



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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Next Meeting – October 6, 2011
Time: 8:00pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Just Ask One More”
2012 Membership: 64.71%

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 6 - Post Meeting
- Oct 14 - IHS Homecoming
- Oct 16 - Breakfast
- Oct 20 - Auxiliary Meeting
- Oct 26 - County Meeting @ Iroquois 7:30PM
- Oct 31 - Halloween
- Nov 3 - Post Meeting – Membership Night
- Nov 11 - Veterans Day Program @ Erwin 7:30PM

Sick Call: Myron Zeeck

"It is easy to take liberty for granted, when you have never had it taken from you." ~Author unknown

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Next meeting is October 6, 2011 at the Post home at 8:00PM.



Department of South Dakota Delegation to the National Convention Parade in Minneapolis, Mn



Iroquois 4th-5th grade class with their certificates of completion for the flag etiquette class held September 12, 2011.

Next County meeting is at Iroquois on October 26, 2011 7:30PM.

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

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership is off to an early jump as we have 66 members paid for the 2012 year with a goal of 102. If you have not paid your dues please do so ASAP so we can get them in to the Department. 2011 dues are still payable and remember to retain you continuous years of membership your 2011 and past dues must be paid.

Remember, just ask the new members to join and ask the past members to renew their membership and Just Ask One More.



Practicing raising the flag properly.

Twenty-five kids were taught basic US Flag etiquette on September 12, 2011. They completed the hour long class and received certificates for participation. A request for a Flag Retirement Ceremony demonstration was presented to be held in the spring.



"Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations, that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided Republic." ~John A. Logan

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The next meeting is October 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Post Home.

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.



Theresa Maeschen of Mitchell is the District 6 Auxiliary President until the next District 6 meeting in the spring. At which time even numbered Districts will elect officers for two year terms and the odd number Districts will

elect officers for one year terms.

Resumes for Department Secretary are to be to Ramona Ketterling by January 6, 2012.

A meeting concerning the Girls State Program will be held in Mitchell. Items to be discussed include raising the registration fees for girls to attend. Date and time to be announced.

National President Chris Nelson's Homecoming will be held in Bloomington, Mn. More information to follow.

Did You Know?

- **Aug. 9, 1921** - The American Legion's efforts result in the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, forerunner of the Veterans Administration.
- **June 15, 1923** - The first "Flag Code" is drafted during a Legion conference in Washington. Congress adopts the code in 1942.
- **May 1, 1972** - The Legion implements a Halloween safety program for children; it remains the only national program of its kind.

District 6 News

Terry Hanson of Arlington was unanimously elected as the new Commander of District 6 at the meeting held September 25, 2011 in Woonsocket. Also Elected was Dave Gutzmer of Lake Preston as District 6 Vice Commander. Their terms will expire in April when the Spring District Meeting and the even numbered districts' elections are held.

Department Commander Mark Weinmann addressed the membership and talked about the four

pillars and The American Legion Family taking care of its own, the veterans. He also talked of the Post, Unit and Squadron activities and getting them list in the local news and showing off what we can do as an organization. He also called for reports from the Posts to be individualized and specialized to the Post, not just "we do what everyone else does" type of report. He also called for reports in the Spring from the American Legion Riders and the Sons of The American Legion.

Hugh Holmes of Mitchell, the Department Membership Chairman, addressed the membership on membership and the need to "Ask One More". He also briefed the Super Eight membership program of National Commander Wong.

Department Adjutant Denny Brenden briefed on the benefits and programs of The American Legion. He gave the dates for the Mid-Winter Conference in Oacoma, February 10-12, 2012, and the Legislative Reception on February 8, 2012 in Pierre.

Several dignitaries were present and many said they were impressed with the amount of leadership in District 6 and the membership vowed to be the best District in the Department.



Terry Hanson (center) of Arlington and Dave Gutzmer (right) of Lake Preston being sworn in as District 6 Commander and Vice Commander by Department Commander Weinmann.