



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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Next Meeting – May 6, 2010
Time: 8:00pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“All Four One”

2010 Membership: 93.58%

He loves his country best who strives to make it best.
-Robert G. Ingersoll

Any member who signs up two (2) new members, I will pay your next years dues. PUFLs will get the cash. - **Deb Jennings, Commander**

The American Legion – It’s Who We Are.



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 doing as we have 102 members paid for the 2010 year with a goal of 109. If you have not paid your dues please do so ASAP so we can get them in to the Department.

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 \$30 for the 2010 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.

POST HAPPENINGS

The May pancake breakfast is for Honor Flight of South Dakota. And is on May 9, 2010.

Boys State briefings will be at Madison on May 14, 2010 at 7:00PM and at Iroquois May 15, 2010 at 2:00PM.

Memorial Day, May 31, 2010, speaker and time to be announced.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS 4/8/2010

Membership voted to cater dinner for the 30 year reunion of the Class of 1980 on July 17, 2010.

Membership voted to donate funds from the Youth Activity Fund to the Iroquois Elementary Literacy and the girls 13 and under softball team.

Dennis Quigley of the Veterans Center of Sioux Falls briefed on the Vets Center.

Election of officers, current officers were all re-elected for a another term. Deb Jennings, Commander; Lyle Burma, Vice Commander; Bill Whites, Adjutant; Annette Dunham, Finance; and Herb Rusche, Chaplain.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Thank you to those who helped with the Kingsbury Tip a Vet night at Arlington on March 31. Over \$2200 was collected for the Honor Flight.

Thank you to those who helped with the April breakfast for the Museum.

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

Next meeting will be May 20, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Post home.

Election of Officers took place, DeLores Royal was elected President, Charemon Dunham as Vice President, Lois Rounds as Chaplain, Marge Blue as Secretary, Dolly Wallum as Sergeant at Arms, and Annette Dunham as Treasurer.

DeLores Royal was selected as the Unit Legionnette of the Year.

Congratulations to DeLores Royal for being elected as District 2 First Vice President and first runner-up for the District 2 Legionnette of the Year.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 280 NEWS

Thank you to all those who came out for supper and worked the supper on March 18th. We raised \$439 for the Honor Flight and presented at The American Legion District 2 Convention.

The Detachment of South Dakota Sons of The American Legion is selling raffle tickets for the Detachment operation funds. 1st prize of \$350 and 2nd prize of \$150 is being raffled this year. Tickets are \$5 or 3/\$10. See a SAL member for your tickets.

Upcoming Activities will be the National Veterans Assistance Day Dinner on May 15, 2010 (Armed Forces Day).

Breakfast schedule for the summer is, June 13 for the Special Olympics, July 17 & 18 for the Squadron, and August 8, 2010 is currently open.

DISTRICT 2 NEWS

The District 2 Spring Convention was held in Brookings at the Post home with the largest attendance of all the districts to date.

Betty "Sam" Vaughn of Brookings was elected as the new District Commander for a two year term. James Rentschler of Howard was elected as the Vice Commander.

Loren Scott of Howard was selected as the Legionnaire of the Year.

Fire Fighter of the year went to Jenny Tschetter of Cavour Fire Department.

Department Candidates Nancy Lemieux of Pierre and Hoot Gibson of Sioux Falls addressed the Convention as well as Bill Huntimer, candidate for Department Master at Arms.

(FROM THE UP TO NOW #3024 4/14/10)

NATIONAL COMMANDER TO VISIT SOUTH DAKOTA

The American Legion National Commander Clarence Hill of the Department of Florida will visit South Dakota, May 10-13, 2010. The visit will take him across South Dakota from east to west, with six main stops to talk to members of The American Legion Family. Functions are being scheduled in Sioux Falls, Watertown, Redfield, Pierre, Piedmont, and Rapid City.

He will arrive in South Dakota at approximately noon on May 10th and will then tour the VA Medical Center in Sioux Falls. The Sioux Falls Post 15 will host a dinner function with The National Commander speaking to the Legion Family. This will be the opportunity for the Southern part of the State to meet and visit with The National Commander of the American Legion.

May 11 will have Commander Hill touring the new CBOC Clinic in Watertown. The American Legion Post 17 of Watertown will host a noon meal with the National Commander addressing the Legion Family in the Northeastern part of the state. The traveling party will proceed to Post 92 in Redfield for a whistle stop to visit with the Legion Family. They will then proceed to Pierre Post 8 for a dinner function where the National Commander will address the Legion Family in the Central part of the State. The traveling party will go to Rapid City that evening.

May 12th will be spent in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The Commander will tour the VA Home and VA Medical Center in Hot Springs. Piedmont Post 311 will host a noon meal with the National Commander addressing the Legion family in the Northern Part of the State. From there Commander Hill will tour the Black Hills National Cemetery and proceed to Sturgis to tour the Ft. Meade Medical Center. Rapid City Post 22 will host a dinner with the National Commander addressing the Legionnaires in the Western part of the State. Following the dinner, National Commander Hill will go to Mount Rushmore for a program and lighting ceremony.

The National Commander leaves at 9:45 p.m. on May 13th for Chicago. All American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, and Legion Riders are encouraged to attend any of these stops to visit with National Commander Clarence Hill and make him feel welcome in visiting our state.

(FROM NATIONAL VA&R BULLETIN 16-10 4/16/10)

VA Issues Phone Scam Warning

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has issued a warning to veterans not to disclose personal information over the phone to callers claiming to update, confirm, or verify VA-related information. VA reports the fraudulent caller's mode of operation include asking for credit card numbers, bank routing numbers, and other personal and financial information. A recent fraudulent call reported by a veteran included the caller claiming to be a VA employee and stating that the veteran's medical card had expired. The caller would then ask the veteran to submit a check over the phone to renew the medical card.

VA warns to be leery of any call originating from (888) 555-1234 for it is the number identified in the case above. Veterans with questions about VA services should contact VA at (877) 222-8387 or the nearest VA medical center.