



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

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Next Meeting – October 2, 2014
Time: 8:00pm
At the Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Ask & Believe”

2015 Membership: 62.50%

“I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat. . . You ask, what is our policy? I say it is to wage war by land, sea, and air. War with all our might and with all the strength God has given us, and to wage war against a monstrous tyranny never surpassed in the dark and lamentable catalogue of human crime. That is our policy. You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word. It is victory. Victory at all costs – Victory in spite of all terrors – Victory, however long and hard the road may be, for without victory there is no survival.” ~ Winston Churchill

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Next meeting is October 2, 2014 at the Post home at 8:00PM.

The back door has been replaced and also the floor just inside the door was replaced.

Thank you to those who assisted with the breakfast on September 14th. The next breakfast will be October 19, 2014.

A change in the By-Laws of the Youth Activity Fund was brought to the floor. This change would bring the original focus of the fund back in line as it was intended. The proposed amendment has been amended and is enclosed. The amendment will be voted on at the upcoming meeting.

The Poultry Party was discussed and was scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 7:00PM. A spaghetti supper will be at 5:30PM prior to the party.

A Flag Retirement Ceremony demonstration has been requested by Iroquois School. We will need some volunteers for this demonstration. This has been rescheduled to April 2015. Further information will be forwarded when available.



Photo by Colin Royal: The Iroquois First Grade class received their first US Flag and studied briefly about the flag on September 11, 2014. A list of ten basic questions to study with mom and dad and a copy of the Pledge of Allegiance was given to them. Instruction was provided by Colin Royal, Americanism Chairman, Bensley-Rounds Post 280.



Photo by Colin Royal: The Iroquois Fifth Grade class received flag etiquette instruction and basic citizenship information on September 11, 2014. Instruction was provided by Colin Royal, Americanism Chairman, Bensley-Rounds Post 280.

A Veterans Day program is being planned in cooperation with the Iroquois School for November 11, 2014. Further information and time will be announced.

Thank you to those who assisted with the Homecoming 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

The next Kingsbury County meeting will be held October 29, 2014 at DeSmet at 7:30PM.

"Once we have a war there is only one thing to do. It must be won. For defeat brings worse things than any that can ever happen in war." ~ Ernest Hemingway

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 2 – Post Meeting
Oct 18 – Pheasant Season Opener
Oct 19 – Breakfast
Oct 23 – Auxiliary Meeting
Oct 29 – Kingsbury Meeting @ DeSmet
Oct 31 – Halloween
Nov 1 – Poultry Party & Spaghetti Supper
Nov 4 – Election Day, Get out to Vote
Nov 6 - Post Meeting, Membership Night
Nov 9 – Breakfast
Nov 11 – Veterans Day
Nov 11 – Kingsbury Veterans Day Program @ Arlington
Nov 20 – Auxiliary Meeting
Nov 27 – Thanksgiving
Dec 3 – Kingsbury Meeting @ Erwin
Dec 4 - Post Meeting
Dec 25 – Christmas
Dec 31 – New Year's Eve

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The next meeting is October 23, 2014 at 5:00PM at the Post home. The date change is due to a scheduling conflict.

In September, Sierra Crater came to the Auxiliary meeting and gave a report on her trip to Girl's State at Vermillion and was presented with a Girl State pin.

The Unit approved purchasing dictionaries for the 3rd graders. \$100 was approved for the Christmas program.

The legion thanked the auxiliary for pies for Sports Day.

Auxiliary dues are now due for the 2015 year. The dues are \$18.00; please get them in as soon as you can. Junior dues are \$3 for the year.

SAL SQUADRON 280 NEWS

Dues are now due for the 2015 year; please get them in as soon as possible. Dues are still only \$10.00. 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.

"It is easier to find men who will volunteer to die, than to find those who are willing to endure pain with patience." ~ Julius Caesar

DID YOU KNOW?

- October 25-30, 1983 - The Caribbean island of Grenada was invaded by the U.S. to restore "order and democracy." Over 2,000 Marines and

Army Rangers seized control after a political coup the previous week had made the island a "Soviet-Cuban colony," according to President Ronald Reagan.

- October 14, 1964 - Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., became the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. He donated the \$54,000 in prize money to the Civil Rights movement.
- October 1, 1908 - Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.
- October 31, 1941 - Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after 14 years of work. The memorial contains 60-foot-tall sculptures of the heads of Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt - representing America's founding, political philosophy, preservation, and expansion and conservation.

Please, if your address changes, notify the Post so we get the newsletter and membership information to you in a timely fashion. Thank You!

"There's a great deal of talk about loyalty from the bottom to the top. Loyalty from the top down is even more necessary and is much less prevalent. One of the most frequently noted characteristics of great men who have remained great, is loyalty to their subordinates." ~ General George Patton Jr

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 65 of 104 members renewed for the 2015 year.

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.

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 notified within 24-48 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.