



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

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Next Meeting – September 4, 2008
Time: 7:30 pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership is doing as we have 61 members paid for the 2009 year. We have 2 people who have yet to pay their dues for the 2008 year. Please get them paid as soon as possible. The 2009 membership goal for the Post has been set at 108 members and memberships have already started to come in.

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 for 2008 & have gone up to \$30 for the 2009 year, 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 dues over and over. And most importantly, you get a voice in your veteran's rights and benefits.



GET OUT THE VOTE

This is the year that will change the path of our great country, It doesn't matter if you vote McCain or Obama, what is important is that you get out and register your vote. It is your right and duty to make your voice heard by voting.

If you know of a shut-in that you can help get registered and help them get to the polls so they may vote. Then please do so as it will be appreciated.

POST HAPPENINGS

I have requested some quotes on the repair of the roof from Harstad & Eining and Leichtenberg. I should have these for the meeting. I did not get these by the last meeting, so hopefully we'll have them for the upcoming meeting.

The next breakfast is September 14, 2008 at the Post home. This month it will be for the Youth Activity Fund as the Redstone Valley 4-H club has requested a later date.

"Aim High & Soar to New Heights" 2009 Membership: 56.48%

The October breakfast will be held on October 19, 2008 which is the opening weekend for pheasants. This is traditionally set on the third Sunday and is for the Post needs.

In addition, a member of the community has suggested that a breakfast be held on the following Sunday, October 26, for the hunters also. If the Post membership chooses not to do this, the Sons of The American Legion have indicated that they would like to take it on.

With school back in session it time to work on getting students interested in participating in the Oratory Contest. If you have a high school student in your family or know some, visit with the about the contest. Also visit with their parents and stress the scholarships available. This program is also great in building self confidence, educating about the US Constitution, and building leadership skills.



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.

Remember that the upcoming Citizenship day is September 17, 2008. I will trying to get something going at the school for this day. With the presidential election this year, it would be a good time to do some sort of election in the school. I will look into it and see what can be done.

The membership night was set for November 6, 2008 at 6:00pm for the meal and the meeting to follow. With the costs of meat and other things, a potluck supper was suggested, with some dissention. However the night is still in the planning Stages.

Checkout the Website at: www.americanlegionsd280.org

The annual Poultry Party has been set for Saturday, November 15th, 2008 at 7:00PM, so mark your calendars and be ready to play Bingo!!

At the last meeting, the Masonic Lodge of South Dakota presented a child identification program that they would like to do with the school and asked for our support as an American Legion Post. The membership at that time voted to support the program with the condition that the Iroquois School board approves and accepts the program.

The Iroquois School board has since accepted the Mason's proposal and it is scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2008. We will need volunteers to help with the program on that day. So please if you can spare some time to come and help with the youth and keep things rolling, please feel welcome.

Also this week is the start on the SD State Fair, don't forget to stop by the Veteran's Building and show your support. Also, if you can help out, please step up and put some time in.

Also don't forget the salute to the Veterans Program Thursday, August 28, at 10:30 at the Northwestern Energy Freedom Stage. Veterans will also receive free admission to the fair that day.

The District 2 Fall Meeting will be September 6, 2008 in De Smet at the Post home. There will be a social period at 11:00, a light lunch at 12:00 noon, and the meeting will begin at 1:00. This is out our back yard and I hope to see many of you there.



Similar photo of the ATV being raffled.

Kingsbury County is selling tickets for a chance on an Arctic 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 has been set for November 11, 2008 at the Veterans Day program. There are plenty of tickets to go around so get yours now.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Although I am not joining the party in Phoenix, AZ at the National Convention, the technical gurus for The American Legion has placed videos of the convention on the National website. I have not been able to watch them yet, I have seen some portions of them.

Listening to USMC Commandant General James T. Conway, I observed that no matter what the rank, where you are, who you are or what the service, a person cannot help, but be emotionally proud of the pride, dedication and bravery of our young men and women, who are located all over the world from past to present.

As Legionnaires, it is up to us to show any and all veterans of any era the devotion and the respect they all have earned and deserve.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 280 NEWS

The pancake/French toast breakfast held on August 10th was a great success. Thank you to Annette Dunham, Carl Matter and Brent Matter for all the help and hard work.

The next meeting for the SAL is September 4, 2008 at 6:30pm.

Check these sites for Iroquois as they are updated often: iroquois.communityblogs.us and www.iroquoissd.com They, along with the school website, www.iroquois.k12.sd.us, have some good information that we all can use for our community.

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 American Legion – It's Who We Are.