



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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Next Meeting – October 7, 2010
Time: 8:00pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Just Ask”

2011 Membership: 66.36%

It is the love of country that has lighted and that keeps glowing the holy fire of patriotism. ~J. Horace McFarland



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.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 280 NEWS

The Detachment of South Dakota Sons of The American Legion will be raffling a rifle off this year. The rifle is a Ruger 77 Hawkeye. 270 caliber with case. Tickets will be \$5 Each or 3 for \$10.



AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

Next meeting will be October 21, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Post home.

Benefits were discussed at the last meeting. Dawn Barber addressed the website www.goodsearch.com and its benefit to the Auxiliary and briefed on the national convention in Milwaukie.

The District 2 meeting has been scheduled for October 3, 2010 at White. The Auxiliary will meet at the Higgins-Jessen Post 88 (McKnight Hall). There will be a optional spaghetti dinner at 5:00pm.

THANK YOU

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Commander Gibson and Headquarters would like to thank the Legionnaires and SAL who helped man The American Legion table at this year's South Dakota State Fair. The American Legion's presence was appreciated by the many veterans who visited our table.

In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms The first is freedom of speech and expression--everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way--everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want--which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants--everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom

COMMANDER'S CORNER

The District 2 fall meeting will be held on October 3, 2010 at White SD at 2:00PM and an optional spaghetti dinner at 5:00PM. The membership will meet at the McKnight Community Hall with cookies and punch prior to the meeting..

At the last meeting we discussed up coming projects like the breakfast on October 17th and the poultry party on November 6th.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 3 - District 2 meeting
- Oct 17 - Breakfast for the Legion Post
- Oct 27 - Kingsbury County meeting
- Nov 2 - Elections
- Nov 11 - Veterans Day
- Nov 14 - Breakfast for

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership is doing well as we have 71 members paid for the 2011 year with a goal of 107. If you have not paid your dues please do so ASAP so we can get them in to the Department.

Checkout the Website at: www.americanlegionsd280.org

from fear--which, translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor--anywhere in the world. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

JIMMY FOSTER ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER

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Jimmie L. Foster of Anchorage, Alaska, was elected national commander of the 2.5 million-member American Legion on Sept. 2, 2010, in Milwaukee, during the 92nd national convention of the nation's largest veterans organization. Born and raised in Oklahoma, Foster graduated with a

degree in Agriculture Education from Northeastern A&M College in Miami, Okla. After working in the textiles and grocery business, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served at the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego from 1973 to 1976. Following a short break in military service, he reenlisted in the U.S. Army, ultimately retiring with 20 years of military service on Aug. 1, 1994, as the chief legal noncommissioned officer at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Foster's 29 years of American Legion experience include offices and appointments at all levels. He served American Legion Spenard Post #28 as adjutant for many years, as well as other offices, ultimately serving as post commander in 1989-1990. He served on many state -level committees including Americanism, the Citizens Flag Alliance, Economics, Veterans Employment, Internal Affairs, Legislative, Membership & Post Activities, Military Affairs, National Security and Naval Affairs. During his term as membership chairman, the Dept. of Alaska finished number one in the nation for membership. He served as state commander in 1999-2000.

Nationally, he served on the organization's board of directors as National Executive Committeeman from 2002 to 2006 for the Dept. of Alaska as well as the National & Homeland Security Council, Economics, Internal Affairs and Legislative Commissions, and most recently, served as chairman of the National Legislative Commission from 2006-2008.

Foster and his wife, Rehta, have two sons, Christopher and Michael, and five grandchildren who have been active members of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion in Anchorage. Rehta is a past American Legion Auxiliary unit, district and department president in Alaska.

Cmdr. Foster took the oath of office along with five other national officers. Serving as national vice commanders are John M. Mella of Gladwin, Mich.; Eugene R. Pytka of Cumberland, R.I.; Russell J. Henry of Sulphur, La.; Carlos Orria-Medina of San Juan, Puerto Rico; and William F. Schrier of Sedro-Woolley, Wash. National Historian James Fratolillo of Quincy, Mass.; National Sergeant-at-Arms Ernest L. King, Sr., of Anchorage, Alaska; and National Chaplain Rev. Daniel J. Seehafer of Beaver Dam, Wis., were appointed to their positions by Cmdr. Foster following the close of the national convention.

LEGION NEWS AND UP TO NOW ONLINE

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The Legion News and Up To Now are online at the South Dakota American Legion website, www.sdlegion.com. Post Commanders and Adjutants please make your membership aware of this.

VETERANS FORUMS FOR 2010-2011

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Department Service Officer Warren Aas has announced the schedule for veterans forums for 2010-2011. DSO Aas gave the District Commanders the option of whether a forum would be conducted in their respective Districts. These six forums were established by the Commanders. **Note date change in District 5.** The start time for all the forums is 6:30 p.m. The American Legion Department of South Dakota has conducted 91 veterans' forums and well over 3,500 veterans and their family members have attended to learn more about their VA benefits.

The schedule for the veterans' forums are as follows:

District 3: Wednesday, November 17, American Legion Post Home, Estelline, SD.

District 4: Wednesday, January 4, 2011, Milbank Visitor Center, Milbank, SD.

District 5: Tuesday, December 7, American Legion Post Home, Redfield, SD.

District 12: Tuesday, October 19, Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD.

District 13: Monday, October 18, American Legion Post Home, Hermosa, SD.

District 14: Monday, December 6, Ipswich High School Cafeteria, Ipswich, SD.

All Legionnaires, their spouses and other veterans are encouraged to attend The American Legion Department of South Dakota Veterans Benefits Outreach Forum closest to their home. This is an educational and valuable opportunity to learn about benefits you may be eligible for that you were previously unaware of. Refreshments will be served during and after the forums and informational handout materials will be available for the attendees to take home and keep for future reference.