

Post 880 News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

I would like to thank YOU for your donations for Flags Along Main Street and first pinup flags in the Post for the Post Restoration Project. The Post Restoration Project has been ongoing for the past three years and hopefully some grant money will come our way for major repairs to our Legion post.



On May 18th the Legion will be having a meat raffle. I'm asking members to join us and bring your neighbors and friends. Please support this function!

Our May general meeting is May 20, and at that time there will be an installation of our officers.

Flag detail for the cemeteries will be May 23rd. Please meet at the Post by 9 AM. Memorial Day Services will be Monday, May 27th beginning at 9 AM with a service inside St. Mary's Church in East Eden, followed by our rifle salute and taps at 9:45 AM in the cemetery. Then we will line up at Laing's Funeral Home at 11 AM and proceed to Eden Evergreen Cemetery for our memorial service.

Flag day, Friday June 14th is a very busy day starting with flag raising at Eden Elementary School, followed by flag retiring service at Eden Heights for our assisted living veterans, and then at 6 PM on Legion grounds will be our proper retiring of flags.

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

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	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.	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 July 18, 2019.

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

“Removing the Veil”

A little girl went to Sunday Mass for the first time with her grandparents. As the priest and deacon processed up the aisle, the little girl turned to her grandfather and whispered, “Which one is God?”



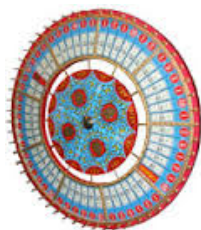
We probably smile at the little girl’s question. We might even think, “How cute!” But the question is really quite profound. It raises a deeper question for all of us: Do we see God’s presence not only in a priest or deacon processing up the aisle, but in everyone we meet? It might be easy to see God’s presence in our loved ones or in individuals very much like ourselves. But can we see God’s presence in people different from us in temperament, age, ethnicity, social standing or political leanings? The word revelation means to remove the veil between the seen and unseen. And so we pray, “Revealing God, take away the veil that prevents me from seeing your presence in everyone I meet today.”

Sr. Melanie Svoboda, S.N.D.

Belated Happy Easter!
Chaplain Ron Smith

MEAT
RAFFLE

The Post is hosting our Spring Meat Raffle on Saturday, May 18 beginning at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$5 and includes food and refreshments.



NEWS FROM SAL



Hello to all,

Spring is here and so is the Sons' Gun Raffle. This Saturday, the 27th, from 4-9, the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 880, will again be hosting their annual Gun Raffle. Your \$20 ticket will get you in to the event where you can enjoy free beverages, and free roast beef and roast pork sandwiches (while they last, and we have never run out). Chairpeople Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sisti have really loaded up the prizes this year, and made the prize list the best its ever been. The Chinese auction looks great, and the two separate raffles for a beautiful cornhole game, and a combination side burner, gas grill, smoker, and charcoal grill will also be available. Guest DJ Brett Allen, from WYRK, will again be hosting the event which runs from 4-9 pm, doors open at 3:15. If you have volunteered in the past or would like to for the first time, please be there by 2:30, and look me up. I am coordinating the volunteers. THIS IS OUR LARGEST BENEFIT, PLEASE ATTEND AND HELP US CONTINUE TO HELP AND FUND THE VARIOUS VETERAN AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE DONATE TO. Thank you.

Once again Marv and Jack are cooking up and slicing the roast beef and pork for us. When you see those two guys, thank them and buy them a beverage. They both do so much for our Post, (like many others), and continue to turn out some of the tastiest dishes one can find in these parts. The Sons thank you, fellas.

We had about 250 attend our Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 14. Everyone seemed to have a great time, and the children were smiling with the Easter Bunny as they had their pictures taken. The food was very good and once again our volunteers were the stars of the show. Thank you all for all the great help!

Memorial Day is coming up on May 27. Please save the date and come join our Post as we pay tribute to those that so bravely fought for the freedoms and liberty we have today.

May God bless you and may God bless our veterans.
USA.USA.USA..USA.USA.USA.USA.

Cdr. Kenneth D. Szal

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

As I write this I am hoping and praying for May flowers since we had nothing but April showers all month long! Even the Easter Egg hunt had to be re-scheduled!



Our election of officers was held at our April meeting and once again I am honored to serve as your President and represent our Unit. After 10 years as 1st Vice President and membership chairman, Sharon Reilly chose not to seek re-election. Cindy Henry was elected 1st Vice President. All other officers were re-elected. I want to thank Sharon for her many years of service and dedication. Welcome Cindy - I know you'll do a great job!

During the month of May we will be collecting new clothing items for the indigent veteran patients at the Buffalo VA. Items needed are T Shirts size S-4X, shorts size S-4X, sweatshirts size M-4X, and sweat pants size S-2X. **Please note all clothing must be new** - the VA does not accept used clothing, no matter how good the condition is, due to a previous issue with bed bugs. There will be a collection barrel at the Post and the Eden Town Hall during the month of May. Thank you for your generosity in helping our veterans in need.

The Auxiliary will serve lunch after our Memorial Day service. We will need salads, side dishes and desserts which can be dropped off that morning. Please bring dishes that are served hot either already heated or no later than 10:00 am so we have sufficient time to heat them.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 6th at 7:00 pm. We will have our initiation of new members and installation of officers at this meeting.

We'll visit with the veterans at Eden Heights on Thursday, May 9th 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



Newly elected Department of NY Gold Star Mother President Holly Baker requested Post 880's Color Guard for their memorial service that took place at the Millennium Hotel on April 5. The following evening at their banquet dinner, Holly thanked them and proclaimed them the "Best Color Guard Ever!!!" Our own Gold Star Mother, Barb Levulis and her husband, Gary attended both events as well.

Mark your Calendar - 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!

MEMORIAL DAY WREATH RAFFLE

We are raffling a wreath along with \$100 bill and \$100 in scratch-off lottery tickets. The wreath is on display at the bar. Chances are 10 for \$5 and the drawing will be held on Memorial Day. Proceeds go to the Post Building Fund. Thank you for your support.

EASTER EGG HUNT

This year's Easter Egg hunt took place on Saturday, April 20. For the children up to age 5, the winners were:

- Gold Egg - Vincent Eggleston
- Silver Egg - Duane Setter
- Bronze Egg - Quinn Archabald

The winners in the 6 - 12 age group are pictured below:



- Gold Egg - Victoria Osinski, age 11
- Silver Egg - Christal Singleton, age 12
- Bronze Egg - Hailey Wahl, age 12

Free online American Legion training program is now available. It's a basic training course for Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members. For more information, go to <https://www.legion.org/education/239459/free-online-american-legion-training-program-now-available>

Calendar

May

- 6 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 9 - Visit Vets at Eden Heights 1:15 pm
- 11 - Crash Cadillac - 7 pm
- 12 - Mother's Day
- 15 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 18 - Meat Raffle 7 pm
- 20 - Legion Member Meeting
- 28 - SAL Meeting

June

- 3 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 13 - Visit Vets at Eden Heights 1:15 pm
- 14 - Flag Day - 6 pm at the Post
- 16 - Father's Day
- 19 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 24 - Legion Member Meeting
- 25 - SAL Meeting

July

- 11 - BBQ with Vets at Eden Heights 12:00 pm
- 17 - Post Executive Board Meeting

August

- 1 - 4 Eden Corn Festival

Sick Call

Linda Forness
Marie Hart
Joe Laud

In Sympathy

Arnie Hatfield
Nancy James (death of nephew)

*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*