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Next Meeting – May3, 2007
 Time – 7:30 pm.
 At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

2007 Membership: 103.92%

Post 280 Calendar of Events

Apr 25	Kingsbury County Meeting 8:00PM at Oldham
Apr 26	Iroquois School Awards Night
May 3	Post Meeting @ 7:30PM
May 4	Iroquois Elementary Concert and Extravaganza
May 6	Pancake Breakfast for 4H
May 7	Iroquois MS & HS Music Concert
May 10	SAL Meeting @ 7:00PM
May 13	IHS Graduation @ 2:00PM Mother's Day
May 15	Field Day (Last day of school)
May 19	Armed Forces Day
May 28	Memorial Day Program @ 10:00AM
May 31	Legion Day at Boys State
Jun 7	Post Meeting @ 7:30PM
Jun 8-10	Department Convention @ Spearfish
Jun 14	Flag Day - 6:00PM CST Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance

SD Detachment SAL is selling raffle tickets for a shot gun. \$5 each or 3 for \$10 drawing to be held at the State Convention. Colin Royal has some tickets for sale if you want some.

This next meeting we will be preparing for the Department Convention. We will be selecting the convention delegates as well as determining which way our vote for Department Commander will be. Gary Watts (27 year member) of White and Paul Jensen (40 year member) of Wakonda are candidates for 2007-2008 South Dakota Department Commander. Watts has chosen Gary Wolkow of De Smet for his Membership Chairman, and Paul Jensen has chosen Dave Owens Sr. as his Membership Chairman. Both have centered their platform on the Four Pillars of The American Legion and both have served in offices from Post level to Department level.

In the past the Post has split the delegate votes 50/50, posted 100% one way or the other irregardless of the membership desires. Each of these ways have upset people, so as an alternative I might suggest the democratic way of percentage per vote. Since we have 4 votes, then each one is 25% of the membership voting. If you have a preference and wish to vote, you will need to be present on May 3rd, as we will decide this that night. As of right now, we have a split Post on the new Department Commander and this will be a difficult voting period for us.

I would like to welcome Jerry Drake back to the Post membership.

Sick Call: Dale Rounds, Tennis Snyder
 Our thoughts and prayers are with our comrades during this time of illness.

Deaths: Kenneth Wise
 Our thoughts are with Clara and the rest of the family during their time of loss.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend meetings as you input is always desired and necessary. Some of the items we will be looking at next month are: Officer Swearing in, School Field day, Sports Day, Memorial Day and more.

If you would like to ride to the VA in the DAV Van call Jami Schoenfelder @ 352-5659 or the VA, John Huntington @ 1-800-316-8387, ext. 6551. Give your name, last 4 of SSN, date and time of your appointment(s), your address and phone.

Officers were elected at the April meeting. There are no changes to the officers for the upcoming year. Commander – Colin Royal; 1st Vice – Myron Zeeck; 2nd Vice – Deb Jennings; Adjutant – Bill Whites; Finance Officer – Annette Dunham. Congratulations to them and good luck in the upcoming year. They will be sworn in at the May meeting.



On April 17th, Commander Royal and Annette Dunham hosted a Flag Etiquette Assembly for the students at Iroquois School. We had a Question and Answer period and a Flag Retirement demonstration with the participation of the students. The younger students had many questions and some very good ones, they even stumped us a couple of times.

The Post has been awarded an Honor Ribbon for the 2007 membership exceeding the 2006 membership by December 31, 2006. Also the Post was for achieving 90% of the membership goal for 7 years in a row. Herb Rusche and Colin Royal were recognized as first time Go Getters, and we received the 2007 Go Getters Shield for the Post.

Vern Hanson of Volga was selected as the District 2 Legionnaire of the Year. District 2 Commander Dennis Jager was presented with \$250 for the district for successfully achieving his predicted membership goal. He expressed his thanks and congrats to all of District 2 for their hard work.

The Post has approved sponsoring and helping out with the School Field Day on Tuesday, May 15th, which is the last day of school for this year. We will need people to help run the games and be judges. This promises to be a great time for the kids and our Post..

Sports Day is scheduled for July 21-22, 2007. We as a Post have voted to help out this year with the planning and running and to take on next year and see how it goes. We need people to help with planning and running things. We need ideas for activities and games for the people who attend.

Bingo has been postponed until May 18th due to conflicts with school activities. We will be addressing this May 3rd to see if that is still a good date or if we can get going with it on May 11. We will need volunteers to run Bingo each Friday night until November.

The Boys State briefings have been set for May 13th, 2:00PM at Arlington Post home and May 20th, 2:00PM at the Madison Post home. May 31st is Legion Day at Boys State and all are invited to attend.

The American Legion is going back to the basics, the Four Pillars: A Strong National Security; Taking Care of Veterans; Mentoring Youth; Promoting Patriotism and Honor. There are posters available from Emblem Sales for \$2.95 if you want one.

The 2007 South Dakota American Legion Department Convention is being held in Spearfish on June 8-10. There are no more rooms left at the Holiday Inn, but there are several motels in the area to get a room at. They are listed in the latest SD Legion News paper. Banquet ticket order form was in last SD Legion Paper. New York strip or chicken parmesan \$22 a person.

May 6th is the next pancake feed and it is for a 4H project. Stop in and support the 4H with their programs. While we're on that subject, there seems to be some heartache over groups that ask us to help them with a fund raiser and then no one from that group shows up to help with the meal. Maybe we need to start placing a stipulation that if we do a fund raiser for a group and no one from that group shows up to help, then we donate the money to another alternate group or activity. This next year, starting with the May pancake feed, I would like to see the advertising for the next feed begin within a week after the last one. This will give us more time and a wider spread of the advertising.

Memorial Day is again upon us and our speaker is SD Senator Tom Hansen of Huron. We need to decide on the meal and we will need assistance with Flags weather permitting and also with the program and meal.

The new racing season is on. Did you know that The American Legion had its own race car. The American Legion Freedom Car is red, white and blue #76 and is run by Team Johnson Motorsports and driven by Jerick Johnson, a member of the Sons of The American Legion. Jerick's father, Jack Johnson is a Legionnaire and his wife is an Auxiliary member. You can checkout their web site at www.legionracing.org or www.teamjohnsonmotorsports.com. The American Legion does not give funds to the team, yet they have authorized exclusive marketing rights. The Team is supported solely on donations and sales of merchandise from their site and Emblem Sales. The #76 did start the Pepsi 300 at Nashville Tennessee on April 7th, but dropped out after the 10th lap due to the alternator shorting out, however they did finish 41st of 43 for the race. Watch for the next race for #76 and support the team.

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 and the upcoming agenda are also available at the Post website at www.americanlegionsd280.org in PDF format.

- - Colin Royal, Commander