



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

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Next Meeting – March 3, 2011
Time: 7:00pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Just Ask”

2011 Membership: 84.11%

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership is doing well as we have 90 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.

Remember, just ask the new member to join and ask the past member to renew their membership.

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

Next meeting will be March 17, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Post home.

Girls State will be celebrating its 65th anniversary this year. Applications are due April 1st.

Remember to save and donate your spare children's books for the Department Convention for distribution to the disadvantaged children throughout the state.

The April meeting falls on Maundy Thursday, we will need to look at an alternate date to meet.

The final Honor Flight will be June 3-4, 2011. Remaining funds will be used for a Honor Flight celebration to honor those veterans who were unable to go and those who passed prior to the Honor Flight program.

“No man thinks more highly than I do of the patriotism, as well as abilities, of the very worthy gentlemen who have just addressed the house. But different men often see the same subject in different lights; and, therefore, I hope it will not be thought disrespectful to those gentlemen if, entertaining as I do opinions of a character very opposite to theirs, I shall speak forth my sentiments freely and without reserve.” ~Patrick Henry

Check out these membership benefits:

- Travel Discounts
- Home Appliance Purchasing
- Lodging Discounts
- Eyewear Discounts

For more information, go to www.legion.org/benefits.

HUMBOLDT YOUTH TAKES ORATORY CHAMPIONSHIP

(From UTN #3046 2/17/11)

Joe Schartz of Humboldt emerged victorious as the top orator in the final round of competition of the South Dakota American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program “A Constitutional Speech Contest” in Chamberlain this past weekend. Joe is the son of Franklin and Ann Marie Schartz of Humboldt.

Contestants were required to deliver a prepared oration of 8-10 minutes on the U. S. Constitution as their first oration. In turn, a constitutional topic was assigned to the

My patriotic heart beats red, white, and blue. ~Author Unknown



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.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Next meeting is March 3, 2011 at the Post home at 7:00PM.

Thank you to all who helped with the pancake breakfast February 13th. The next breakfast will be March 13th.

April 29 – District 2 Meeting - Flandreau: 5:00 p.m. Social at John's Place (Restaurant), 6:00 p.m. Banquet at John's Place, 7:00 p.m. Meeting at the Second Presbyterian Church (101 N. Prairie). Auxiliary will meet at John's Place

Remember elections are coming up for the Post.

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

- Mar 3 - Post Meeting
- Mar 9 - Ash Wednesday
- Mar 13 - Pancake Breakfast
- Mar 17 - Auxiliary Meeting
- Mar 30 - Kingsbury Meeting @ DeSmet
- Apr 7 - Post Meeting
- Apr 21 - Auxiliary Meeting pending
- Apr 21 - Maundy Thursday
- Apr 24 - Easter Sunday
- Apr 27 - Kingsbury Meeting @ Erwin
- Apr 29 - District 2 Meeting @ Flandreau

contestants and a 3-5 minute extemporaneous oration was required on that topic. They were allowed five minutes of preparation time.

Each of the five contestants in the finals had previously won competition at the local, district and area levels of competition. Those eligible to compete at the finals this past weekend consisted of Schartz, a junior at West Central High School, sponsored by Hartford Post 118 and Humboldt Post 62; Haley Hardie, a senior at Watertown High School, sponsored by the Codington County Post 17; Cole Shippy a senior at Colome High School, sponsored by Colome Post 146; Nick Wright, a senior at Gettysburg High School, sponsored by Gettysburg Post 135; and Nicholas Kantack is a junior at Brookings High School, sponsored by Brookings Post 74. Each contestant won a \$100 scholarship for winning their respective area competition.

Schartz was awarded a championship trophy, a \$1,000 scholarship, and a plaque to be displayed in his high school's trophy case as the first place winner of the state contest. He now has the opportunity to represent The South Dakota American Legion in the National Contest which will be held April 15-17, 2011, at the University Place Conference Center & Hotel, 850 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis, Indiana. Schartz will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship for participating in the first round of competition at national and an additional \$1,500 if he advances to the second round of national competition but does not make it into the final round. Scholarship awards possible in the national level competition are \$18,000 for first place, \$16,000 for second place, and \$14,000 for third place.

Second place in the state finals contest was awarded to Haley Hardie of Watertown. Third place was awarded to Nicholas Kantack, fourth place to Cole Shippy, and Nick Wright received the fifth place award. Second place received a \$500 scholarship; third place received a \$300 scholarship and fourth & fifth place a \$100 scholarship.

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

The Detachment of South Dakota Sons of The American Legion is raffling a rifle off this year. The rifle is a Ruger 77 Hawkeye. 270 caliber with case. Tickets are \$5 Each or 3 for \$10. Contact Colin Royal for tickets 605-354-0310. Drawing will be held at the Go-Getters at the Department Convention in June.

