



# Bensley - Rounds

## Post #280 Postnotes

### Iroquois, S.D. 57353

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

2007 Membership: 105.88%

### Post 280 Calendar of Events

May 28	Memorial Day Program @ 10:00AM
May 31	Legion Day at Boys State
Jun 3	SAL Pancake Feed for IHS Girls Basketball
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
Jun 21	Auxiliary Meeting @ 7:00PM
Jun 30	Badger 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Jul 4	Independence Day
Jul 5	Post Meeting @ 7:30PM
Jul 21-22	Iroquois Sports Days

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

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: Sports Day update, Summer reading program request, 10 and Under girls softball team request, and more.



The officers were sworn in on May 3, at the regular Post meeting. They are Colin Royal-Commander, Myron Zeeck-1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Delbert Jennings-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Bill Whites-Adjutant, Annette Dunham-Finance Officer, and Herb Rusche-Chaplain.

It is my privilege to welcome John Gruntmeir and Herb Dooley to the Post membership.

Thanks goes out to those who assisted the Iroquois School Field Day. It was a great time watching the kids compete as they are all winners. Those who helped out were Charemon and Annette Dunham, Colin Royal, and Joe Peskey (SAL). Thank you from the school and community.



Kingsbury County elected a new Commander and Vice Commander on April 25, 2007. Rollie Quam of Arlington was elected as Commander and Terry

Hanson, also of Arlington was elected as Vice commander for the 2007-2008 year. The next meeting will be September 26, 2007. There will also be a Flag Retirement Ceremony that night.



Memorial Day is coming up and we need assistance for flags, Firing squad and meal serving. If you can help out please do. Flags for the veterans graves will be put out on Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM, if you can help please come out. Also, on Memorial Day, we will need help with the posting of the Flags on Main Street, Park, and cemetery at 8:00AM (weather permitting) and taking them down at 5:00PM.

Our Speaker for Memorial Day is District 22 Senator Tom Hansen of Huron. The Theme of the readings will be "In Remembrance". The program will begin at 10:00AM at the school south gym, with a memorial service at the cemetery and a meal following at the Legion Hall. If you are a water rat or a tent dweller over the weekend, please attend the local Memorial Day service or at the very least pause at 3:00PM for a moment of silence and remembrance for those who gave everything so that you may have the freedoms that you enjoy. The Memorial Day meal is set as Bar B Q, Chips and Beans for \$5.00 and \$3.00 for 12 and under.

A big **CONGRATULATIONS** goes out to Jeff Tschetter of Cavour (our Post Winner) who was selected as the 2007 American Legion Department of South Dakota Firefighter of the Year. He will be presented with his award at the Department Convention on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Congrats Jeff, you deserve it!



I would also like to congratulate Kyle Schoenfelder and Kim Bornitz the senior Good Citizenship winners and Brett Matter and Sarita

Waldner, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade winners. They will be reading selection at the Memorial Day program.

Also, good luck to Chris Schortzmann on his Boys State attendance and to Emily Lynch who will be attending Girls State. We will be waiting to hear their reports.



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.

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The Memorial Day weekend is the start of the 100 Dog Days of Summer, and also guaranteed that the streets are full of the "free" kids. Be careful and be ever watchful for the safety of the precious lives and safety of our children. Remember that kids tend not to think rationally when it comes to playing and having fun. So we must watch out for them.

And in addition, as you are out enjoying your summer vacations and weekend trips. Please be safe and use care in your activities. Let's all come home in one piece so that our families should not have to endure any bad times.

Congratulations to the Graduates of the area schools. We begin by recognizing Darin Eining, one of our Post members, Joe Peskey, a SAL member, both from Iroquois High School. Also Brent Matter and Dale Rounds, SAL members, from Iroquois Middle School, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates. Good luck in the future guys.

The Sons of The American Legion Squadron 280 will be holding the Pancake Feeds throughout the summer months as was approved by the membership.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the SAL Squadron will be having a Pancake Breakfast as a fund raiser for the Iroquois High School basketball girls to attend a training camp in Marshall, MN. Pancakes will be served from 8:00AM to 1:00PM. Come out and support the girls.



Congratulations to Brent Matter, Dean Royal and Joe Peskey of our SAL Squadron who have earned the Patriotism Star, the first of five in the Five Star Program. They demonstrated true Patriotism and completed a brief study course to earn this National Award. The next Star in the program is for Citizenship and they have begun their studies for that award.



Pictured with Area Commander Dave Owens are left to right, Jeff Lund (Bradlee Lund), Dolly Wallum (Timothy Wallum), Diane Soderman (Ryan Soderman) Krista (DeJong) Hampton (Christopher Hampton) and Mary Jane Fast (Brady Fast) who all have a child or spouse serving or great nation in its Armed Forces. They were presented with a Blue Star Banner and a Certificate of Honor on April 26, 2007 at the Iroquois School Awards Banquet. The Parents and students at the banquet gave these families a standing ovation for their appreciation. If you have a child or know someone who does, that is currently serving in the US Military, let Commander Royal know so we may get them presented with Blue Star Banners. This is a very important program to honor these people and there are more people out there to be honored.

Bingo is up and running and is doing well. All members and their families and friends are invited to attend. More players mean more fun. Bring out the family for a night of fun and family quality time and bring a snack to share during lunch and we start at

7:25 pm on Friday evenings. Support your Post, Go BINGO!! Also we need volunteer workers to run the program throughout the next several months. Contact Charemon or Annette Dunham at 546-2235 if you can and would like to help out.

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.

The membership elected Colin Royal, Dave Owens, Charemon and Annette Dunham as delegates and Bob Blue as alternate for Department Convention.

Iroquois Sports Day is July 21-22. We will need manpower for the meal and to run activities for the kids. Right now we have a scavenger hunt, tricycle tug o war, and a kids vs. adults softball game planned. Other things being planned are coed softball, mud drags, tractor pull and a dance. Also the National Guard Mobile Events Team will be there.

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 check out their web site at [www.legionracing.org](http://www.legionracing.org) or [www.teamjohnsonmotorsports.com](http://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 is scheduled to run in the Busch AT&T 250 at the Milwaukee Mile, Milwaukee, WI on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. This race will be on ESPN2. Watch for the next race for #76 and support the team.



Finally caught up with Bob Blue and presented him with his certificate for Legionnaire of the Year. Congrats Bob! Keep up the great work!

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](http://www.americanlegionsd280.org) in PDF format.

- - Colin Royal, Commander