



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

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Next Meeting – October 4, 2007
Time: 7:30 pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

Deaths: Dale Rounds, Our thoughts go with Dale's family as he passed on to the Post Everlasting. All members are invited and encouraged to attend meetings as you input is always desired and necessary.



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!)* Contact Dave Owens Sr for tickets while they last.



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)



October 8th is the IHS girls volleyball Parent's Night and we will need a Color Guard for the game that night. This was changed due to issues with scheduling. The detail will include a Blue Star Banner presentation in which the Color Guard will be required. Also later on in the year, the SAL Squadron will provide the Color Guard for the football Parents night at the last football game on October 18th.

"Keep The Dream Alive"
2008 Membership: 63.55%, Goal: 107



Americanism Chairman Colin Royal with the 2007-2008 Iroquois fifth grade class.

We have an issue coming forth this next meeting, it is being considered to end Bingo early this year due to a lack of participation by the Post members and a lack of players from the community. This issue will be decided at the next meeting.

The last Department Commander's Call is Saturday, September 29, 2007 at the Conde Post home. It is scheduled for 10:00am to 4:00pm. If you can make it, there is a lot of information to be learned.

Each man must for himself alone decide what is right and what is wrong, which course is patriotic and which isn't. You cannot shirk this and be a man. To decide against your conviction is to be an unqualified and excusable traitor, both to yourself and to your country, let men label you as they may. ~Mark Twain

The kitchen siding project is still unfinished, we need to get this completed. There is about 3 hours left to finish the south wall. We need to get this completed. Anyone who has time and/or the skills is asked to help out. We will try to set a date at the next meeting.

We also have the need to locate the leak which keeps soaking the kitchen. Hopefully we will locate it before it does to much more damage to the ceiling and floor.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Membership is going well, we have 35 people who have yet to pay their dues. Please get them paid as soon as possible. Also we need five new members to meet the membership goal.

Also while looking for Post members, don't forget to recruit SAL and Auxiliary members, as they are an important part of our family. Dues are Post \$25, SAL \$10, Auxiliary \$10, and Jr Auxiliary is \$2. These are low costs for membership in the greatest organization for veterans. And the benefits will pay for these costs over and over. And most importantly, you get a voice in your veterans rights and benefits.

AMERICANISM REPORT

In the coming months we have several activities that will need our attention. The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest, Veterans Day, membership night, poultry party, and more.

In the near future the Pearl Creek Colony students will be given a class on basic citizenship and Flag etiquette.

An invitation has been sent out to the high school students to attend the Oratory Contest briefing on October 6, 2007 at 7:00pm.



Iroquois Homecoming - September 14, 2007
L – R: Dean Royal, Colin Royal, Carl Matter,
AJ Royal & Annette Dunham

I wish to express my thanks to the following people for the help with the indicated project:

Dale Rounds Funeral: Dale Cundy, Dale Kopplin, Stan Dubro, AJ Royal, Carl Matter, Merlin Rieck, Marlin Johnson, Herb Rusche, Bill Whites, Charemon Dunham, Deb Jennings, Jerry Culver, and the Huron VFW members, Keith McMillan and Dale May.

Iroquois Homecoming: Carl Matter, Annette Dunham, Dean Royal, and AJ Royal.

Tennis Snyder Funeral: Merlin Rieck, Bill Whites, AJ Royal, and Dale Kopplin.

Another project being evaluated is a poster and essay contest for Veterans Day for the school kids. The breakdown is suggested as follows:

PK – 2: Poster

3 – 5: Poster

6 – 8: 300 Word Essay

9 – 12: 500 Word Essay

Awards: Savings Bonds 100, 75, 50 for each level. (cost \$112.5 per level or \$450)

Judges: Our older members

This is an idea, if you have some thoughts, please forward them to a Post Officer or come to the meeting on October 4th and voice them.

The Poultry Party has been rescheduled for November 10, 2007 in the event that the boys succeed in going to the semifinals that are on the 3rd.

The November meeting is traditionally the membership dinner night. There has been some opposition to changing this to another night other than the business meeting night. My thoughts on changing this is that the members who attend generally are not interested in the business meeting. I suggest that we need to have a membership night that is for enjoying and building camaraderie and socializing. It is recommended by the Officer's Guide and Handbook that two meetings be held each month, one for business and one for socializing. Yet, we have always done things this one way and that seems to be the mentality to avoid change. I, after this last year, all too well know that change is one of the hardest things to do, however, the interest in the Post and its membership is severely waning. We NEED every member to put in time and effort to keep this Post alive. If participation and attitudes continue to falter like they are, we're done. Cut and Dry. At this point I don't know what else to say except that this Post is our heritage and we need to tend to that heritage now.

We have some pork left from Sports Day and we will be using it up following the next meeting. All are invited to attend. The menu will include pork, potato, corn and roll.

If you would like to add something to the newsletter, please get it to Colin Royal or Myron Zeack 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 American Legion – It's Who We Are.

A thoughtful mind, when it sees a Nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the Nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the Government, the principles, the truths, the history which belongs to the Nation that sets it forth. -- Henry Ward Beecher