

Post 880 News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

I hope everyone had a great summer.

I would like to thank Legion, Auxiliary and SAL for all the help throughout the year and to all the members for volunteering at the Corn Festival and especially the members that helped at the Veterans Day at the fair. Without them, there would not have been a dugout!



To Bill Clark, a BIG thanks for pulling Flag Detail all summer along Main St. and Church St.

Veterans Day service is on Monday, November 11 at 11 AM. Luncheon afterwards will be provided by Auxiliary.

Key Cards will be changed November 1st. Dues are \$46 and can be paid any day, any time at the post. As always we need new members. Thanks to the Legion Act signed into law by President Trump, any veteran who served since WW II is now eligible to join.

Daylight Saving time ends November 3rd.

Meat Raffle will be 11/9/19 starting at 7 PM. We need the support of members and your neighbors and friends. Back by popular demand will be Limburger Cheese!

There are more events coming that will be posted in the Club Room, keep a look out.

Please Support Your Post.

God Bless Our Troops,

God Bless America,

Jim Blidy, Post 880 Commander

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 November 18, 2019.

Karen Ferguson
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Hamburg, NY 14075
716/870-2857
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Saturday, November 2 The Roadrunners will be playing classic rock and roll music in the bar. Stop in for a pizza and a beer and enjoy the music from 7 - 10 pm.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

“A Lot to Learn”

When we were young, our ambitions were vague but mighty. We wanted to be the world's leading expert on something. We didn't care what it was, so long as we were solely and indisputably right about something all the time. If we achieved this ambition at all, it is only in spheres so small as to be meaningless. These days, however, instead of priding ourselves on everything we think we know, we should take even greater pleasure in realizing how much we still have to learn. No matter how long we contemplate the heavens, the universe is more immense than we can imagine. No matter how much we pray, we will never fully understand the mind of God. No matter how often we read his Word, it always offers us something new. We praise God for all that is beyond our knowing!

Lord, let us sit at your feet and learn.

Karla Manternach
Contributor to Living Faith

As the season changes, pause to appreciate and give thanks to God for the beauty of the Fall season!

God Bless you all,
Chaplain Ron Smith



Veterans Day Raffle to benefit the Post Building Fund. Tickets are available at the bar. 10 for \$5 for a chance to win this framed picture and \$100 cash and \$100 in scratch-off lottery tickets. Drawing will take place on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11. Thanks for your support.

NEWS FROM SAL

Hello All,

The Sons organization is coming off a very successful Cornfest/Dunk 'em booth activity where we saw a great number of people give up their free time and do their duty. Their duty being the volunteering of their limited free time to help attain a common goal, that of working to raise funds to help others that are less fortunate or organizations that need help to fulfill their goals. We, as Americans are blessed to live in the best country in the history of the world. We can only sustain our success if we continue to work hard for God, country and family. My duty is to work with others to help fulfill our father's and grandfather's legacy, to continue to serve our country, Post, and community while adhering to the rights the Constitution of the United States of America entitles us to. Let us continue to diligently work towards our common goals.

The Sons gun raffle is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 28. Many volunteers are needed so please save the date and volunteer or attend this exciting event.

Veterans Day is Monday, November 11. Please attend our service.

Breakfast with Santa is our next event, the date is December 15. We are decorating Thursday, December 5. Please come down and lend a hand.

Go Bills, 3 & 0. The New England Patsies are next!

Enjoy the rest of our summer!

May God bless you, our veterans, and the United States of America!

Kenneth D. Szal, Commander Squadron 880



AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

I want to start out by thanking everyone who helped in any of the stands during the Corn Festival, whether it was for the Auxiliary's wine stand, Super Day, selling pull tab tickets, drink tickets, serving beer, or helping the Sons in the Clam Stand. Your help was greatly appreciated. The weather was great this year and wine sales were good.



Now that Fall has arrived we are resuming our monthly meetings and preparing for the upcoming events. Our next meeting is on Monday, October 7 at 7 pm. I've invited the 2 girls we sponsored for Empire Girls State to attend this meeting and share their experience with us.

We will visit with the veterans at Eden Heights on October 10th at 1:15. Please feel free to join us. We serve coffee and dessert and celebrate any veteran's birthday for the month.

The Legion will have a service on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11 at 11 am followed by a luncheon. We will need salads, side dishes and desserts to serve.

Membership dues for 2020 are \$30 and should be paid as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Checks should be made payable to 'ALA Unit 880' and can be left at the Post in an envelope to the attention of 'Cindy Henry' or you can mail them to her:

Cindy Henry
7180 Gowanda State Road
Eden, NY 14057

Each year we send care packages to servicemen and women from Eden who will not be home for Christmas. If you know someone, please send me their name and address. We will pack the boxes on Monday, November 18.

Thank you for all you do to help our Post and our veterans.

For God and Country,

Karen Ferguson, Unit President

Post 880

**MEAT
RAFFLE**

Saturday, November 9 at 7 PM
\$5 admission includes
refreshments and sandwiches.
Back by popular demand -
Limburger cheese!

Kitchen menu will also be
available.




In August Karen Ferguson and Cindy Henry participated in the KIA Memorial Roadmarch at Chestnut Ridge to support Gold Star Mothers and Vietnam Veterans food pantries. We didn't know it included a FREE shower!!! Despite the soaking conditions, it was a great event.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA IS COMING TO EDEN!


FUNDRAISER!

