



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

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Next Meeting – January 3, 2008
Time: 7:30 pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend meetings as your input is always desired and necessary.

MIDWINTER BANQUET TICKETS

The Joint Banquet will be held Saturday, February 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Dinner menu is 6oz Steak and 4 oz Walleye. The event will be preceded by a no-host cocktail hour commencing at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available from the Chamberlain American Legion Post. Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be obtained by sending \$25.00 per ticket requested, to Potter American Legion Post 3, PO Box 348, Chamberlain, SD 57325.



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.

The kitchen siding project is completed. I wish to thank those that have assisted with this project for their hard work and dedication.

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Membership is going well, we have 16 people who have yet to pay their dues. Please get them paid as soon as possible. Also we need three new members to meet the membership goal.

Also while looking for Post members, don't forget to recruit SAL and Auxiliary members, as they

"Keep The Dream Alive"
2008 Membership: 85.05%, Goal: 107

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.



The youth Christmas party was held on December 15, 2007. The hall was lightly decorated and the kids came and played games, watched cartoons from the 40s and 50s and had a visit from Santa Claus. They all had a wonderful time. As we look ahead, we hope to see all the kids again next year.

Also Santa will be paying a visit to the Iroquois Schools on Friday, December 21st. He will visit the kids and hand out the rest of the goodie bags from the party. Ant remaining items from the Halloween and Christmas parties will be donated to the preschool class.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The Auxiliary prepared a Potluck dinner for our veterans on December 6, 2007. There were 9 veterans present seven Auxiliary members and two SAL members also present. There was plenty of food and everyone enjoyed the socializing.

After the meal the unit assembled party favors for the VA Christmas party in Sioux Falls. The next meeting will be January 17, 2008 at 7:00PM at the Post home.

Checkout the Website at: www.americanlegionsd280.org

DUNHAM ELECTED NADHAL PRESIDENT

(reprinted from Up To Now #2964)

Congratulations to Department Historian Charemon Dunham of Iroquois American Legion Post 280 on her election as President of the National Association of Department Historians of The American Legion.

Dunham was elected at the October meeting of the Association at National Headquarters of The American Legion in Indianapolis, IN. She will serve as President of the Association for a one year-term.

VETERANS OUTREACH FORUM SCHEDULE

(reprinted from Up To Now #2962)

Department Veterans Service Officer Warren Aas has been conducting Veterans Outreach Benefits Forums across the state during the past couple of months. The briefings will continue to be held in various locations across the state until at least one forum has been held in each of the Department's 14 Districts.

The schedule for future Veterans Outreach Benefits Forums is as follows:

- January 7 - District 1 in Tea
- January 8 - District 2 in DeSmet
- February 4 - District 4 in Britton
- February 5 - District 3 in Clear Lake

All Legionnaires, their spouses and other veterans should be encouraged to attend one of these forums. This is a valuable, educational opportunity to possibly learn about benefits you are eligible for that you were previously unaware of. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. The forums are free and open to everyone.

Soon, we will be looking at the Firefighter/EMT of the Year. Candidates will be from the Iroquois, Cavour and Yale area. The packets have been sent to the local fire departments. We should have them to review following the next meeting.

The pancake/French toast breakfast held on December 9th was a great success. Thank you to Annette Dunham, Carl and Brent Matter for all the help and hard work. The next date will be January 13, 2008 and will be for the Food Pantry.

The next Kingsbury County Meeting will be held at Erwin at 8:00PM on January 30, 2008.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 280 NEWS

Squadron 280 has assisted in the November and December pancake breakfasts. Beginning in January the Squadron will be having a movie night and in March a bowling night.

As with the Post, the Squadron membership renewals have gone out and are now due. Also if your son(s) is not a member, sign him/them up. They now get the same benefits as the Post members.

On December 3, 2007, we sponsored Santa Claus' visit to the Iroquois All School Christmas Concert. Mr. Rod Ulrich along with the third and fourth graders led Santa in with Santa Claus is Coning to Town. Santa handed out candy canes to over a hundred children and youth.



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

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Instead of being a time of unusual behavior, Christmas is perhaps the only time in the year when people can obey their natural impulses and express their true sentiments without feeling self-conscious and, perhaps, foolish. Christmas, in short, is about the only chance a man has to be himself. ~Francis C. Farley

As we enter this season of holidays, please take the time to remember our fellow men and women who are not at home, but far away either in hospitals, in conflict zones or their normal duty stations. Honor them by remembering them in your prayers as you and your families rejoice and celebrate.

From my family to yours, wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe, happy, and God Bless.

Colin Royal and family