

Post 880 News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Memorial Day weekend begins the unofficial start of summer. Temperatures will be rising so why not stop in the Post for a cold one!

Several volunteers placed flags on the graves at St. Mary's cemetery, Eden Evergreen, ICC and St. Vincent's cemeteries. After we finished with that, we hung the flags along Main Street.

Upcoming events include our annual Flag Day service and proper flag disposal on Tuesday, June 14 at 6 pm. The Legion/Sons annual golf tournament is on Friday, July 22.

Our 2022 fundraising campaign is in full swing. Please do what you can to support Post 880.

Corn Festival will be in August, help is always needed, please sign up and show up, support of all our members is needed to keep OUR POST going. Next post meeting will be June 7, 2022 at 7 PM. Have a great summer.

And as always God bless our troops and your loved ones.

Cmdr. Jim Blidy



POST 880'S 2022 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Many of you have received an email about our 2022 fundraising campaign. For those of you without email, a letter is being mailed to you asking for your support. Donations can be dropped off at the Legion - there is a lockbox in the bar room to leave your donation or you can mail it to the Post. Checks should be made payable to 'Newell Faulkner Post 880' and mailed to 2912 Legion Drive, Eden, NY 14057. We also set up a GoFundMe page and you can make a donation online by going to GoFundMe.com and searching for Post 880. Letters were also sent to several area businesses and organizations as well as local politicians asking for financial support. Please note that financially we are doing ok with our day-to-day operations but we need to make some large repairs to our building and grounds such as a new roof, wheelchair ramps, and other improvements to make our building handicap accessible and ADA compliant to name a few.

On behalf of Post 880's Board of Directors, we thank you for your support.

2022 - 2023 OFFICERS

LEGION

Commander	Jim Blidy
1st Vice Cdr.	Bob Weisedel
2nd Vice Cdr.	Vinny Skoczylas
3rd Vice Cdr.	Ken Franz
Finance Officer	Bob Reed
Adjutant	Bill Clark
Judge Advocate	
Sgt.-at-Arms	Bob Franz
Chaplain	Jerry Kopryanski
Historian	Dennis Stender
Service Officer	Dick Casseri
Public Relations	Jim Trembath

AUXILIARY

President	Karen Ferguson
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2nd VP	Lori Ranney
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	Grace Yingling
Sgt.-at-Arms	Renee Hadley-Scott
Chaplain	Karen Pruchnicki
Co-Historians	JoAnne Franz & Rosemary Peters

SAL

Commander	Ken Szal
1st Vice Cdr.	Pat Pitillo
2nd Vice Cdr.	Mark Flowers
Finance Officer	Mark Sisti
Adjutant	Joe Tutuska
Sgt.-at-Arms	Scot Christiansen
Chaplain	Wayne Mintz
Co-Chaplain	Jonathan Bauer
Historian	Larry Clerc

GUESTS AND BOOSTERS

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

There Are No Words

There are no words that can express the profound sorrow that has gripped this nation within the past two weeks. I am writing this article just four days before our nation celebrates Memorial Day. The day when we remember the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today.



Unlike these heroes who died for a just cause, the victims of Buffalo and Texas were brutally murdered by gunmen whose purpose was devoid of any human reasoning. There will undoubtedly be many conjectures as to what went on in the minds of the shooters. Some will blame the media, others lack of proper gun control, still others broken family life. But let's call it what it really is, and that is hate, fueled by pure Evil!

All I can do at this point is ask all who read this to take a few moments and pray for the victims and their families. Please remember to thank God for our lives, our families, our heroes, our country and each other.

Please pray for our troops and our country.

God bless you and your families,

Chaplain Jerry K.

2023 Membership Dues Renewals

Over the summer dues renewal notices will be sent out from Department and/or National. If at all possible, please DO NOT renew your dues online. Either leave them at the Post or mail them to:

Newell Faulkner Post 880
2912 Legion Drive
Eden, NY 14057

When dues are paid online, we are not notified in a timely manner and therefore, your card key will not be mailed to you until we are notified of your payment.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

I'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped distribute poppies at Eden Shurfine last month. Thanks to Barb Caffery for chairing this project and lining up all the volunteer help.



