

# Post 880 News

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

I would like to thank all who attended our Veterans Day service and many THANKS for the food donations for our luncheon afterwards.

The holiday season is amongst us, there will be upcoming events at the Legion. Look for postings in the club room and in this newsletter. I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

God Bless America  
Jim Blidy  
Commander Post 880



The Post is raffling a 55" Vizio TV.

Chances are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Tickets are available at the bar.

Nick Kody and the Creek Road Band will be performing at Post 880 on Saturday, December 16 from 7:30 - 10:30 pm.

NO Cover Charge.

Nick Kody has opened for Bret Michaels, Eric Church, A Thousand Horses, Halfway To Hazard, & Toby Keith.

## 2017-2018 OFFICERS

### LEGION

Commander	Jim Blidy
1st Vice Cdr.	Bob Weisedel
2nd Vice Cdr.	Fred Blas
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	Bill Keller
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	Dora Bowen
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	
Membership	Mary Ann Clerc
Secretary/Treasurer	Jeff Winter

The deadline for the next issue of Post 880 News will be January 15, 2018.

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

"Woe To Those Who Call Evil Good"

It seems prayer still upsets some people. When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:



*"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, Woe to those who call evil good, but that is exactly what we have done.*

- We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.*
- We have exploited the poor and called it the Lottery.*
- We have rewarded laziness and called it Welfare.*
- We have killed our unborn and called it Choice.*
- We have shot abortionists and called it Justifiable.*
- We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.*
- We have abused power and called it Politics.*
- We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it Ambition.*
- We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it Freedom of Expression.*
- We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it Enlightenment.*

*Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"*

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In six short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea. With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called "one nation under God."

When possible, pay it forward. If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!  
Chaplain Ron Smith

NEWS FROM SAL

Hello everyone, with the holidays fast approaching, I'm sure everyone is busier than ever. Take a moment and thank our Veterans and military for all they do for us.



We just celebrated Veterans Day, 2017, at the Post. We had a very nice turnout. Cdr. Blidy did an excellent job, as per usual, and President Ferguson delivered a heartfelt and thoughtful speech. Karen and her membership also coordinated the food afterwards, which was excellent. The Post, along with many others donated the food and the desserts. Thank you, Newell Faulkner Post 880.

The Sons will be mailing our Gun Raffle tickets out extra early this with the hopes that some may want to give them as Christmas gifts. The date for the Gun Raffle is Saturday, May 19, 2018. We always appreciate the support we get from our fellow organizations at Post 880 when this event comes around, and we look forward to another successful fundraiser in 2018. Thank you all.

Our next event on our schedule is our breakfast with Santa, to be held Sunday, Dec 3. Set up is the previous Thursday, Nov 30, at 6 pm. We always seem to get a lot of help for setup. We will have food and refreshments for all volunteers.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this year's Winterfest Dance. Please contact me if you would like to get involved.

I will leave you with one last thought:

Bills stink  
Sabres stink  
Let's go to the Post  
And have a drink!

See you at the Post.

May God Bless our Veterans and Military  
May God Bless America

Cdr. Kenneth D. Szal  
Squadron 880

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

At this year's convention, it was voted and approved to increase the amount of dues that goes to Department by \$3 which means beginning with 2019 dues we will remit \$20 rather than \$17 to Department. As a result, a motion was made and approved at our October meeting to increase our 2019 member dues from \$25 to \$30. We are required to inform all paid members so they have an opportunity to vote on this issue. Email notices were sent out to all paid members and written notices are being sent out to any member who does not have email. This will be voted on at our January 8, 2018 meeting.

Some of our ladies have indicated they would like to order jackets similar to the ones worn by our Post's Honor Guard. They would have the Auxiliary logo with 'Unit 880' above the logo and 'Eden, NY' below the logo on the left side and your name can be embroidered on the right side. I contacted the person who did the embroidery for the men and she is ordering one in each size from S-XL. Once I receive them, I will set up a date for anyone interested to try them on for size. The jackets are made of a water resistant polyester/spandex outer shell with a fleece lining. The cost is about \$30-\$35.

On November 20th we packed 7 care packages for local military servicemen and women who will not be home for the holidays. We included local items such as a Buffalo T-Shirt, Cheerios, Frank's Hot Sauce, Weber's mustard and a kazoo, as well as some snacks and other items. We also wrapped stuffed animals for the BOCES children's Christmas party.

