

Post 880 News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Here we are again, CABIN FEVER. A good prescription for that, come to the post for refreshments and a bite to eat. February 8th, Winterfest Event will be here, on the 15th a snowmobile run, and Feb. 17th, The 100th Charter Birthday meeting at the post, at 7 PM. On March 8, March Madness Event will be here get your tickets and as soon as possible they go quick! March 8th is also Daylight Savings Time. The Sons of the Legion gun raffle is on March 28th. Please support this event, . Proceeds will benefit veterans related services. April 4th we will be having a meat raffle. Look for specifics of all events on the Post bulletin board. Nominations of officers will be in March and nominations and election of officers in April. Installation of Officers is in May.



Tuition assistance applications must be in by March 1st.

To receive the Erie County American Legion newsletter, "The Legion-Air" on your computer, go to www.eriecountyal.org. Mailing of the County newsletter will only be for those without computers. FYI, to receive email copy of the newsletter, please send a request email to the Erie County Office at veteran14202@verizon.net. The last print edition of The Legion-Air was December 2019. Only by special exception, will a newsletter be mailed at first class postage.

As always, we are always looking for new members.

God Bless America,

God Bless our Military

Jim Blidy, Post Commander

Upcoming Musical entertainment at Post 880:

Saturday, February 1 The Roadrunners

Saturday, February 8 The Roadrunners

Saturday, March 7 South City

8 - 11 pm in the bar

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 April 17, 2020.

Karen Ferguson

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

"Two-Way Street"

Should you not have pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?

I realized recently that I have very few regrets. I spend little time wondering if I made the right choice or wishing I had said or done something differently. I sin and make mistakes, of course, but then I repent, make amends and let it go. That's healthy, right? After all, there's no sense holding on to the past. Let bygones be bygones! When I considered how easily I forgive others, however, I noticed a blind spot. I hold grudges and harbor resentments. It's easier for me to forgive myself than to forgive others.

Maybe the reverse is true for you. Maybe you're hard on yourself but forgiving of others. The Lord's Prayer reminds us, however, that forgiveness is a two-way street – we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others. It's not enough to choose one or the other. Like the indebted servant, we are called to trust in the Lord's mercy and to show mercy to others in turn. Lord, help me to forgive!

Happy Winterfest!
Chaplain Ron Smith



NEWS FROM SAL

Hello All,

As the Sons ramp up for a busy 2020, we would like to wish everyone a happy new year, and hope that 2020 will bring you happiness and prosperity. The Sons have another aggressive schedule of fundraising this year and we hope that our volunteers return to help and that you patronize our events like you have so loyally in the past.



The Sons had their annual donation meeting recently and have decided to whom will be the beneficiaries of our labor. The following organizations will be receiving donations from the Sons, Squadron 880; American Legion Post 880, American Legion Post 880 Ladies Auxiliary, WNY Healthcare Systems, WNY Heroes, Homeless Vets Task Force, WNY Vets Housing Coalition, Salvation Army (Eden and North Collins), Eden Athletic Association, Eden Little Loop Football, Child Welfare Foundation, John Levulis Foundation, SAL Tuition Assistance, Eden High School Scholarships. It is because of your attendance and volunteerism that we are able to support these well deserving associations in their effort to help our Veterans and community.

Our next event is our 11th annual March 28, Saturday, from 4-9 pm. Our prize list is bigger and better than ever. Refreshments and food are included in your \$20 ticket. Our chairpeople, Mark and Noelle Sisti, are more excited than ever with the program they are bringing you this year. We have posters and tickets at the bar in the Post. Or you can call Mark at 868-7509, or me at 498-0560 to get more. Please contact me to volunteer. Thank you.

My next subject is very disturbing, but I feel I must bring it to the memberships' attention. Someone keeps ripping down our Gun Raffle poster in the men's bathroom in the Post's bar room. I don't know if this person is a member or not. I will just say this. Keep your hands off of our property. If you don't like the fact that we run an honest and legal gun raffle, too bad. You are destroying private property. If caught, you will face the consequences. We will press charges to the fullest extent of the law, and ban you from stepping foot on Post 880 property. To date, 5 posters have been pulled down and damaged. Please stop, know that we are surveilling the situation and you will get caught. Fellow members, please keep your eyes open and help us find the guilty party. Thank you.

