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Next Meeting – Feb 1, 2007
 Time – 7:30 pm.
 At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

Post 280 Calendar of Events

Jan 31, 07	Kingsbury County Meeting @ Hetland
Feb 1, 07	Post Meeting @7:30P
Feb 4, 07	Area Oratory Contest @ Iroquois
Feb 8, 07	SAL Meeting @ 7:00P
Feb 11, 07	Pancake Breakfast
Feb 15, 07	Auxiliary Meeting @ 7:00P
Feb 23-25, 07	Midwinter Conference @ Huron
Feb 28, 07	Kingsbury County Meeting @ Iroquois
Mar 1, 07	Post Meeting @ 7:30P

Sick Call: Dale Rounds

All members are invited and encouraged to attend meetings as your voices count too. Some of the items we will be looking at next month are: Boys State, Legionnaire of the Year, upcoming Anniversary, officer nominations and more.

The midwinter conference is set for February 23-25 2007 in Huron. Joint Banquet (7:00PM Feb 24th, with ho host cocktail hour at 6:00PM), tickets are available from the Huron American Legion Post 7 Commander Keith Schrader at \$22.00 each. You can contact him at (605)352-4893 or mail: PO Box 1255, Huron SD 57350. These are advanced sales only, deadline February 21, 2007.

The Kingsbury County meeting will be held in Hetland on January 31st at 8:00PM. The county is raffling off a shot gun again this year and tickets to sell at \$5.00 each. The gun is a Remington 870 Magnum. Drawing will be February 28th.

The Area Oratory Contest will be held at the Iroquois School on February 4th at 2:00 PM. We need a time keeper, two tabulators, two escorts and two ushers in addition to already

2007 Membership: 102.93%

assigned positions. Please contact Colin Royal or Dave Owens if you would like to volunteer.

We will also need volunteer committees for the Boys State, officer nominations, and the upcoming Post anniversary.



Chaplain Stan Gruneich Speaks at his Homecoming on January 6, 2007

The Homecoming for Chaplain Stan Gruneich was an enjoyable evening for about 200 people who attended that night. Several Past Department Commanders attended that Stan served and many, many good things were named that Pastor Stan has accomplished over the years as a Legionnaire and Department Chaplain. Also in attendance were National Commander Paul Morin, Department Commander Gunner Baatrup, National American Legion Auxiliary President JoAnn Cronin, Department Auxiliary President Dorris Ann Werlinger, SAL Detachment Commander Bob Bender, SAL NEC Kerwin Douthit and Honorary National Junior Auxiliary Chaplain Lindsey Dolan.

One highlight of the evening was the words of confidence in Pastor Stan and of humor from PDC Glenn Miller who was Department Commander fifty years ago this year. Other PDC's

spoke of their serving with Pastor Stan and some of the highlights of those terms.



National Commander Paul Morin speaks at Chaplain Stan Gruneich's Homecoming on January 6, 2007

National Commander Morin spoke of his respect for Pastor Stan and his contributions to the National level and well as South Dakota. He also stressed that we as Legionnaires must be ever vigilant in our support of our troops, both at home and abroad, in our support of the protection of the Flag, nation and communities. Also we must ensure that through our membership we continue to fight for our veterans rights, and to ensure that newest veterans, as well as past and future, be afforded the medical care and educational opportunities due them. In this he referred to President John F. Kennedy's 1961

inaugural address, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country" as inspiration for membership.

My interpretation of this is when speaking of being an American Legion member is ask: What you can do for The American Legion, our veterans, children and communities as well as the nation?

Congratulations to Jeff Tschetter who was selected as the Post 280 Firefighter of the Year. He is a member of the Cavour Volunteer Fire Department; he has 23 years service and is a First Responder. His package has been forwarded to the Department Headquarters for state level competition.

If you would like to add something to the newsletter, please get it to Colin Royal or Myron Zeeck and we'll include it for you. Copies of the newsletter are also available at the Post website at www.americanlegionsd280.org in PDF format.

Colin Royal, Commander