



# Post Notes Grenade

Bensley-Rounds  
American Legion Post 280  
Iroquois, South Dakota



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Next Meeting – January 5, 2017  
Time: 7:00pm  
At the Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.



**“You Retain, and We will all Gain!”**  
**2017 Membership: 84.95%**

May the New Year bring you health, happiness and prosperity in your lives. May the 153<sup>rd</sup> as well as all of our heroes serving throughout the world; return safely and their mission be successfully completed. With prayers and hope, Colin Royal and Post 280.

At the last meeting, it was approved to purchase and install motion security lights for the doors on the south side of the building. They should be installed soon. LED bulbs will be used to minimize the cost in electricity.

### COMMANDER’S CORNER

Next meeting is January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Post home at 7:00PM.

Many of the families of the 153<sup>rd</sup> were able to spend Christmas with their soldiers this past weekend. Now they have returned to Texas and have gone to support the mission to protect us and the world. Good luck and Godspeed to them. If you know of any member’s family having problems, offer your/our assistance to them and do whatever you/we can to help.



SDAL Department Commander Charemon Dunham poses with SDALA Department President Melanie Martens by the treat table at the Christmas party held for the veterans at the Sioux Falls VA on December 8<sup>th</sup>. (Photo provided by Melanie Martens)

We had an issue the weekend the temperatures dropped to -30 & below in the area. The water line in the bar froze right at the cold water valve in the faucet. The seal was torn and the valve cartridge was damaged. Fortunately, when it thawed out, the water went down the drain rather than everywhere else, but the water bill will take a hit.

Things have been repaired and all is well. This issue or possibly worse will more than likely reoccur when we see temperatures like that again.

I have contacted Dramstad Refrigeration, Heating & Cooling about possible running a small vent to the bar for heating to avoid any possible occurrences in the future. The estimated cost is around \$250.00 for a 4-6” duct and vent installed. Far less than any water damage repairs.

There have been conversations among the Post members and also with the members of the community has raised the question of an accessible restroom for the disabled.

Currently our restrooms have had assist bars added in the past, but the 24” doors are an issue when it comes to walkers and wheel chairs. They are simply too narrow to facilitate these accessories.

“Let us recollect that peace or war will not always be left to our option; that however moderate or unambitious we may be, we cannot count upon the moderation, or hope to extinguish the ambition of others.” ~ Alexander Hamilton

What I am proposing is that the east wall of the ladies room be taken down and the wall between

the two restrooms be extended to the east with a 36" door installed in that wall. The door that leads to the existing hallway to the restrooms will also have to be extended to 36" also. The cost would be approximately \$250 - \$300 for the materials and supplies. Some of the existing materials would be reused to help defray costs.

Additionally, if this creates an issue of availability for the restrooms for the ladies, another restroom of the similar size to the existing ones could be added where the pop machine sits now. All of the plumbing is right below and all we need is to add two walls and reuse the ladies room door. We would need to purchase a toilet and a sink and the other necessary fixtures. The cost of this would extend the project expenses to around \$700. As an added note, the ladies room sink should be replaced since it is getting more difficult to get faucets and parts for it.

I did look at adding an accessible restroom where the pop machine is, but with the needed access to the basement and there is not enough floor space to put one there. However, as previously stated, a smaller restroom would fit there and still allow suitable access to the basement.

The work can be completed by Post members; as we have a lot of talent among us.

Another project to look at in the future would be to replace the fluorescent lights with LED units. These would use about half the power with more output. Each fixture would cost around \$100 and would pay for themselves in 2 - 3 years with the energy savings.

I got a call from National Vice Commander Douglas Boldt (Mid-West Region) recently and we discussed membership and recruiting. We shared a couple personal success stories and a few other items.



He sends his best regards and wishes all members of our Post 280 family a happy and joyous New Year. He is looking

forward to his visit to the Mid-Winter Conference in February.

~ Colin Royal, Commander



“To say that any people are not fit for freedom, is to make poverty their choice, and to say they had rather be loaded with taxes than not.” ~ Thomas Paine

### Upcoming Events

- Jan 1 – New Year’s Day
- Jan 5 – Post Meeting
- Jan 15 - Breakfast
- Jan 16 - Auxiliary Meeting
- Jan 16 – Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 20 – Inauguration Day
- Jan 25 – Kingsbury Meeting @ DeSmet
- Feb 2 – Post Meeting
- Feb 10-12 – MidWinter Conference @ Oacoma
- Feb 14 – Valentine’s Day
- Feb 19 - Breakfast
- Feb 20 – Auxiliary Meeting
- Feb 22 – Kingsbury Meeting @ Erwin
- Mar 2 – Post Meeting
- Mar 17 St. Patrick’s day
- Mar 19 - Breakfast
- Mar 20 – Auxiliary Meeting
- Mar 29 – Kingsbury Meeting @ Hetland

### COMMUNITY

The students of Iroquois School will return on January 3, 2017. Please watch for them as you travel in the area of the school.

