

Post 880 News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope everyone is keeping warm during these cold days. Did you know if you leave your beer out in this cold weather it will get damaged, so keep it in your cooler!

Upcoming events at the Post include the Auxiliary's March Money Madness on Sunday, March 10th. and the Sons' Annual Gun Raffle on Saturday, April 27th. Tickets for both events are available at the bar. Also, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 14th. Make sure you check the bulletin boards in the club room for other pop-up events at the post.

The honor guard schedule is posted at the trophy case. This is a tentative schedule with changes to be made during the year.

Nominations of Post Officers will take place at our March 25th meeting, Elections at our April 29th Meeting and Installation of Officers at the May 20th meeting.

Again membership is a big thing this year, Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion are all looking for new members. Ask your friends and neighbors about joining and reach out to previous members to rejoin.

Please Support Your Post.

God Bless Our Troops,

God Bless America,

Jim Blidy Post 880 Commander



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
Co-Historians	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 April 20, 2019.

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Eden's own Carl the Barber's 3 piece band will be playing at the Post in the club room on Saturday, March 23 from 7-10 pm and for the following 3 Saturdays. Stop in at the Post for a pizza and stay for some great classic rock-n-roll.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

"An Ocean of Need"

The scope and scale of the problems faced by people across the world can leave a person feeling overwhelmed. What one can give, even if they sell all they have and give it to the poor, would only be a drop in an ocean of need.

Each day's mail can bring pleas from good organizations, each striving to chip away at a problem: hunger, poverty, ignorance, abuse. One would like to give to all of them. The frustration and futility one feels at not being able to contribute to every cause can make one want to toss all of them in the recycling bin.

But Jesus tells us not to do that. He says that what seemingly little one can do as his disciple will gain its reward. As one gives to the few causes one can manage, the prayer is that with all of us giving what we can, the tide of generosity and love will soon start overwhelming the ocean of need. That will be the ultimate reward for us all.

By Aliene O'Donoghue

Trusting in God's Will!
Chaplain Ron Smith



Here's an example of our members' giving and helping those in need: This barrel was overflowing with Christmas gifts for a deserving Eden family. In addition to gifts, members donated cash and gift cards as well. Karen Pruchnicki delivered everything to the school's social worker who made sure it got to the family. A thank-you card from the family is posted on the bulletin board at the Post. Thanks to all who participated for your generosity.

NEWS FROM SAL

Hello everyone,

Yikes it's chilly, and snowy. But it's always cozy inside Post 880. Bring your honey or meet your buddies there for a warmer upper, or a great Marv dinner special, or one of Jack's tasty homemade pizzas. Renew your commitment to the Post in 2019 and make an effort to attend your meetings, help out at 1 or 2 functions a year, and patronize some of the many fundraisers we run throughout the year.

The Sons hold their membership meetings at 7:30pm the last Tuesday of every month. We supply free food and a couple of refreshments for all attendees. Please make an effort and give us your input on what the Sons are doing.

Our upcoming events are:

1. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, April 14. The event runs from 10:30-12:30. Volunteers please show up at 8:30 that morning. We have lost a few volunteers for various reasons, so we need more help. This event is held in conjunction with Post 880's egg hunt and is always well received by our community.
2. Our annual Gun Raffle is being held on April 27. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Our chairpeople, the Sistis, always do a great job, but not without the help of countless volunteers and man hours. Call me to volunteer, at 498-0560. If I don't answer, leave a message and I will get back to you. Please turn in sold tickets and money to Mark Sisti, or to the bar at the Post. There are always extra tickets to sell behind the bar.

We are going to be very busy the next 2-3 months. Come join us in raising funds for the various Veteran and community organizations that we donate to.

Thank you, and I'll see you at the Post.

