



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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May 2014

Next Meeting – June 5, 2014
Time: 8:00pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Together We Can”
2014 Membership: 92.93%

“Are they dead that yet speak louder than we can speak, and a more universal language? Are they dead that yet act? Are they dead that yet move upon society and inspire the people with nobler motives and more heroic patriotism?” ~ Henry Ward Beecher

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Next meeting is June 5, 2014 at the Post home at 8:00PM.



Officers being sworn in at the May 1st meeting. Pictured are Deb Jennings, Commander; Colin Royal, Vice Commander; Herb Rusche, Chaplain; Duncan Flann, Finance Officer; not pictured is Bill Whites, Adjutant. Officers were sworn in by District 6 Commander Annette Dunham.

Congratulations to Brian Jensen of Badger who was elected Kingsbury County Commander and Gary Schumacher of DeSmet was elected County Vice Commander.



Colin Royal brought in the new breakfast sign. A thank you to him for donating the metal and a thank you goes to the Iroquois Sophomore shop class for donating the wood and doing the assembly and woodworking.

Colin also reported that the Commander’s plaques are a Signature Plus for the final stage of placing the name tags on the

new plaque. They should be finished soon.

Volunteers are needed Sunday, June 29, 2014 at 2:00PM for the funeral of Keith Smith (who has ties to the Bancroft area) at the Lesuer Cemetery at Bancroft. A full Military Rites team is requested. Contact Deb Jennings at 546-2378 to volunteer.

Delegates to the Department Convention in Pierre were selected; they are Charemon Dunham, Annette Dunham, and Colin Royal. The fourth delegate slot is open, as well as the alternate slots. If you would like to be a delegate or an alternate contact one of the listed delegates.

Congratulations to The American Legion School Award (Good Citizenship) winners; Coden Galvin, Senior, and Caleb Waldner, 8th grade.

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 September 24, 2014 at Badger at 7:30PM. Flag Retirement Ceremony will precede the meeting.

A GREAT MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM



Staff Sgt. Christina Sihrer, a construction operations sergeant with the 153rd Engineering Battalion in Huron, was the main speaker of the program Memorial Day.

Music was provided by Diane Perry and Joyce Halverson. Reading were provided by Kenzie Blue, 8th grade girl American Legion School Award winner, and Colin Royal.

The membership served lunch at the Post after the ceremonies at the cemetery.

Thank you to all those folks, who helped with the flags on Saturday, at the cemetery. Also on Monday morning and evening both downtown and at the cemetery. And thanks to those who helped with the Post lunch.

Checkout the Website at: www.americanlegionsd280.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

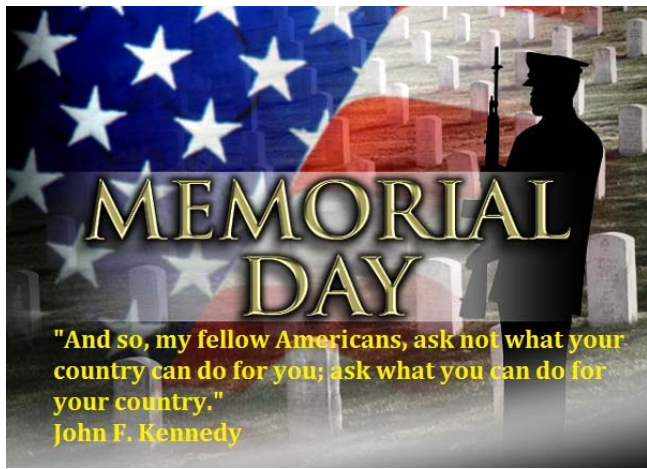
Jun 5 – Post Meeting
Jun 8 – SAL Breakfast
Jun 12 – Auxiliary Meeting
Jun 14 – Flag Day
Jul 3 - Post Meeting
Jul 4 – Independence Day
Jul 18-20 – Iroquois Sports Days
Jul 19-20 – SAL Breakfast
Aug 7 - Post Meeting
Aug 22-28 – National Convention @ Charlotte, NC
Aug 28-Sep 1 – South Dakota State Fair

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 92 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 Jun 12, 2014 at 5:00PM at the Post home.

