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Post Notes

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Next Meeting – November 1, 2007
Time: 7:30 pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend meetings as your input is always desired and necessary.

COMMANDER ANNOUNCES MIDWINTER CONFERENCE (reprinted from Up To Now #2960)

Department Commander Gary Watts of White has announced that the 2008 Mid Winter Conference will be held at Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma, Friday-Sunday, February 8-10.

The resort has established a rate of \$62.95 + tax, for single or double occupancy rooms. The deadline for making reservations is January 7, 2008.

Each individual is responsible for making their own lodging arrangements. Individuals are restricted from reserving more than two rooms. Reservations can be made by calling Cedar Shore Resort at 605-734-6376.



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.

The kitchen siding project is still unfinished, we need to get this completed. There is about 3 hours left to finish the south wall. We need to get this completed. Anyone who has time and/or the skills is asked to help out. We will try to set a date at the next meeting.

We also have the need to locate the leak which keeps soaking the kitchen. Hopefully we will locate it before it does too much more damage to the ceiling and floor.

“Keep The Dream Alive”
2008 Membership: 76.64%, Goal: 107

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Membership is going well, we have 29 people who have yet to pay their dues. Please get them paid as soon as possible. Also we need three new members to meet the membership goal.

A big welcome goes out to new members: Brad Scott, Eglin AFB, FL; Eric Moe, St. Joseph, MO; and Sarah Hauge of Huron. Congratulations and welcome aboard!

Also while looking for Post members, don't forget to recruit SAL and Auxiliary members, as they are an important part of our family. Dues are Post \$25, SAL \$10, Auxiliary \$10, and Jr Auxiliary is \$2. These are low costs for membership in the greatest organization for veterans. And the benefits will pay for these costs over and over. And most importantly, you get a voice in your veterans rights and benefits.

We will be hosting the fall District 2 meeting on November 8, 2007 at 7:30pm. There will be a location for the ladies to meet and also a lunch following the meeting. Expected guests are Department Commander Gary Watts, Detachment Commander Greg Lemieux, and Department Auxiliary President Lila Speckles



Arlington Hosts the Flag Retirement Ceremony
September 26, 2007

AMERICANISM REPORT

In the coming months we have several activities that will need our attention. The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest,

Veterans Day, membership night, poultry party, and more.

Oratory Contest briefing was held on October 6, 2007, we had 1 student with parents attend and one high school speech teacher. Plans are already underway to hold another in the near future.

We were unable to raise a crew to present the colors at the volley ball parents night. Also we were rained out on October 18th fir the football parents night. If the weather is acceptable and Iroquois hosts the game on Monday, October 29, 2007, I would like to have a Color Guard that night. **NEED VOLUNTEERS!!**

On November 12, 2007 at 12:30PM we will be presenting a Veteran's Program to the students of the Iroquois School. Volunteers are requested to come in and talk about their period of service. I would like to have a Vietnam, Korean, and Desert Storm veteran to talk about their experiences and what led them to serve.

EMAILS WANTED FROM AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY (reprinted from Up To Now #2960)

United States Marine Colonel Simcock, the commander of USMC Regimental Combat Team (RCT) 6 in Iraq is asking for 6,000 positive emails to his Marines. That's one email for each Marine in his RCT command. COL Simcock is concerned about the effect of the negative barrage that those Marines are getting through the electronic media.

It takes only 30 seconds of your time. The email address is:

RCT-6lettersfromh@gcemnf-wiraq.usmc.mil

It doesn't have to be the Gettysburg Address. Something as simple as "Hello, Marine. We thank you for what you're doing. You are in a noble task. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. Best wishes & get home soon" is more than sufficient.

Remember these warriors are wearing the uniforms we once wore ourselves. Once you've taken a moment to send off vow. short note to a young American in harms way, forward this to another person you think would also like to send a "thank you".

