



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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

“Just Ask”

2011 Membership: 90.65%

“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.”
~Thomas Paine

Aug 14 - SAL Breakfast
Aug 26-31 - National Convention in Minneapolis
Sep 1 - Post Meeting
Sep 15 - Auxiliary Meeting
Sep 28 - County Meeting at Hetland



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Next meeting is July 7, 2011 at the Post home at 8:00PM. Delegates to the Department Convention to be held June 23-26th were selected. They are Charemon

Dunham, Annette Dunham, Colin Royal, and Dave Owens Sr.

Discussed the menu for the Iroquois Sports Day on July 16, 2011. Menu is Pork loin sandwiches, chips, beans, and dessert with coffee or juice.

Next County meeting is at Hetland on September 28, 2011 at 8:00PM. Dave Gutzmer of Lake Preston was elected County Commander at the April meeting. Jason Paul of Lake Preston was elected as County Vice Commander.

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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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership is doing well as we have 97 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 4 - Independence Day
Jul 7 - Post Meeting
Jul 16-17 - Iroquois Sports Day
- SAL Breakfast
Aug 4 - Post Meeting



Charemon Dunham taking the oath after being elected Department Vice Commander.

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The next meeting is September 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Post Home.

Regina Whipple of Martin was elected as the Department President at the Department Convention.

A special thank you goes out to Dawn Barber of Chester for being a great District 2 President.

Doris Ann Werlinger was nominated for the Northwest Division National Vice President at the Convention. Good luck to here in Minneapolis.

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 stop and check it out.

“You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.” ~Erma Bombeck

Checkout the Website at: www.americanlegionsd280.org

Convention Briefs

A few brief notes from the Department Convention, June 23-26, 2011.

The Department will be realigning the districts and reducing them to a total of eight. District 2 will be divided and placed into two new districts. There will be special elections at the Fall Conferences for the new districts and their officers. More information to follow.

Charemon Dunham was elected as Vice Commander for the area consisting of Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8. She will be representing and advising some 18,000 South Dakota Legionnaires. Congratulations to her.

Also, Charemon was nominated to the post of National Historian. Good Luck Charemon in the upcoming National Convention in Minneapolis, Mn.

Our newsletter, Post Notes, won first place in the South Dakota American Legion Press Association (SDALPA) Newspaper contest for 2011.

Annette Dunham was re-elected to the Department Administrative Committee for a four year term.

The next Mid-Winter Conference will be in Oacoma, SD and the Next Department Convention will be in Watertown, SD. More information to follow.

Mark Weinmann of Hudson Post 128 was elected unopposed as the Department Commander. He succeeded Hoot Gibson if Sioux Falls. His Homecoming will be August 20, 2011 at Hudson. More information to follow.



Mark Weinmann is presented his Department Commander's Pin by his wife, Julie.

Did You Know?

- The United States Declaration of Independence is an act of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776
- John Hancock was the President of the Continental Congress at the time of the signing



Independence Day
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of the Declaration of Independence.

- For promoting national pride and unity, the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, adopted the national flag. "Resolved: that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."



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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 280 NEWS

The rifle raffled off by the Detachment of South Dakota was won by Steve Hicks or Martin, SD. Congratulations to Steve and good luck hunting.

The Detachment of South Dakota Sons of The American Legion selected Squadron 280 Commander Colin Royal as the Son of the Year for 2010. He was also re-appointed to the Detachment Adjutant position.



Detachment Commander Greg Lemieux presents Colin Royal with the Son of the Year Trophy.