



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

Iroquois, South Dakota



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April 2014

Next Meeting – May 1, 2014
Time: 8:00pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“Together We Can”
2014 Membership: 92.93%

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 30 – Kingsbury Meeting @ Arlington - Elections
May 1 – Post Meeting
May 4 – Boys State Briefing @ Mitchell High School
May 8 – IHS Awards Night
May 11 – Mother’s Day
May 11 – Iroquois High School Graduation
May 15 – Auxiliary Meeting
May 15 – Last Day of Iroquois School year
May 17 – Armed Forces Day
May 18 – Breakfast
May 26 – Memorial Day
Jun 5 – Post Meeting
Jun 8 – SAL Breakfast
Jun 14 – Flag Day
Jul 3 - Post Meeting
Jul 4 – Independence Day
Jul 18-20 – Iroquois Sports Days
Jul 19-20 – SAL Breakfast

“The American, by nature, is optimistic. He is experimental, an inventor and a builder who builds best when called upon to build greatly.” ~ John F. Kennedy

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Next meeting is May 1, 2014 at the Post home at 8:00PM.

The breakfast for May is on May 18, 2014 due to Mother’s Day and is going for the Iroquois Museum.

Elections were held

April 3rd. The results are:
Deb Jennings, Commander;
Colin Royal, Vice
Commander; Herb Rusche,
Chaplain; Duncan Flann,
Finance Officer; Bill Whites,

Adjutant. Dave Owens Sr. was appointed as Sergeant-at-Arms. Officers will be sworn in at the next meeting on May 1st. Congratulations to these individuals.

Herb Rusche was selected as the Legionnaire of the Year at the March 6th meeting.

Annette Dunham was elected as the District 6 Alternate Delegate for the National Convention to be held in August.

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

The next Kingsbury County meeting will be held April 30, 2014 at Arlington at 7:30PM. County elections will be held that evening.

The Boys State Briefing will be held Sunday, May 4, 2016 at the Mitchell High School, 920 N Capital Dr. in Mitchell. Registration is t 1:00PM, and the briefing begins at 2:00PM.

Congratulations to Rodney Anderson of Lake Preston who was selected as the District 6 Legionnaire of the Year for 2014.

DISTRICT 6 COMMANDER ANNETTE DUNHAM



District 6 Commander Dunham has been re-elected for a full two year. She has completed the term of Dave Gutzmer, who had taken the job as Department Assistant Adjutant. Jim Rentschler of Howard was re-elected as District Vice Commander. Their terms will end in 2016.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 92 of 99 members renewed for the year. 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 Believe, Ask and Together we can do it.

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The next meeting is May 15, 2014 at 5:00PM at the Post home.

At the April 10th meeting, the ladies discussed declining membership and the need to increase membership.

Election proceedings were tabled for discussion at the May meeting.

Auxiliary Ladies are asked to provide deserts/bars for the Memorial Day lunch.

Auxiliary dues are now due for the 2014 year. The dues are \$18.00; please get them in as soon as you can. Junior dues still remain \$3 for the year.

SAL SQUADRON 280 NEWS

Dues are now due for the 2014 year; please get them in as soon as possible. Dues are still only \$10.00.

The SAL Squadron will be doing the breakfasts over the summer; the dates are June 8th, July 19-20, and August 10th. If you would like to help out, please stop by. The June and August breakfasts are still available, if you have ideas contact Colin Royal.

"The winds that blow through the wide sky in these mounts, the winds that sweep from Canada to Mexico, from the Pacific to the Atlantic - have always blown on free men." ~Franklin D. Roosevelt

STATE CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN PIERRE

(From UTN #3125 dated 02/26/14)

The 96th annual South Dakota American Legion Department Convention will be held in Pierre, SD, on June 19-22, 2014. The hosting hotel will be the Best Western Ramkota. Contact information for the Ramkota is phone 605-224-6877 or toll free 1-800-528-1234 and email is

pierre.ramkota.comresservations@pierreramkota.com.

Other motels/hotels in the area are: In Pierre; Capitol Inn 605-224-6387, Clubhouse Hotel 605-494-2582, Comfort Inn 605-224-0377, Days Inn 605-224-0411, Governors Inn 605-224-4200, Kings Inn 605-224-5951, Rivers Lodge 605-224-4140, Super 8 605-224-1617. In Fort Pierre, Fort Pierre Motel 504-223-3111, Holiday Inn Express 605-223-9045, AmericInn 605-223-2358. Inform the motel/hotel you are making a reservation for the American Legion Convention.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Four Pillars of The American Legion are: 1. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, 2. National Security, 3. Americanism, 4. Children and Youth.
- The American Legion supports the efforts of public and private sector agencies and organizations that aid homeless veterans and their families. Additionally, the Legion supports legislative proposals to provide medical, rehabilitative and employment assistance to homeless veterans and their families.
- 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.

"Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations, that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided Republic." ~ John A. Logan

STATE CONVENTION AGENDA

The 2014 State American Legion Convention will be held June 19-22, 2014, in Pierre, at the Best Western Ramkota. Below is the agenda for the convention:

Thursday, June 19

- 8:30 a.m. 5 Year Membership/Public Relations Committees
- 10:00 a.m. Admin Committee Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. SD American Legion Foundation Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Past Department Commanders Dinner

Friday, June 20

- 9:00 a.m. Registration – Ramkota
- 10:00 a.m. Resolutions Committee Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. SDALPA Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. Americanism Committee
Credentials Committee
Employment Committee
Rules Committee
Rehabilitation Committee
Next Meeting Place Committee
Legislative Committee
Internal Organization Committee
National Security Committee
- 4:30 p.m. Memorial Service
- 6:00 p.m. Joint Banquet Reception – Community & Youth Involved Center, Ft. Pierre
- 7:00 p.m. Joint Banquet – Community & Youth Involved Center, Ft. Pierre

Saturday, June 21

- 8:00 a.m. Registration – Ramkota
- 9:00 a.m. Convention Business Session
- 2:30 p.m. Session Ends
- 3:30 p.m. Parade
- 6:00 p.m. Go Getter Reception – American Legion Post 8
- 7:00 p.m. Go Getter Dinner – American Legion Post 8
- 8:00 p.m. Fun Auction

Sunday, June 22

- 8:00 a.m. Registration – Ramkota
- 9:00 a.m. Convention Business Session
- 12:00 p.m. Elections
(Post-Convention Executive Committee Meeting following adjournment)