



# Bensley-Rounds Post 280

## Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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Next Meeting – November 4, 2010  
Time: 8:00pm.  
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

Sick Call: Earl Rusche

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him. ~ Abraham Lincoln



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.

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

At the last meeting Brent Matter briefed the members on his Boys State attendance and he thanked the Post for allowing him to attend. Also an interesting note was that his father, Carl Matter, attended Boys State in 1962. Also discussed the upcoming Poultry Party and breakfasts.

Endorsed Charemon Dunham for Department Vice Commander for Area 2,5,& 6. Also Congratulations to Charemon for a one-year appointment as the National Commander's Representative on The American Legion Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee.

Thanks to those who helped with the breakfast on October 17<sup>th</sup> and to the Color Guard at the game on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Commander Jennings briefed on the District 2 meeting held in White on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Any member who signs up two (2) new members, I will pay your next years dues. PUFs will get the cash. - **Deb Jennings, Commander**

**The American Legion – Still Serving America.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 2 - Elections  
Nov 4 - Post Meeting

### "Just Ask"

**2011 Membership: 72.90%**

Nov 6 - Poultry Party  
Nov 11 - Veterans Day Program @ Hetland  
Nov 14 - Breakfast for Kids Back Pack Food Program  
Nov 18 - Auxiliary Meeting  
Nov 25 - Thanksgiving Day  
Dec 2 - Post Meeting, Auxiliary serves supper  
Dec 12 - Breakfast for Eagle Scout Playground Equipment.  
Jan 6 - Post Meeting  
Jan 9 - Breakfast for I H S Students Italy Trip

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership is doing well as we have 78 members paid for the 2011 year with a goal of 107. If you have not paid your dues please do so ASAP so we can get them in to the Department. Don't forget membership night on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Bring your dues by the Post and have a steak supper.

Remember, just ask the new member to join and ask the past member to renew their membership.

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 280 NEWS

The Detachment of South Dakota Sons of The American Legion is raffling a rifle off this year. The rifle is a Ruger 77 Hawkeye. 270 caliber with case. Tickets are \$5 Each or 3 for \$10. Contact Colin Royal for tickets 605-354-0310



### AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

Next meeting will be November 18, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Post home.

The Auxiliary held their meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The poultry party is November 6<sup>th</sup>, please bring something to serve during break.

We will be delivering dictionaries to the third grade during the National Education week in November.

We can still send items to the VA for the gift shop. Items needed are playing cards, sweat sets, t-shirts, ties, and towel sets.

Checkout the Website at: [www.americanlegionsd280.org](http://www.americanlegionsd280.org)

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. ~ The Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776

### **VETERANS FORUMS FOR 2010-2011**

(From UTN 3038 Oct 27, 2010)

Department Service Officer Warren Aas conducted veteran's forums at the Hermosa American Legion Post and Black Hills State University in Spearfish on October 18-19. The forums were very well attended by veterans in these locations. The start time for all the forums is 6:30 p.m. The American Legion Department of South Dakota has conducted 93 veteran's forums and well over 3,500 veterans and their family members have at-attended to learn more about their VA benefits.

The schedule for the remaining veterans' forums is The schedule for the veterans' forums are as follows:

**District 1:** Wednesday, January 5, 2011, American Legion Post Home, Dell Rapids, SD.

**District 3:** Wednesday, November 17, American Legion Post Home, Estelline, SD.

**District 4:** Wednesday, January 4, 2011, Milbank Visitor Center, Milbank, SD.

**District 5:** Tuesday, December 7, American Legion Post Home, Redfield, SD.

**District 14:** Monday, December 6, Ipswich High School Cafeteria, Ipswich, SD.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

(From UTN 3038 Oct 27, 2010)

Ø Currently there are over 100,000 homeless veterans in America, and 20-25% of all homeless are veterans.

Ø The American Legion donated 4 million hours of service to communities.

Ø The American Legion is the single largest blood donor, donating in excess of 84,000 pints of blood.

Ø The Sons of The American Legion was established as a non-political, non-sectarian civilian organization at the 14th National Convention of The American Legion in Portland, Oregon, September 12-15, 1932.

### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET**

(From UTN 3038 Oct 27, 2010)

The South Dakota American Legion Legislative Committee will hold its annual meeting Monday, November 1st at the Pierre American Legion Post 8 Home in Pierre. The planning meeting is scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m. The current Legislative Commission is chaired by Gerald Goetzinger of Martin and members are Alt NEC Phil Anderson of Piedmont, Ron Tolrud of White, Bob Miller of Kimball and Curt Halverson of Rapid City (member of the Custer American Legion Post).

All members of the South Dakota American Legion are encouraged to become knowledgeable of the legislative issues The American Legion will pursue, and speak to your local district legislators on these issues. This meeting is open to the membership of The American Legion.

### **PRINT AVAILABLE FROM STATE HEADQUARTERS**

(From UTN 3038 Oct 27, 2010)



The Department Fundraiser Print, Patriot Guardians, is available from State Headquarters. The print is on the Department website [www.sdlegion.org](http://www.sdlegion.org), along with a brief history. These prints are available for a \$40 donation.

### **HOTELS/MOTELS IN OACOMA**

(From UTN 3038 Oct 27, 2010)

The Headquarters Hotel for the South Dakota American Legion MidWinter Conference will be the Cedar Shore Resort, located on Shoreline Drive in Oacoma. The phone number for the Cedar Shore Resort is 605-734-6376. Additional lodging facilities in the Chamberlain/Oacoma area which may be considered by those wishing to attend the MidWinter Conference who do not yet have reservations would include the following:

West River Inn & Suites – W Hwy 16, I 90 Exit 260, Oacoma 605-734-4222

Days Inn – I 90 Exit 260, Oacoma 605-734-4100

Super 8 Motel - I 90 Exit 263, Chamberlain 605-734-6548

Oasis Inn – W Hwy 16, I90 Exit 260, Oacoma 605-734-6061

Holiday Inn Express - I 90 Exit 260, Oacoma 605 -734-5593

AmericInn - I 90 Exit 265, Chamberlain 605-734-0985

### **MIDWINTER BANQUET TICKETS**

(From UTN 3038 Oct 27, 2010)

Tickets for the MidWinter Conference Joint Banquet will be by advance sale only. No tickets will be available at the event. The Joint Banquet will be held Friday, February 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. The event will be preceded by a no-host cocktail hour commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$30.00 each and can be obtained by sending \$30.00 per ticket requested to, Potter American Legion Post 3, PO Box 348, Chamberlain, SD 57325.

### **Check out these membership benefits:**

- Sears Member Purchase Program
- Discount Prescription Drug Program
- Motel Discounts
- Vision Care Discounts

For more information, go to [www.legion.org/benefits](http://www.legion.org/benefits).