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Post Notes

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Next Meeting – April 9, 2015
Time: 8:00pm
At the Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

“No man can sit down and withhold his hands from the warfare against wrong and get peace from his acquiescence.” ~ Woodrow Wilson

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Next meeting is April 9, 2015 at the Post home at 8:00PM. The meeting time starting in April will be 8:00PM.

Thank you to those who assisted with the breakfast on March 8th. The next breakfast will be on April 12, 2015 for Carl and Linda Matter to help with medical expenses.

If you haven’t paid your 2015 dues, please do so ASAP. Your voice is needed to protect the benefits that you/we EARNED through our service to this country. Many of our families also benefit from our service to our country. Send your dues to Charemon Dunham at 21902 416th Ave, Iroquois, SD 57353 or to Colin Royal at 1250 2nd St SW, Huron SD 57350.

At the last meeting it was voted to start a monthly supper on the last Sunday of the month and see if it goes over well within the community. We will decide the menu and post it on Facebook, flyers and the local papers. The inaugural dinner will be April 26th, with serving beginning at 5:30PM.

Congratulations to Herb Rusche on being selected as Post Legionnaire of the year. He will compete with other Posts throughout District 6 at the Spring Meeting in Chamberlin on April 17th.

Michael Hofhenke was selected as a delegate for Boys State, however, he is unable to attend due to a conflict. There is no alternate. He is the son of Mark and Larica Hofhenke of rural Iroquois.

Prior to Boys State selection, Commander Royal presented the committee with information on the American Legion School Award Medal Program found on The American Legion website. We know it as the Good Citizenship Award. After some discussion and reviewing the information, the committee decided to follow the recommended instructions of the program and evaluate for possible continuation. This will allow the peers and teachers to have input for the selection with the Post being the final selection authority. The main point of this is primarily the fact that we Post members

“Just Ask”

2015 Membership: 85.58%

have little or no knowledge of the students since very few Post members have students attending the high school and rely heavily on the school administration for input. This will make our selection more informed and easier.

The next Kingsbury County Meeting will be April 29th at Lake Preston. Elections will be held for County Commander and Vice Commander. This will also be the last meeting before summer; the next meeting will be September 30, 2015.

We are still short 15 members to make our goal, just ask any Vet you meet. When asked why they aren’t a member; the most common answer from the veterans is, “no one asked.” Ask and they will join.

April 17 - Friday - District 6 - Chamberlain AmericInn

Social 5:00 p.m. in Backwoods Lounge, Buffet at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Moose Lodge Room. Auxiliary will meet at AmericInn in the Rooster Rush Room.

Some of the items we will be looking at this next meeting are:

- Monthly Dinner
- Elections
- Membership
- Memorial Day

Any member who signs up two (2) new members, I will pay your next year’s dues. PUFLLs will get the cash. ~ Colin Royal, Commander



NATIONAL COMMANDER TO VISIT

(From UTN #3154 dated 4/8/15)

National American Legion Commander Mike Helm from the Department of Nebraska will make his official visit to the Department of South Dakota on April 18-22, 2015.

Commander Helm is scheduled to fly into Sioux Falls on April 18 and to fly out on April 22, 2015. A tentative schedule of events is listed below:

APRIL 18 – FLY INTO SIOUX FALLS LATE AFTERNOON

- APRIL 19 - 10:00 A.M. SIOUX FALLS VA MEDICAL CENTER
- 1:00 P.M. DISTRICT 7 SPRING CONVENTION
- 7:00 P.M. RETURN TO HOTEL

APRIL 20 - 8:00 A.M. LEAVE SIOUX FALLS

- 9:00 A.M. MENNO POST
- 10:00 A.M. TRIPP POST
- 11:00 A.M. ETHAN POST
- 12:00 P.M. MITCHELL POST - (LUNCH)
- 1:30 P.M. LETCHER POST
- 2:30 P.M. WOONSOCKET POST
- 3:15 P.M. WESSINGTON SPRINGS POST
- 5:00 P.M. HURON POST - (DINNER)

