

Post 880 News

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This issue marks the 23rd anniversary of Post 880 News. Our first issue was dated February-March 2003. Where has the time gone?!

It has been my pleasure to prepare and send these out to all our members over the years and as long as I continue to receive information to share, I will do so. It's not fancy but it's a way to keep our members informed of things taking place at Post 880.

Enjoy!

P.S. To those of you who noticed in the last issue I listed Dec. 7 as Purple Heart Day instead of Pearl Harbor Day, I want you to know I did that on purpose to see how many actually read the newsletter! (not really, I had a brain fart! After all they both begin with PH!)

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Legionnaires,

For those of you who aren't aware, our Commander, Matt Szal, has resigned from his post as Commander and he and his family have moved out of state. We wish him and his family the best of luck in their next adventures.



So for now until the next elections, I will be filling in as Commander. With facing a new year, we as a Post have our work cut out for us to make sure that the Post continues to move forward in the right direction. We are looking into a few events to try and help the Post survive financially with the help of our members. More details will become available in future newsletters.

I would like to inform you of our new Board of Directors President, Chris Noble, who will be taking over for Nancy James who, unfortunately, had to leave her post due to medical reasons. I feel Chris will help shape and mold our Legion to make it a better place for our members. Welcome aboard Chris.

As for the membership, we are doing very well. We still have members that still owe for their dues, but it's coming along. Let's get those dues paid up so that we can reach that 100% membership. So if you haven't received your 2026 membership card as of yet, please drop your dues payment of \$51 in the mail or drop it off at the Post and I will make sure that you receive it.

See you at the next meeting on February 3.

Hey...you joined...get involved.

Stan Brese, Acting Post Commander

2025 - 2026 OFFICERS

LEGION

Commander	Stan Brese
1st Vice Cdr.	Stan Brese
2nd Vice Cdr.	Kyle Kulczyk
3rd Vice Cdr.	Ken Franz
Finance Officer	Heidi Wysocki
Adjutant	James Gannon
Judge Advocate	Paul Pruchnicki
Sgt.-at-Arms	Bob Franz
Chaplain	Jerry Kopyanski
Historian	<i>vacant</i>
Service Officer	<i>vacant</i>
Public Relations	Jim Trembath

AUXILIARY

President	Nadene Woelfel
1st VP	Dee Pitillo
2nd VP	Renee Hadley-Scott
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	Rosemary Peters
Sgt.-at-Arms	Renee Hadley-Scott
Chaplain	Karen Pruchnicki
Co-Historians	JoAnne Franz & Rosemary Peters

SAL

Commander	Bill Forness
1st Vice Cdr.	Pat Pitillo
2nd Vice Cdr.	Mark Flowers
3rd Vice Cdr.	Charlie Kabel
Finance Officer	Mark Sisti
Adjutant	
Sgt.-at-Arms	Scot Christiansen
Chaplain	Jonathan Bauer
Historian	Dave Daurelio

POST 880 INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Chris Noble
Vice President	Jim Trembath
Recording Secretary	Jim Crowe
Treasurer	Heidi Wysocki
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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

CHOOSE LOVE

We've all tossed a stone into a body of water and watched the waves ripple outward, farther than we could ever throw the stone. Imagine that stone is a decision you've made, an action you've taken, a word you've spoken. The ripple effect can have far reaching consequences, often unintended, even unpredictable. Even a harmless remark could cause negative consequences. When we're trying to make a decision try to remember that the problem could be us. My prayer then becomes, "Please God, get me out of the way".



Prayer helps prepare our hearts to change so that we can hear and trust what the Spirit wants us to know. Wisdom will always direct us to love, not in a shallow sense but deeply and unconditionally with hearts conformed to follow God's will – in word and action. In a world that at times seems divided and problematic let us always remember to choose love. It's God's gift to us!

Please remember to pray for our men and women in the armed forces daily.

God bless you, your families and God bless America.

