



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

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Next Meeting – August 2, 2007
Time: 7:30 pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

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:



The Department of South Dakota is selling tickets for the proof rifle pictured here. Tickets are \$20 and there are only 500 tickets available. Drawing will be set when the tickets are sold. Contact Department Headquarters in Watertown for more information. *(This is a beauty and the picture does it no justice!)*

The Sons of The American Legion Squadron 280 held a Pancake Feed for the IHS girl's basketball team. The turnout was good with a enough money raised to pay the registration fee for the girl's camp in Marshall, Minnesota. The next Pancake Feed for the SAL will be on July 21 & 22 for Sports Days. The funds raised will benefit the Squadron and its needs.



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.

(Cut and Post on the Refrigerator)

I finally found my calendar software and put together a calendar to be distributed with the newsletter. This is the same calendar that is found on the website. Please provide feedback to me on the calendar. I would like to continue with it if it suits our needs. Thank you.

“Keep The Dream Alive” 2008 Membership: 32.71%, Goal: 107

Congratulations and a BIG Thank You to Al Schoenfelder for his 57 years of Post membership and his service to the Nation, Veterans, Post and the Community.



Congratulations to A.J. Royal for completing the requirements for the Patriotism Star of the Five Star Program of the Sons of The American Legion. This award is a national award and is only available by completion of a written test and by demonstrating the knowledge of the particular star's topic. The other awards of the Five Star Program are; Citizenship, Discipline, Leadership and Legionism.



Last meeting I brought up an idea that for our future November membership dinners, that we invite the Auxiliary and the SAL members and their families to the meal. The idea is that the Post, Unit, and Squadron join to provide the meat, and the side dishes and deserts be as a potluck. At all levels from the National all the way down are looking forward to our

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being able to operate as a family. And I wish to make it known that your family is invited to attend the meetings at all times. This includes the SAL meetings and I trust the ladies would feel the same way.

I know that the old way was to not have the families in the meetings, however, we must remember that we would never have been able to do our best without our families. They made sacrifices also and they need to be included.

Thank you to those who were able to help with the siding project on the Post Home this past July 14th. It was reported that there was a good turnout and everything went very well and the upper area was completed. There were no injuries other than an unfortunate run in with a disgruntled wasp. The next work day will be Saturday, July 28th at 8:00AM and more help is needed. If you can help out, please come in and pitch in.



Also we have some new additions to a couple of our Post members families. Congratulations to Don and Pat DeJong on the birth of Kaylie Michelle Hampton on July 4, 2007 to his granddaughter Kristin and her husband Christopher Hampton. The proud grandparents are Dan and Shelly DeJong. And to Dave Owens Sr, Dave Jr and his wife Angela Owens on the birth of Landon David Owens on June 27, 2007. Landon is the great grandson of Jackie and the late PDC Don Owens. Congratulations to you all.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Department Commander Watts has decided that he will use his Special State Commander Cap Pins to award membership recruitment and participation in Specific Legion Programs.

Every member in good standing of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion who signs up ONE NEW 2008 MEMBER or reinstates ONE MEMBER whose membership in the organization has lapsed (was not a member in 2007), will be awarded one of Commander Watts' unique cap pins.

In order to qualify for the award, the Post Adjutant of the Post that the new or reinstated member

is signed up in must certify the recruiter to State Headquarters. The Post Adjutant must complete the State Commander's Cap Pin Certification Form (CCP Form 01-2008) and forward it with the required information to State Headquarters, P0 Box 67, Watertown, SD 57201. Multiple awards may be listed on the same certification form.

Individual Award - Every member who has paid his/her 2008 membership dues and has those dues into State Headquarters by November 13th will be eligible to be entered into a drawing to be awarded a desk size set of flags (5 service flags and the US Flag). One name from each District will be drawn and presented with this award.

Recruiter Award - Everyone who recruits a new 2008 member by November 13th will have the recruiter's name entered into a drawing for the award of a Legion wristwatch. The recruiter's name will be entered into the drawing one time for each new member recruited.

The Post adjutant or membership chairman will be responsible for reporting the names of the recruiters to State Headquarters for all new members recruited. If memberships and recruiters' names are not forwarded in a timely manner, the recruiter's name will not be in the drawing.

The new membership cards have been received and dues are now due for the 2008 year.

2007-2008 SPECIAL INCENTIVE FOR PUFL PURCHASES

Every Legionnaire from the Department of South Dakota who purchases a Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) membership between July 1 and December 31, 2007 will be eligible to win a FREE PUFL. The names of all members who purchase a PUFL during this timeframe will have their names entered into a drawing. One name will be drawn for a FREE PUFL. If you are the lucky winner, you will win the purchase price of your PUFL Membership. If you are making time payments on your PUFL, the balance due will be paid off and you will receive the cash equivalent of the difference between the cost and your payoff amount.

Department Membership Chairman Gary Wolkow of De Smet as requested that each Post and its members work hard on membership and "Make It Happen".

AMERICANISM REPORT:

State Commander Watts will award Special State Commander Cap Pins for the following participation in The American Legion Programs: (Certification is required from the Post Adjutant)

One Special State Commander Cap Pin to a Post for each contestant that the Post has participate in the Local American Legion High School Oratorical Contest.

One Special State Commander Cap Pin to

each American Legion Family member who attends the State High School Oratorical Championship Contest at the Midwinter Conference.

One Special State Commander Cap Pin to each Legionnaire in a Post who participates in the process of interviewing and choosing the Post's Boys State Delegates.

One Special State Commander Cap Pin to each Legionnaire who conducts a Boys State Orientation.

One Special State Commander Cap Pin to each Legionnaire who participates in the presentation of military rites at a veteran's funeral.

As for our local Americanism program, it is getting ready to pick up with school starting soon. And if you are aware of a family that is eligible for a Blue Star Banner and has not received one yet, let Colin Royal know so we can get one for them. The plan right now is to present the next banners at half time during the Iroquois High School Homecoming football game.

Also coming soon is the American Legion National Oratorical Contest, we need to get behind this and support it.

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

The wisest man I ever knew taught me something I never forgot. And although I never forgot it, I never quite memorized it either. So what I'm left with is the memory of having learned something very wise that I can't quite remember. --George Carlin