Sponsor a Wreath Today for \$15



**WREATHS
— across —
AMERICA**

**National Remembrance Ceremony
Evergreen Cemetery
2862 Church Street, Eden, NY
December 14, 2019 at 12:00 P.M.**



You may donate online at: <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/NYECFH>
Location Name: Evergreen Cemetery *"Field of Honor"*

Or contact Whirlwind Veterans and Warrior Retreat at (716) 597-5546 or wwrinc@gmail.com or cdenisekester@gmail.com for more information.

Please visit our website at: www.whirlwindveteransandwarriorretreat.org

Whirlwind Veterans and Warrior Retreat is located on Clarksburg Road in Eden and is working to help veterans struggling with all forms of trauma such as PTSD, depression and anxiety. It is a resiliency agricultural program established by and for veterans of all military branches. By providing resources through farming, raising animals and gardening to name a few, they seek to provide veterans with the tools necessary to live their best life. Whirlwind Veterans and Warrior Retreat is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Wreaths Across America Program. See information above for more information on Whirlwind Veterans and Warrior Retreat and how you can sponsor a wreath that will be placed on a veteran's grave in the Eden Evergreen Cemetery's Field of Honor.

UPDATE ON AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WATERS (Blue Water Navy)

Blue Water Navy Veterans are now entitled to a presumption of service connection for conditions related to Agent Orange exposure. This extension of the presumption is a result of Public Law 116-23, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, signed into law on June 25, 2019. The law takes effect January 1, 2020. The law states that Veterans aboard a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia as defined in Public Law 116-23, between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides such as Agent Orange and may be entitled to service connection for conditions related to that exposure. To be entitled to disability compensation benefits, these Veterans must have one or more of the conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure that are listed in 38 Code of Federal Regulations section 3.309(e). What conditions are related to Agent Orange exposure? Agent Orange presumptive conditions are: • AL amyloidosis • Chloracne, or other acneform disease consistent with chloracne • Chronic B-cell leukemias • Diabetes mellitus, Type 2 • Ischemic heart disease • Hodgkin lymphoma, formerly known as Hodgkin's disease • Non-Hodgkin lymphoma • Multiple myeloma • Parkinson's disease • Peripheral neuropathy, early-onset • Porphyria cutanea tarda • Prostate cancer • Respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx or trachea) • Softtissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma).

How do I file a claim for disability compensation? •Include any evidence you have of service in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the required timeframe. Include the name(s) of the ship(s) and the date(s) you crossed within 12 nautical miles of the Republic of Vietnam, if you have that information. (Navy Deck Logs: The National Archives has digitized a sizable number of deck logs for Navy ships; they are available on this site: <https://www.archives.gov/research/military/logbooks/navy-online> and Carrier Reports: The Blue Water Navy Association prepared a series of very useful reports presenting information on when Aircraft Carriers entered the territorial seas off Vietnam within the required 12 nautical miles of the baseline; they are available on this site. These reports provide you with the page number of the ship's Deck Log where the information about the ship entering the territorial seas can be verified. •Provide medical evidence showing a diagnosis of a current Agent Orange presumptive condition or tell us where you are being treated.

*PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST HAVE EVIDENCE OF SERVICE IN THE OFFSHORE WATERS AND BE DIAGNOSED WITH AN AGENT ORANGE PRESUMPTIVE CONDITION.

Veterans with questions about benefits or filing a claim can visit the VA Agent Orange website www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/navy-coast-guardships-Vietnam/.

Thank you to Legion member Al Bugenhagen for sharing this update for his fellow members who may have been affected by Agent Orange.



On September 9th Post 880's Honor Guard provided the 21 gun salute at the Tee It Up For The Troops golf tournament that was held at Wanakah Country Club. Medal of Honor Recipient David Bellavia was the guest speaker and he took time to visit and pose for a picture with our honor guard.

Just in time for Christmas! - Next year Post 880 will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Commemorative shirts will soon be available for purchase and will make great Christmas gifts - hint, hint! More information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

DAILY NUMBER DRAWING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Tickets will be available within the next couple weeks for our December drawing. Tickets are \$5 for a chance to win \$50 daily and \$100 on Christmas Day based on the evening daily number drawn. Contact Karen Ferguson if you'd like tickets mailed to you or stop in at the bar and get yours.

Calendar

October

- 7 - Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm
- 10 - Visit with Vets at Eden Heights 1:15 pm
- 16 - Post Board Meeting
- 28 - Legion Member Meeting
- 29 - SAL Meeting

November

- 2 - The Roadrunners - music in club room
- 4 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 5 - Election Day
- 9 - Legion Meat Raffle 7 pm
- 10 - Marine Corps Birthday - Semper Fi
- 11 - Veterans Day Service 11 am
- 14 - Visit with Vets at Eden Heights 1:15 pm
- 18 - Pack Servicemen Care Packages
- 20 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 25 - Legion Member Meeting
- 26 - SAL Meeting
- 28 - Thanksgiving Day - POST CLOSED

December

- 2 - Auxiliary Christmas Dinner 5:30 pm
- 5 - Decorate Hall for Christmas
- 8 - Sr. Citizens Christmas Dinner 1 pm
- 10 - BOCES Children's Christmas Party
- 12 - Visit with Vets at Eden Heights 1:15 pm
- 15 - Breakfast with Santa 10:30-12:30

Sick Call

*Debra Franz
Gwen Green
Marie Hart
Joe Laud*

In Sympathy

*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*