



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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Next Meeting – October 3, 2013
Time: 8:00pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Together We Can”
2014 Membership: 63.64%

“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

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Next meeting is October 3, 2013 at the Post home at 8:00PM.

The Poultry Party was discussed and set for November 9th at 7:00PM with a spaghetti supper at 6:00. The 50/50 raffle tickets will be available soon. Thank you to Herb Rusche for donating the hamburger for the sauce.

The membership night was discussed and set for November 7th prior to the meeting at 6:00PM with Steaks, baked potatoes and corn for the menu.

District 6 Vice Commander James Rentschler of Howard briefed the post on membership. District 6 Commander Annette Dunham briefed the Post on the IRS policy for the requirement of the Post to record DD214s for its records.

We have been looking into redoing the roof over the kitchen which has been leaking for the last couple of years. When it was looked into in July, it was found to be leaking through the shingles. Steel roof is being sought for the roof.

Thank you to the Farmers & Merchants State Bank for their donation of \$1000.

An anonymous memorial was made in the amount of \$500 in the name of Bryce Heblund, a veteran who has ties to the Iroquois area.

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

The next Kingsbury County meeting will be held October 30, 2013 at Erwin.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 63 of 99 members renewed for the year.

The 2014 membership cards are in and the 2014 membership dues are now due. Dues remain at \$35 for the 2014 year.

Renewals may also be done online at <http://www.legion.org/renew>. The Department will be notified within 24 hours normally and you may also set up a recurring renewal if you like. This does not include Auxiliary or SAL.

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



District 6 Commander Annette Dunham presents Commander Jennings with the Dream Post Award for 2013.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 3 - Post Meeting
- Oct 17 – Auxiliary Meeting
- Oct 20 – Breakfast
- Oct 30 – Kingsbury County Meeting @ Erwin
- Oct 31 - Halloween

Checkout the Website at: www.americanlegionsd280.org

Nov 7 – Post Meeting & Membership Night
 Nov 9 – Poultry Party & Spaghetti Supper
 Nov 10 – Breakfast
 Nov 11 – Veterans Day Program @ Badger
 Nov 21 – Auxiliary Meeting
 Nov 28 – Thanksgiving
 Dec 4 – Kingsbury County Meeting @ Hetland
 Dec 5 – Post Meeting
 Dec 25 – Christmas

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The next meeting is October 17, 2013 at 7:00PM at the Post home.

Auxiliary dues are now due for the 2014 year. The dues are \$18.00, please get them in as soon as you can.

The SD Legionette newspaper is \$3.00 by mail and \$2.00 by email.

SAL SQUADRON 280 NEWS

Memberships are now due for the SAL and are still \$10 for the year.

SD LEGIONNAIRE APPOINTED NATIONAL HISTORIAN

(From UTN 3113 dated 09/11/13)



Charemon Dunham of Bensley-Rounds Post 280 of Iroquois, South Dakota, was appointed by National Commander Dan Dellinger to the position of National Historian of The American Legion for 2013-2014. Charemon received her National cap (red) at the National

Executive Committee Meeting following the conclusion of the National Convention in Houston, Texas, on August 29, 2013. Charemon is the third Legionnaire in the Department of South Dakota to hold a National Office. Paul Evenson of Garretson served as National Sergeant of Arms and Stan Gruneich of Flandreau served as National Chaplain.

Charemon served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam, Lebanon/Grenada and Panama eras. She joined the American Legion in 1991 and is a Paid Up For Life Member. She has served her Post in many positions including Adjutant & Commander. Charemon also has served as County Commander, District Vice Commander, District Commander and State Vice Commander. She has served as Department Historian numerous years and has won many first and second place awards at National for Scrapbooks and Narratives. She has held positions in the National American Legion including; member of the 100th Anniversary Committee, Liaison to the

National Commander on Trophies - Awards-Ceremonial Committee, member of the National American Legion Press Association, secretary & president of the National Association of Department Historians of The American Legion. Charemon graduated from the American Legion College in 2004. She is currently a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and has served as the Unit President.

“Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.” ~ Gen. Colin Powell

Did You Know:

- The Sons of the American Legion is the highest contributor to the Child Welfare Fund with \$453,599.07 contributed in 2012-2013 year.
- Providing assistance and instruction to those following the legal path to citizenship has been a longstanding and proud Legion tradition almost since the organization's founding.
- The National Emergency Fund has provided more than \$8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts.
- The American Legion provides flag education in effort to build patriotism in our youth and to create an understanding of proper flag display and courtesy.

