



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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April 20, 2012

Next Meeting – May 3, 2012
Time: 8:00pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Although no sculptured marble should rise to their memory, nor engraved stone bear record of their deeds, yet will their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored.” ~Daniel Webster

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Next meeting is May 3, 2012 at the Post home at 8:00PM.

Post Breakfast on April 15, 2012 went towards the replacement of the hot water heater in the kitchen which started leaking. It was replaced at a cost of approximately \$349. The next breakfast is May 20, 2012.

Jay Slater, candidate for SD House District 22, of DeSmet is the speaker for Memorial Day. The program will be at the South Gym at 10:00AM on Memorial Day with honors at the cemetery to follow. Lunch will be served at the Legion Hall in Iroquois at approximately 11:30AM. Menu includes BBQ sandwiches, potato salad, beans, chips and dessert. Grave marker flags will be placed May 26th at 9:00am, weather permitting. Flags will be placed on the 28th at 8:00am, weather permitting.

The March 20 supper for the Iroquois Housing was a success with high praises on the dinner. Thank you to all of you who helped that night, especially Deb Jennings, Marge Blue and Kathy Haarstad. Thank you all.

Congratulations to Deb Jennings, Commander; Lyle Burma, Vice Commander; Heb Rusche, Chaplain; Annette Dunham, Finance Officer; and Bill Whites, Adjutant on their re-election for the 2012-2013 year. They will be sworn in at the next meeting.

“Just Ask One More”
2012 Membership: 95.10%

The Class of '72 has settled on the menu for their class reunion. It will be roast beef, potatoes, and two veggies. The dinner will be June 23rd.

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



Annette Dunham (left) and Dave Gutzmer (right) take the oath of office on April 15, 2012 at Mitchell Post home.

Congratulations to Annette Dunham who was elected as the District 6 Vice Commander and Dave Gutzmer of Lake Preston who was elected as the District 6 Commander on April 15th at the District meeting at Mitchell Post 18 home.

The Post also was honored with an honor ribbon for membership and the Go-getter Medallion.

With the tears a Land hath shed
Their graves should ever be green.
~Thomas Bailey Aldrich

Congratulations to Colin Royal, who was elected as the Kingsbury County Vice Commander. Jason Paul of Lake Preston was elected as the County Commander.

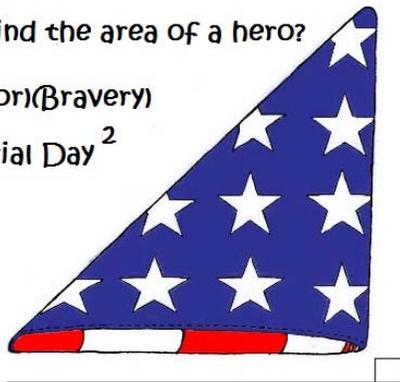
The Post is taking memberships for the American Legion Riders. If you are interested in joining, contact Colin Royal at 605-354-0310 or colin@cstch.com for an application.

The American Legion Riders is a group of members of the Legion family that promote a safe and enjoyable environment for motorcycle riding while promoting the programs of The American Legion.

How do you find the area of a hero?

$A = \frac{1}{2} (\text{Honor})(\text{Bravery})$

$A = \text{Memorial Day}^2$



Douglas OrleSKI

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

- May 3 – Post Meeting
- May 17 – Auxiliary Meeting
- May 20 – Post Breakfast
- May 28 – Memorial Day
- Jun 7 – Post Meeting
- Jun 14 – Flag Day
- Jun 14-17 - State Convention at Watertown

- Jun 21 – Auxiliary Meeting & Potluck
- Jun 22-24 – Iroquois Sports Days
- Jun 23-24 – SAL Breakfast
- Jul 4 – Independence Day
- Jul 5 – Post Meeting

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The next meeting is May 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Post Home.

Election of Officers took place, re-elected were: DeLores Royal as President, Charemon Dunham as Vice President, Marvella Rounds and Lois Rounds as co-Chaplains, Marge Blue as Secretary, Dolly Wallum as Sergeant at Arms, and Annette Dunham as Treasurer.

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



Legion Extension Institute available online (From www.legion.org)

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. To register and take the course, visit www.legion.org/alei. *(Due to high traffic volume, you may experience some delays. If you experience delays, please try again later.)* The program should take less than two hours

to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam.

The sections closely follow the Legion's Four Pillars of service. They include:

- History & Organization
- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- National Security
- Americanism
- Children & Youth

Upon completion, a participant must pass a final online exam to receive a digital certificate of recognition; a lapel/cap pin will also be delivered to those who successfully complete the course. The names of those who have passed will be recorded and indexed at The American Legion National Headquarters. Graduates will have the option to click a box upon completion to recognize their accomplishment on The American Legion national website: www.legion.org.

The online course is \$4.95 for members of The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion. The registration fee is \$9.95 for non-members. Payment can be accepted securely and conveniently on the course registration page.

The American Legion Extension Institute online training program replaces the series of printed booklets that had been printed and sold through National Headquarters.

NATIONAL COMMANDER TO ATTEND CONVENTION

(From UTN 3076 04/25/12)

American Legion National Commander Fang Wong, from the Department of New York, will be in attendance at the 94th Annual Department Convention in Watertown on June 14-17, 2012.

Fang A. Wong of East Brunswick, N.J., was elected national commander of The American Legion on Sept. 1, 2011, during the 93rd National Convention, in Minneapolis. Born in Canton, China, Wong immigrated to the

United States as a 12-year-old in 1960. He attended New York City public schools and became a naturalized citizen in 1963. Wong volunteered for the U.S. Army in 1969, served 25 months in Vietnam, and retired from the Army as a chief warrant officer in 1989. Wong earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at New York Institute of Technology in 1978 and a master's degree in management from Central Michigan University in 1981.

Following his retirement from the Army, Wong joined Lt. B.R. Kimlau Chinese Memorial Post 1291 in New York. A former National Vice Commander and past Department Commander of New York, Wong has held elected and appointed offices at the post, county, district, department and national levels of the Legion. Wong also served as a director of New York Empire Boys State and as a member of the planning committee for the creation of the New York American Legion College. He has served on several National committees and commissions, including a term as chairman of the Legion's National Security Commission

Through his American Legion post in Chinatown, Wong helped direct relief efforts in the aftermath of 9/11. He has been a member of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Employment and Training and Employer Outreach of the Department of Labor. He also served as chairman of the Special Investigation Committee for the Chinese Community Benevolent Association (NYC) and the Office of the New York Attorney General in 2005.

<p>Cover them over with beautiful flowers, Deck them with garlands, those brothers of ours, Lying so silent by night and by day Sleeping the years of their manhood away. Give them the meed they have won in the past; Give them the honors their future forecast; Give them the chaplets they won in the strife; Give them the laurels they lost with their life. ~Will Carleton</p>
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