

# Post 880 News

## COMMANDER'S CORNER



First of all, I would like to thank the Auxiliary for the excellent luncheon provided after our Veterans Day Service and also for all the dishes to pass that were donated. Thanks also for all the help from OUR Legion Family at our Meat Raffle. Best turnout in years!

Tuition Assistance applications will be available January 1st and due by March 1st.

Check club room bulletin boards for upcoming events. Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion are looking for new members, just ask your friends and neighbors and give them the information needed to join us at our Legion Post 880.

Happy Thanksgiving, from my home to your home, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year enjoy the holidays be responsible.

God bless America,  
Jim Blidy  
Post 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 January 17, 2020.**

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**Saturday, November 30 South City will be playing classic rock and roll music in the bar. Stop in for a pizza and a beer and enjoy the music from 7 - 10 pm.**

**Hometown Hero Banner applications for 2020** are still available and will be accepted until January 31, 2020. These banners honor Eden veterans and active duty military living or deceased. Applications are available at the Legion, Eden Town Hall and Eden Shurfine. The banners cost \$150 to make. The banners are displayed from May through November along Main Street, E & W Church Street, and East Eden Road and then they are given to the applicant to keep. What a great way to honor a loved one in your family.

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

### “History of Thanksgiving”

Many people assume that the United States has celebrated Thanksgiving Day since the time of the pilgrims as a sign of thanksgiving for the harvest season. This is not exactly true. President Abraham Lincoln instituted the holiday in 1863 during the Civil War. However, he did not have the harvest in mind. He wanted Americans to celebrate the holiday as a sign of unity and thanksgiving to God. “I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens”. (President Abraham Lincoln, Proclamation, October 3, 1863).

On this day of thanks, then, let us give glory and praise for the dew and the rain, the light and the darkness, the lightening and the clouds, the earth with all its gifts. Creation continually blesses God by being obedient to the divine invitation to grow and be of service to the universe. Let us join in joyful procession, offering glory to God.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Chaplain Ron Smith



Wednesday night line dancing is taking a break for the holidays and will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7 pm. Lessons are \$5.00/week.

## NEWS FROM SAL

Hello all,

The Sons are busy getting ready for the Christmas season. We will be decorating the hall on Thursday, Dec, 5 at 6pm. Breakfast with Santa is Sunday, December 15, from 10:30-12:30. Admission is \$3.00 for adults, and \$2.00 for children. Come down and watch the children's eyes light up when they see Santa and Mrs.Claus. Our regular breakfast of pancakes and breakfast sausage will be served along with orange juice and coffee.

Because of time constraints, there will be no meeting this November, and December's only meeting will be Tuesday, December 3 at 7pm. There will be no other meeting in December. If you are supposed to contact any organizations that we are donating to, please tell them to be there at 6pm the night of December 3.

As we head into the cold chill of the upcoming winter months, let's not forget those that are less fortunate than us. Help out a neighbor, or an organization if you can. And thank the good Lord you are able to help someone who really needs it.

The Sons had another great fundraising year. I would like to thank, along with the rest of the Sons board, all who have helped us throughout the year. Your efforts and sacrifice will be greatly appreciated by those who reap the benefits of your hard work. We donate to about 12 different veteran and community related organizations. Thanks again.

That's all for now.

May God bless you. May God bless our veterans and military. May God bless the United States of America.

Kenneth D. Szal  
Commander  
Sons Squadron 880



**AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello Ladies,

I want to start out by thanking everyone who brought food for our Veterans Day luncheon. Special thanks to Lori Ranney, Cindy Henry, and Jim and Nick Ranney for serving and clean up afterwards.



We still have a few stragglers who have not yet paid their dues for 2020. Please don't delay - if your dues are not paid, your card key will not work. Checks should be made payable to 'ALA Unit 880' and can be left 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

The month of December is quite busy for us. We start the month with our members Christmas dinner/gift exchange and card bingo on December 2. On Thursday, December 5 we help decorate the hall.

Sunday, December 8 is our Senior Citizens Christmas dinner. **ATTENTION ALL PIE BAKERS:** We need about 30 pies to serve for dessert. And if you don't bake, you can bring a store-bought pie. Pies can be dropped off anytime before 11 am on Sunday.

On Tuesday, December 10 we have our annual Christmas party for the special needs children from the BOCES school. Thanks again to Sandy Franz for volunteering to chair this event. Sandy would appreciate help that morning around 9:00 am to prepare and serve lunch and help hand out gifts and goodies.

