



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

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Next Meeting – September 5, 2013
Time: 8:00pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Together We Can”
2014 Membership: 28.28%



“Grief and tragedy and hatred are only for a time. Goodness, remembrance and love have no end.” ~ George W. Bush

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Next meeting is September 5, 2013 at the Post home at 8:00PM.

Thank you to those who assisted with the funeral for Loarn Schwartz.

Also thank you to those that helped with the Sports Day breakfast and lunch.

The Poultry Party was discussed with the date and time to be determined at the next meeting. The 50/50 raffle tickets will be available soon.

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

The fall District 6 meeting will be held at Ethan Post home at 7:00pm on September 27, 2013, with a social hour prior to the meeting at 6:00pm. Cookies and coffee will follow the meeting.

The next Kingsbury County meeting will be held September 25, 2013 at DeSmet. There will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony at 7:00PM with the meeting to follow.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The 2014 membership cards are in and the 2014 membership dues are now due. Dues remain at \$35 for the 2014 year.

Renewals may also be done online at <http://www.legion.org/renew>. The Department will be notified within 24 hours normally and you may also set up a recurring renewal if you like. This does not include Auxiliary or SAL.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 5 - Post Meeting
- Sep 11 – Patriot Day
- Sep 15 - Breakfast
- Sep 19 – Auxiliary Meeting
- Sep 25 – Kingsbury County Meeting @ DeSmet
- Oct 3 - Post Meeting
- Oct 17 – Auxiliary Meeting
- Oct 20 – Breakfast
- Oct 30 – Kingsbury County Meeting @ Erwin
- Nov 7 – Post Meeting & Membership Night
- Nov 10 - Breakfast
- Nov 21 – Auxiliary Meeting



The Iroquois Fifth Grade class was taught basic flag etiquette for their duties as the flag custodians for the school.

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The next meeting is Sept 19, 2013 at 7:00PM at the Post home.

The Auxiliary will meet at the Post home in Ethan September 27th for the District 6 fall meeting at 7:00pm.

Auxiliary dues are now due for the 2014 year. Please get them in as soon as you can.

SAL SQUADRON 280 NEWS

Thank you to all those who assisted with the Squadron Breakfasts this summer.

Memberships are now due for the SAL and are still \$10 for the year.

POEM TO LIVE BY (1976 LEGION NEWS)

(From UTN Dated 7/31/13)

When things go wrong and they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won - had he stuck it out,
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem their worst that
You must not quit!

"The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil Constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors: they purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood, and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle, or to be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men." ~ Samuel Adams



"Each year on the third Friday in September, our nation pauses to observe National Prisoner of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) Day. Today, please take a moment to remember all of the brave men and women who have fought to protect our freedom but never

returned, or have not yet returned, home to their loved ones.

As a former Prisoner of War in Vietnam for nearly seven years – more than half that time in solitary confinement – I actually consider myself lucky. I came home. Today, more than 1,600 Americans remain unaccounted for from Vietnam as well as hundreds of thousands from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, and the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I wish Americans heard more about our missing comrades, and the search for them. While held captive, I found inspiration in a quote etched on a wall by a former POW that read, "Freedom has a taste to it that those who fight and nearly die for it that the protected will never know." ~ US Congressman Sam Johnson – Texas.

Did You Know:

- The IRS now requires American Legion posts to maintain dates of service and character of service records for all members.
- Providing assistance and instruction to those following the legal path to citizenship has been a longstanding and proud Legion tradition almost since the organization's founding.
- The American Legion provides flag education in effort to build patriotism in our youth and to create an understanding of proper flag display and courtesy.
- Legion volunteers contribute more than 900,000 hours at various veterans facilities.