The next school board meeting will be January 11, 2017 at 8:30PM at the school.

Beginning January 23<sup>rd</sup>, IPAT will begin their cookie dough fundraiser. Contact one of the members or the school to place your order.

The Iroquois elementary student council is conducting the Veteran’s Holiday Relief Drive

through January 30, 2017. Bring/Take essential household items, personal hygiene products, or gift cards. Monetary donations can also be made. For more information contact Mary Wienbar at the Iroquois school.

This program was started by Autumn Simunek, Miss South Dakota 2015, and partnered with the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary. The students have partnered with them to participate in this program.

Good luck to the Chiefs and Lady Chiefs in the upcoming 281 Conference Tourneys.

### **POST HISTORY NEEDED**

The American Legion is compiling a history for its upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dunhamc1@santel.net). If you need to mail the information, she'll give you her address at that time. If you are not sure how to post it on the national anniversary website, she can do it for you or help you get it up there.

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 is posted to the Post website: [www.sdalpost280.org](http://www.sdalpost280.org). The roster has been posted on Facebook also. Please check it out and send us any information you may have on anyone you may know of on the list.



Bensley-Rounds Post 280 is now on Twitter @sdalp280. Follow us on Twitter.

### **DID YOU KNOW**

- New York City is farther south than Rome. It sounds crazy, but check a map. New York is at a latitude of 40.7 degrees north, while Rome is slightly farther north at 41.9.
- The only known American civilians killed in the continental United States during World War II were a woman in Oregon and five

children who found a Japanese balloon in the woods. They didn't realize it was a bomb, but it went off and killed all six.

- The first submarine attack ever happened in 1776. The Turtle was invented by David Bushnell, and was a one-person submersible vehicle that would allow the occupant to attach a powder keg to a British ship in New York Harbor.
- Morgan Robertson's 1898 book tells the story of a British ship called the Titan, which was deemed to be unsinkable, that hit an iceberg and sank, killing many of the passengers because there weren't enough lifeboats. In 1912, the Titanic sank in almost the same manner.
- Liberty Island used to be a haven for pirates...and might be haunted by one.
- In 1892, two soldiers stationed at the fort that used to occupy Liberty Island tried to dig up some treasure they'd heard was buried nearby. When they got to the box, a demon appeared to them, most likely the spirit of Captain Kidd, a pirate who liked to bury his treasure there.
- The last time the Liberty Bell was rung was on George Washington's birthday. It was his birthday in 1846, 47 years after he died, but still his birthday.

“Be convinced that to be happy means to be free and that to be free means to be brave. Therefore do not take lightly the perils of war.”  
~ Thucydides

The Post has approved a Legion Rider group for Iroquois. Membership is open to Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members and spouses who have street legal motorcycles over 250cc. Dues are set at \$10 a year for the initial year, dues will be formally set by the ALR membership. If you would like to join, 10 members is suggested for a new group. Contact Colin Royal (354-0310) for more information.

Some of the things they do: Raise money for the Legacy Fund (scholarships for children of military members who have died in service to the country after September 1, 2001). Escort the colors in parades. Escort our fallen to their final resting place.

These are only a few of the many great things they do.

Checkout the Website at: [www.sdalpost280.org](http://www.sdalpost280.org)

## AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS

The next meeting is January 16th at 5:00PM at the Post home.

It is with great sorrow that we extend our sympathy and prayers of comfort to the Family of Marvilla Joy Rounds.

**Luke 23:43** - And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.



A question to the Auxiliary being posed by the editor. Would the Auxiliary members like to receive the newsletter mailed to them each month? It would be mailed or emailed to you monthly. The unit as with the Post & S.A.L. would pay for the postage each month. Ink usage is billed May and November. Something to discuss in upcoming meetings.

If you have some Auxiliary news for the newsletter, please email it to [colin@cstch.com](mailto:colin@cstch.com).

If you haven't paid you dues yet, Please do so ASAP, thank you.

