

Post 880 News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Summertime is gone by now into the fall of the year. I'd like to thank everyone for their hard work at the Eden Corn Festival. (43 No Shows after signing up) The honor guard had the privilege of doing the 21 gun salute and taps at Erie County Fair and also flag retreats on August 18 and 19th.. The Honor Guard also did the 21 gun salute and Taps at the KIA Road March at Chestnut Ridge on August 21.

Regular post meetings will start Tuesday, September 7th at 7PM.

Our Post will have an Open House for our 101st Anniversary on October 2nd with a display of Memorabilia. Come and have a hot dog and beverage on the Post and other finger food. More info will be available in the near future.

EST Time returns, November 7th at 2 AM. Fall Back

God Bless our Troops & God Bless America!
Jim Blidy, Post Commander

2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE NOW!

Legion Dues are \$46

Auxiliary and Sons Dues are \$30

Guests & Boosters Dues are \$25

Door locks will be changed November 1



Legion member Ken Franz received the American Legion Law and Order Award for Erie County and Department of NY for saving Dave Cole's life when he had a medical emergency at the Post

2021 - 2022 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	Heidi Wysocki
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
Co-Chaplains	Wayne Mintz & Jonathan Bauer
Historian	Larry Clerc

GUESTS AND BOOSTERS

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

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

PATRIOT DAY

Think back a bit to your childhood days! Did you have a favorite character that you saw on TV, the movies or in a comic book? Who was your hero or heroine? Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman? I'm sure as you grew older you started to have a more realistic approach to the subject. Realizing perhaps your hero may have been your Dad or Mom or maybe the Policeman who watched you as you crossed the street. Years later you started to think about the fighting men and women that serve in the military, keeping our country free, as true heroes.

In a few days we will be remembering the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States: the attacks on the World Trade Centers, the Pentagon and Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania. This was the day that we saw many, many heroes: the Firemen and women, Police Officers and First Responders who rushed into the Trade Centers with no concern for their safety. The soldiers at the Pentagon that pulled the wounded from the burning building and the passengers that overtook the hijackers causing the plane to crash.

This was the day that we saw heroes of every shape and size, men and women, every ethnicity, and color come to the rescue of others. By a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress on Dec. 18, 2001, September 11 was designated as Patriot Day. This resolution calls for the president of the United States to issue a yearly proclamation requesting that all U.S. flags be flown at half-staff. All Americans are asked to honor the dead with a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. Eastern standard time, the time that the first plane struck the World Trade Center.

Let Us Never Forget!

Remember to say a prayer for all our troops and all our heroes both living and deceased.

God Bless You,

Chaplain Jerry K.



AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone had a great summer. It certainly has been a very HOT one!

I want to start off by thanking all our members who volunteered to help out during the Corn Festival whether you helped out with the Auxiliary's wine stand or sold tickets, served beer or helped the Sons in the Clam Stand. Your help was greatly appreciated. It was great seeing some new faces and meeting some new members. I am still waiting on the invoice for the wine but I can tell you our sales were down from 2 years ago but we still made a profit.

In July we were able to have our annual barbecue with the vets at Eden Heights. We served hot dogs and hamburgers, macaroni salad, chips and fruit to over a dozen vets and everyone had a great time. Due to the extreme heat in August, we had to cancel our monthly visit as it would have been outdoors still and the heat index was too high to bring the guys out. Our next visit will be September 9 at 1:30. If you're interested in joining us, please let me know.

You may have received a notice regarding your 2022 membership dues. We prefer you do not pay your dues online as we are not informed in a timely manner of your payment and therefore you will not receive your membership card key until we are notified of your online payment. Dues are \$30 for senior members and \$10 for junior members under 18 years of age. Please make your check payable to "ALA Unit 880" and you can leave it at the bar earmarked Auxiliary dues or mail it to:

Cindy Henry
7180 Gowanda State Road
Eden, NY 14057

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14. Our executive board meets at 6:30 followed by our regular membership meeting at 7 pm.

Take care. Stay safe and healthy.

For God and Country,

Karen Ferguson, Unit President



Just in time for football season, the Post will open at noon on Sundays beginning September 12 for the Bills vs. Steelers game. No food will be provided and the kitchen is closed. You are welcome to bring in your own snacks.



