

# Post 880 News

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

At the Erie County convention, our post received first-place in children and youth category. This award makes our post great for the community. It is the fifth year in a row that we accomplished this. As all members know we give back to our community, be very proud of that.



We have signed the commitment papers for the Blue Star Memorial Highway marker that will be placed in Memorial Park next spring.

Our Veterans Day service is tentatively scheduled for November 11, which falls on a Friday, at 11 AM.

Once again I am asking our members to talk to fellow Veterans in the community about joining Eden American Legion Post 880.

God Bless.  
Jim Blidy, Commander

## 2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

Please note your membership dues should be paid now. You do not need to wait for a notice from Department or National.

**Legion** member dues are \$41 and can be mailed to the Post to the attention of Bob Weisedel.

**Auxiliary** member dues are \$25 and can be mailed to Sharon Reilly, 2634 W. Church St. Eden, NY 14057 or left at the Post.

**SAL** dues are \$25 and can be dropped off at the Post. Please mark the envelope with your name and "SAL Dues"

## 2016-2017 OFFICERS

### LEGION

Commander	Jim Blidy
1st Vice Cdr.	Bob Weisedel
2nd Vice Cdr.	Juan Carias
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	
Service Officer	Dick Casseri
Public Relations	Jim Trembath

### AUXILIARY

President	Karen Ferguson
1st VP	Sharon Reilly
2nd VP	Lori Ranney
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	Grace Yingling
Sgt.-at-Arms	Dora Bowen
Chaplain	June Sercu
Historian	JoAnne Franz

### 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 Robison
Secretary/Membership	Bob Brueggeman
Treasurer	Jeff Winter

The deadline for the next issue of Post 880 News will be November 15, 2016.

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## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

### *Do at Once!*



**Why say to your neighbor,  
"Go and come again tomorrow,"  
when you can help at once.**

Have you ever said to someone experiencing a difficulty "Let me know if I can do anything," but secretly hoped they wouldn't call on you for anything? Unfortunately, this happens. There are many ways you can say, "Go and come again tomorrow," to someone in need. This occurs by either ignoring another's situation, or by one's procrastination in such areas as writing a letter, making a phone call, giving a donation, volunteering to help with a program/organization or stopping to listen to someone talk about their miseries. There are the thoughts of: "I'll do it next time. I'll help out another week. I'll wait until I finish my project." Then life goes and you find you are still saying, "Come tomorrow and I will give." Let us get off our good intentions and **Do at Once!**

Sr. Joyce Rupp, O.S.M

God's Blessings to All,  
Chaplain Ron Smith

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Corn Festival Workers' party is scheduled for Saturday, October 8 beginning at 6 pm. This is for anyone who worked any of the Legion stands including the beer barn, beer tent, pull-tab booths, SAL Clam Stand, Dunk'Em booth and Auxiliary Roast Beef stand.

## NEWS FROM SAL

Hello All,

The summer of 2016 will be remembered as one of the hottest summers in quite some time. Autumn is approaching and football season is here. Our Post always has a great sporting event on one of their many TVs if you want to stop down, relax after a tough day, and have the beverage of your choice, along with some great food.

The Sons have had another good fundraising year, and many volunteers have put in a boatload of work to make that happen. We unveiled our new uniforms at this year's Veterans Day parade at the Erie County Fair, and looked great as we represented Post 880 along with the Legion and Auxiliary. Our new flags looked great as Chaplain Wayne Mintz proudly mounted them on his 4 wheeler (scooter just doesn't sound right). We had a very good turnout on another extremely hot day.

The Sons are in our planning stages for next year's events, as we get ready to donate their fruits of our labor to deserving organizations. Finance Officer Mark Sisti reported that the proceeds from the clam stand and dunk 'em both will allow us to help quite a few organizations out this year.

We resume our regular meeting schedule starting this month, September. We meet the last Tuesday of each month, 6:30 for the board meeting, followed by our general membership meeting at 7:30. Please make every effort to attend. Food and purified spring water are served at each meeting for all those that attend. Remember also that dues are due.

