

# Post 880 News

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

First of all, I would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for the excellent luncheon provided after our full house Veterans Day Service and also for all the dishes to pass that were donated.



I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. December is another busy month for everyone, at home and at the Post. Breakfast with Santa is December 9th. Meat Raffle is December 15th and a signup sheet is posted for help that evening. December 16th is the Senior Citizens Dinner. Please check the bulletin board for upcoming events.

There is NO POST Meeting in December, next meeting will be January 28, 2019 at 7 PM.

Tuition Assistance Applications will be out January 1st and MUST be returned by March 1st.

From MY Home to YOUR Home "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"!!! Enjoy the Holidays, be Responsible.

God Bless America

Jim Blidy  
Post Commander

### ATTENTION HOMETOWN HEROES!

Applications are available at the Post, Eden Town Clerk and Eden Shurfine for our Hometown Heroes project. Banners similar to the ones that line Main and Buffalo Streets in the Village of Hamburg will be hung on Main Street in Eden. The banners cost \$150 to make. Applicants are encouraged but not required to purchase a banner and donations are gratefully accepted - please make your check payable to: Newell Faulkner Post 880 and earmark it 'Hometown Heroes Project'. Mail it to Newell Faulkner Post 880, Attn: Karen Ferguson, 2912 Legion Drive, Eden, NY 14057.

Deadline for 2019 banners is February 1, 2019.

## 2018-2019 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	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	Karen Pruchnicki
Historian	JoAnne Franz
	Rosemary Peters

### 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 Forness
Secretary	Mary Ann Clerc
Membership/Treasurer	Jeff Winter

The deadline for the next issue of Post 880 News will be January 15, 2019.

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## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

### “Red Light, Horn, Compassion”

**Do to others whatever you would have them do to you.**

The other day, I was sitting at a stoplight in my neighborhood when the driver behind me let me know that the light had turned green by vigorously honking his horn. The stoplight intersects a busy road, and I knew the opportunity to cross it was short, but I was angry at his impatience. My agitation continued to grow until I suddenly remembered that I had done the same thing to the driver in front of me a few days earlier.

Noticing my hypocrisy is embarrassing, but in my better moments, I realize that noticing it is a gift. It is difficult to remain self-righteous and above the rest of humanity when faced with my own shortcomings. In moments like these, I have to laugh at myself and hopefully grow in compassion for my fellow human beings.

During the hustle and bustle this holiday season, try to practice patience, thankfulness and kindness to others and remember Jesus is the reason for the season!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and Joyous Christmas!

Chaplain Ron Smith



## NEWS FROM SAL

Hey all,

I hope everyone is doing well. Congratulations on Post 880's Veterans Day Ceremony. Commander Blidy did his usual excellent job in running the event, and Bob Franz and the Color Guard were flawless as usual. The younger guy playing Taps was pretty good also.

President Karen Ferguson was solid and to the point as usual. An affair that I was proud of and happy to see another standing room only crowd in attendance.

The Sons have a few events coming up that I would like to mention:

1. Christmas decorating of the hall is Nov 29, 6pm
2. Breakfast with Santa is Dec 9, 10:30-12:30
3. Our annual gun raffle will be April 29. Our chairman Mark Sisti is working very hard to get tickets out before Christmas so that they can be utilized as a nice gift or a stocking stuffer.

Our gun raffle allows us to help many organizations in the area. Many benefit from our efforts, and from your support. We at Squadron 880 want you to know how much we appreciate your patronage. Last year's gun raffle was a big success, and we are looking to make this one bigger and better. Thank you.

In the words of Jim Trembath, "If you see a veteran, say thank you. If you see a Viet Nam veteran, say welcome home."

May God bless you, and may God bless the USA.

See you at the Post.

Commander Kenneth D. Szal



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## WANTED:

Sons member Bob Reed is collecting old cell phones and will turn them in for cell phone minutes that deployed troops can use to phone home. If you have a cell phone you no longer need or use, please drop it off at the Post for him. Thank you.



**AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello Ladies,

I want to start off by thanking everyone who provided food for our luncheon on Veterans Day. Special thank you to Cindy Henry, Lori Ranney and Lori's nephew, Nick Ranney for taking care of the food prep, serving and cleaning up afterwards.



I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. After seeing all the devastation from the fires burning out of control in California, it made me pause and reflect on how thankful I am for the gifts in my life, my family and friends.

On Tuesday, December 11 we will host a party for the children from BOCES. Thank you to Sandy Franz for heading up this event once again. If you would like to help, please be at the Post by 9:00 am. This is such a heartwarming event. The children are so excited to see Santa and receive a gift.

