



# Bensley-Rounds Post 280

## Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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June 20, 2013

Next Meeting – July 11, 2013  
Time: 8:00pm.  
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Just Ask”

2013 Membership: 96.08%

### MACDONALD ELECTED DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

(From UTN 3107 Dated 6/19/13)

“A thoughtful mind, when it sees a Nation’s flag, sees not the flag only, but the Nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the Government, the principles, the truths, the history which belongs to the Nation which belongs to the Nation that sets it forth.”  
~Henry Ward Beecher



### COMMANDER’S CORNER

Next meeting is July 11, 2013 at the Post home at 8:00PM.

The July Post meeting is rescheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities conflict.

Thank you to all those who assisted with the flags at the cemetery and also with the Memorial Day program and the lunch.

Also, thank you to all those who assisted with the Delbert Schley funeral.

The Post received the Dream Post Award again this year from the Department at the Convention on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

Due to the storm on June 21, the Sports day activities for June 22<sup>nd</sup> were rescheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup>.



Rick MacDonald of Hermosa, SD, a member of Hermosa Post 303, was elected as the State Commander of The American Legion Department of South Dakota by delegates attending the 95th Annual State Convention of The American Legion in Rapid

City on Sunday, June 9, 2013. MacDonald was nominated by LuVern Boes of Hermosa Post 303 and his nomination was seconded by PDC Ron Tolrud of White Post 88 and PDC Rod Martens of Piedmont Post 311. Fred Nelson of Spearfish Post 164 was also nominated for Department Commander.

Commander MacDonald is a 19-year, Paid-Up-For-Life member of American Legion Post 303 of Hermosa, SD. He served as Post Commander, Post Adjutant, County Commander, District Commander, State Vice Commander, Department Membership Chairman and also on the Department Administrative Committee. He is presently serving on the National Americanism Commission and is the South Dakota American Legion Boy Scout Chairman. He also is the Department webmaster and is past President of the South Dakota American Legion Press Association. Commander MacDonald is a graduate of the National American Legion College.

Commander MacDonald served for 21 years and 8 months in the United States Air Force. He served honorably and retired on February 1, 1996 with the rank of E-7.

Commander MacDonald and wife, Debra, reside at 24195 Alkan Lane, Hermosa, SD, 57744.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

We have 98 members paid of the goal of 102 for the 2013 year. Remember that the dues are now \$35 and you may begin sending them in.

The 2014 membership cards are in and the 2014 membership dues are due after July 1, 2013. Dues remain at \$35 for the 2014 year.

The Iroquois community and surrounding area has many eligible veterans and all you have to do is ask them.

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Jul 4 – Independence Day
- Jul 11 – Post Meeting
- Jul 14 – SAL Breakfast
- Jul 27 – Sports Day (Rescheduled)
- Jul 27 - Breakfast
- Aug 1 – Post Meeting
- Aug 11 – SAL Breakfast
- Aug 15 – School Starts
- Sep 5 - Post Meeting
- Sep 19 – Auxiliary Meeting
- Sep 25 – Kingsbury County Meeting

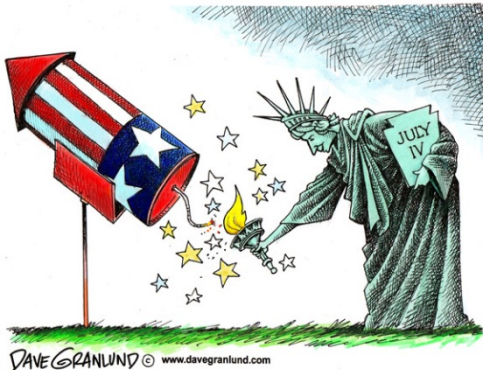
### **AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS**

The next meeting is Sept 19, 2013 at 2:30 PM at the Post home.

Janet Hurlbert of Raymond was elected Department President of the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Department of South Dakota on Sunday, June 9 in Rapid City.

“The things that the flag stands for were created by the experiences of a great people. Everything that it stands for was written by their lives. The flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment, but of history.”

~Woodrow Wilson



### **SAL SQUADRON 280 NEWS**

Congratulations to AJ Royal for being selected as the Detachment of South Dakota “Son of the Year” for 2013.



Detachment Commander Greg Lemieux presents AJ Royal his award.

Thank you to those who assisted with the Breakfast June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Squadron also received an all-time high award for membership, as well as 100% membership award.

The next Kingsbury County meeting will be held September 25, 2013 at DeSmet. There will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony at 7:00PM with the meeting to follow.

### **SDALPA AND HISTORY AWARD WINNERS**

(From the UTN #3107 dated 6/19/13)

President of the South Dakota American Legion Press Association Rick MacDonald announced the winners of the newsletter competition during the State Convention in Rapid City. First place went to Codington County Post 17 of Watertown, Gena Keller, Editor; second place winner was Arlington Post 42, Leon Josephsen, Editor; and third place went to Humboldt Post 62, Fred Lee, Editor. Iroquois Post 280 received an honorable mention, Colin Royal, Editor.

Department Historian Charemon Dunham announced the first place award for Post Scrapbook going to William H. Crippen Post 62 of Humboldt, Fred Lee, Historian; second place went to Greer Post 11 of Wagner, Gary Coleman, Historian; third place went to Codington County Post 17 of Watertown, Dana Jones, Historian. A certificate of participation went to Brandon Post 318, Donald Branson, Historian.

Gena Keller of Watertown was elected the new President of the South Dakota American Legion Press Association.