 3:30 - 7 pm (1 person)  
Sunday 7 pm - Close (2 people)

Call me at 870-2857 if you would like to volunteer for one of these shifts.

This year Super Day is on FRIDAY, August 2 . (Not Thursday). Cheryl Matwijkow is chairing this event and is asking volunteers to arrive between 8:30 - 9:00 am at the Methodist Church stand. We will be serving hamburgers and soft drinks from 10:30 am -

1:00 pm. We'll also need help cleaning up the stand after we finish serving the individuals.

If you would like to volunteer but are unable to help at any of these times, please consider helping the guys out by selling drink tickets or pull tab tickets or serving beer in both the beer barn and tent. They are looking for volunteers and will welcome your help. Sign up sheets for these jobs are posted on the bulletin board at the Post. And I'm sure the Sons would welcome your help in the clam stand if you would like to help there.

We'll visit with the veterans at Eden Heights on Thursday, August 8th at 1:15 pm.

Due to Labor Day being the first Monday in September, our next meeting will be on Monday, September 9th at 7:00 pm.

Finally, you may have received an email from the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters informing you that your membership dues are due for 2020 and that you can renew online.

Please DO NOT renew online. We are not notified in a timely manner of those who do renew online and therefore you will not receive your membership card and we do not receive our portion of the dues for several weeks, even months later.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would either leave your dues payment at the Post in an envelope to the attention of 'Cindy Henry' or you can mail them to her:

Cindy Henry  
7180 Gowanda State Road  
Eden, NY 14057

She will be able to process dues payments as soon as she receives the 2020 membership cards from Department later in August or September. Dues are \$30 for the year and checks should be made payable to 'ALA Unit 880'.

Thank you for all you do to help our Post and our veterans.

For God and Country,

Karen Ferguson, Unit President

**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

**“Embracing the Seasons of Our Life”**



My mother had a chart on the side of her refrigerator. On it she marked many small but significant events such as these: the date she picked the first asparagus, the first strawberry, the last of the corn, the date she spotted the first hummingbird, turned the furnace on, saw the first snowfall. Today, the worn yellow paper is one of my prized possessions.

From my mother I learned to be attentive to the changing seasons of the natural world. Later on I learned to be attentive to the challenging seasons of the spiritual life as well. Our spiritual life is not static. It too has natural rhythms of light and darkness, as well as shining and fading moments. Eventually, I learned that every season has its unique challenges, as well as its precious gifts.

What season are you in spiritually right now? Can you name its challenges and its gifts?

God of all times, be with me in all seasons of my life.

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND

Take the time to enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables that our God provides in this “Garden of Eden” during this beautiful summer season.

Hope to eat an ear of corn with you at the Corn Festival!  
Chaplain Ron Smith

**Calendar**

**August**

- 1 - 4 Eden Corn Festival
- 7 - Purple Heart Day
- 8 - Visit with Vets at Eden Heights 1:15 pm
- 11 - Veterans Day at the Erie County Fair
- 17 - KIA Memorial Roadmarch - Chestnut Ridge

**September**

- 2 - Labor Day
- 9 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 12 - Visit with Vets at Eden Heights 1:15 pm
- 18 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 24 - SAL Meeting
- 30 - Legion Member Meeting

**MESSAGE FROM SERVICE OFFICER**

Please let me know of any illness or deaths so I can mail a card. A sympathy card was mailed to the family of John Tarnish but it was sent late because I wasn't informed until 2 weeks after he passed.

Thank you and have a safe summer!

God Bless,  
Dick Casseri

***Sick Call***

*Jean Donohue - surgery  
Marie Hart  
Joe Laud*

***In Sympathy***

*Robert Nehring  
Rudy Schasel  
John Tarnish*

*For illness or death notification, please call the  
Post at 992-3304 or Dick Casseri at 549-4975  
Auxiliary Contact is Karen Pruchnicki 380-4410  
SAL Contact is Wayne Mintz 575-4045*