"It is not my intention to do away with government. It is rather to make it work — work with us, not over us; stand by our side, not ride on our back. Government can and must provide opportunity, not smother it; foster productivity, not stifle it. ~ Ronald Reagan

## SAL SQUADRON 280 NEWS

Saturday, January 7, 2017; the Squadron will host a supper for the area veterans and families of the 153<sup>rd</sup> at no charge. There will be a freewill donation with proceeds going to the popcorn fund and the Our Military Kids organization (50/50).

Dues (\$15) are now due for the 2017 year; please get them in as soon as possible. Please send them to Colin Royal at 1250 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW, Huron, SD 57350.

Remember, all male descendants (including adopted and stepsons) of a Legion member are eligible to belong to the Sons of The American Legion regardless of age (newborn and up). And many male Legion members are eligible to join.

## THIS MONTH IN AMERICAN LEGION HISTORY

- Jan. 1, 1989: The Veterans Administration is elevated to Cabinet-level status as the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The Legion fought hard for the change, arguing that veterans deserve representation at the highest levels of government.
- Jan. 30, 1995: The American Legion announces acceptance of scaled-down exhibit "without political commentary" for the Enola Gay, ending the greatest controversy in the Smithsonian Institute's 149-year history.

This list of accomplishments in this organization's history should make all of us proud to belong.

## MIDWINTER BANQUET TICKETS

(From UTN #3196 dated 11/16/2016)

Tickets for the MidWinter Conference Joint Banquet will be by advance sale only. The Joint Banquet will be held Friday, February 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Cedar Shores Resort & Convention Center, Oacoma, SD. The event will be preceded by a no-host cocktail hour commencing at 6:00 p.m.

The menu will consist of 6 oz. steak and 4 oz. walleye, baked potato, honey buttered dill baby carrots, sherbert dessert, coffee and ice water.

Tickets are \$30.00 each and can be obtained by sending \$30.00 per ticket requested to John Payer, 25120 344th Ave, Chamberlain, SD 57325.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 79 of 93 members renewed for the 2017 year and that is great, thank you. New members and retention are our goals now; please go get them so we can reach our goal. Thank you.

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.

Another idea after reading about Post public awareness, there were some ideas to get the community involved with the Post activities. One idea was to create a Post Booster Club. Members would donate money to the Post activities and they would

receive recognition for their support and a column about community activities.

This would assist the Post in many aspects, including helping with the costs for the newsletter, utilities and more. As with American Legion tradition, designated monies would be assign to that designated program or activity. Your thoughts?

### **MIDWINTER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** (From UTN #3198 dated 12/14/2016)

The 2017 South Dakota American Legion Mid-Winter Conference will be held Friday-Sunday, February 10-12, 2017, at Cedar Shore Resort, Oacoma, SD. The schedule of events is as follows:

#### **Friday, February 10, 2017**

- 10:00 a.m. Department Finance Commission, Howe
- 12:00 p.m. Registration Desk Opens, Pre Function Area
- 1:00 p.m. Department Executive Committee, Howe
- 4:30 p.m. 5-Year Membership / PR-Media, Howe
- 6:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktails – Pre-function Area
- 7:00 p.m. Joint Legion/Auxiliary/SAL Banquet, Oacoma/ Wheeler

#### **Saturday, February 11, 2017**

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Desk Opens, Pre Function Area
- 8:00 a.m. Joint Opening Session, Hale/Oacoma  
Presentation of Colors  
Remarks by State Commander Charemon Dunham/Auxiliary President Melanie Martens and SAL Detachment Commander Jeff Shannon
- 8:25 a.m. National Vice Commander Douglas Boldt
- 8:40 a.m. Auxiliary Northwest Division Vice President Virginia Nelsen
- 8:55 a.m. Auxiliary VA&R – Elvira Moen
- 9:10 a.m. Auxiliary Children & Youth – Jeannine Loesch
- 9:25 a.m. Larry Zimmerman, Secretary, SD Department of Veterans Affairs

- 9:45 a.m. Youth Trooper Academy, SD Highway Patrol
- 10:05 a.m. Close Joint Session – Legion/Auxiliary/SAL to separate meetings
- 10:30 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSION:  
Legislation / Resolutions, Glass Room  
Membership, Howe Room  
New Post Commanders, Wheeler Room
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Lunch Break (On your own)
- 1:15 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION:  
Americanism, Glass Room  
100th Anniversary, Wheeler Room  
Membership, Howe Room
- 2:55 p.m. All assemble in Convention Hall, Hale/Oacoma
- 3:00 p.m. NEC Paul Evenson Remarks
- 3:15 p.m. Mark Weinmann, Legislative Chairman
- 3:30 p.m. 2016 American Legion College Graduates
- 3:45 p.m. Membership Report, Awards & Turn-In
- 4:15 p.m. VAVS Chairman, Popcorn Fund Turn-In
- 4:20 p.m. Announcements and Adjourn Assembly
- 4:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting, Hale/Oacoma
- 6:00 p.m. Go-Getter Reception, Chamberlain Community Center
- 7:00 p.m. Go-Getter Smorgasbord, Chamberlain Community Center

