

Post 880 News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fall is among us; things are progressing around the Legion. The new asphalt has been sealed. Roof repairs have been started and will be completed in the coming week; it'll be great to have no leaks this winter.



Nominations and election will take place for 3 E-Board positions at our next membership meeting on Tuesday, October 4 at 7PM.

On October 22 there will be an Outdoor Gear and Meat Raffle in the Legion Hall. A group called 'Friends of Post 880' which was formed by Dave Rice and other members of the Eden Athletic Association, is running this benefit for Post 880. This is their thank you for all the community service we have provided for the Eden Athletic Association. They are looking for members to sell raffle tickets and help support this benefit. Tickets are \$25 each for a chance to win one of 15 prizes valued at \$500 and also includes a Pulled Pork Dinner, Draft Beer and Soft Drinks. It would be nice to get full support from all of our Members. Tickets can be purchased in the club room.

Eastern Standard Time starts on November 6th.

On November 2nd, the hall will be used that day for early voting so our monthly meeting will be held the following Tuesday, November 8 at 7 PM. Don't forget to vote.

Veterans Day Service on November 11 will be in the banquet hall at 11 AM. On November 12 there will be an Open House in the Club Room for all veteran members and for fellow Veterans to join.

November 24th is Thanksgiving, please give THANKS to all our Troops and YOUR Loved Ones.

Again, God bless our troops and your loved ones.
Cmdr. Jim Blidy

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2023 ARE DUE NOW!

Legion Dues \$46
Auxiliary Dues \$30
Sons Dues \$30

Door locks will be changed November 1

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
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

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	

GUESTS AND BOOSTERS

President	Bill Forness
Membership	Paul Marcin
Secretary/Treasurer	Jeff Winter

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

A Race We All Run

In St. Paul's last letter to his friend Timothy he writes, "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."

All of us long to leave a legacy for our families and friends..... a legacy of accomplishment but most importantly of love. This can be a daunting task in this time when the world and our own country seem so divided. All of us have been burdened with problems that, at times, seem insurmountable. Some with regards to family, some economic, political or personal. Some days we might even have a hard time trying to find something for which we are thankful.

It is at these times that we must rely on a higher power to give us the strength to see us through. A kind word or a smile at the right time can really light up someone's day as well as our own. In these trying times let's be more kind, more humble and more giving of ourselves.

Do this and when our time is up we can truly say "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."

Please remember to pray for all veterans both living and deceased this Veterans Day, and continue to pray for all active military personnel.

God bless you, your families and God bless America.

Chaplain Jerry K.



On Saturday, September 10 members of Buffalo Honor Flight coordinated a surprise drive-by parade to honor Legion member and Korean War Veteran Ed Wesolowski. Post 880's Honor Guard stood at attention at Ed's home. His street was lined with onlookers as several vehicles drove by waving and beeping their horns wishing Ed well.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

We have resumed our regular membership meetings after taking a break over the summer.

We had a successful stand at the Eden Corn Festival despite a couple of hiccups. All in all things went well and I am very grateful for all the volunteer help. Thanks to everyone who stepped up and helped out whether it was for the Auxiliary's wine stand, the Sons' clam stand, or the Legion beer barn and tent. Your help was appreciated by all.

We had a barbecue with the vets at Eden Heights in August and the weather cooperated for us. See pictures on back page of newsletter. We will be visiting them again on Thursday, October 6 at 1:15. Our last visit was interrupted due to a fire drill so hopefully this month we'll be able to visit a little longer!

Our next Auxiliary meeting is on Tuesday, October 11. Executive board meets at 6:30 pm followed by our regular membership meeting at 7:00 pm.

Early voting will be taking place at the Post in the hall on November 1 so the Legion meeting is being pushed ahead a week to November 8. That means the November Auxiliary meeting will also be moved ahead a week to Tuesday, November 15.

Veterans Day is on Friday, November 11 and as always there will be a service at the Post at 11 am in the hall. Auxiliary will provide a luncheon afterwards.

We will be seeking names and addresses of any local servicemen and women who will be away for the holidays to send a care package to. If you know of anyone, please contact me.

Our December events have been scheduled:

Sunday, December 4 - Sr. Citizens Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 8 - Auxiliary Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 11 - Breakfast with Santa

Tuesday, December 13 - BOCES Children's Christmas Party.

Take care, stay safe and healthy.

For God and Country,

Karen Ferguson, Unit President



NEWS FROM SAL

Hello all,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It seemed to fly by, didn't it? Cooler weather is upon us, and the football and hockey season is upon us. Come down to the Post and enjoy your favorite beverage and food item and enjoy the game.

