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Next Meeting – July 5, 2007
Time: 7:30 pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

2007 Membership: 105.88%

Post 280 Calendar of Events

Jun 23	Manchester Monument Dedication
Jun 30	Badger 125 th Anniversary Department Auxiliary
Jun 30	President Homecoming @ Oacoma, SD
Jul 4	Independence Day
Jul 5	Post Meeting @ 7:30PM
Jul 7	Department Commander Homecoming @ White, SD
Jul 21-22	Iroquois Sports Days
Jul 21-22	SAL Pancake Feeds
Aug 2	Post Meeting @ 7:30
Aug 12	SAL Pancake Feed
Aug 18	SAL Color Guard @ SF VA

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Sick Call: Dale Rounds, Tenis Snyder
Our thoughts and prayers are with our comrades during this time of illness.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend meetings as you input is always desired and necessary. Some of the items we will be looking at next month are: Sports Day update, Summer reading program request, 10 and Under girls softball team request, and more.



The Department of South Dakota is selling tickets for the proof rifle pictured here. Tickets are \$20 and there are only 500 tickets available. Drawing will be set when the tickets are sold. Contact Department Headquarters in Watertown for more information. *(This is a beauty and the picture does it no justice!)*

The Sons of The American Legion Squadron 280 held a Pancake Feed for the IHS girl's basketball team. The turnout was good with a good amount of money raised. The next Pancake Feed for the SAL will be on July 21 & 22 for Sports Days. The funds raised will benefit the Squadron and its needs.



Jami Schoenfelder @ **352-5659**
or the VA, John Huntington @
1-800-316-8387, ext. 6551.
Give your name, last 4 of SSN, date and time of your appointment(s), your address and phone.

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A big **CONGRATULATIONS** goes out to Jeff Tschetter of Cavour who was selected as the 2007 American Legion Department of South Dakota Firefighter of the Year. He was presented with his award at the Department Convention on June 9th. Congrats Jeff, you deserve it!



Jeff and Janet Tschetter

The Department Convention is now past and many good things took place. Gary Watts of White, SD was elected Department Commander defeating Paul Jensen of Wagner. Commander Watts has selected Gary Wolkow of DeSmet as the new Department

Membership Chairman. The new Area Vice Commander for Districts 2, 5, & 6 is Larry Lindhorst of Cresbard, SD. The 2008 Convention will be in Watertown, June 12-15, 2008.



Newly Elected Department Commander Gary Watts of White, addresses the Legionnaires

Department Commander Gary Watts has announced that his Homecoming will be July 7, 2007 at White, SD. The registration begins at 11:00AM that morning to coincide with lunch served from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. There will be a Parade at 1:00PM followed by the Homecoming Program @ 2:30PM at Deubrook High School. The Social/Homecoming Meal will be @ 4:00PM served at McKnight Hall. National Chaplain Stan Gruneich will be the keynote speaker.



National Midwest Area Vice Commander Elgin Wahlborg of the Department of Kansas addresses the Legionnaires

Iroquois Post 280 was the recipient of the Pride of the Prairie "White Buffalo" for membership group of 75-124 size posts. This award is for having the greatest percent of membership increase over the last year's membership.

Post 280 was also named as the recipient of the Golden Eagle "Americanism Excellence" traveling trophy for the 75-124 Post size group.

The Post membership chairperson, Charemon Dunham, and the Americanism chairman, Colin Royal, are congratulated on the hard work; however, they could not have achieved these goals without each and every Post member. Also these congratulations are extended to both the Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion members as they play a major role in the Post activities. Congratulations to all of you!



District 2 members marching in the parade in downtown Spearfish

The 2008 membership year is just around the corner. The PUFL membership cards have already arrived and the renewal notices are about to fly. Get your membership in as soon as possible for the upcoming year. Also sign up a new member or two while you are at it and Post 280 dues remain at \$25 per year. Also if you have not in the past gone PUFL (Paid Up For Life), consider it this year. Simply, you pay a lump sum per a schedule, and this lump sum may also be spread out over 10 monthly payments. Once completed, your dues will always be paid for you. This is the way to go, for example, I paid approximately \$460 fifteen years ago, and now after this year my dues will be basically free from now on.



Senator Tom Hansen of Huron, speaks at the Memorial Day Program

I wish to say thank you to all those who helped with the Memorial Day program. We had a great program with a good attendance. Senator Tom Hansen, Diane Perry, Randy Burghardt, and our own school award winners all made it a great program.



Randy Burghardt, a Howard High School Senior provides music for the Memorial Day Program



Firing Squad ready for Salute at the Iroquois Cemetery

Beginning in July, we will be addressing the membership benefits available to us and the local providers that we have in our area. Nearly all of these benefits are available to all Legion Family Members.

This information is from the Legion website: Your eye health is important. Regular eye exams can detect correction needs as well as vision conditions such as cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration and even symptoms of diabetes. If it has been two years since your last eye exam then it is time to schedule an appointment. The American Legion has chosen EyeMed Vision Care as your vision care provider to offer you discounts on your eye exams and eyewear. To access your benefits:

1. Locate a participating network provider - Lens Crafters, Pearle Vision, Sears Optical, Target Optical or one of thousands of independent doctors of optometry.
2. Show your American Legion card to identify yourself as a member of The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion.

3. Save up to 40% on eyewear.
 4. Use your discounts as often as you want.
- To find a provider call 1-800-793-8626 or visit www.eyemedvisioncare.com - go to member access and then provider locator, scroll to bottom of page to Discount Plan Members and search under "T" for The American Legion. Local providers in Huron are Vision Care Associates and Huron Eye Clinic.

If you need I will have printouts at the next meeting on July 5th.



Newly Elected Detachment Commander Greg Lemieux of Pierre, addresses the Legionnaires

The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of South Dakota also elected new Detachment Officers at its annual convention on June 9th. The new Detachment Commander is Greg Lemieux of Pierre, 1st Vice is Eric Vetter of Cresbard, and the 2nd Vice is Colin Royal of Iroquois. Peewee Douthit of Hot Springs remains the Detachment Adjutant. Congrats go out to these people and Good Luck!

We will be posting Flags on July 4th at 8:00AM weather permitting. All volunteers are welcome. Huron will be having a parade on July 4th, as well as other festivities. Have a Happy and Safe 4th!

If you would like to add something to the newsletter, please get it to Colin Royal or Myron Zeeck and we'll include it for you. Copies of the newsletter and the upcoming agenda are also available at the Post website at www.americanlegionsd280.org in PDF format.

Colin Royal, Commander