The Sons would like to thank all of our military, past and present, for their unselfish service to our country. May God bless you all. Please take a few minutes and say a prayer for our Veterans and active military alike.

May God bless our Post 880, and may God bless America.

I'll see you at the Post

Commander Kenneth D. Szal



## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

Thanks to all who volunteered for Super Day and during the Corn Festival. Whether you helped out by pouring beer, shucking clams, selling pull-tabs or making roast beef sandwiches, your help was greatly appreciated.



We have some roast beef leftover from the Corn Festival which is frozen in 10 lb. bags. We are selling it at our cost of \$9.00/lb. It's cooked and sliced and all ready for beef on 'weck for your next party. Please contact me if you are interested in buying a bag.

Congratulations to our Auxiliary marchers who took 1st place at the Erie County Veterans Day Parade! Great job ladies!

Auxiliary members will be visiting the veterans at Eden Heights on Wednesday, September 21 at 1:15 pm. If you'd like to join them for the birthday celebration of 2 of the veterans, please be there at 1 pm. We are meeting in the Common Area, which is down the far left hallway, past the activities room.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 3 at 7 pm. Maureen Bender will be present to tell us about her experience at Empire Girls State. We will have a guest speaker from Community Concern at our November meeting.

For God and Country,  
Karen Ferguson, Unit 880 President

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The BDC Committee will once again have a raffle during the month of October based on the NYS daily lottery number drawn. Tickets were mailed out in August to those who purchased them in the past. If you would like tickets, please stop in at the Post - there is a supply behind the bar or contact Karen Ferguson at 716/870-2857 or [KJFERG@ROADRUNNER.COM](mailto:KJFERG@ROADRUNNER.COM). Ticket stubs and payment must be returned by September 25, 2016 so don't delay!

We just resumed our meetings after taking a break over the summer. We plan on bringing some great music/bands to our Post on Saturday nights again this fall and winter and we hope you will come out to support it. Info will be on the LED sign once it becomes available.

## GUESTS AND BOOSTERS

Dear Legion Family,

What a wonderful but fast summer! It would be great if the winter months would pass by as fast.

We are all gearing up for the months ahead. I'm Ken Szal's Vice President on the Business Development Committee and we are planning some great events for this fall and 2017. It is very important that we help our fellow post organizations by volunteering in the post events, knowing that the other organizations within the post will be there for us when the time comes. We are planning our annual New Year's Eve party again, please keep the date open.

We need your support. We welcome back Bob Brueggeman after 64+ days in the hospital, he looks great and his leg is healing very nicely - Good Job Bob!

Our post is doing very well thanks to the men and women in our various organizations. Let's keep it going.

God Bless our Post, our Veterans, and our Military Members  
Bill Robison, President





LOOKING BACK....1943

In 1943 the senior class of Eden High School published a magazine called *The Tower*, a very patriotic magazine. WW II Veteran and Legion Member Ferris Randall sent me the following 3 articles from that magazine. The one below is as it appeared in the magazine and the 2 on page 5 were re-typed to make it more legible. Thank you Ferris for this submission to the newsletter:

## *The Tower Presents*

### *Your American Legion---The American Spirit, 1917-1943*

We men of '17, many of us the fathers of many of the men of '43, haven't talked much about those days of '17 and '18. We had a hunch then we ought to go on to Berlin and finish the thing right. We didn't want anyone else to have to do the job over again.

Oh, we grinned and laughed and joked—and "groused". When they said there was no food we found some. If there were no tools we made them. When there were horses but no harnesses—well, there were wire and rope and burlap.

They said it would take three years to get ready for two million American soldiers. They said we couldn't have an American army—said we couldn't organize and equip it and anyhow it wouldn't know how to fight by itself.

Well, you have heard of Metz, the Meuse, the Argonne, and of November 11, 1918, so we don't have to go into that.