Sincerely,
Chaplain Jerry K.

Auxiliary members Cindy Henry, Karen Ferguson, Lori Ranney, Gold Star Mother Barb Levulis and Rosemary Peters participated in Wreaths Across America at Eden Evergreen Cemetery on December 13

MUSIC AT POST 880

- **Second Time Around will be playing at the Legion on Saturday, January 31st from 7 - 10 pm. They play country music and classic rock. Come check them out!**



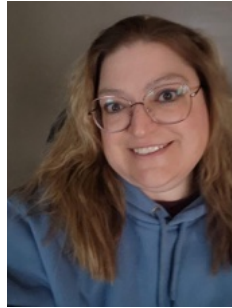
Also, please stop in and try something off our updated menu from our new cooks - Mike and John!



AUXILIARY NEWS

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

I'd like to extend a HUGE thank you to all for the help & support from everyone in the past year. It is because of you we continue to be able to accomplish what we set out to do. Your continued support & volunteering is greatly appreciated.



It is with great sadness I share the passing of Auxiliary member Sandy Renzi.

Upcoming events:
Tues. Feb 10th 7pm Auxiliary Meeting - Nomination Day. Should you or someone you know be interested in taking an office, please be sure to attend this meeting.

Tues. Mar 10th 7pm Auxiliary Meeting- Elections

Sat. Mar 7th - March Madness Please make sure you turn in your sold tickets to Dee Pitillo.

Anyone interested in purchasing March Madness tickets please contact Nadene Woelfel or Dee Pitillo.

Anyone interested in donating a basket for the March Madness basket raffle- please contact Nadene Woelfel.

Kitchen help is needed for March Madness. We would like to alternate servers so no one has to work the full time. Please contact Nadene Woelfel if you can help.

For Auxiliary Members- Please join our new FB page: Newell-Faulkner American Legion Post 880 Auxiliary for current events & updates. This is a private FB page for Auxiliary Members only.

Please also check out the Post website.
<http://www.post880.com/>

Stay warm & safe this winter.

God Bless,

Nadene Woelfel
Auxiliary President
716-861-6456

NEWS FROM SAL

Well I hope you are all surviving this cold and snowy winter. Hopefully we will have an early spring. With spring comes Breakfast with the Easter bunny which will be held March 29 from 10:30 - 12:30. Please come help.



We will be collecting items in the spring for the town wide garage sale, proceeds to benefit the Legion.

Our annual gun raffle is May 2nd. Please try to sell/ purchase tickets and join us the day of.

We still have members with unpaid dues. Please try to get them in.

Sincerely
William J Forness



Breakfast with Santa was a huge success as always and it offers a great opportunity for young families to pose for a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Thanks to all who helped out that day and special thanks to Santa Steve Brzeznski and Mrs. Claus, Pattie Hartman!



Auxiliary members provided waffles and sausage as well as gifts and treats for 30+ special needs children from the BOCES school. Debbie Holscher, Elf Dora Bowen, Karen Ferguson, Joan Augustyniak, Dee Pitillo, Cheryl Matwijkow and Rosie Peters along with Santa, Rollin Shoemaker shared some Christmas cheer with the children.



Auxiliary members enjoyed an evening of food and fun at our annual Christmas dinner that took place on December 16. A great time was had by all.

Calendar

February

- 3 - Post Membership Meeting
- 10 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 18 - Post Executive Board Meeting
Ash Wednesday - Start of Lent
- 24 - Sons Meeting

March

- 3 - Post Membership Meeting
- 7 - March Money Madness FUNdraiser
- 10 - Auxiliary Meeting - Elections
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 18 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 29 - Breakfast with Easter Bunny
- 31 - Sons Meeting

Sick Call

In Sympathy

*Mindy Franz-Witte - death of father-in-law
Rosemary Peters - death of brother
Sandy Renzi*

*For illness or death notification, please call:
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SAL Contact is Jonathan Bauer 716-514-3892*