

# Post 880 News

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well, spring is here, now we need some warmer weather. Busy times are approaching - Flag detail, May 24th, Memorial Day services on May 28th will be 10 AM at St. Mary's Cemetery, 11 AM at Eden Evergreen Cemetery. Our Honor Guard will participate in the June 14th Flag Day assembly at the GLP school @ 8:30AM., followed by a Flag Day service at Eden Heights Assisted Living at 10 AM. Later that day at 6 pm Post 880 will conduct our service to retire unusable flags.



On July 28th our Honor Guard will participate at the Concord Crest Golf Course Stars and Stripes Golf Classic, presentation of colors.

Renewal membership will be starting, please send 2019 dues to the post. Assignment for ALL members is to get past members and new members to join our Post, just ask.

As always, GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!  
Jim Blidy, Post Commander

### 2017-2018 OFFICERS

<b>LEGION</b>	
Commander	Jim Blidy
1st Vice Cdr.	Bob Weisedel
2nd Vice Cdr.	Fred Blaszczyk
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	Bill Keller
Service Officer	Dick Casseri
Public Relations	Jim Trembath
<b>AUXILIARY</b>	
President	Karen Ferguson
1st VP	Sharon Reilly
2nd VP	Lori Ranney
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	Grace Yingling
Sgt.-at-Arms	Dora Bowen
Chaplain	Karen Pruchnicki
Historian	JoAnne Franz
<b>SAL</b>	
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
<b>GUESTS AND BOOSTERS</b>	
President	Bill Forness
Secretary	Mary Ann Clerc
Membership/Treasurer	Jeff Winter

The deadline for the next issue of Post 880 News will be July 15, 2018.

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**ATTENTION:** Rosemary Peters is still looking for members' pictures for the project she is working on. Please contact Rosie at 992-9076 or [rosedenny2@roadrunner.com](mailto:rosedenny2@roadrunner.com) if you have any items. She can scan and return your photos if you want them returned.

Post Service Officer Dick Casseri would like to remind members to contact him regarding illness or death of members so that he can send get well or sympathy cards out in a timely manner. Please contact Dick at 549-4975

**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

**“Taming of the Tongue”**

**“The tongue is a small part of the body and yet has great powers.”**



There are clever metaphors to describe how something as small as the human tongue can exert vast power. A tiny flame starts a huge fire. A small bit in a horse’s mouth controls the strong animal. We have a choice in how we use our tongue – that small, yet significant part of our body. “From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.”

A while ago, I read a wise adage that urged everyone who speaks about another to first ask three questions: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary? Only if the response is yes to all three should the person then continue speaking. I think if more people really followed this teaching, there would be a lot of blessed silence in our world and much more love.

Sr. Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.

Your tongue-tied Chaplain wishes you all a sunshiny spring!

Ron Smith



**We will raffle a Wreath with \$100 in scratch-off lottery tickets and a \$100 bill. Chances are \$1 each or 10 for \$5 and will be available at the bar. Proceeds support the Post. The drawing will be on Memorial Day, May 28th.**

**NEWS FROM SAL**

Hello Everyone,

The Sons have been busy as per usual. We hosted our Breakfast with the Easter Bunny a few weeks back and had a wonderful turnout. Chairman Curtis Hodge did another great job in coordinating the event with the help of many volunteers. The hall was decorated beautifully, the Easter Bunny did a wonderful job and all the little boys and girls looked great in their Easter outfits. The Sons would like to thank everyone that attended and made this a very successful event.



The Sons also had their annual donation meeting recently and were proud to award various organizations some well deserved monies to help them with their various projects. That list included Eden Athletic Assoc., Eden Little Loop Football, Newell Faulkner Post 800, Unit 880 Ladies Auxiliary, WNY Healthcare Systems (VA), WNY Heroes, Homeless Veteran’s Program, WNY Veteran’s Housing Coalition, Salvation Army (Eden, N Collins), Child Welfare Foundation, John Levulis Foundation, Sons of the American Legion Tuition Assistance Program, and Eden Senior High Scholarship Program.

Our annual Gun Raffle is right around the corner. April 28, from 4-9, will be this year's date. We are all excited with this year's event. Chairs Mark and Noelle have done another outstanding job in coordinating everything that goes into this project. Great food and refreshments, and outstanding prizes will make this another successful affair, I'm sure. Tickets can still be purchased at the Post, or call Mark at 868 7509. We need many volunteers to make this event successful. If you would like to help out, call Ken at 498 0560.

That's all for now. We will see you at the Post.