Our annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is Sunday, April 5, 10:30-12:30.

Once again, thank you for all your support.

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

Kenneth D. Szal
Cdr. Squadron 880



Line dancing takes place each Wednesday at 7 pm. Lessons are \$5.00/week.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and is off to a good start this new year and new decade. Unfortunately I started out 2020 with a cold but fortunately it didn't last long and I'm back in business!



As always I'd like to start by thanking everyone who helped with all of the events we had going on in December. Everything went very smoothly. Thanks again to all the volunteers.

Now we are making preparations for our annual fundraiser - March Money Madness FUNdraiser which will take place on Sunday, March 8. Tickets are \$10 for a chance to win up to \$500. There are only 400 tickets sold for this event. There are some available at the bar or you can contact me and I will send them to you. This fundraiser is based on all 400 tickets being sold. Please note we strive to sell all tickets prior to the event so don't wait to get yours. We'll also have a 50/50 drawing, a Lottery Hat drawing and a nice basket raffle. We need donations of items for the basket raffle so please consider donating something to the raffle. NOTE: Due to State Liquor Authority rules, we can not include any alcohol items in the basket raffle. Also, we will need members to donate handheld desserts to serve such as cookies, brownies, and cupcakes.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please be sure to contact me. I know we have some new members who joined this past year and may not be familiar with our March Madness event so please don't hesitate to give me a call or send an email.

Looking ahead toward Spring, the Auxiliary will have election of officers at our April meeting.

That's all I have for now. Take care.

For God and Country,

Karen Ferguson, Unit President

Volunteers are needed to help serve food at the Snowmobile Run on Saturday, February 15. Please contact Laura Pruchnicki at 380-0241 if you are able to help out. Thank you.

GUESTS & BOOSTERS

We were saddened this past December by the loss of two of our members. Donna Osinski and Bob Brueggeman. Most knew Donna as her time spent behind the bar serving us and the Legion. Bob Brueggeman was one of the original and founding members of this group we now call the Guest and Boosters and could always be found helping out where he could. Both of these members will be truly missed.



I ask all members to please help and participate in the Legion's functions and fundraisers when you can. Hopefully spring will be upon us soon.

God bless.

Respectfully,

William J Forness.

Snowmobile Run

Proceeds to benefit Homeless Veterans

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Newell-Faulkner American Legion Post 880

2912 Legion Dr. • Eden, NY 14057

Weather/Snow Permitting

Registration: 9:30 am • Depart: 11 am

Tickets: \$15 each – Ticket includes Live Band, Food and 2 Beverages.

Additional \$10 ticket per rider



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

<https://www.facebook.com/events/s/support-homeless-veterans/607261930032001/?ti=ia>



1st Annual Donna Osinski Memorial Euchre Tournament

will take place on Sunday, March 15 at 1:00 pm at Post 880.

Cost is \$10 and includes refreshments and snacks. Theme baskets and 50/50 will also be available.

Theme basket items are needed and can be dropped off at the Post. Thank you.



Calendar

February

- 1 - Roadrunners 8-11 pm
- 3 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 5 and every Wednesday - Line Dancing 7 pm
- 7 - 9 Winterfest Weekend
- 8 - Roadrunners 8-11 pm
- 15 - Homeless Veterans Snowmobile Run
- 17 - 100th Anniversary of Post 880 Meeting
- 19 - Post Executive Board meeting
- 24 - Legion Membership meeting
- 25 - Sons Meeting
- 26 - Ash Wednesday

March

- 2 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 7 - South City 7-10 pm
- 8 - March Money Madness FUNdraiser 2 pm
- 15 - Euchre Tournament 1 pm
- 18 - Post Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 30 - Legion Membership meeting
- 31 - Sons Meeting

April

- 4 - Legion Spring Meat Raffle
- 5 - Breakfast wth Easter Bunny 10:30-12:30
 - Easter Egg Hunt 1 pm
- 6 - Auxiliary meeting
- 12 - HAPPY EASTER!
- 15 - Post Executive Board meeting
- 27 - Legion Membership meeting

Sick Call

Gwen Green
Marie Hart
Joe Laud

Dick Scott
Ron Smith
Bob Weisedel

In Sympathy

Bob Brueggeman
George Guenther
Betty Miller
Donna Osinski

Don Schasel
Ronald Schmitt
Robert Seufert

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