Elections were held with: Charemon Dunham, President; DeLores Royal, Vice President; Marge Blue, Secretary; Annette Dunham, Treasurer; Dolly Wallum, Sergeant at Arms; and Marvilla Rounds, Chaplain. Officers will sworn in at the June meeting. There will, also, be a potluck dinner that night.

DeLores Royal and Richele Royal were selected as delegate to the Department Convention in Pierre.

Congratulations to the Auxiliary School Award (Good Citizenship) winners; Lacey Nelson, Senior and Kenzie Blue, 8th grade.

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 SAL Squadron will be doing the breakfasts over the summer; the dates are June 8th, July 19-20, and August 10th. If you would like to help out, please stop by. The August breakfast is still available, if you have ideas contact Colin Royal.

The SAL Breakfast for June 8th will be for Post projects.

"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 .

Other motels/hotels in the area are: In Pierre; 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, River 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The first widely publicized observance of a Memorial Day-type observance after the Civil War was in Charleston, South Carolina, on May 1, 1865. During the war, Union soldiers who were prisoners of war had been held at the Charleston Race Course; at least 257 Union prisoners died there and were hastily buried in unmarked graves. Together with teachers and missionaries, black residents of Charleston organized a May Day ceremony in 1865, which was covered by the New York Tribune and other national papers.
- On May 5, 1868, in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, the veterans' organization for Union Civil War veterans, General John A. Logan issued a proclamation calling for "Decoration Day" to be observed annually and nationwide. It was observed for the first time that year on Saturday May 30; the date was chosen because it was not the anniversary of any particular battle.
- The preferred name for the holiday gradually changed from "Decoration Day" to "Memorial Day", which was first used in 1882. It did not become more common until after World War II, and was not declared the official name by Federal law until 1967.

“These fallen heroes represent the character of a nation who has a long history of patriotism and honor - and a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror.” ~ Michael N. Castle



STATE CONVENTION AGENDA

The 2014 State American Legion Convention will be held June 19-22, 2014, in Pierre, at the Best Western Ramkota. Below is the agenda for the convention:

Thursday, June 19

- 8:30 a.m. 5 Year Membership/Public Relations Committees
- 10:00 a.m. Admin Committee Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. SD American Legion Foundation Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Past Department Commanders Dinner

Friday, June 20

- 9:00 a.m. Registration – Ramkota
- 10:00 a.m. Resolutions Committee Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. SDALPA Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. Americanism Committee
 - Credentials Committee
 - Employment Committee
 - Rules Committee
 - Rehabilitation Committee
 - Next Meeting Place Committee
 - Legislative Committee
 - Internal Organization Committee
 - National Security Committee
- 4:30 p.m. Memorial Service
- 6:00 p.m. Joint Banquet Reception – Community & Youth Involved Center, Ft. Pierre
- 7:00 p.m. Joint Banquet – Community & Youth Involved Center, Ft. Pierre

Saturday, June 21

- 8:00 a.m. Registration – Ramkota
- 9:00 a.m. Convention Business Session
- 2:30 p.m. Session Ends
- 3:30 p.m. Parade
- 6:00 p.m. Go Getter Reception – American Legion Post 8

- 7:00 p.m. Go Getter Dinner – American Legion Post 8
- 8:00 p.m. Fun Auction

Sunday, June 22

- 8:00 a.m. Registration – Ramkota
- 9:00 a.m. Convention Business Session
- 12:00 p.m. Elections

(Post-Convention Executive Committee Meeting following adjournment)

“I have never been able to think of the day as one of mourning; I have never quite been able to feel that half-masted flags were appropriate on Decoration Day. I have rather felt that the flag should be at the peak, because those whose dying we commemorate rejoiced in seeing it where their valor placed it. We honor them in a joyous, thankful, triumphant commemoration of what they did.” ~ Benjamin Harrison

CONVENTION BANQUET TICKETS

Tickets for the State Convention Joint Banquet will be by advance sale only. The Joint Banquet will be held Friday, June 20, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at the Youth & Community Involved Center, 19 N. Main Avenue, Fort Pierre. The event will be preceded by a no-host cocktail hour commencing at 6:00 p.m. The menu will be Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Dinner Rolls, Salad and Dessert. Tickets are \$15.00 each for adults and \$7.50 each for children. Tickets can be obtained by sending \$15.00 per ticket requested to Pierre Post 8, Box 621, South Dakota 57501.

