

Post 880 News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

The busy summer is gone. I would like to thank everyone for volunteering at the Corn Festival. Despite having rain the first two days, I believe everyone enjoyed themselves. At the Erie County Fair dugout, I would like to thank Laura Hodge and family, Linda Prell, Sons of the Legion, and Auxiliary for all the help and to all that brought a dish to pass. I hope I covered everyone, please forgive me if you were not mentioned. As for the parade, The Legion took first place this year in marching, and the ladies auxiliary placed second - all good things for our Post 880. Hats off to Squadron 880 for taking care of Legion Scholarship Golf Tournament and to all the behind the scene members at the golf course and at the dinner afterwards.



General meetings will be starting up in September please make it a point to attend. Legion general meetings are the last Monday of each month, Sons of the Legion meetings are the last Tuesday of the month, Ladies Auxiliary meetings are the first Monday of the month. It is a good way to get **first-hand** information on what's going on at your post. Also check out the bulletin boards in the clubroom on upcoming events. Membership dues are due, please pay as soon as possible. Door locks will be changed November 1st.

Veterans Day service will be November 11 at 11 AM in the Banquet Hall. There will be an open house after the Service from noon to 6 PM with the hope of recruiting new members for each organization.

God Bless America,
Jim Blidy, Commander Post 880

2017-2018 OFFICERS

LEGION

Commander	Jim Blidy
1st Vice Cdr.	Bob Weisedel
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Historian	Bill Keller
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SAL

Commander	Ken Szal
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Chaplain	Wayne Mintz
Historian	Larry Clerc

GUESTS AND BOOSTERS

President	Bill Robison
Membership	Mary Ann Clerc
Secretary/Treasurer	Jeff Winter

The deadline for the next issue of Post 880 News will be November 15, 2017.

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

"The Real Treasures of Life Are Not in this World"

by Kristin Armstrong

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God" (Matthew 19:24)

Our culture is one of striving; we strive for more money, more things, more status. The cliché "more is more" pretty much sums it up. We know we can't take our money or our things with us when we leave this world, yet we accumulate more things that our descendants will have to divide, distribute, or dispose of. Scripture tells us to store our treasures in heaven, not down here. Maybe we need to spend more time thinking about the kinda of collections we went, the things of **true value** we can enjoy for all eternity. My mother had always encouraged us to live lives of contentment. Instead of "more is more", she maintained "enough is enough". When we aren't clutching our things, we can embrace the **real treasures** of life. We can be rich in the ways that are **pleasing to God**.

Contentedly yours in Christ!
Chaplain Ron Smith

To our friends and members in Texas, Florida and other areas in the South, please know we have been thinking of you and we hope you all fared well during the recent hurricanes.



NEWS FROM SAL

Hello everyone,

Things are somewhat quiet with the Sons right now. We have a couple of football promos going on. I hope you are one of the lucky winners!

I'd like to thank all of the sponsors and all of the volunteers that helped make our Scholarship Golf Tourney another success this year. Chairman Bob Reed and Mark Flowers did an outstanding job again this year. We moved the event to a Saturday for the first time in a while, and had more participants, which was our main goal. Our sponsors really helped out and donated many great prizes. Overall, I would say that our tourney keeps getting better and better. Let's get even more golfers and sponsors next year. All proceeds benefit Eden Central School's graduating seniors. Thanks, again.

The Sons have had quite a busy summer, with the Gun Raffle, Corn Festival, and our marching in the Veterans Day Parade at the Erie County Fair. We could use more marchers. The Sons provide covers, shirts, ties, and tie clips. Please volunteer, the more marchers, the more respectable we look. We march to honor our

Veterans and our Post. We always have a good time when we get together for events, and meetings.

We will be moving up our October meeting to Tuesday, October 24, because the last Tuesday is Halloween.

See you at the Post,

May God bless you, and may God bless America. And a heartfelt thank you to our past and present military.

Commander Kenneth D. Szal
Squadron 880



Golfers at the Scholarship Tournament held on August 19th

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

I want to start off by thanking all the volunteers who helped for Super Day, our Auxiliary stand and the wine stand in the beer barn. We served over 600 individuals and caretakers on Super Day which is down a bit from previous years. If you recall, the weather did not cooperate on Thursday and Friday. All things considered though, we did well at both the Auxiliary and wine stands.

