



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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Next Meeting – April 12, 2012
Time: 8:00pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Just Ask One More”
2012 Membership: 95.10%

TAPS: Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Dennis Claussen.

“Patriotism... is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.” ~Adlai Stevenson

District 6 Meeting Set – Sunday, April 15, Mitchell American Legion Post Home, Meeting at 3:02 p.m., Social following meeting, Banquet at approximately 5:30 p.m. District Executive Committee will meet at 2:02 p.m. The Auxiliary will meet in the Mitchell Post Home basement.

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Next meeting is April 12, 2012 at the Post home at 8:00PM. The meeting was rescheduled due to Maundy Thursday.

Post Breakfast on April 15, 2012 for the Girls State expenses.

The Election Committee consists of Merlin Rieck, Charemon Dunham, and Herb Rusche.

Elections are in April with installation in May. If you are interested in an Officer post contact one of the committee members.

Kingsbury County American Legion has voted to sponsor a baseball team. Lake Preston will be home to the team due to its central location in the county.

Annette Dunham was selected as the Legionnaire of the year. Congratulations to her.

Iroquois Sports Days are June 22-24, 2012. The Class of ‘72 has requested that the Post prepare a dinner for them on June 23rd. Sports Days lunch on June 23rd will be pork loin, chips, beans, etc. More information to follow.

Memorial Day is May 28th, and the Post will serve lunch. The menu will be BBQ, chips, dessert, etc. More Information to follow.

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership is doing well as we have 97 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.

2013 dues will be going up to \$35 as voted by the membership present at the November meeting. This dues increase falls in line with the National dues increase to take effect on July 1, 2012 for the 2013 year. The Post dues will also increase as of July 1, 2012 for the 2013 year.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 5 – Maundy Thursday
- Apr 8 – Easter
- Apr 12 – Post Meeting
- Apr 15 – Breakfast
- Apr 15 – District 6 Meeting @ Mitchell
- Apr 19 – Auxiliary Meeting
- Apr 25 – County Meeting @ DeSmet
- May 3 – Post Meeting
- May 20 – Auxiliary Meeting
- May 28 – Memorial Day

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The next meeting is April 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Post Home.

Elections are around the corner in April with installation in May. End of year reports are now due also.

Girls State Committee selected Emily Schortzmann as their representative. She is the daughter of Greg and Sherry Schortzmann of Iroquois.

The Legion has asked the Auxiliary to provide desserts for the Sports Day lunch.

"These heroes are dead. They died for liberty - they died for us. They are at rest. They sleep in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered stainless, under the solemn pines, the sad hemlocks, the tearful willows, and the embracing vines. They sleep beneath the shadows of the clouds, careless alike of sunshine or of storm, each in the windowless Place of Rest. Earth may run red with other wars - they are at peace. In the midst of battle, in the roar of conflict, they found the serenity of death. I have one sentiment for soldiers living and dead: cheers for the living; tears for the dead." ~Robert G. Ingersoll

LIT ANNOUNCES LEGIONCARE

(From UTN 3074 0/14/12)

Legionnaires now have the opportunity to assure their enrollment in **LegionCare**, the newly enhanced Accidental Death benefit available at No-Cost to all Legionnaires.

LegionCare is a one-of-a-kind benefit offered exclusively to Legionnaires. **LegionCare** offers:

1. \$5,000 in Accidental Death Coverage for covered accidents that occur if you are traveling on official Legion business.

2. \$1,000 for all other covered accidents.

3. 24/7 protection that covers Legionnaires at home, at work and while they are traveling away from home available for all Legionnaires.

All Legionnaires must activate their \$5,000 in protection in order to be covered. Legionnaires may activate their coverage by going on line at www.theLIT.com. **LegionCare**

postcards will be mailed out in all Legionnaire's Membership Renewal kits in May 2012.

The Legionnaire Insurance Trust has announced the **LegionCare** Enrollment Incentive Program to encourage the promotion of **LegionCare** to all Legionnaires. Posts will receive a gift card for reaching the enrollment goals below:

Post size Required enrollment percentage

Gift card

50 or less	100%	\$10
51 to 200	75%	\$15
201 to 400	70%	\$25
401 to 750	65%	\$50
751 or more	60%	\$100

NEW YOUTH TROOPER ACADEMY

(From UTN 3075 03/28/12)

The Youth Trooper Academy Program is in the start up phase for the first academy in South Dakota. The South Dakota American Legion has formed a partnership with the South Dakota Highway Patrol to develop this youth program. Male and female students, ages 16-17, who are going to start their senior year in high school are eligible. Colonel Craig Price of the South Dakota Highway Patrol stated the academy will take place June 25-29, 2012, at the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Center in Pierre.

The Board of Education has contacted high school counselors across the states and distributed applications for the academy. American Legion Posts should contact their respective high school guidance counselor to see if there are students showing an interest in law enforcement.

All Post applications must be submitted to State Headquarters by April 20, 2012. These applications will be sorted by Districts and sent to the District Commander. The District Commander will set up interviews and select two candidates from each District along with an alternate. It is recommended local law enforcement officers are part of the selection committee. The Post of the selected candidates will be responsible for the \$150 needed for registration fees.

Applications are available on the South Dakota American Legion Website, www.sdlegion.org.