



# Bensley-Rounds Post 280

## Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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June 20, 2012

Next Meeting – July 5, 2012  
Time: 8:00pm.  
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

Our sympathy goes out to Herb and Earl Ruche for the loss of their brother Arden Rusche.

Freedom's natal day is here.  
Fire the guns and shout for freedom,  
See the flag above unfurled!  
Hail the stars and stripes forever,  
Dearest flag in all the world.  
~Florence A. Jones

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Next meeting is July 5, 2012 at the Post home at 8:00PM.

July 4, Independence Day, flags will be put up at 8:00am, weather permitting, and down at 5:00pm.

Thank you to Annette Dunham, Bill Whites, Herb Rusche, Colin Royal, Myron Zeeck, Charemon Dunham, Richele Royal, and Deb Jennings for the help with the lunch on Sports Day as we had a good crowd for the meal.

Thank you to Darwin Cundy, Bill Whites, Colin Royal, Deb Jennings, Annette Dunham, and Charemon Dunham for the help with the Class of 72 reunion dinner.

Gerry Aughenbaugh has requested the use of the Legion Hall for a weekly teen night. The membership approved her request and the program will start soon and run to school starting.

There will be a poker run on July 28, 2012 for the Kingsbury Baseball Program. More information to follow.

The next Kingsbury County meeting will be September 26, 2012 at Erwin with a flag retirement ceremony at 7:00pm.

Legion Hall rental has been approved and raised to \$75 to defray the costs of usage.

“Just Ask One More”  
2012 Membership: 95.10%

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



### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership is doing well as we have 97 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.

The 2013 cards are in and the 2013 membership year has begun. Remember that the dues are now \$35 and you may begin sending them in.

Remember, just ask the new members to join and ask the past members to renew their membership and Just Ask One More.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 4 – Independence Day  
Jul 5 – Post Meeting  
Jul 15 - SAL Breakfast  
Aug 2 – Post Meeting  
Aug 12 – SAL Breakfast  
Aug 15 – School Starts  
Sep 6 – Post Meeting

Sep 8 - Breakfast  
Sep 20 – Auxiliary Meeting  
Sep 26 – Kingsbury Meeting @ Erwin  
- Flag Retirement Ceremony @ 7:00pm

### **SAL SQUADRON 280 NEWS**

Thanks goes out to Bill Whites, Deb Jennings, Annette Dunham, AJ Royal, Colin Royal, Richele Royal, and Carl Matter for your help with the breakfast feeds Sports Day weekend.

The next Breakfast will be on July 15, 2012 and the proceeds go towards helping Zona & Myron Zeeck with medical & travel expenses.



Newly Elected Department Commander Byron Callies addresses the Convention.

### **CALLIES ELECTED DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

(From the UTN #3081 6/20/12)

Byron Callies of Watertown, SD, member of Codington County Post 17 of Watertown, was elected as the State Commander of The American Legion Department of South Dakota by delegates attending the 94th Annual State Convention of The American Legion in Watertown on Sunday, June 17, 2012. Callies was nominated by his son, Byron Callies Jr., a member of Codington County Post 17 of Watertown and his nomination was seconded by his son, Brad Callies, a member of Codington County Post 17 of Watertown. With no other nominations, Callies was unanimously elected as the 2012-2013 State Commander of the South Dakota American Legion.

Commander Callies is a 40-year, Paid-Up-For-Life member of American Legion Post 17 of Watertown, SD. He served as Post Commander, Post Adjutant, District Commander, State Vice Commander, Department Americanism Officer and Department Chaplain. He is presently serving as the American Legion Legislative Representative to Representative Kristi Noem. Commander Callies is a graduate of the National American Legion College.

Commander Callies served for 41 years in the South Dakota National Guard. He enlisted in the National Guard on October 14, 1965, and went to basic training following his high school graduation in June of 1966. He retired from the National Guard in 2006 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Commander Callies and wife, Kaelyn, reside at 1332 20th St NE, Watertown, SD 57201.

### **CONVENTION ELECTION RESULTS**

(From The UTN 3081 6/20/12)

The office of Department Master-At-Arms had two nominations coming off the floor. William P. Huntimer of Dell Rapids was nominated by Mike Harris of Dell Rapids and seconded by Tim Woltjer of Dell Rapids. Gary Henle of Sioux Falls was nominated by Dale Strom of Aberdeen and seconded by LuVerne Boes of Hermosa. After a roll call vote, Gary Henle of Sioux Falls was elected as the 2012-2013 Master At Arms.

In other convention action, the assembled delegates elected two State Vice Commanders for the organization. Those elected included Terry Hanson of Arlington and Verle Whipple of Martin.

### **AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS**

The next meeting is September 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Post Home.

Thank you from Commander Jennings and Post 280 for the pies and bars for the Memorial Day and Sports Day meals.

We on this continent should never forget that men first crossed the Atlantic not to find soil for their ploughs but to secure liberty for their souls.  
~Robert J. McCracken