



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

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

“Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in.” ~ Andrew Jackson

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Next meeting is March 5, 2015 at the Post home at 7:00PM. Please keep in mind the April meeting will be April 9th due Maundy Thursday. The meeting time starting in April will be 8:00PM.

Thank you to those who assisted with the breakfast on February 8th. The next breakfast will be on March 8, 2015 for Boys State.

Thank you to those who assisted with the Kingsbury County meeting & meal on February 25th.

If you haven’t paid your 2015 dues, please do so ASAP. Your voice is needed to protect the benefits that you/we EARNED through our service to this country. Many of our families also benefit from our service to our country. 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.

At the last meeting it was suggested that maybe a trial run of a monthly bingo night starting in April and running through October, to help raise operating funds for the Post. Any input is welcome and requested.

Thank you to Dave Owens for volunteering/being appointed to attend to the caretaking of the flag outside the Post. Dale Kopplin has served in that capacity for many years and we thank him for his service.

Over the years, members of our Post have made time and stepped up to the plate and lent a hand when the Post needed them, whether it be the monthly breakfast, bingo, suppers, or funerals. As time continues to pass and we get older and members pass on, and as all over the country in The American Legion, our line of helpers (those who are able) is dwindling fast.

I do not want to insinuate or cause guilt with any member of The American Legion Family. What I want to do is ask every member of our great organization to step up to the plate and pitch in when, where and in any way they can. This is what makes our organization great, in much the same way that our service to the nation makes it great.

“Ask & Believe”
2015 Membership: 82.69%

As discussed at the county meeting this last week our younger members who are married and have children often do not have the time to help out due to being busy with those types of things. As their/our children grow and leave the home, they begin to have time to pitch in. Those of us in our late 40’s, 50’s, 60’s & 70’s are the ones who lead and run the Posts. And as we age, we pass the torch on to the upcoming members, as they pass the torch to their youth, and so on.

Those who are in their 70’s are gearing down and when they/we reach the 80’s and beyond, they have/will have served this great nation and veterans for 60+ years and have become our advisors and mentors.

Having that being said, all I ask is, please help if and when you can. Our veterans (you), families, and communities rely on your/our help and service.



Colin Royal, Commander of Bensley-Rounds American Legion Post 280 of Iroquois presents two checks totaling \$1,153.38 to Boys Scout Troop 222 Leader Scott Ptak for their trip to the World Jamboree in Japan later this summer. Also pictured are Melissa Machtemes, Asst. Troop Leader, Aaron Eckmann, Robert Stah, Danny Bessey, Gavin Machtemes and Sawyer Ptak. (Photo by DeLores Royal)

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 will meet at AmericInn in the Rooster Rush Room.



It is with a heavy heart that we send our condolences to the family of Delia Dunham.

Our prayers are with Selma, Charemon, Leo, and Annette.

- 11:00 A.M ABERDEEN POST - (LUNCH)
 - 1:20 P.M. WEBSTER POST
 - 2:30 P.M. WATERTOWN POST
 - 3:30 P.M. HAYTI POST
 - 4:30 P.M. BADGER POST
 - 5:50 P.M. VOLGA POST - (DINNER)
 - 7:00 P.M. BROOKINGS POST
 - 8:00 P.M. RETURN TO SIOUX FALLS
- APRIL 22 – NATIONAL COMMANDER FLIES OUT

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

- Legionnaire of the Year
- Fund raising (bingo)
- Boys State
- Elections
- Membership

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

National Commander Helm's goal this year is to raise 4 million dollars for the following American Legion charities: The American Legion Endowment Fund, Operation Comfort Warrior, Child Welfare Foundation, National Emergency Fund and the Legacy Scholarship Fund. Please consider making a donation from your Post while the National Commander visits the Department of South Dakota. If you send a donation to State Headquarters, the State Commander will present it to the National Commander at the National Convention in Baltimore in August.

All members of The American Legion family are encouraged to attend any or all events on the National Commander's tour. If you plan to attend one of the meals please let the hosting Post know, so they can plan accordingly.

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



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

"Confidence... thrives on honesty, on honor, on the sacredness of obligations, on faithful protection and on unselfish performance. Without them it cannot live."
~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

NATIONAL COMMANDER TO VISIT IN APRIL

(From UTN #3151 dated 02/25/15)

National American Legion Commander Mike Helm from the Department of Nebraska will make his official visit to the Department of South Dakota on April 18-22, 2015. Commander Helm is scheduled to fly into Sioux Falls on April 18 and to fly out on April 22, 2015. A tentative schedule of events are listed below:

APRIL 18 – FLY INTO SIOUX FALLS LATE AFTERNOON

- APRIL 19 - 10:00 A.M. SIOUX FALLS VA MEDICAL CENTER
- 1:00 P.M. DISTRICT 7 SPRING CONVENTION
- 7:00 P.M. RETURN TO HOTEL

APRIL 20 - 8:00 A.M. LEAVE SIOUX FALLS

- 9:00 A.M. MENNO POST
- 10:00 A.M. TRIPP POST
- 11:00 A.M. ETHAN POST
- 12:00 P.M. MITCHELL POST - (LUNCH)
- 1:30 P.M. LETCHER POST
- 2:30 P.M. WOONSOCKET POST
- 3:15 P.M. WESSINGTON SPRINGS POST
- 5:00 P.M. HURON POST - (DINNER)

APRIL 21 - 9:00 A.M. REDFIELD POST

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 Post 205 was formed after World War I and was disbanded sometime around 1928. If you have any information for this Post, please forward that also. Post 205 was a big part of the Iroquois community and its history which we must preserve. Thank you.

We have located a membership roster from 1921-1928 for Post 205 and it will be posted to the Post website: www.sdalpost280.org. Please check it out and send us any information you may have on anyone you may know of on the list.

"Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country." ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 5 – Post Meeting
- Mar 8 – Daylight Savings Begins
- Mar 8 – Breakfast for Boys State

Checkout the Website at: www.sdalpost280.org

Mar 15-17 – 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 @ 8:00PM
 Apr 12 – Breakfast for Carl Matter Medical Expenses
 Apr 16 – Auxiliary Meeting
 Apr 29 – Kingsbury Meeting @ To Be Determined
 May 7 – Post Meeting
 May 16 – Armed Forces Day
 May 17 - Breakfast
 May 21 – Auxiliary Meeting
 May 25 – Memorial Day

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

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

“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty. ~ John F. Kennedy

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?

- March 15-17, 1919: Members of the American Expeditionary Force convene in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.
- March 29, 2000: Senate Joint Resolution 14, the constitutional amendment that would return the people’s right to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration, falls four votes short of the necessary 67 to override a presidential veto.
- Sept. 5, 2000: The American Legion presents the first “Spirit of Service” Awards to active duty service members for their off-duty volunteer activities.
- Sept. 19-21, 1942: Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion is changed for the first and only time since it was written in 1919. The word “War” is changed to “Wars.”

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

“You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness. If we fail, at least let our children and our children’s children say of us we justified our brief moment here. We did all that could be done.” ~ Ronald Reagan

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 86 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.

“Every good citizen makes his country’s honor his own, and cherishes it not only as precious but as sacred. He is willing to risk his life in its defense and its conscious that he gains protection while he gives it.” ~ Andrew Jackson