On Memorial Day we are presenting awards to Gianna Lenz and Elijah Qi, our 8th Grade Americanism Essay winners. Congratulations to both of them. Thanks to Cheryl Matwijkow and Dora Bowen for judging the essays. We will also recognize Elizabeth Agle and Barachel Mangialomini who will be attending Empire Girls State this summer at SUNY Brockport.

We have one more meeting in June before we break for the summer. Then we will be gearing up for the Corn Festival. We will have our wine stands again and I will be contacting members sometime in July to volunteer for a shift. There will NOT be a Super Day for Super Kids at the Corn Festival again this year.

We are visiting with the vets at Eden Heights on Thursday, June 2. Please arrive at 1:15 for temp check and COVID screening and don't forget your mask!

I would like to ask each of you to do whatever you can to help support our Post's fundraising campaign. There are several costly repairs and improvements that need to be done to our building including a new roof. There is a lockbox inside the Post where you can leave your donation or you can mail it to the Post or make an online donation using GoFundMe.

Take care, stay safe and healthy.

For God and Country,

Karen Ferguson, Unit President

NEWS FROM SAL

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all doing well. Personally I'm fine as is my family. Our Sons' family have had a few mishaps and illnesses that haven't been super serious, but cause for concern just the same. Please say a prayer for Mark and Noelle, Mark F., Wayne, and Joe. They are, for the most part, on the mend. But a prayer can only help. Get well soon my brothers and sister, along with anyone I may have left off the list.



Back to Business. Our gun raffle was very successful. Thanks to all that came out to support us, we very much appreciate you being there. But most of all we would like to thank our sponsors and our volunteers. Our sponsors help us cover the cost of such an undertaking, and our volunteers are irreplaceable. Thanks to all who helped out, especially the Ladies Auxiliary. who are there up front at the registration table every year!



Please try to lend a hand with any of our fundraisers, Many of us are feeling the effects of Father Time, and along with some illnesses and accidents we can't do what we once did. So new help would be greatly appreciated.

Our next project is our annual Scholarship Golf Tournament to be held at the Eden Golf Course, July 22. It is still a 3 man scramble format and this year's fee is \$110.00 per golfer. We will need much help for this project. Please get a team together and/or lend a hand. This one is lot of fun with some really great prizes and food.

This coming Monday is Memorial Day. Please observe this special day appropriately and remember to have a moment of silence at 3 pm to honor and pay respect to our fallen veterans. We will also be having a parade from the Town Hall to Eden's Evergreen cemetery with a ceremony following. Come join us in our tribute to these special people.

That's all for now. Come join us for a sarsaparilla at the Post, and maybe some wonderful food from Chef Jack and his staff. We will see you there.

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

Cdr. Kenneth D. Szal Squadron 880 .



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny took place on April 10. The Sons did a great job decorating the hall and cooking and serving up pancakes and sausage to all the kids and their parents.



FLAG DETAIL AT EDEN EVERGREEN CEMETERY



Bill Clark, Jim Trembath, Bob Reed, Ken Franz, Dick Casseri and a few others helped place flags on the graves at Eden Evergreen Cemetery.



Calendar

June

- 2 - Auxiliary Visit with Vets at Eden Heights
- 7 - Post Membership Meeting
- 14 - Flag Day Service 6 pm
Auxiliary meeting 7 pm
- 15 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 19 - Father's Day
- 28 - SAL Meeting

July

- 4 - Independence Day
- 20 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 22 - Legion/Sons Golf Tournament

August

- 4 - 7 Eden Corn Festival

Sick Call

Neil Curtin
Mark Flowers
Dave Knoll
Kim Knoll
Joe Laud

Wayne Mintz
Ferris Randall
Mark Sisti
Noelle Sisti
Joe Tutuska

In Sympathy

Linda Amarosa-Schaefer (death of husband)
Connie Szal (death of mother)

For illness or death notification, please call
Legion Contact Dick Casseri at 549-4975
Auxiliary Contact is Karen Pruchnicki 380-4410
SAL Contact is Wayne Mintz 575-4045