



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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Next Meeting – November 1, 2012
Time: 7:00pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

"Never in the face of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few."
- Winston Churchill

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Next meeting is November 1, 2012 at the Post home at 7:00PM.

The annual Poultry Party will be on November 3rd at 7:00pm. Also there will be a freewill Spaghetti supper that night at 5:30pm. There will also be a 50/50 drawing to be drawn that night.

Thank you goes out the helpers for the homecoming parade and game.

November 1st is Membership Night with a steak supper at 6:00pm and the meeting will follow. All members are welcome to attend and dues will be collected for the 2013 year from those that have not paid them by that night.

Sunday November 11, 2012 is the Kingsbury County Veterans Day Program in DeSmet.

The next Kingsbury County meeting will be Oct 31, 2012 at Hetland.

Duncan Flann was presented with his 30 year membership star.

Charemon Dunham briefed on the District 6 Meeting held in Wessington Springs.

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 72 members paid of the goal of 102 for the 2013 year. Remember that the

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"Just Ask"

2013 Membership: 70.59%

dues are now \$35 and you may begin sending them in.

The Iroquois community and surrounding area has many eligible veterans and all you have to do is ask them.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 31 – Kingsbury County Meeting @ Hetland
Nov 1 – Post Meeting – Membership Night
Nov 3 – Poultry Party & Spaghetti Supper
Nov 11 – Veterans Day Program @ DeSmet
Nov 18 - Breakfast
Nov 15 – Auxiliary Meeting
Nov 22 – Thanksgiving Day
Dec 5 – Kingsbury County Meeting @ Iroquois
Dec 6 – Post Meeting
Dec 9 – Breakfast
Dec 25 – Christmas Day
Jan 1 – New Year's Day
Jan 3 – Post Meeting
Jan 13 – Breakfast
Jan 17 – Auxiliary Meeting

SAL SQUADRON 280 NEWS

The Detachment of South Dakota is still selling tickets for the Dell Inspiron Laptop which will be drawn at the Mid-Winter Conference. Tickets are \$5 or 3 for \$10, contact Colin Royal, 605-354-0310 for tickets.

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The next meeting is November 15, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Post Home.

The last meeting was cancelled due to weather. The Juniors' task of tying the lap blankets will be held on November 15th at 5:30PM.

Please help us with keeping your address updated as we have been getting a few newsletters returned due to forwarding time has elapsed. Also, if you would rather receive the newsletter via email instead of the US mail just let us know and we'll hook you up.

COMMANDER CALLIES ANNOUNCES MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

(From UTN #3089 dated 10/10/12)

Department Commander Byron Callies has announced the 2013 MidWinter Conference will be held at Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma, Friday-Sunday, February 8-10, 2013.

Commander Callies has announced the format for the MidWinter Conference will feature individual breakout sessions consisting of Americanism, Membership, Legion Riders, Post Adjutants, Post Service Officers and Post Commanders.

Friday will begin with the Department Administrative Commit-tee meeting at 10:00 a.m. and the Department Executive Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m. Friday evening, February 8, will feature the traditional Joint Legion/Auxiliary/SAL Banquet at 7:00 p.m. preceded by a one-hour no-host cocktail period. The Banquet ticket coupon can be found in the October issue of The South Dakota Legion News. This coupon can be used to order your banquet ticket(s). Again, this year as in the past, there will be no banquet tickets sold at the door the evening of the banquet. You must purchase your ticket in advance.

This year the keynote speaker at the Joint Banquet will be National Vice Commander Gene Hickman of the Department of Ohio.

On Saturday, February 9, the conference will start with the Joint Session of The American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Commencing at 10:30 a.m., The American Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion will convene into their own sessions.

The American Legion will have separate rooms for the programs being hosted.

The Go-Getter Reception and Smorgasbord will be held at the Oacoma Community Center on Saturday evening commencing at 6:00 p.m. The Go-Getter's cards will be available for pick-up at the State Headquarters Registration Desk in the lobby of the Cedar Shore Resort event center starting at 12:00 noon on Friday.

On Sunday, February 10, there will be a Joint Non-Denominational Religious Service at 8:30 a.m. in the Cedar Shore Resort Convention Center. Department Chaplain Loren Scott will be in charge of the arrangements for the service.

Following the closing of the Annual MidWinter Conference, the Department Finals for The South Dakota American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program "A Constitutional Speech Contest" will be held at the Cedar Shore Resort.

Special guests also in attendance, will be 2013-2014 National Commander leading candidate Dan Delinger of the Department of Virginia and National Commander second candidate Mike Helm of the Department of Nebraska.



"In war, as in life, it is often necessary, when some cherished scheme has failed, to take up the best alternative open, and if so, it is folly not to work for it with all your might." ~ Sir Winston Churchill