C&Y CHAIRMAN VAUGHN ATTENDS NATIONAL C&Y CONFERENCE (reprinted from Up To Now #2960)

South Dakota American Legion Department Children & Youth (C& Y) Chairman Betty "Sam" Vaughn of Brookings recently returned from the first-ever-National American Legion Children & Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN.

Chairman Vaughn joined other Children and Youth officials from the various Departments of The American Legion in Indianapolis for the conference that focused on the Children & Youth programs of The American Legion.

Chairman Vaughn remarked that she was extremely pleased with the conference and that she thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to visit with C&Y officials from across the country and receive the up-to-date information from the National Children & Youth Division on the existing C&Y programs of The American Legion.

Children and Youth packets will be distributed to all Post Children and Youth Chairmen in the not-too-distant future. Additionally, C& Y Chairman Vaughn will be presenting a session on Children and Youth at the Midwinter Conference in February. South Dakota 2008 Employer of the Older Worker Award.

The Poultry Party has been rescheduled for November 10, 2007 , 50/50 raffle tickets are available. If you would like to help sell them, contact Annette or Charemon Dunham at 546-2235.

Bingo will be ending October 26th for the winter. It will begin again on or about April 11, 2008. Actual date will be announced later.

The November meeting is traditionally the membership dinner night. The Auxiliary and the SAL have been invited to attend with the Post for the dinner that night starting at 6:00pm. There will be a steak dinner for those that have paid their 2008 dues. If you haven't paid your dues then please get them paid as soon as possible. Hope to see you there!

Captain Loos of the Salvation Army in Huron has called and set a date for us to ring the bell on Saturday December 1, 2007 from 10:00AM to 6:00PM inside the front doors of Kmart. If you would like to volunteer for this project please contact Colin Royal at 354-0310 to get your name on the list and your preferred time. It is my hope that Santa will stop in again this year and help out.

The Iroquois School Thanksgiving dinner will be Tuesday November 20, 2007. Volunteers are requested to help deliver meals to the senior citizens who order them or to provide transportation as needed. About 50 meals are prepared for the seniors who order them out or come in for the meal. The meals will be set for delivery at 12:30PM and the show time is 12:15PM for the volunteers.

Congratulations to Rick Soma who has been selected as the Post Educator of the Year for 2007.

Soon, we will be looking at the Firefighter/EMT of the Year. Candidates will be from the Iroquois, Cavour and Yale area.

We will also be looking at having a Christmas Party for the area youth again this year.

The pancake/French toast breakfast held on October 21st was a great success. Thank you to Annette Dunham, Bill Whites, AJ Royal, DeLores Royal for all the help and hard work. Thank you also to Al Schoenfelder who assisted at September's breakfast, and to Dale Kopplin who always makes sure the grill

gets cleaned after each use. The next date will be November 18, 2007 since Veteran's Day falls on the second Sunday this year. It has been suggested that the Coats for Kids be sponsored this time around.

The American Legion has signed with Sears to offer significant discounts to the membership on items ordered through Sears. More information is available at the National website www.legion.org and the mailing that came with the Up To Now will soon be available on our website.

The next Kingsbury County Meeting will be held at Badger at 8:00PM on October 31, 2007.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 280 NEWS

Squadron 280 has been busy through the summer with the breakfasts and volunteer work. Also they have taken part in two funerals and Color Guards for the Sports Day parade, Homecoming parade, and a football game. They have also assisted in the September and October pancake breakfasts.

Commander Colin Royal has been appointed the Detachment Adjutant for South Dakota by Detachment Commander Greg Lemieux at the Detachment Executive meeting held at Pierre Post 8 on October 13, 2007.

As with the Post, the Squadron membership renewals have gone out and are now due. Also if your son(s) is not a member, sign him/them up. They now get the same benefits as the Post members.

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

The American Legion – It's Who We Are.

"The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil Constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors: they purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood, and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle, or to be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men." – Samuel Adams