Auxiliary members Lori Ranney and Cindy Henry volunteered at our wine stand

NEWS FROM SAL

Hello all, we have just completed a very successful run of special events. Our Post golf tournament took place on July 16 and we had a great turnout. 102 golfers participated and too many volunteers to count showed up to make this a successful event. Eden Valley Golf Course was a wonderful host once again, and we thank them for their hospitality. We had 34 sponsors pledge their commitment to the Post's tourney. A special thanks go out to our 2 major sponsors; Towne Car Dealership from N. Collins, and Yuengling Beer. They both went out of their way to help us in anyway they could.



The Corn Festival was also a big success for our Post, and our clam stand had a very busy weekend also. I'd like to thank all of our volunteers, and especially our new volunteers. They made the weekend doable with the hours they put in. Because of our turnout of volunteers we were able to farm some of our help over to the Legion beer complex. We'd like to thank those folks for helping where needed. We are very proud of the overall effort of all of Son's families and their commitment to Post 880. As it has been said many times before, we are only as strong as our membership. I believe our membership really showed their true colors by stepping up and doing the right thing. Thank you all.

When you read this, we will have completed our annual Gun Raffle. Early reports indicate another successful event. I will give you an accurate report next newsletter.

The success of Newall Faulkner Post 880 is a marathon not a sprint. Each event, each day of business, and each military holiday or parade, we must keep pushing forward with our time and effort to be a part of that event. We have a very special Post. We have to have one of the largest size-wise Posts in New York. This allows us to do so much more than your regular Legion Post. Because of our size we can do so much more for our membership, community, and country. Our strong leadership lead by Cdr. Blidy keeps us focused and on pace to be a leader when one discusses successful Posts in our region. Pledge and give your support to Cdr. Blidy and all the board members that guide us and make us stronger. I say " God Bless Post 880."

I would like to recognize a special Legion member this newsletter. His name is Bill Clark. Bill is a fairly quiet and unassuming individual. Bill, like so many other Post 880 veterans, wears many hats at our Post. He serves on different boards and committees within the Post. He can be seen dining with his lovely wife Peggy throughout the week. Bill and his trusted dog, Elmo, can be seen driving around the grounds a couple of times a day, inspecting the area to make sure all is well. Bill, we thank you for your service to your country and to your Post.

As I write this article, I am also watching the Afghanistan debacle. Please pray for our military and fellow citizens that are still there

May God bless you and may God bless our military and the United States of America.

Cdr Kenneth D. Szal
SAL Squadron 880

GUESTS & BOOSTERS

Hello Guests & Boosters.

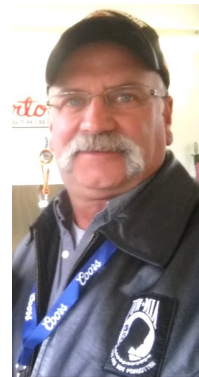
We have been pretty quiet during Covid. Time to get things moving again.

We will be holding a meeting September 14th at 7 pm. The first drink is personally on me. Please make an effort to attend. If anyone reading this knows of anyone that might be interested in joining, please have them attend. We will have applications. Dues for Boosters is \$25.00.

Let's get this club moving again. I look forward to seeing fellow members and prospective members on the 14th.

Sincerely,

William J. Forness



Post 880 Honor Guard at the Veterans Day Service at the Erie County Fair August 15th



100th-101st Anniversary of Post 880

Due to the pandemic, we had to postpone our plans for our 100th anniversary celebration which was originally planned for October 3, 2020. Instead we will have an Open House on our 101st anniversary on Saturday, October 2, 2021. Free draft beer and finger foods will be provided. Come out and visit the Post and check out all the memorabilia we've accumulated over the years!

Drawing for M-1 Carbine will be on October 2 at 4:00 pm.

If guns aren't your thing, we also have a drawing for a chance to win \$100 cash and \$100 in scratch-off lottery tickets along with a decorative patriotic pillow which is on display at the bar. Tickets are \$1 each or 10 for \$5 and you can purchase them at the bar now through October 2. This drawing will also take place on October 2 at 4:00 pm.

Calendar

September

- 6 - Labor Day
- 7 - Post Membership Meeting
- 9 - Auxiliary visit with the Vets at Eden Heights
- 14 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 14 - Guests & Boosters Meeting
- 15 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 28 - SAL Meeting

October

- 2 - 101st Anniversary of Post 880 Open House
- 5 - Post Membership Meeting
- 11 - Columbus Day
- 12 - Auxiliary Meeting
- 20 - Post Executive Board Meeting
- 26 - SAL Meeting

Sick Call

Dick Casseri
Joe Laud
Wayne Mintz

In Sympathy

Doris Matie
Bob Reed - death of brother

*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*