APRIL 21 - 9:00 A.M. REDFIELD POST

- 11:00 A.M. ABERDEEN POST - (LUNCH)
- 1:20 P.M. WEBSTER POST
- 2:30 P.M. WATERTOWN POST
- 3:30 P.M. HAYTI POST
- 4:30 P.M. BADGER POST
- 5:50 P.M. VOLGA POST - (DINNER)
- 7:00 P.M. BROOKINGS POST
- 8:00 P.M. RETURN TO SIOUX FALLS

APRIL 22 – NATIONAL COMMANDER FLIES OUT

National Commander Helm's goal this year is to raise 4 million dollars for the following American Legion charities: The American Legion Endowment Fund, Operation Comfort Warrior, Child Welfare Foundation, National Emergency Fund and the Legacy Scholarship Fund. Please consider making a donation from your Post while the National Commander visits the Department of South Dakota. If you send a donation to State Headquarters, the State Commander will present it to the National Commander at the National Convention in Baltimore in August.

All members of The American Legion family are encouraged to attend any or all events on the National Commander's tour. If you plan to attend one of the meals please let the hosting Post know, so they can plan accordingly.

The Post is now on Facebook; check out www.facebook.com/posttwoeighty and follow or friend us.



POST HISTORY NEEDED

The American Legion is compiling a history for its upcoming 100th Birthday. They have asked that each Post compile its history to be shared with all. If you have anything to contribute, please share and send it to Charemon Dunham at dunhamc1@santel.net. If you need to mail the information, she'll give you her address at that time.

Iroquois Post 205 was formed after World War I and was disbanded sometime around 1928. If you have

any information for this Post, please forward that also. Post 205 was a big part of the Iroquois community and its history which we must preserve. Thank you.

We have located a membership roster from 1921-1928 for Post 205 and it will be posted to the Post website: www.sdalpost280.org. Please check it out and send us any information you may have on anyone you may know of on the list.



The Post website has a new address, it is www.sdalpost280.org. The old address will continue to work for a while yet.

"Here in America we are descended in blood and in spirit from revolutionists and rebels - men and women who dare to dissent from accepted doctrine. As their heirs, may we never confuse honest dissent with disloyal subversion." ~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 2 - Maundy Thursday
Apr 3 – Good Friday
Apr 5 – Easter
Apr 9 – Post Meeting @ 8:00PM
Apr 12 – Breakfast for Carl Matter Medical Expenses
Apr 16 – Auxiliary Meeting
Apr 26 – Community Supper
Apr 29 – Kingsbury Meeting @ Lake Preston
May 7 – Post Meeting
May 10 – Mother's Day
May 10 – Iroquois Graduation
May 16 – Armed Forces Day
May 17 - Breakfast
May 21 – Auxiliary Meeting
May 24 – Community Supper (Tentative)
May 25 – Memorial Day
Jun 4 – Post Meeting @ 8:00PM
Jun 14 – Flag Day
Jun 14 – SAL Breakfast
Jun 21 – Father's Day
Jun 18 – Auxiliary Meeting
Jun 28 – Community Supper

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The next meeting is April 16, 2015 at 5:00PM at the Post home. Elections will be held.

Allison Bich was selected as the delegate to Girls State. She is the daughter of Greg and Kristen Bich of rural Cavour.

"Carry the battle to them. Don't let them bring it to you. Put them on the defensive. And don't ever apologize for anything." ~ Harry S. Truman

SAL SQUADRON 280 NEWS

Dues are now due for the 2015 year; please get them in as soon as possible. Dues are still only \$10.00. Remember, all male descendants (including adopted

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and stepsons) of a Legion member are eligible to belong to the Sons of The American Legion regardless of age.

And male Legion members who may also be eligible.

DID YOU KNOW?