The Sons are back to our regular meeting schedule with board meetings at 6:30 and general membership meetings at 7:30 the last Tuesday of every month. We need some of other members to show up and help with some of our activities as we move forward. Some of our most active members are getting a little bit older and can't do what we once did. So please lend a hand.

We do have a few dates coming up that will definitely need volunteers to ensure a smooth running event. There will be an "Outdoor Gear and Meat Raffle" on Saturday, October 22 at the Post. This event starts at 5:30 with doors opening at 4:30. Many volunteers will be needed. Watch for more info in the near future. We also will be decorating the hall for the Christmas season. Final dates for decorating will be forthcoming also. Please lend a hand.

On behalf of the Sons, I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped run the Post golf tournament and who helped out at the Clam stand and beer barn and tent. We are only as strong as our membership. And the membership is the backbone of any organization. Community volunteerism is what makes our country, town, and Post special. Please continue to volunteer whenever possible.

One of our most active members is historian Larry Clerc. Because of personal reasons Larry has resigned his post as historian. Larry has held that post since the Sons' beginning. To say Larry was "just" a historian would be an insult to his passion and work ethic he exhibited since day one. Larry was part of the glue that held us together as an organization. His work behind the scenes goes largely unnoticed. No one worked harder for our organization and he will be missed more than words can say. Please step up and help us fill the void left by his resignation. Larry, we thank you and we salute you for your unselfish dedication in helping to make our organization as successful as it is. When you see Big Lar, shake his hand and thank him for his efforts over the years. If you are interested in becoming the historian for the Sons, please contact me at 716-498-0560. May God bless our military, our country, and our Post.

Kenneth D. Szal
Cdr. Squadron 880



OUTDOOR GEAR & MEAT RAFFLE

Friends of Post 880 are sponsoring a fundraiser with proceeds going to our Post. This event is on Saturday, October 22. Doors open at 4:30 and the first drawing is at 5:30. Tickets are \$25. Prizes are valued at \$500. In addition to the prizes listed on the ticket (see below) there will be a meat raffle and a basket raffle. Donations of items for the basket raffle are needed and can be dropped off at the Post anytime. Volunteer help is needed the day of the event to sell tickets on the floor. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the bar and there is a supply of tickets available as well. Please come out and support this event.

American Legion Post 880
OUTDOOR GEAR & MEAT RAFFLE
Drawing: Saturday, October 22, 2022
2912 Legion Drive • Eden, NY 14057
Doors Open at 4:30 • First Drawing at 5:30
Tickets \$25 each: Includes Pulled Pork Dinner, Draft Beer and Soft Drinks
Chinese Auction • Basket Raffle

PRIZES:
EACH ITEM WILL BE VALUED AT \$500

1. Camping Tent and Accessories
2. Fishing Items
3. Backyard Fire Pit and Accessories
4. Outdoor Movie Projector
5. Shea's Tickets and Night Out
6. Bills Tickets Package with Tailgating
7. Yeti Cooler with Gift Cards to fill cooler
8. Outdoor Cooking Grill & Set
9. Solo Stove Package
10. Bandits Tickets
11. Kayak Package & Accessories
12. Hiking Package
13. Gift Card Package
14. Restaurant Gift Cards
15. Outdoor Yard Games

Scan QR to purchase tickets to ONLINE 50/50 RAFFLE

American Legion Post 880 Outdoor Gear & Meat Raffle • 10/22/22
Only one name per ticket.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____

Barbecue with the Vets at Eden Heights



Debbie Holscher, Rosie Peters, JoAnne Franz, Grace Yingling, Karen Pruchnicki and Karen Ferguson attended the barbecue for the veteran residents at Eden Heights on August 16.

Calendar

October

- 4 - Legion Member Meeting
- 11 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 19 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 22 - Outdoor Gear and Meat Raffle
- 25 - Sons Meeting
- 29 through Nov. 6 - Early Voting

November

- 8 - Legion Member Meeting
- Election Day
- 11 - Veterans Day Service 11 am
- 16 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 16 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 24 - Happy Thanksgiving - POST CLOSED
- 29 - Sons Meeting

December

- 4 - Sr. Citizens Christmas Dinner
- 8 - Auxiliary Christmas Dinner
- 10 - Decorate Hall
- 11 - Breakfast with Santa
- 13 - BOCES Children's Christmas Party

Sick Call

*Phylis Jost
Dave Knoll
Kim Knoll*

*Joe Laud
Wayne Mintz
Ed Wesolowski*

In Sympathy

*Cheryl Matwijkow - death of mother
Ranney/Levulis Family - 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*