



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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Next Meeting – August 7, 2014
Time: 8:00pm
At the Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Believe & Ask”

2014 Membership: 92.93%
2015 Membership: 24.04%

"The mothers and fathers of America will give you their sons and daughters...with the confidence in you that you will not needlessly waste their lives. And you dare not. That's the burden the mantle of leadership places upon you. You could be the person who gives the orders that will bring about the deaths of thousands and thousands of young men and women. It is an awesome responsibility. You cannot fail. You dare not fail..."
~ General H. Norman Schwarzkopf

September 19th is Homecoming for Iroquois High School. Volunteers are requested for a color guard for the parade and the football game.

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

"It is my earnest hope - indeed the hope of all mankind - that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past, a world found upon faith and understanding, a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfillment of his most cherished wish for freedom, tolerance and justice."
~ General Douglas MacArthur



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

The next Kingsbury County meeting will be held September 24, 2014 at Badger at 7:30PM. Flag Retirement Ceremony will precede the meeting.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Next meeting is August 7, 2014 at the Post home at 8:00PM.

Thank you to all that assisted with the Sports Day meal. We had lots of help and a great turn out.

Congratulations to Colin Royal for his appointment to as the SAL Liaison, by Commander Jurgens, for the Department of South Dakota.

The Fall District 6 Meeting will be on Sunday, September 28th at the Mitchell American Legion, Social 2:00 p.m., Meeting 3:00 p.m., Meal following meeting. Auxiliary will meet at the Mitchell Post Home

Remember to turn in your old flags for retirement and disposal in September.

A Flag Retirement Ceremony demonstration has been requested by Iroquois School. We will need some volunteers for this demonstration. This will be early to September, date and time will be forwarded as soon as it is available.

COMMANDER ANNOUNCES HOMECOMING

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Newly elected Department



Commander Tim Jurgens has announced his Homecoming Celebration will be held Saturday, August 9, 2014, in Milbank.

The schedules of events are as follows; Parade at 12:00 noon, Program at 1:00 p.m. in the school auditorium and lunch at the Pizza Hut following the program. Line

up for the parade is at 11:30 a.m. at the north end of Main Street in the Cheese Factory parking lot. Everyone is invited and encouraged to support the 2014-2015 American Legion State Commander.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 7 - Post Meeting
- Aug 9 – Commander's Homecoming @ Milbank
- Aug 10 – SAL Breakfast
- Aug 25 – Iroquois School Starts
- Aug 22-28 – National Convention @ Charlotte, NC
- Aug 28-Sep 1 – South Dakota State Fair

Sep 4 – Post Meeting
 Sep 11 – Patriot Day
 Sep 14 – Breakfast
 Sep 16 – American Legion Day
 Sep 17 – Constitution/Citizenship day
 Sep 18 – Auxiliary Meeting
 Sep 19 – POW/MIA Recognition Day
 Sep19 – IHS Homecoming
 Sep 24 – Kingsbury County Meeting @ Badger
 Sep 28 – District 6 Meeting @ Mitchell
 Oct 2 – Post Meeting
 Oct 16 - Auxiliary Meeting
 Oct 18 – Pheasant Season Opener
 Oct 19 – Breakfast
 Oct 31 – Halloween

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.” ~ Ronald Reagan

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 September 18, 2014 at 5:00PM at the Post home. There will, also, be a potluck dinner that night.

Post Commander Deb Jennings has expressed his appreciation to the Auxiliary ladies who donated pies for Sports Day.

Auxiliary dues are now due for the 2014 year. The dues are \$18.00; please get them in as soon as you can. Senior dues are \$14 and Junior dues are \$3 for the year. The 2015 membership cards will be arriving soon.

“Though force can protect in emergency, only justice, fairness, consideration and cooperation can finally lead men to the dawn of eternal peace.”~ General Dwight D. Eisenhower

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 2015 membership cards are here and dues may be paid after July 1st. Remember, all male descendants (including adopted and stepsons) of a Legion member are eligible to belong to the Sons of The American Legion regardless of age. The SAL members get the same discounts as the Legion.

Than you to those that assisted with the July 19th & 20th breakfast, your help was greatly appreciated.

The August 10th Breakfast will be for the Youth Activity Fund.

“Never in the face of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few.” ~ Winston Churchill



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 92 of 99 members renewed for the 2014 year. There is still time to sign up members for 2014 so we can get to 100%.

The 2015 membership cards are in; dues are now due for the 2015 year. Please get them in as soon as possible. Our membership goal for the 2015 year has gone up to 104 members. This means we will need to get a number of new members and retain current members to meet our new goal. With your help, we can and will do this. Dues remain at \$35 for the 2015 year.