#### **Sunday, February 12, 2017**

- 8:30 a.m. Non-Denominational Service, Wheeler Rooms
- 10:30 a.m. SD American Legion – State Finals – High School Oratorical Contest

“There’s a great deal of talk about loyalty from the bottom to the top. Loyalty from the top down is even more necessary and is much less prevalent. One of the most frequently noted characteristics of great men who have remained great is loyalty to their subordinates.” ~ General George Patton

**NOTE:** The South Dakota American Legion news is now only issued every other month (6 times a year) and is electronically obtained from the [sdlegion.org](http://sdlegion.org) website. Printed copies will only be sent to each Post Commander & Adjutant. If you would like a copy mailed to you via the USPS, you will need to submit a payment of \$5 per year to Department Headquarters or to Annette Dunham and she'll get it to the Department. There is an email list you can get on to have it sent to you via email, just email [adjutant@sdlegion.org](mailto:adjutant@sdlegion.org) and request to be added. The same goes to the Up To Now, a biweekly update on Department Happenings. It will be added to the newsletter emailing as it comes out.

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

### **LEGION DAY AT THE CAPITOL**

(From UTN #3198 dated 12/14/2016)

The day selected to host the annual Legislative Reception is Wednesday, February 1, 2017. The reception will be held at the American Legion Pierre Post Home and will run from 5:30 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. Legislators will receive an invitation from Commander Dunham and the Commander will be at the door greeting them as they arrive.

The day will begin with a luncheon for the Boys State Governor Max Hawkins of Lennox and Girls State Governor Raina Grimsley of Mitchell along with their parents and Department leadership.

Following the luncheon, the governors will be taken to the Capitol for introductions in the Senate Chamber and the House of Representatives. They will then be taken to visit and take pictures with Governor Dugaard in his office, if he is available. A Commemoration will go through the Senate and House honoring them and the American Legion and Auxiliary for sponsoring the Boys State and Girls State Programs.

At 3:30 p.m., the Department Legislative Committee will meet and review the legislative session and make any decisions on whether to support any statutes that have brought before the legislature. Followed by the Legislative Reception.

Please spend the day and attend all events wearing your Legion cap. Legislators that attend the Legislative Reception are always looking for Legion members from their respective Districts.

“Violence as a way of achieving racial justice is both impractical and immoral. I am not unmindful of the fact that violence often brings about momentary results. Nations have frequently won their independence in battle. But in spite of temporary victories, violence never brings permanent peace.” ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

### **EAST RIVER CEMETERY**

(From UTN #3198 dated 12/14/2016)

Veterans attended the meeting of the Watertown City Commission held December 5, 2016, at Watertown City Hall. Dennis Solberg, a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America and American Legion, presented the idea of a State Veterans Cemetery being established across the road to the east of the Veterans War Memorial on an 80-acre parcel of land owned by the City of Watertown. The Veterans War Memorial is off Highway 20 along Lake Kampeska. Solberg said that previous meetings had taken place with the mayor, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Larry Zimmerman and Deputy Secretary Aaron Pollard and all parties were interested in pursuing a State Veterans Cemetery on the parcel of land. In the presentation, it was noted a paved road could be installed to the north side of the cemetery along with a parking lot and a structure for cemetery use. Lights could be installed along the paved road leading up to the cemetery. The parcel could provide burial for approximately 60,000 veterans. The headstones would be set in conjunction with the National Cemeteries.

Commissioners were very receptive of the idea of a Veterans Cemetery being placed at that location. Mayor Steve Thorson asked Solberg to draw up plans for the cemetery and bring them back to the commission. Mayor Thorson said the land would remain the property of the City of Watertown and maintenance for the cemetery would be done by the city.

### **COLD WAR VETERANS**

In accordance with section 1084 of the Fiscal Year 1998 National Defense Authorization Act, the

Secretary of Defense approved awarding Cold War Recognition Certificates to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the United States anytime during the Cold War era, which is defined as Sept. 2, 1945, to Dec. 26, 1991, are eligible. ([https://www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/awards and decorations branch - cold war certificate program](https://www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/awards-and-decorations-branch-cold-war-certificate-program)). The spaces in the url are correct.