Say a prayer for our military, past, present, and those no longer with us. And may God bless the United States of America.

Commander Kenneth D. Szal  
Squadron 880

**AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello Ladies,

Well, I finally broke down and decided to include a picture of myself just in case someone out there doesn't know who I am! I asked the new G&B President to provide one and decided it was time for me to do the same.



Our March Money Madness FUNdraiser event was a great success. Thanks to everyone who helped out that day - including Auxiliary members, Legion members, Sons and the Boosters.

Election of officers took place at our April 2nd meeting and all officers have been re-elected for another year. I want to thank you all for your support and trust you place in us to lead our Unit. I look forward to working with you again in the coming year.

We will be initiating new members at our next meeting. If you are a member who has not yet received your membership pin, you are invited to our meeting on Monday, May 7th at 7:00 pm to be sworn in as a member of our Unit. For planning purposes, please let me know as soon as possible if you do plan to attend so that we have sufficient supplies.

A collection barrel is being placed at the Eden Town Hall and also at our Post to collect items for homeless veterans. All clothing must be **NEW** - in the past the VA had a problem with bedbugs from used items so they can no longer accept any used clothing. Items needed are: Men's T-shirts and shorts size M-3XL, socks and flip flops. Other items needed are toiletries like toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, etc. Gift cards to Walmart, Target, Tops and Wegmans are also accepted. Karen Pruchnicki has graciously offered to deliver the items to the Buffalo VA Medical Center at the end of May.

We visit with the vets at Eden Heights on the second Thursday of the month at 1:15. All are welcome to join us for coffee, dessert and conversation. Four of the veterans are celebrating a birthday in May and we will have gifts for each of them.

We had sloppy joes leftover from March Madness so we froze it and will serve them up at our Memorial Day luncheon. We will need donations of salads, side dishes and desserts. You can drop them off that morning.

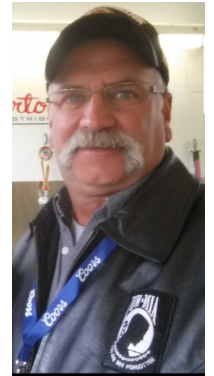
Thank you for all you do to help our Post and our American Legion Family.

For God and Country,

Karen Ferguson, Unit President

**GUESTS AND BOOSTERS OF POST 880**

First off I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as our club president.



I will do my best to serve our club and the Legion. As most know we are a club inside the Legion. Our numbers make it hard to raise funds through fundraisers that we have tried in the past. Our greatest income comes from the dues we pay. Our greatest asset is the time we can donate to the other organizations inside the Legion. Please let our small group keep the respect of our fellow Legion members by helping them with their functions.

Sincerely,  
William J Forness

A short poem we all may have heard but fitting for all volunteer organizations.

**Do You Just Belong?**

by *Anonymous*

Are you an active member;  
The kind that would be missed?  
Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the crowd?  
Or do you stay at home  
And crab both long and loud?

Do you take an active part  
To help the club along  
Or are you satisfied to be  
The kind that just belong?  
Do you ever go to visit  
A member that is sick,  
Or leave the work for just a few  
And talk about the clique?

There's quite a program scheduled  
That means success if done,  
And it can be accomplished  
With the help of everyone.  
So attend the meetings regularly,  
And help with hand and heart—  
Don't be just a member,  
But take an active part.

Think this over, member:  
Are we right or are we wrong?  
Are you an active member?  
Or do you just belong?



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt took place on March 25. Many children participated despite the cold. Winners of our Easter Egg Contest were:

Ages 5 and under:

Gold - Parker age 5

Silver - Elena age 5

Brown - Finley age 2

Ages 6 - 12

Gold - Zatharyie Alahrag

Silver - Zander Meyers

Brown - Julia LaBaron

Congratulations!

## Calendar

### May

2 - Line Dancing (Every Wednesday)

7 - Auxiliary Meeting

10 - Visit Vets at Eden Heights 1:15 pm

13 - Mother's Day

16 - Post Executive Board Meeting

21 - Legion Member Meeting

24 - Flag Detail

28 - Memorial Day Services

29 - SAL Meeting

### June

4 - Auxiliary Meeting

14 - Flag Day

17 - Father's Day

20 - Post Executive Board Meeting

25 - Legion Member Meeting

26 - SAL Meeting

### July

4 - Independence Day

18 - Post Executive Board Meeting

### ***Sick Call***

*Marie Hart*

### ***In Sympathy***

*Janice Carter*

*Florence Soule*

*Pat Pitillo (death of mother)*

*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 941-3966*