



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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Next Meeting – April 3, 2014
Time: 8:00pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Together We Can”
2014 Membership: 91.92%

“America is much more than a geographical fact. It is a political and moral fact - the first community in which men set out in principle to institutionalize freedom, responsible government, and human equality.” ~Adlai Stevenson

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Next meeting is April 3, 2014 at the Post home at 8:00PM.

The breakfast for March is on April 13, 2014 going for Girls State.



The Boys State committee has selected Erik Wehlander, the son of Curt & Lori Wehlander of rural Esmond.

Elections will be held in April and the committee members

selected are Darwin Cundy, Herb Rusche, and Dale Kopplin. If you would like to hold an office, contact one of these legionnaires for more information.

We would like to recognize those who donated money to the Post for the repairs. They include; Jerry Culver, Bob Miller, Don DeJong, Merwin TeBeest, Duncan Flann, Joe Spanbauer, and Dale Cundy. Thank you gentlemen for your help in making our Post better. If you are not listed, our apologies and thank you.

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 next Kingsbury County meeting will be held April 30, 2014 at Arlington at 7:30PM. Elections will be held that evening.

District 6 Spring Meeting - April 5 - Saturday, Arlington Post Home, Social 3:00 p.m., Dinner at 4:00p.m., Meeting 5:00 p.m. Auxiliary will meet at the Post Home. **(NOTE CHANGES)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 3 – Post Meeting - Elections
- Apr 10 – Auxiliary Meeting
- Apr 13 – Breakfast
- Apr 15 - Passover
- Apr 17 – Maundy Thursday
- Apr 18 – Good Friday
- Apr 20 – Easter
- Apr 30 – Kingsbury Meeting @ Arlington - Elections
- May 1 – Post Meeting
- May 11 – Breakfast - Tentative
- May 11 – Iroquois High School Graduation
- May 15 – Auxiliary Meeting
- May 15 – Last Day of Iroquois School year
- May 17 – Armed Forces Day
- May 26 – Memorial Day
- Jun 5 – Post Meeting
- Jun 8 – Breakfast
- Jun 14 – Flag Day

TAPS

Our sincerest sympathies go out to the family of Myron Zeeck.

Thank you to all who helped with Myron’s military rites.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 91 of 99 members renewed for the year. 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 Believe, Ask and Together we can do it.

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The next meeting is April 10, 2014 at 5:00PM at the Post home.

Congratulations to Richele Royal for being selected as the Unit Legionette of the Year.

Congratulations to Brittney Moeller, daughter of Daphne and Eddie of rural Cavour and Sierra Crater, daughter of Clara and Terry Crater of Cavour, for being selected to attend Girls State.

Auxiliary dues are now due for the 2014 year. The dues are \$18.00; please get them in as soon as you can. Junior dues still remain \$3 for the year.

SAL SQUADRON 280 NEWS

Dues are now due for the 2014 year; please get them in as soon as possible. Dues are still only \$10.00.

"The winds that blow through the wide sky in these mounts, the winds that sweep from Canada to Mexico, from the Pacific to the Atlantic - have always blown on free men." ~Franklin D. Roosevelt

STATE CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN PIERRE

(From UTN #3125 dated 02/26/14)

The 96th annual South Dakota American Legion Department Convention will be held in Pierre, SD, on June 19-22, 2014. The hosting hotel will be the Best Western Ramkota. Contact information for the Ramkota is phone 605-224-6877 or toll free 1-800-528-1234 and email is

pierre.ramkota.comresservations@pierreramkota.com.

Other motels/hotels in the area are: In Pierre; Capitol Inn 605-224-6387, Clubhouse Hotel 605-494-2582, Comfort Inn 605-224-0377, Days Inn 605-224-0411, Governors Inn 605-224-4200, Kings Inn 605-224-5951, Rivers Lodge 605-224-4140, Super 8 605-224-1617. In Fort Pierre, Fort Pierre Motel 504-223-3111, Holiday Inn Express 605-223-9045, AmericInn 605-223-2358. Inform the motel/hotel you are making a reservation for the American Legion Convention.

FUN AUCTION

(From UTN 3127 dated 03/26/14)

Members of the American Legion family are encouraged to donate items for the fun auction being held at the State Convention in Pierre on Saturday evening, June 21, 2014. A site on the SD Legion website (www.sdlegion.org) is being set up for pictures of auction items for all to view. If you have items to donate, please take a picture and send it to State Headquarters. All proceeds from the auction will be donated to the South Dakota American Legion foundation.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **South Dakota HB 1150— An Act to require that the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States be recited at the start of each school day in every public school classroom. Passed the House and the Senate unanimously. Signed by the Governor.**

- Dating back to 1969, the National Emergency Fund has helped veterans rebuild lives shattered by tornadoes, hurricanes and other natural disasters.
- American Legion posts sponsor more than 2,500 Scouting units across the country. This is natural for Legionnaires, who bring their service-learned skills and experiences as veterans to help build character and positive traits in our country's youth.
- The South Dakota Highway Patrol Youth Trooper Academy is a cooperative effort between the South Dakota Highway Patrol and the American Legion of South Dakota. Our mission is to recruit young men and women from culturally diverse backgrounds from across the state of South Dakota, and to increase their understanding of the job of a state trooper.



"Our country is not the only thing to which we owe our allegiance. It is also owed to justice and to humanity. Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but in striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong." ~James Bryce

OPERATION REACHING ALL VETERANS (RAV)

The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA) is designating 2014 as their year to reach out to all 75,000 South Dakota veterans. Today kicked off the outreach project – Operation RAV – to ensure veterans and their families are aware of the many programs and services that are available to them.

"Operation RAV is our campaign to identify and make direct contact with South Dakota's veterans and to make them aware of the benefits and services available to them," said SDDVA Secretary Larry Zimmerman. "As the advocate for South Dakota's veterans, our team is at the forefront of the most demanding challenges confronting our state's veterans."