



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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Next Meeting – February 5, 2015
Time: 7:00pm
At the Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Ask & Believe”
2015 Membership: 75.96%

“When we assumed the Soldier, we did not lay aside the Citizen.” ~ George Washington

Attention Legionnaires who reside in or near Iroquois:

A volunteer is needed to tend to the Post flag when it is to be placed to half-staff as needed and returned to full-staff as required.

Dale Kopplin has been tending to this task and has requested that the duty be assumed by a younger Post member.

Dale has faithfully tended to this duty for many years and it has been greatly appreciated. Thank you Dale for your service.

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Next meeting is February 5, 2015 at the Post home at 7:00PM. The January Meeting was canceled due to weather.

Thank you to those who assisted with the breakfast on January 11th. The next breakfast will be on February 8, 2015.

The April meeting will be held April 9th due to Maundy Thursday falls on the regular meeting night of April 2nd.

We will be hosting the Kingsbury County meeting on February 25, 2015 at 7:30PM. We will be serving a spaghetti supper following the meeting. All are welcome.

If you haven’t paid your 2015 dues, please do so ASAP. Your voice is needed to protect your benefits that you EARNED through your service. Send your dues to Charemon Dunham at 21902 416th Ave, Iroquois, SD 57353 or to Colin Royal at 1250 2nd St SW, Huron SD 57350.

We always hear about membership, membership, membership and it seems to be a tiring subject. Yet we have to look back and see what our organization has done for all of us veterans.

The GI Bill that many of us used to attend college in years past, mortgages, business loans, and much more. Harry W. Colmery, a former national commander of the American Legion and former Republican National Chairman, is credited for writing the

first draft of the G.I. Bill. The American Legion was major backer of this legislation.

The Legacy Scholarship Fund, by the Legion Riders, ensures and equal opportunity to the children of our brothers and sisters that were killed on duty while serving our country (9/11/01 and beyond), to obtain a higher education.

There are just a couple of the countless things this organization has done for us and our families.

When membership is brought up, just remember our history that has impacted our lives in some way. Our parents and grandparents lives were also impacted in some way by the activities of The American Legion.

No other organization has done as much for we, the veterans. The American Legion’s success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.

April 17 - Friday - District 6 - Chamberlain AmericInn
Social 5:00 p.m. in Backwoods Lounge, Buffet at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Moose Lodge Room. Auxiliary meet at AmericInn in the Rooster Rush Room.

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Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Gerald Strub. Gerald was an Army veteran and a member of the Iroquois community and Post.

Some of the items we will be looking at this meeting are:

- Boys State funding
- Fund raising
- Membership
- County Meeting hosting

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



The Post website has a new address, it is www.sdalpost280.org. The old address will continue to work for a while yet.

The Post is now on Facebook, check out www.facebook.com/posttwoeighty and follow or friend us.



"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong." ~ President Abraham Lincoln

POST HISTORY NEEDED

The American Legion is compiling a history for its upcoming 100th Birthday. They have asked that each Post compile its history to be shared with all. If you have anything to contribute, please share and send it to Charemon Dunham at dunhamc1@santel.net. If you need to mail the information, she'll give you her address at that time.

Iroquois had a Post after World War I and was disbanded sometime in the early part of World War II or before. If you have any information for this Post, please forward that also. Thank you.

"I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crises. The great point is to bring them the real facts." ~ Abraham Lincoln

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 1 – Four Chaplains Sunday
Feb 5 – Post Meeting
Feb 6-8 – Mid-Winter @ Watertown
Feb 14 – Valentine's Day
Feb 15 - Breakfast
Feb 16 – Presidents Day
Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday
Feb 19 – Auxiliary Meeting
Feb 25 – Kingsbury Meeting @ Iroquois
Mar 5 – Post Meeting
Mar 8 – Daylight Savings Begins
Mar 15 – American Legion Birthday
Mar 17 – St Patrick's Day
Mar 19 – Auxiliary Meeting
Mar 25 – Kingsbury Meeting @ Lake Preston
Mar 29 – Palm Sunday
Apr 2 - Maundy Thursday
Apr 3 – Good Friday
Apr 5 – Easter
Apr 9 – Post Meeting
Apr 16 – Auxiliary Meeting

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The next meeting is February 19, 2015 at 5:00PM at the Marge Blue's home, weather permitting as with all meetings throughout the winter months.

"Sure I wave the American flag. Do you know a better flag to wave? Sure I love my country with all her faults. I'm not ashamed of that, never have been, never will be." ~ John Wayne

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.

And male Legion members who are descendants of veterans are eligible also. The SAL members get the same discounts as the Legion.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with great political influence perpetuated by its grass-roots involvement in the legislation process from local districts to Capitol Hill. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans in Washington. The Legion stands behind the issues most important to the nation's veterans community, backed by resolutions passed by volunteer leadership.
- The South Dakota Youth Trooper Academy is a cooperative effort between the South Dakota Highway Patrol & The American Legion Department of South Dakota. It's 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. The program is designed to expose young adults to the demands of Highway Patrol Recruit training and to develop better relationships between the youth of our state and the Highway Patrol.
- The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (K9TAL) is open to wartime military veterans who are both members of the Legion family and FCC-licensed amateur radio operators.
- 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.

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

"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy.

Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy." ~ Abraham Lincoln

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 79 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.

Every membership is a voice behind the National Commander, when he goes head to head with those in Washington DC. Remind them that their voice helps protect and defend theirs, yours, and our benefits we EARNED through our service.

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.

"Be courteous to all, but intimate with few; and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence." ~ George Washington