On Thursday, December 12 we will visit with the vets at Eden Heights at 1:15.

March Money Madness tickets will be available in December if you're looking for a stocking stuffer idea.

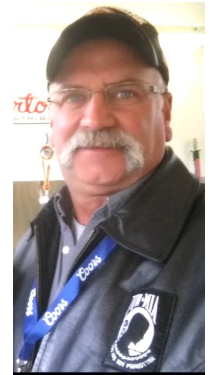
Thank you for all you do to help our Post and our veterans.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Karen Ferguson, Unit President

**GUESTS & BOOSTERS**

Another year is hurriedly coming to an end. With Thanksgiving and Christmas closely upon us I would like to give thanks for living in a free country protected by an all volunteer military force. I would like to give thanks to all who have served and our serving now. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.



We will be having a Booster meeting December 3rd at 7:00 pm. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated. Dues of \$25. are due now.

God bless,  
Bill Forness, G & B President

**ATTENTION LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS:**

We are collecting the following items for a family from Eden consisting of a single parent and 4 children. Listed below are the ages of the children and their clothing sizes. If you prefer to make a cash donation or gift card, please leave it at the bar for Karen Ferguson. **DO NOT PLACE IT IN THE COLLECTION BARREL.** We will collect items until Friday, December 13th to be delivered the following week. Please wrap the gifts and label them GIRL-15, BOY-13, GIRL-12, OR BOY-5.

15 year old Girl

Clothing:  
Tops - Adult XSmall  
Pants Size 0  
"Girlie Girl" loves clothes and make-up

12 year old Girl

Clothing Size 12-14  
Tomboy - likes sweatpants & hoodies

13 year old Boy

Clothing Size Adult Small  
Likes sweatpants and hoodies loves sports

5 year Boy

Clothing Size 5T  
Likes Super Heroes

Thank you for helping spread Christmas cheer this holiday season.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA IS COMING TO EDEN!**

National Wreaths Across America Day is December 14, 2019. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. This year, Eden Evergreen Cemetery Field of Honor will be participating.

The goal for Eden Evergreen Cemetery is 325 wreaths and so far they have 176 wreaths sponsored. It only costs \$15 to sponsor a wreath. Please go online to [www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org) if you'd like to sponsor one. Scroll down to 'Where We Remember' and click on 'Find a Specific Location' then enter Eden, NY and Evergreen Cemetery Field of Honor will appear (NYECFH). The deadline to order a wreath is December 4, 2019 so you need to act quickly. Please consider supporting this project. It would be so nice to see all 325 veteran graves with a wreath.

Post 880's Honor Guard will be present for the opening ceremony prior to the laying of wreaths at noon on December 14th.

**Just in time for Christmas! - Next year Post 880 will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Commemorative shirts and mugs are available for purchase. The shirts are made of a dry wicking polyester material and come in navy or white. Pricing is as follows:**

- Size S - XL \$35
- Size 2XL - \$38
- Size 3XL - \$40

Mugs are \$10 and include your first drink

**Calendar**

**November**

30 - South City - music in club room 7-10

**December**

- 2 - Auxiliary Christmas Dinner 5:30 pm
- 3 - Sons Meeting
- 5 - Decorate Hall for Christmas
- 8 - Sr. Citizens Christmas Dinner 1 pm
- 10 - BOCES Children's Christmas Party
- 12 - Visit with Vets at Eden Heights 1:15 pm
- 14 - Wreaths Across America - Eden Evergreen Cemetery Field of Honor - 12:00 Noon
- 15 - Breakfast with Santa 10:30-12:30
- 18 - Post Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 24 - Christmas Eve - Post closes at 6 pm
- 25 - Merry Christmas! - Post Closed
- 30 - Legion Membership meeting
- 31 - New Year's Eve - Post closes at 6 pm

**January**

- 1 - Happy New Year! - Post OPEN
- 6 - Auxiliary meeting
- 8 - Line dancing resumes 7 pm \$5.00
- 15 - Post Executive Board meeting
- 27 - Legion Membership meeting
- 28 - Sons Meeting

**February**

7 - 9 Winterfest Weekend - details in next issue

***Sick Call***

*Gwen Green  
Marie Hart  
Joe Laud*

***In Sympathy***

*Debra Franz  
Deborah Fulton*

*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*