The ladies won 2nd place at the Erie County Fair Veterans Day parade. Congratulations! Nice job!

On August 19th, my sister and I participated in the KIA Memorial Roadmarch at Chestnut Ridge Park. It's a 10K and its route is a grueling hike all through the park and I swear we climbed every single hill at Chestnut Ridge! Participants are asked to donate 30 lbs. of canned goods that are given to food pantries sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America and Gold Star Mothers. Many participants carry the canned goods in a rucksack as they do the march but we weren't up to that challenge! We turned in our donation of canned goods prior to the march. Our Unit was recognized and presented a certificate for our donation to the event and Post 880's Honor Guard was there for the opening ceremony and received recognition for being there as well. It's a wonderful event with 100% of proceeds going to veteran organizations and do I dare say I'm looking forward to doing it again next year?!!!



Our September meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 11 but unfortunately there were not enough members present to conduct business so our next meeting will be on Monday, October 2. Our executive board meets at 6:30 pm followed by our general membership meeting at 7:00 pm. I've invited the 4 girls from Eden who attended Empire Girls State to attend this meeting and tell us about their experience over the summer at Girls State.

We will be visiting with the vets at Eden Heights on Thursday, September 28th at 1:15 pm to celebrate 3 birthdays this month.

If you have any questions on any of this information, please don't hesitate to call or text me at 716/870-2857.

For God and Country,
Karen Ferguson,
Unit President

GUESTS & BOOSTERS

Hello to All:

The Guests & Boosters met on Tuesday, September 12th. It seems like summer went by like a speeding bullet. Since I became G&B President 4 years ago, Jeff Winter has been our Secretary/Treasurer, and Bob Brueggeman has been our membership chairman. Because of a health issue, Bob has stepped down as membership chairman. We all appreciate his efforts these past years. No matter what Bob works at, he does a great job always above and beyond. Thank you Bob! Our new membership chairperson will be Mary Ann Clerc. Having worked with Mary Ann on other projects at the Post, we all feel she will do an outstanding job. Thank you Mary Ann and good luck!



Like all organizations, the Guests and Boosters have members but we need members that will be willing to volunteer. Have you noticed that it's always the same individuals that carry the weight of the Post? I've given up some of my volunteer hours with other groups so I can be available to help at the Post.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 3rd. Thanks for listening.

God Bless our Troops and Veterans,
Bill Robison
President



Our Post's Honor Guard at Chestnut Ridge for the KIA Memorial Roadmarch on August 19th.

Remember

APO Letters brought thoughts of home.

Don't forget about the letters before computers and modern electronics.

APO's from the ice caps of Greenland, to the Caribbean off Cuba, to the 38th Parallel of Korea, the jungles of Vietnam, the trenches of France and the brimy ocean blue.

Some were love letters and some were Dear John or Jane letters.

Some letters had no answers.

Some came from Mom and Dad.

Some you wished you never received.

But we always looked forward to mail call hoping, but sometimes disappointed.

So, don't forget APO letters before the world changed and so have we.

We went where Uncle Sam sent us hoping the letters would follow because it brought us back home.

Some letters did not get delivered because of a change of address - addresses like Flounders Field, Arlington and the hometown cemeteries all over the nation.

Submitted by,
Airman Ken Franz

Calendar

October

2 - Auxiliary Meeting

3 - Guests & Boosters Meeting

18 - Post Executive Board Meeting

24 - SAL Meeting

30 - Post Meeting

31 - Halloween

November

6 - Auxiliary Meeting

7 - Election Day

10 - Marine Corps Birthday

11 - Veterans Day

15 - Post Executive Board Meeting

23 - Thanksgiving

27 - Post Meeting

28 - SAL Meeting

Sick Call

Dora Bowen

Terry Filbey

Marie Hart

Dave Knoll

Wayne Mintz

Bob Robertson

Harry Rudy

June Sercu

Everett Smith

In Sympathy

Eugene Blaszc

Don Brockman

Sandra Funke (father)

Dave Kaczmarek

Kathy Keller (father)

Roger Reilly (brother)

Sharon Reilly (mother)

Frank Rettig

Anthony St. George

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