



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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Next Meeting – September 1, 2011
Time: 8:00pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

Sick Call: Myron Zeeck

"Liberty: One of Imagination's most precious possessions." ~ Ambrose Bierce

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Next meeting is September 1, 2011 at the Post home at 8:00PM.

The membership discussed purchasing a propane tank for the Post and passed it at the July meeting. Members were asked to do some checking into tank prices and report back at the next meeting. At the August meeting it was discussed and it was decided to go with a reconditioned tank from Prairie Ag in Lake Preston for \$650.00. The tank has been purchased and is in place.

The SAL has got the Post off to a great start with a 50/50 raffle during the Sports Day weekend.

Post 280 has won the Organization of the Year at the Iroquois Sports Day parade awards. Commander Jennings accepted the award for the Post. Congratulations to the Post and its members for your outstanding work within the community.

The membership voted to donate the use of the hall on Sports Day 2011 for the chili cook off to the Sports Day Committee and to offer the use of the hall in 2012. The Sports Day 2012 has been scheduled for June 22-24, 2012. Volunteers are needed for the planning. More information to follow.

Gerri Aughenbaugh briefed the membership on a plan to have a summer program for the Iroquois teens to have a place to go during June, July, and August. She is planning to have Tuesday nights from 7 to 10pm with activities to help get the teen off the streets. She asked the membership to use the hall for the youth program and that the hall would be cleaned and that chaperones would be used and that no cost to the Legion Post. The membership voted to donate the hall for this program.

Volunteers are needed to man the table at the State Fair Veterans Building for the Department September 2-4. Contact Denny Brenden at Department Headquarters at 605-886-3604.

Next County meeting is at Hetland on September 28, 2011 with the time pending. There will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony prior to the meeting.

"Ask, One More"
2012 Membership: 33.33%

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

DISTRICT MEETING SET

(From UTN 3058 8/3/11)

Sept 25 – District 6 - Woonsocket. Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Woonsocket Community Building. The Auxiliary will meet at the Woonsocket Community Building.

The new District 6 was formed with Kingsbury and Miner counties joining the counties of Beadle, Buffalo, Jerald, Sanborn, Brule, Aurora, and Davidson.

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"Let it be known that he who wears the military order of the Purple Heart has given of his blood in the defense of his homeland and shall forever be revered by his fellow countrymen." - Geo. Washington, General and Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, Aug. 7 1782

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership is off to an early jump as we have 34 members paid for the 2012 year with a goal of 102. If you have not paid your dues please do so ASAP so we can get them in to the Department. 2011 dues are still payable and remember to retain you continuous years of membership your 2011 and past dues must be paid.

Remember, just ask the new members to join and ask the past members to renew their membership and ask one more.

Dues to the Department will be going up as of January 1, 2012. This means that we will be paying \$28.50 to the Department of South Dakota for the 2013 membership year. Currently our dues of \$30 will still cover the increase but as a result the Post will see less money from the dues, down from \$6.50 to \$1.50. If you

are planning to go Paid Up For Life (PUFL), now is the time to do it and it will lock in your dues rate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 1 - Post Meeting
Sep 11 - Breakfast
Sep 11 - Patriot Day
Sep 15 - Auxiliary Meeting
Sep 25 - District 6 Meeting at Woonsocket
Sep 28 - County Meeting at Hetland
Oct 6 - Post Meeting
Oct 14 - IHS Homecoming
Oct 20 - Auxiliary Meeting



"Our country is not the only thing to which we owe our allegiance. It is also owed to justice and to humanity. Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but in striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong." ~James Bryce

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The next meeting is September 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Post Home. A pot luck supper will be served.

Remember to pay your dues and also remember that they are now \$14 for Auxiliary and \$3 for juniors.

The American Legion Auxiliary has a website at www.sdlegion-aux.org stop and check it out.

ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

(From UTN 3058 8/3/11)

Beginning July 1, 2011, all American Legion members can re-new their 2012 membership on-line through www.legion.org/renew. Members renew using a credit card, print a temporary card and mail or take their receipt to the Post to receive their new card. Posts will continue to have all membership cards sent with their roster. Notification of on-line renewals will be provided by Department Headquarters or can be obtained from www.mylegion.org Post Officers site. Posts will receive their per capita as determined by Department Headquarters.

Mylegion.org is a website designed to assist Post Officers with everyday membership duties and to connect members of The American Legion to their Post and Department leadership as well as other American Legion members. The site can be accessed from any computer with an internet browser. Some of the features include: view members who have renewed on-line, view Post membership, communicate with members by posting newsletters and etc, generate reports of current and expired members, submit Post Consolidated Report, download brochures, view electronic Dispatch, and more. To subscribe to Mylegion.org go to the National American Legion Web-site at www.legion.org. Mylegion.org is free of charge.

"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

Did You Know?

- The original Purple Heart, designated as the Badge of Military Merit, was established by General George Washington by order from his headquarters at Newburgh, New York, August 7, 1782. The writings of General Washington quoted in part: "The General ever desirous to cherish a virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military Merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding. Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with a due reward".
- Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Many Americans refer Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11.

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Thank you to Deb Jennings, Herb Rusche, Annette Dunham, Carl Matter, Brent Matter, AJ Royal and Zona Zeeck for helping with the Breakfast for Sports Day. Thank you also to Carl Matter Annette Dunham and Deb Jennings for your help at the August 14th breakfast.

Also thank you to AJ Royal and Deb Jennings for the work selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle. The winner was Hunter Avery of Redfield who in turn donated the winnings back to the Post, which brings the total we raised to \$119 towards the propane tank fund. A great start to the new propane tank for the Post.

Colin Royal has been reappointed as the Department SAL Advisor for Commander Weinmann for the 2011-2012 year.