Currently we have 25 of 104 renewed members for the 2015 year.

A selling point to membership in the Legion, Auxiliary and the SAL, is the American Legion Riders. To be eligible for the Riders, the person must be a member of the Legion, Auxiliary, or the SAL.

Renewals may also be done online at <http://www.legion.org/renew> . The Department will be

DID YOU KNOW?

- The original Purple Heart, designated as the Badge of Military Merit, was established by George Washington—then the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army – by order from his Newburgh, New York headquarters on August 7, 1782. The Badge of Military Merit was only awarded to three Revolutionary War soldiers. From then on as its legend grew; so did its appearance. Although never abolished, the award of the badge was not proposed again officially until after World War I Declaration, finally approving it on July 4.
- In accordance with section 1084 of the Fiscal Year 1998 National Defense Authorization Act,



the Secretary of Defense approved awarding Cold War Recognition Certificates to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the United States anytime during the Cold War era, which is defined as Sept. 2, 1945, to Dec. 26, 1991, are eligible. Since 1868, Seward, Nebraska has held a celebration on the same town square. In 1979 Seward was designated "America's Official Fourth of July City-Small Town USA" by resolution of Congress.

- Sons of The American Legion members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership.
- The battleship USS Missouri was chosen for the formal surrender ceremony of the Japanese, as she was named after President Truman's home state.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STATE FAIR

(From UTN #3133 dated June 18, 2014)

Volunteers are needed to help man the American Legion table at the South Dakota State Fair in Huron on August 28 - September 1, 2014. If you can donate a few hours, a day or more, please contact Dave at State Headquarters so a schedule can be made up. This booth has been invaluable to veterans seeking assistance or just want to discuss issues of concern to all veterans. The South Dakota Veterans Council owns the veteran's building and all the veterans organizations have tables with brochures and information on their respective organization. Please take some time and volunteer and help veterans learn about the American Legion.

FIRST VETERANS COURT IN SOUTH DAKOTA

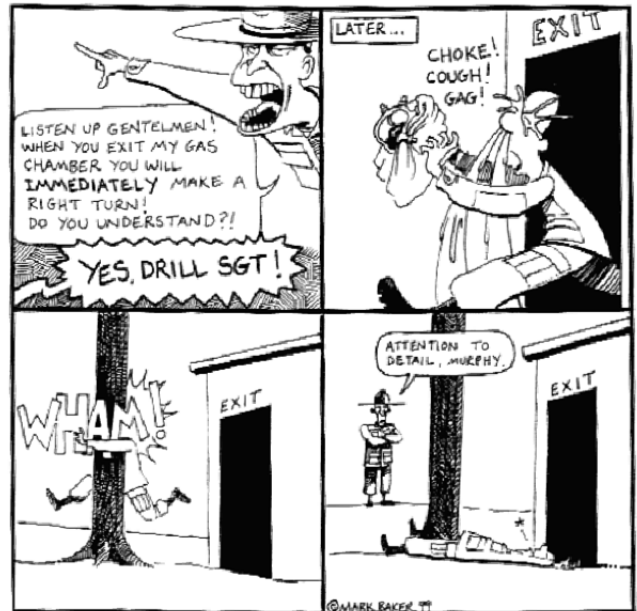
(From UTN # 3135 dated July 17, 2014)

South Dakotans gathered in Watertown, July 8, 2014; to witness Chief Justice David Gilbertson and Darwin Goodspeed, Director of the Sioux Falls Veterans Affairs Health Care System, sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the opening of the Codington County Veterans Court.

His opening remarks, Gilbertson encouraged the community to seek out the root of the problem when a veteran breaks the law. "The real issue is what got them there!", Gilbertson said. "Was it self-medicating by alcohol, by drugs, mental illness, bringing back the problems of serving our country in harm's way?"

Gilbertson says a veterans court needs three things. It needs a plan, which started developing in needs a team of community members to set up and carry out the court. Finally, the program the state after Gilbertson heard leaders in Texas talk about a successful program there. It also needs a care provider. In this case, it will be the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, where service members can be referred for treatment.

Codington County is the first pilot program in the State. Eventually it will be one of three. Officials expect a veterans' court to open in Sioux Falls next year and another in Rapid City within a few years. The first veterans' court was launched in Buffalo, New York, in January 2008 by Judge Robert Russell. His program was based on the various "problem-solving" courts around the country, ranging from specialized drug courts to mental health and domestic violence courts.



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