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

Commander Kenneth D. Szal



AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

Now that the busy Christmas holiday events are behind us, it's time to look forward to all that 2019 will offer. But before we do that, I want to take a moment to thank my fellow volunteer members who helped out with all of our events. Thanks to Sandy Franz and her crew for their time providing a great party for the BOCES children. Thanks to JoAnne Franz and the ladies for putting together and delivering gift bags for the veteran residents at Eden Heights. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with our Senior Citizens Christmas dinner. There are too many to name - the ladies who came early to set the tables up, the kitchen crew, the ladies who sliced all the pies, and the ladies who assisted our guests with their coats and registration, serving punch and cheese and crackers and serving up the dinner. Thanks to the Boy Scouts for their help serving as well. Special thanks to the Jim Blidy, Bill Clark, Bob Franz, and Fred Blaszczyk for delivering meals to those who were unable to attend the dinner. We served 133 this year compared to only 78 last year. Great job by everyone!

Our annual March Money Madness FUNdraiser will be here before you know it! Mark your calendars for this great event - Sunday, March 10 at 2:00. Tickets are only \$10 and are available now at the bar or by contacting me. Please note - tickets are pre-sale only and we only sell 400 tickets so get yours before they are all sold out! In addition to the money raffle we also have a nice basket raffle. I'm asking our members to please donate an item or basket for this event if you are able or consider donating a gift certificate from a local store or business. NOTE: Due to NYS Liquor Authority rules, we are not able to include alcohol in the basket raffle so please do not bring any beer, wine or liquor baskets. Thank you.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 4th at 7:00 pm. We'll visit with the veterans at Eden Heights on Thursday, Feb. 14th at 1:15 pm.

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

For God and Country,

Karen Ferguson, Unit President

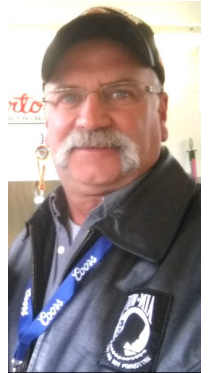


GUESTS AND BOOSTERS OF POST 880

I hope life finds you well in the beginning of this new year. Only 56 more days until the first day of Spring. Many events happening at the Legion in the next few months. Please help where you can. Part of our mission is to help the other organizations inside the Legion. Please participate if possible.

Next meeting is May 7th.

God bless,
William J. Forness



Due to popular demand and many requests, we are pleased to announce Crash Cadillac will be performing at Post 880 in our banquet hall on Saturday, May 11th beginning at 7:00 pm. NO COVER CHARGE - cash bar, kitchen will be open. Proceeds to benefit the Legion Baseball Team.

Hope to see you there!





Pictures from our BOCES Children's Christmas Party



Auxiliary members are filling gift bags for the veteran residents at Eden Heights. Items included Avon products, snacks, candy, a back scratcher and a Santa hat!

Calendar

February

- 4 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 14 - Visit Vets at Eden Heights 1:15 pm
- 20 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 25 - Legion Member Meeting
- 26 - SAL Meeting

March

- 4 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 10 - March Money Madness FUNdraiser
- 14 - Visit Vets at Eden Heights 1:15 pm
- 20 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 23 - Carl the Barber's Band 7-10 pm
- 25 - Legion Member Meeting
Nominations for Post Officers
- 26 - SAL Meeting
- 30 - Carl the Barber's Band 7-10 pm

April

- 1 - Auxiliary Meeting - Election of Officers
- 6 - Carl the Barber's Band 7-10 pm
- 11 - Visit Vets at Eden Heights 1:15 pm
- 13 - Carl the Barber's Band 7-10 pm
- 14 - Breakfast with Easter Bunny
Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 pm
- 17 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 29 - Legion Member Meeting -
Election of Officers
- 30 - SAL Meeting

Sick Call

Tom Ford Jr.
Marie Hart
Debbie Holscher (surgery)
Joe Laud

In Sympathy

Ernie Penn (Death of wife)

Congratulations to our Friday night hostess, Rachel Cornell on the birth of her baby girl, Amelia!

*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*