

Post 880 News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

The holidays will soon be upon us, before then don't forget to turn your the clocks back 1 hour on November 7th.

Our Veterans Day Service will be November 11 at 11 AM in the Banquet hall and open house. Hopefully we can get some new members for Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of American Legion.

November 13 will be our meat raffle starting at 7 PM. \$5 admission includes sandwiches and refreshment. Bring your \$1 bills and go home with an arm full of prizes.

A reminder regular post meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Please check bulletins posted in club room for other upcoming events at the Post.

Please be responsible during the holidays.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

GOD BLESS OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

GOD BLESS OUR MEMBERSHIP

Jim Blidy

Post Commander



100th Anniversary Open House

Our Post's 100th Anniversary Open House featured several tables filled with photo albums, plaques and awards received as well as other memorabilia. Special thanks goes to Rosie Peters who collected and assembled several albums and a collage of photos (see back page)

2021 - 2022 OFFICERS

LEGION

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| 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 | Heidi Wysocki |
| Sgt.-at-Arms | Bob Franz |
| Chaplain | Jerry Kopyranski |
| Historian | Dennis Stender |
| Service Officer | Dick Casseri |
| Public Relations | Jim Trembath |

AUXILIARY

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| President | Karen Ferguson |
| 1st VP | Cindy Henry |
| 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

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| 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 |
| Co-Chaplains | Wayne Mintz & Jonathan Bauer |
| Historian | Larry Clerc |

GUESTS AND BOOSTERS

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| President | Bill Forness |
| Membership | Paul Marcin |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Jeff Winter |

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

With Grateful Thanks

When the cannons of World War One were silenced, we thought we had fought the "war to end all wars", but as history has proven, we still need our military. Peace, though fragile as glass, is often a product of hands and minds strong enough to toil at the anvil of war. This month we celebrate the strength, courage and dedication of our Veterans who not only answer the call to war but also shape the world for lasting peace.

The brave actions of our Veterans endure in the pages of history. It is up to us to remain strong for our families, our community and our nation. Our Post, the Sons and the Auxiliary exemplify this strength by the many good works we do in and for the community.

This Thanksgiving as we gather with family and friends remember to pray with grateful thanks for all our Veterans and especially for the many men and women in our Armed forces who cannot be with their families this holiday season.

To all members of our Post, the Sons and Auxiliary and those associated with our Post, Have a happy, holy and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

God bless you and your families,

Chaplain Jerry K.



AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

As I'm writing this, I've noticed the outside temperature has dropped about 20 degrees in the last couple weeks, so that means it's time to start preparing for our holiday events.

If you know of a military serviceman or woman who will not be home for the holidays, please give me their address so we can send them a care package. The deadline to submit a name is November 11.

We will be providing lunch after the Veterans Day service on Thursday, November 11. Auxiliary members are asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. For planning purposes, please contact me and let me know what you are bringing.

We are sponsoring a family again this year for the holidays - see notice elsewhere in this newsletter.

Eden Heights has invited us to visit with the vets once again, however, we will have to wear face masks and show proof of vaccination. We are going there on Wednesday, November 10 at 1:15 to celebrate Veterans Day with them.

The BOCES School contacted me regarding our annual Christmas party for the BOCES children. As of now, we are able to host the party and it is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14. We will use the stuffed animals and coloring books and crayons we purchased last year.

At our last meeting we held quite a lengthy discussion regarding the Senior Citizens Christmas dinner and have decided in the interest of their health and safety, we will not have the dinner this year.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 9. Our executive board meets at 6:30 pm followed by our regular membership meeting at 7 pm.

For God and Country,

Karen Ferguson
Unit President

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Jerrod Kester from Whirlwind Veterans & Warrior Retreat will be speaking at our Veterans Day service on November 11. Whirlwind is sponsoring Wreaths Across America again this year and they will be placing wreaths at local cemeteries. For more information on how you can sponsor a wreath for \$15, please visit their website: www.whirlwindveteransandwarriorretreat.org.

Volunteers will also be needed to help lay the wreaths on Saturday, December 18.