Our annual Sr Citizens Christmas dinner is on Sunday, December 10th. We need donations of pies to serve for dessert. If you do not bake, please consider donating a store-bought pie. They can be dropped off anytime after 10 am. We also need a crew to help set the tables starting at 8:30 am. The Boy Scouts will help serve dinner but we will need a few ladies to assist them. Please arrive by 12:45 if you can help serve. Please contact me if you are able to help in any way.

Our BOCES Christmas party is Tuesday, December 12. If you are able to help, please be at the Post around 9:00 am. This year we are expecting 32 children and their teachers/aides.

We are visiting the vets at Eden Heights on Thursday, December 14 at 1:15. We will serve coffee and Christmas cookies and give each of the veterans a stocking filled with goodies and treats.

Our Auxiliary Christmas Dinner will be on Thursday, December 14 beginning at 5:30 pm. Deadline to RSVP is Friday, December 1st. Dinner choices are Prime Rib \$16.95, Chicken Cordon Bleu \$10.95, or Breaded Pork Chop \$10.95. If you do not have an order form and would like to attend, please contact me with your dinner choice. We'll also play card bingo for white elephant prizes and do a \$20 gift exchange for anyone who would like to participate.

If you're looking for a stocking stuffer item, our March Money Madness tickets are available for \$10 for a chance to win up to \$500. The event takes place on March 11, 2018.

In closing I'd like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

For God and Country,

Karen Ferguson  
Unit President

## HELP SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER

We are collecting items for an Eden family. There is a collection barrel at the post. Any cash or gift card donations can be left at the bar in an envelope for Karen Ferguson. Please DO NOT put cash or gift cards in the collection bin!

The children and their sizes are as follows:

### 8 year old Girl

Clothing Size 10

Shoe Size 3

Needs/Interests:

Toys: Likes anything pink, Zoomer Enchanted Unicorn  
Pink Clothes - shoes, coat, leggings, hat, gloves

### 12 year old Girl

Clothing Size 12

Shoe Size 5

Needs/Interests:

Toys: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Trolls the Movie,  
giant stuffed animals - anything fuzzy  
Coat, dresses, leggings, hoodies, shoes/sneakers  
Tim Hortons Gift Card

### 13 year old Boy

Clothing Size Pants 30 waist, XL Shirt, Large hoodies

Shoe size 12

Needs/Interests:

Toys: X-Box 360 controllers  
Sneakers/shoes, shirts, pants, hoodies  
Tim Hortons gift card  
Fleece blanket  
Small area rug for bedroom

### 19 year old Girl

Clothing Size - Women's small

Needs/Interests:

Fake nails, hair products  
Tim Hortons, Walmart gift cards

**Father** is not asking for anything for himself.  
They could use towels and pots and pans

Gifts can be wrapped and labeled 'Girl-8, Girl-12,  
Boy-13, Girl-19, or Father

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Buffalo hosted the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival this year sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and Buffalo VA Medical Center. Veteran artists from all over the country displayed their artwork at UB's Center for the Arts. On October 24th, Auxiliary members Lori Ranney and Cindy Henry joined President Karen at Adams Mark where they volunteered in the hospitality room for the artists. They served coffee and donuts, soup and sandwiches and provided a place for the veterans to relax. One of the featured pieces was The Lord's Prayer carved with a scroll saw. Below is a painting by a local artist and lower right is a piece made out of red, white and blue plastic army figurines.



## Calendar

### November

30 - Decorate Hall for Christmas 6 pm

### December

3 - Breakfast with Santa 10:30-12:30

7 - Pearl Harbor Day

9 - Meat Raffle - 7 pm

10 - Sr. Citizens Christmas Dinner 1 pm

12 - BOCES Christmas Party

13 - Post Executive Board Meeting

14 - Visit vets at Eden Heights 1:15  
Auxiliary Christmas Dinner 5:30 pm

16 - Nick Cody & The Creek Road Band performing 7:30 pm

18 - Legion member meeting

25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

26 - SAL Meeting

### January

1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

8 - Auxiliary Meeting

17 - Post Executive Board Meeting

29 - Post Membership Meeting

30 - SAL Meeting

### **Sick Call**

*Bob Brueggeman (rehab at Seneca Manor)*

*Terry Filbey*

*Marie Hart*

*Ferris Randall (surgery)*

*Florence Soule (rehab at Eden Absolut Care)*

### **In Sympathy**

*June Sercu*

*Fred Fijas (father)*

*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*