- June 9, 1919: The National Executive Committee adopts the Legion emblem.
- November 10-12, 1919: First Legion convention convenes in Minneapolis. The Constitution and preamble are adopted. Delegates vote 361-323 to locate the Legion's national headquarters in Indianapolis, instead of Washington.
- November 10-12, 1919: A resolution is passed in support of Boy Scouts of America. Today, the Legion is the chartering agency for more than 1,700 Scouting units made up of approximately 64,000 youths.
- September 1, 1966: The Legion voices great concern over the fate of prisoners of war in Vietnam. Today, the Legion urges a full accounting of all POWs and troops missing in action; and has formed a special group from among the nation's major veterans organizations to continue pressing for further resolution of this issue.

Please, if your address changes, notify the Post so we get the newsletter and membership information to you in a timely fashion. Thank You!

"I've spoken of the shining city all my political life, but I don't know if I ever quite communicated what I saw when I said it. But in my mind it was a tall, proud city built on rocks stronger than oceans, windswept, God-blessed, and teeming with people of all kinds living in harmony and peace; a city with free ports that hummed with commerce and creativity. And if there had to be city walls, the walls had doors and the doors were open to anyone with the will and heart to get there. That's how I saw it, and see it still." ~ Ronald Reagan

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 89 of 104 members renewed for the 2015 year. This would be about all of our renewals. New members is our target now, please go get them. Thank you.

With your help, we can and will do this. Dues remain at \$35 for the 2015 year.

A selling point to membership in the Legion, Auxiliary and the SAL, is the American Legion Riders. To be eligible for the Riders, the person must be a member of the Legion, Auxiliary, or the SAL. Another point is the FREE \$1000 accidental death insurance with LIT Insurance, which automatically increases to \$5000 if you are on official American Legion business. Just have your hat or a membership application or two in your wallet. Just go to www.thelit.com and sign up.

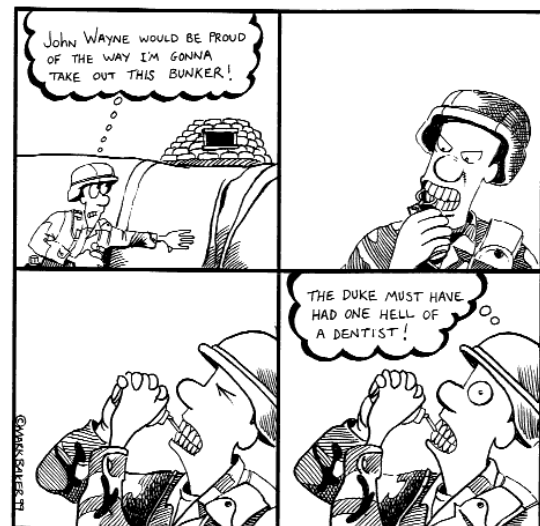
As a result of every LIT policy, the Department receives a dividend. To date, the Department of South Dakota has received over \$500,000 from LIT since beginning of the partnership began.

Every membership is a voice behind the National Commander, when he goes head to head with those in Washington DC. Remind them that their voice helps protect and defend theirs, yours, and our benefits we EARNED through our service.

Renewals may also be done online at <http://www.legion.org/renew> . The Department will be notified within 24-48 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.

"I always remember an epitaph which is in the cemetery at Tombstone, Arizona. It says: 'Here lies Jack Williams. He done his damndest.' I think that is the greatest epitaph a man can have - When he gives everything that is in him to do the job he has before him. That is all you can ask of him and that is what I have tried to do." ~ Harry S. Truman



Elements of the American Legion emblem



The rays of the sun

The rays of the sun form the background of our proud emblem and suggests the Legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil.



The wreath

The wreath forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States that liberty might endure.



The star

The star, victory symbol of World War I, also symbolizes honor, glory and constancy. The letters "U.S." leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's star.



Outer rings

The larger of two outer rings stands for the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled comrades. The smaller inside ring denotes the welfare of America's children.



Inner rings

The smaller of two inner rings set upon the star represents service to our communities, states and the nation. The larger outer ring pledges loyalty to Americanism.



American Legion

The words American Legion tie the whole together for truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty, and Americanism.