



# Bensley-Rounds Post 280

## Post Notes

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Next Meeting – April 7, 2011  
Time: 8:00pm.  
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Just Ask”

2011 Membership: 88.79%

"A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver five minutes longer." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Next meeting is April 7, 2011 at the Post home at 8:00PM.

Thank you to all who helped with the pancake breakfast March 13<sup>th</sup>. The next breakfast will be April 10<sup>th</sup> for Post Prom.

New 4' lights for the kitchen were approved at the last meeting.

Herb Rusche was selected as the Legionnaire of the Year. Congratulations to him.

Boys State committee includes Herb Rusche, Carl Matter and Bill Whites. Congratulations to ---- for his selection as the Boys State delegate.

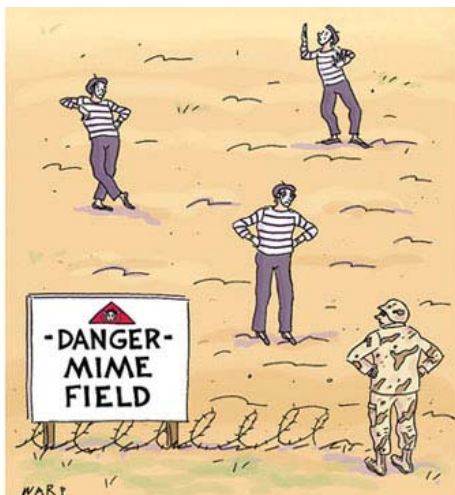
The nominating committee consists of Myron Zeeck, Merlin Rieck, and Dale Kopplin. Elections will be held at the next meeting in April.

Updated: **April 29 – Dist 2 - Flandreau:** 5:30 p.m. Social at John's Place (Restaurant), 6:00 p.m. Banquet at John's Place, 7:00 p.m. Meeting at the VET Center. Auxiliary will meet at John's Place.

April is Children & Youth month for The American Legion.

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 30 - Kingsbury Meeting @ DeSmet  
Apr 7 - Post Meeting  
Apr 12 - Auxiliary Meeting  
Apr 21 - Maundy Thursday  
Apr 24 - Easter Sunday  
Apr 27 - Kingsbury Meeting @ Erwin  
Apr 29 - District 2 Meeting @ Flandreau  
May 5 - Post Meeting

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership is doing well as we have 95 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

The April meeting falls on Maundy Thursday, we will meet instead on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

Remember to pay your dues and also remember that they are now \$14 for Auxiliary and \$3 for juniors.

The American Legion Auxiliary has a website at [www.sdlegion-aux.org](http://www.sdlegion-aux.org) stop and check it out.

"Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die." ~Dwight D. Eisenhower

### Did You Know?

- The order in which the flags of the Armed Forces should be displayed, in rank or color guard, is from left to right; Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard.
- Marvin Whites has been a member of the Bensley-Rounds Post 280 for 64 years and is a Charter Member.
- Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest patriotic women's service organization.
- Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) applications must originate and be investigated at the local level. When all other possible resources have been exhausted, contact your local American Legion post, department headquarters, and/or department Children & Youth chairman.

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



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.

### **ON LINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TO START IN JULY**

(From UTN#3048 3/16/11)

Starting in July of 2011, each membership renewal letter will have an option for the member to renew his or her membership online, directly using a credit card.

After payment is confirmed, the member can then print out a 2012 membership card. This card will be similar to, but not exact match, to the pre-printed cards that are distributed normally each year to all Departments and Posts. This presents a situation where members seeking entrance to a Post using the computer-generated card may be denied access if Post Officers are not aware of the change for 2012. The Post should still give the member the original pre-printed card in exchange for the computer card.

All Post Officers have the ability, through [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org), to download all their members, who may have renewed on line. National Headquarters will credit or reimburse each Department at least monthly with the full Post and Department per capita for each renewed member. The Departments, in turn, will credit or reimburse each Post.

Many details still need to be ironed out, but it is imperative that American Legion Posts and Districts are aware of the upcoming changes. As Department Headquarters learns of additional information pertaining to on line membership renewals, that information will be forwarded to all Posts.

### **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.