Funny thing! The boys got to talking about old times after the Legion meeting the other night. "Boys", said one of those Argonne men with a medal and a scar, "that last show was a picnic beside this one. All we did was slug it out with those Krauts. Now look—fighters, bombers, dive bombers, tanks, self-propelled artillery, everything mechanized!"

We fought on one front. To the best of our knowledge you are now on some thirty fronts. Ours was a European war—yours a global war.

Whether it be against the Nazis or the Japs, you are superbly carrying on the glorious American traditions.

We salute you, men of '43.

Newell-Faulkner Post 880  
American Legion



*Mr. Charles Keller,  
Commander  
of the Newell-Faulkner Post*

## A Wartime Mother

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This year—more than a year later—Clarence came home on furlough, to return to duty as sergeant over ranks of new recruits in California.

Like other American mothers, Mrs. Schreiner knows the value of work. On a farm where the production is tremendously increasing there is little idle time. She uses every ounce of her sugar ration—and finds it hardly reaches; and uses few of her canned goods stamps—every good farmer's wife does her own canning!

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A busy secretary and devoted worker on the home front, Lois says:

"It is only with extreme reverence, love, and pride that we must think of our husbands who are striving to restore peace to this war-crazed world and to obliterate sadness from the faces of those they love here at home.

"Of course, we have our moments of loneliness when it is difficult to face the situation squarely—moments when we wonder what, in reality, the future has in store for us, wonder just when that memorable day will arrive when this turmoil will cease and when, with God's blessing, those boys now in uniform may return home.

"Yet, even as the war rages with increasing fierceness, each wife has an obligation to meet. She must carry on as her husband would have her do were he here. With expectant plans, cherished hopes, and fervent prayers, she can discourage loneliness and establish, in its stead, a true bravery coupled with understanding patriotism.

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## VA publishes proposed rules for Camp Lejeune exposure

Last week the Department of Veterans Affairs published in the Federal Register a proposed rule creating a presumptive service connection for 8 conditions ((1) kidney cancer; (2) liver cancer; (3) Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; (4) adult leukemia; (5) multiple myeloma; (6) Parkinson's disease; (7) aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes; and (8) bladder cancer) for all those who served for at least 30 days at Camp Lejeune from August 1<sup>st</sup> 1953 through December 31<sup>st</sup> 1987.

Interestingly this includes the statement: "In addition, VA proposes to establish a presumption that these individuals were disabled during the relevant period of service, thus establishing active military service for benefit purposes.

Under this proposed presumption, affected former reservists and National Guard members would have veteran status for purposes of entitlement to some VA benefits."

There is a 30 day public comment period starting September 9, 2016.

This may finally be the end of the long term controversy concerning contaminated water at Camp Lejeune. To read the full proposed rule and to make a formal comment please go to:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/09/09/2016-21455/diseases-associated-with-exposure-to-contaminants-in-the-water-supply-at-camp-lejeune>

Thanks to Al Bugenhagen for submitting this information.

## Calendar

### October

- 3 - Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm
- 4 - BDC Meeting 7 pm
- 8 - Corn Festival Workers Party
- 19 - Post Board Meeting
- 24 - Post Membership Meeting
- 25 - SAL Meeting

### November

- 1 - BDC Meeting 7 pm
- 7 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 8 - Election Day
- 11 - Veterans Day
- 16 - Post Board Meeting
- 24 - Thanksgiving
- 28 - Post Membership Meeting
- 29 - SAL Meeting

Matt Szal, son of Ken Szal and the bugler for our Color Guard has joined the USMC and would love to get letters. Matt's address is:

Rct. Szal, Matthew, B.  
3rd RTBN PLT 3090 CO M  
Box 16355  
Parris Island, SC 29905-6355

Please keep Matt in your prayers.

### ***Sick Call***

*Terry Filbey - Mercy Hospital  
Howard Kirst*

### ***In Sympathy***

*Chris Blaszc  
Paul Sovereign*

*For illness or death notification, please call the  
Post at 992-3304 or  
Dick Casseri at 549-4975  
Auxiliary Contact is June Sercu 649-0772  
SAL Contact is Wayne Mintz 941-3966*