After the party, we will wrap gifts for the veterans at Eden Heights. We will visit with them on Thursday, December 13 at 1:15 pm to celebrate a birthday and deliver Christmas gifts and serve coffee and Christmas cookies!

Our annual Senior Citizens Christmas dinner is on Sunday, December 16 at 1:00 pm. We need a few people to set the tables beginning at 8:30 am. More help will be needed around 12:45 to assist the Boy Scouts in serving dinner. If you can help with either, please contact me or just show up! We also need donations of pies to serve for dessert. Even if you don't bake please consider bringing a store-bought pie. You can drop them off anytime after 10:00 am.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubroom for volunteers to help with the Post's meat raffle which is on Saturday, December 15. Please sign up if you are able to help the guys out with this event.

We are also collecting gift items for a deserving Eden Family. See the back page of this newsletter for a list of wants and needs for the children and their parents. You can bring your wrapped gift the next time you visit the Post and leave it in the collection barrel. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**GUESTS AND BOOSTERS OF POST 880**

With Thanksgiving behind us I hope everyone had something to be thankful for. One thing I am thankful for is living in a great country with the freedom that we have given to us by the men and women of our armed forces who have and are presently serving .



With Christmas fast approaching I hope we can keep the true meaning of the season in our hearts as this time of year can be very stressful for some. Please help and participate where you can as there are many things going on in the coming weeks.

Booster meeting is January 15 at 7:00 PM. please make an effort to attend.

God bless and Merry Christmas,

Bill Forness, G & B President

Line Dance lessons  
will resume on  
Wednesday,  
January 9, 2019 at  
7:00 pm Lessons  
are \$5 per week.



**Auxiliary News (continued)**

So, after all these events take place, we'll be left with a whole week to shop, decorate and prepare for our own individual Christmas dinners and family time! I hope each of you have a wonderful and blessed Christmas spending quality time with your family and loved ones.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Karen Ferguson,  
Unit President

**HELPING A FAMILY IN NEED**

Last year our Legion family collected items for a deserving Eden family and we would like to do it again this year. Due to privacy concerns, the name of the family is not provided however the Eden School's social worker has provided the following information:

11 year old boy

Clothing size: Youth Large

Shoe/Boot size: 6

Gloves: Youth large

Needs/Interests:

Toys: Anything sports related, football, basketball, frisbee golf, lacrosse.

Clothes: Hoodies/sweatshirts

Gift cards: Dave & Busters, Amazon, Dick's Sporting Goods

Miscellaneous: Skiing or hunting socks

9 year old girl

Clothing size: Youth Large (12-14)

Shoe Size 3      Boot Size 4

Needs/Interests:

Toys: Slime kits, crafts, hair accessories, nail polish

Clothes: Hoodies/sweatshirts, athletic wear

Gift cards: Claire's, Amazon, Dave & Busters

Miscellaneous: Anything gymnastics (loves gymnastics)

7 year old boy

Clothing size: Youth Medium (8-10)

Shoe/Boot Size: 4

Needs/Interests:

Toys: Anything sports related, football, basketball, frisbee golf, hockey.

Clothes: Hoodies/sweatshirts, or anything camouflage

Gift cards: Dave & Busters, Amazon, Dick's Sporting Goods

Miscellaneous: Fishing Tackle

Mother

Women's winter driving gloves: Size Small

Comfy warm slippers: Size 7/8

Women's thermal long johns: Size S/M

Soy Candles

Gift cards: TJ Maxx or Marshalls

Father

Men's Winter Gloves: Size XL

Snow shovel

Tim Horton's gift card

We will have a collection barrel at the Post soon. Please wrap your gift and label it either 11 year old boy, 9 year old girl, 7 year old boy, mother, or father, and place it in the collection barrel. DO NOT put gift cards in the barrel - give them to the bartender for safe keeping. Thank you.

**Calendar**

November

29 - Decorate hall for Christmas events 6 pm

December

6 - Auxiliary Christmas dinner 5:30 pm

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

11 - BOCES Christmas Party

13 - Visit Vets at Eden Heights 1:15 pm

15 - Meat Raffle

16 - Sr. Citizens Christmas Dinner 1 pm

18 - SAL Meeting

19 - Post Executive Board Meeting

24 - Christmas Eve - Post closing at 6 pm

25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS! POST CLOSED

31 - New Year's Eve - Post open normal hours

January

1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR! - Post open normal hours

7 - Auxiliary Meeting

10 - Visit Vets at Eden Heights 1:15 pm

16 - Post Executive Board Meeting

28 - Legion Member Meeting

29 - SAL Meeting

**Sick Call**

*Marie Hart  
Debbie Holscher (surgery)*

**In Sympathy**

*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 941-3966*