



# Bensley-Rounds Post 280

## Post Notes

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Next Meeting – July 3, 2008  
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. If you want your opinion voiced and your vote to count, then please come to the meetings. This is the only way that this will happen. Far too many folks sit back and pick at this and that and aren't happy about how things are run or that they think things should have been done differently.

I know I have made mistakes and people have complained, however, not to me, yet to others and I hear about it later. This is what we don't need. If you have ideas or want to help, then set aside your differences and pitch in, as this is our organization and not a select few individuals.



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.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Membership is outstanding as we have surpassed 100 percent plus with 112 total members (this might be an all time high) paid for the 2008 year. We have 2 people who have yet to pay their dues. Please get them paid as soon as possible. I am proud to welcome as a new member, my daughter, Paula Royal of Macon, GA, who is also a member of our Auxiliary Unit. And also a welcome goes out to Bob Turner of Carthage.

Also while looking for Post members, don't forget to recruit SAL and Auxiliary members, as they are an important part of our family, and family is a great place to start. Get them involved and our Post

**"Keep the Dream Alive"**  
**2008 Membership: 105.06%**

could be even better than it is. Dues are Post \$25 for 2008 & have gone up to \$30 for the 2009 year, 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 veteran's rights and benefits.



### DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ELECTED

Jim Huls, a member of Frank J. Brune American Legion Post 140 of Salem, has been elected as the Commander for the Department of South Dakota for the 2008-2009 year.

A few of the other happenings at the Department Convention,

Senator John Thune made his rounds through the various area on Friday and addressed the issues faced with our veterans old and new. The 2008 Boys State Governor, Tyler Littau of Winner, visited on Saturday and addressed the Department, this young man is a very impressive and fine example of the youth we send to Aberdeen each year. Another youth, a Special Olympic Athlete, her name escapes me, read her report of her accomplishments and also about her trip to the World Games in China – very impressive young lady.

At the Department Executive Committee meeting following the Convention, Annette Dunham was selected to complete a three year term on the Department Administrative Committee.

Updating the rifle issue, we discussed the quotes presented last month and Darwin Cundy asked that we hold off until he could visit with a gentleman he worked with. We should hear something on this on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we will be able to act on it and get this project done.

Another project that needs to be addressed is the leak that seems to start on top of the building and ends in the kitchen. Sometime soon we need to get up top and try to find the leak before something gets damaged any further. Also there are more cracks in the blocks of the wall that we need to seal up.



Similar photo of the ATV being raffled.

Kingsbury County is also selling tickets for a chance on an Arctic Cat H1 650 4x4 ATV. They are \$20 each and there are 770 tickets. This is a fund raiser for the Kingsbury County Boys State Scholarship fund. The drawing will be held after all the tickets are sold. The drawing has been set for November 11, 2008 at the Veterans Day program. There are plenty of tickets to go around so get yours now.

With bingo canceled, we need to look at other forms of fund raising for the Post. We really did not make much the last few years of bingo, BUT that money will be missed and needs to be replaced. So if you have ideas or thoughts on this, come to the meeting and pipe up.

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS



The Auxiliary has elected and installed their officers for the 2008-2009 year. Jackie Owens – President, DeLores Royal – Vice President, Marge Blue – Secretary, Annette Dunham – Finance Officer, Lois Rounds – Chaplain, and Dolly Wallum - Sergeant-at-Arms (not pictured). Congratulations to these ladies and good luck to them in the coming year.

DeLores Royal continues her role as the Advisor to the Junior Auxiliary and hopes to have things

running soon. She and the girls wish to thank the Sons of The American Legion for their hard work with the pancake breakfast to help raise operating funds for them.

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 280 NEWS

The pancake/French toast breakfast held on Jun 8<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Thank you to Annette Dunham, Carl Matter and Brent Matter, Linda Matter and AJ Royal, for all the help and hard work. The next date will be July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and will be for the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 280 needs and programs. They have, however, opted to donate a portion of the proceeds on July 13<sup>th</sup> to Harlee Hoffenke for her trip to the International Pedal-Pull finals in Iowa July 19, 2008. Good Luck Harlee, we'll be rooting for you.

AJ Royal of the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 280 has been elected as the Detachment of South Dakota Sergeant-at-Arms on June 14, 2008 at the Detachment Convention in Watertown. Brent Matter was appointed as the Detachment Chairman of the Children and Youth, and Colin Royal was again appointed as the Detachment Adjutant.



Also the Detachment of South Dakota has adopted the Sports Equipment Program for the Reservations as a Detachment Project. Squadron 280 will be accepting equipment such as baseball, golf, exercise, basketball, bicycles, or any type of physical activity equipment. This drive will be kicked off at the Iroquois Sports Day this July 12 & 13.

Check these sites for Iroquois as they are updated often: [iroquois.communityblogs.us](http://iroquois.communityblogs.us) and [www.iroquoissd.com](http://www.iroquoissd.com) They, along with the school website, [www.iroquois.k12.sd.us](http://www.iroquois.k12.sd.us), have some good information that we all can use for our community.

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](http://www.americanlegionsd280.org) in PDF format.

Colin Royal, Commander

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