NEWS FROM SAL

Hello All,

I hope you are all doing well. The Sons are in low gear after an extremely busy end of the summer with the Post Golf Tournament, Corn Festival, and annual Gun Raffle all falling within a seven week time period. But it was a successful run of events and once again I would like to thank our sponsors (whose business names are being high lighted on our Main St. sign), our volunteers, and our veterans. Thank you to all for making these events possible and successful.



Our next event is Breakfast with Santa. This will take place on Sunday, December 19, from 10:30-12:30. Bring the children and grandchildren to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. It is always a special time for the young ones. Their smiles will brighten your day, I promise. We will be decorating on Sunday, December 12 at 11:00 am. Please come and give us a hand like you folks usually do. We appreciate all your help.

Dues are now due, and they are \$30.00. The card key door lock will be changed on November 1. So please get your dues in. Pat Pitillo is our first vice and in charge of membership. He is doing a great job and if you have any questions, please contact Pat. When you pay your dues, Pat usually gets your card a couple of weeks later. The cards can be picked up at the Post. Just ask the person behind the bar and they will try to locate it for you.

By the way, our Sons chapter is very successful because we have a bunch of dedicated men, along with their families, that give much of their free time to the Sons. One of those tireless volunteers is Larry (Big Lar) Clerc. If you see Big Lar please thank him for all the work he and his family do for our Post. Larry is a proud patriot that supports our Post, our constitution, and our Veterans in honor of his father, Norman, who served in the Navy.

That's all for now, may God bless you, our Veterans, our military, and the United States of America.

Commander Kenneth D. Szal, Squadron 880

GUESTS & BOOSTERS

We will be having a meeting on Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00 pm. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so or better yet, pay them personally at the November meeting. We will be discussing a membership drive. If you know of anyone who would like to join the Boosters, please have them attend the meeting. Applications will be available.

I hope life finds you well.

God bless.

William J Forness.



Sponsoring a Family for Christmas

Attention Legion Family Members - we are sponsoring a family for the holidays. We will collect gift cards in any dollar amount to give to the family so that Mom and Dad can purchase gifts for the children.

The family has 4 children, 3 girls ages 10, 9, and 6 and a boy 5 years old. Both Mom and Dad are veterans with Dad having been deployed. They recently moved back from the Midwest to be closer to family. Dad just got a job last month and Mom is continuing her education at this time.

Suggestions for gift cards could be for Walmart, Target, Amazon, Tops, or Dollar General. You can leave your gift card or cash donation at the bar or if you prefer, you can mail it to:

Newell Faulkner Post 880
Attn: Karen Ferguson
2912 Legion Drive
Eden, NY 14057

Karen will combine all cash donations received and purchase a gift card. We will collect donations through November 11th to allow time for the family to shop for gifts for the children.

Thank you for helping spread some Christmas cheer once again during these challenging and uncertain times.

CHEST FREEZER AND \$250 MEAT RAFFLE

We are raffling a chest freezer filled with \$250 worth of meat. Tickets are available now at the bar. \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and the drawing will take place at our meat raffle on November 13.

Thank you Jim Strade and Kate Riley for donating the freezer for this fundraiser.



Calendar

November

- 2 - Election Day
Post Membership Meeting
- 9 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 10 - Auxiliary Visit with the Vets at Eden Heights
- 11 - Veterans Day Service at 11 am
- 13 - Meat Raffle
- 17 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 25 - Thanksgiving - Post Closed
- 30 - SAL Meeting

December

- 7 - Post Membership Meeting
- 9 - Auxiliary Members Christmas Dinner
- 12 - Breakfast with Santa
- 14 - BOCES Children's Christmas Party
- 15 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 24 - Christmas Eve - Post closed at 6 pm
- 25 - Merry Christmas! Post Closed
- 28 - SAL Meeting
- 31 - New Year's Eve

Sick Call

Neil Curtin
Jerry Donohue
Dave Knoll
Kim Knoll

Laura Hodge (hospital)
Joe Laud
Wayne Mintz

In Sympathy

Barbara Flynn
Robert Robertson
Robert Steiger

*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*