



# Bensley-Rounds Post 280

## Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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Next Meeting – March 6, 2008  
Time: 7:30 pm.  
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

It is with the greatest sympathy that we extend our thoughts to Post Member Mike Larson and wife Sandy of Mitchell and their family on the loss of their daughter Jessica Marie Larson.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend meetings as your input is always desired and necessary. If you want your opinion voiced and your vote to count, then please come to the meetings. This is the only way that this will happen.



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.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Membership is outstanding as we have reached 100 percent plus. We have 2 people who have yet to pay their dues. Please get them paid as soon as possible. Also we need one new member 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, and family is a great place to start. Get them involved and our Post could be even better than it is. 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 veteran's rights and benefits.

Congratulations to Annette Dunham who was elected as the 2007 Post Legionnaire of the Year. She

Checkout the Website at: [www.americanlegionsd280.org](http://www.americanlegionsd280.org)

**"Keep the Dream Alive"**  
**2008 Membership: 100.93%**

has done a fine job this last year and she deserves it. Deb Jennings came in with a close second by one vote.

On March 6, 2008 at 2:00PM we will be selecting the Boys State Delegate(s) for the 2008 Boys State. The committee consists of Colin Royal, Clint Walker and Bill Whites. The Good Citizenship will be selected prior to the Awards Banquet on May 8, 2008, a date will be set.

The pancake/French toast breakfast held on February 10th was a great success. Thank you to Colin Royal, Annette Dunham, and Brent Matter for all the help and hard work. And also thank you to the cheerleaders and their moms for their assistance. The next date will be March 9, 2008 and will be for the Boys State.



Congratulations to Dale Kopplin who was presented a certificate for 50 years of service and membership in The American Legion. Commander Royal presented the certificate at the regular meeting on February 7, 2008.

The next Kingsbury County Meeting will be held at Hetland at 8:00PM on February 27, 2008. Kingsbury County is selling tickets for a chance on an Artic Cat H1 650 4X4 ATV. They are \$20 each and there are 770 tickets. This is a fund raiser for the Kingsbury County Boys State Scholarship fund. The drawing will be held after all the tickets are sold. Iroquois will host the Kingsbury County meeting on March 26, 2008.

The annual elections are around the corner and if you would like to step up for a post, contact the

Nomination Committee, which consists of Dave Owens Sr, Deb Jennings, and Herb Rusche. And Colin Royal has chosen to throw his hat in for Post Commander again for the 2008-2009 year.

The Post has endorsed Charemon Dunham for District 2 Commander. Commander Denny Jager's term will come to an end this April 25, 2008 at the District 2 Spring Convention to be held at Badger, SD.

It seems that the Post Constitution and By-laws have no known location. If you have a copy please forward it or a copy to the Post. If we can not locate these items, we will need to replace/create them through the proper procedures. Any information will be helpful. This is the only reason our Post was not awarded as a Dream Post at the Mid-Winter Conference.

### **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 280 NEWS**

Squadron 280 has assisted in the February pancake breakfast. The Squadron will be having a bowling night on March 15, 2008 at 5:00PM. This will also be the scheduled meeting for March 2008. The Bowling Party will be held at the New Plains in Huron.

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.

The Detachment of South Dakota, Sons of The American Legion is selling tickets for a Benelli Nova 12 gauge 3 ½ " Magnum Shot Gun as a fund raiser. Tickets are available from Squadron members; they are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Drawing date is to be set at the April Executive Committee meeting, and is expected to be at the Detachment Convention June 14, 2008. The winner may choose from the shot gun or \$300 in cash at that time.

Tommy Cisna, the leading candidate for the National Commander for the Sons of The American Legion attended the Mid-Winter Conference and spoke of his hopes and goals as National Commander and complimented the Detachment of South Dakota on how smoothly things are running with a great deal of camaraderie being put forth.

I have been approached by Lori Wehlander of the Iroquois School with thoughts about doing a program for Veteran's Day at the Iroquois School for the community and the students. Also I have visited with Ken Lindblad and he suggests that the school bus the kids to the Huron program.

Reservations about the latter due to cost and other issues have been brought forward and Lori will plan on a program to be held here at the school. We can discuss this at upcoming meetings.

The opening of Bingo is coming up, and it has been suggested that we switch the Bingo to Sunday afternoons. Conversations with a few people who do not attend leads to the belief that not having to drive in

the dark may entice more people to attend. Any and all input is certainly requested and desired. I understand that we have done this on Friday night for many years and change sometimes is hard. Also we will need people to work in any case, so please pitch in and help.

The Iroquois Community Club meets each month, and I would like to have a representative from the Post to attend these meetings each month. This would be a volunteer position as liaison between the Post and the Community Club. The next meeting is March 3, 2008 at 7:00PM at the fire hall.

Also the Iroquois Community Club is requesting donations and they are looking at a fund raiser to help finish raising the money for an electronic billboard by Hiway 14. The Post has been approached for a donation. This will be discussed in March. We had a discussion in February, but the Post had not been approached directly until now.

As you drive down the highways, you see community cemeteries, every one of them that has a flagpole has a Flag flying over it. Yet ours here in Iroquois does not. The main reason, I am told, for not having a Flag posted is the cost of the 4'x6' Flags. I would suggest we use lesser expensive 3x5 Flags for day to day. What do you think, let me know.

Looking around on the internet, I found these sites for Iroquois: [iroquois.communityblogs.us](http://iroquois.communityblogs.us) and [www.iroquoissd.com](http://www.iroquoissd.com) They, along with the school website, [www.iroquois.k12.sd.us](http://www.iroquois.k12.sd.us), have some good information that we all can use for our community. Check them out!

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

### **The American Legion – It's Who We Are.**

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan-to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."  
- **Abraham Lincoln**; Second Inaugural Address  
March 4, 1865