You can apply for the certificate from this website and you should receive it in 6-8 weeks. Family members may also get a certificate for deceased veterans who served during the Cold War.

fellow veteran's rights and benefits protected and assured. And there's so much more for you and prospective members than can be described here.



Left to right: Jane Benzel, NW Division Chair for VA&R; Shanna Clyde, SD Honorary Junior Auxiliary President; Susie Clyde, National Executive Committee Woman; Melanie Martens, SD Auxiliary Department President; Charemon Dunham, SD American Legion Department Commander. (Photo provided by Susie Clyde)



### **RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS**



Here are some applications for you to use while you are recruiting. Duplicate as necessary. A new member gets you a State Commander's "I got One" pin, and also a certificate of recognition from the National

Commander. Two new members will get your dues paid or the cash if PUFL. Three new members will get you a National Commander's pin. And you join the "Go-Getters" with all three.

The "Go-Getters" are members who go & get (recruit) new members and work to retain members of The American Legion.

Family members will usually join if asked, and the same for your friends. Just ask them. And what do you get from The American Legion? First, you get the satisfaction that you worked to get your and your



Treat table at the Christmas party at the Hot Springs VA on December 4<sup>th</sup>. (Photo provided by Susie Clyde)

I have so many great comments on the newsletter and I just want to say Thank you for the recognition. In the last six years this newsletter has won 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> place; a 2<sup>nd</sup> place; a 3<sup>rd</sup> place; and an honorable mention. Thank you all for the support.

I am going to submit our newsletter to National this year and see how we do.

### The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_

(Membership ID if former member) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dues) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 2, 1990 – Present         | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989 – Jan. 31, 1990 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975   | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946  | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41 – 12/31/46 (only eligibility) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918  |   |



I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_  
 30-009 (2010)

**Receipt of Dues**  
 (Please Print)



From \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



Please type or print:

Mrs/Miss/Ms \_\_\_\_\_ Senior (Over 18)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant's Full Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Birthdate)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work/Home Phone)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Unit Number/Location)

I am eligible for membership through the military service of \_\_\_\_\_ (Full Name)

- |   |  |                                   |  |                                |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living   | He/she is member of: _____ (American Legion Post)  | (Post #) _____                    | (City) _____                                 | (State) _____                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased   |  |                                   |  |                                |
| Living or Deceased, served in   | <input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother   | Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran      |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wife     | <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter       |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55)                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister   | <input type="checkbox"/> Great-Granddaughter |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grenada/Lebanon (8/24/82-7/31/84)                        |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother         |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Persian Gulf War (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities) |  |                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Self                | (Step-relatives are eligible). |

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Applicant) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post Officer Membership Verification or Unit Sec'y Verification for Female Veterans Only) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

### Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name (First) (Initial) (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by (Initial) (Last) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (Street) (City) (State) (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_, Dept. of \_\_\_\_\_  
 OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_  
 I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as annual membership dues.  
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (By Applicant or Parent)  
 Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_ (Post Adjutant) \_\_\_\_\_ 00-001 (2015)

**RECEIPT**

Date Received of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment of dues for 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Squadron \_\_\_\_\_  
 By \_\_\_\_\_  
**For God and Country**

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Department of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name (First) (Initial) (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (Name) (Last) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (Street) (City) (State) (Zip) (Telephone) (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member of: The American Legion \_\_\_\_\_ American Legion Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ Sons of The American Legion \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Motorcycle Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Engine cc: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Co: \_\_\_\_\_ Post #: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCLOSURE/RELEASE (read before signing)** I Agree the American Legion Riders Motorcycle Association shall not be liable for damages to property or any injury to persons including myself during any American Legion or American Legion Riders (ALR) activities, even where damage or injury is caused by negligence. I Understand and agree that all riders and guests ride at their own risk in all activities or The American Legion and the ALR. I release and hold the ALR and The American Legion and its Officers harmless for any damage or injury to my person and property. I understand that I agree not to sue the ALR, The American Legion or the Officers or other affiliates. I certify that I am licensed and insured to all the current minimum requirements of the state/city and/or local levels to cover myself, my property, passengers and any other damage that might occur. If my status changes, I will request, complete and submit a new membership form.

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the The American Legion and Resolutions 35 and 32 and apply for membership in the American Legion Riders

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Annual membership dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_



# Bensley-Rounds American Legion Post 280

## January 2017



1 	2 National Thank God It's Monday Day	3 National Fruitcake Toss Day	4	5  Post Meeting	6	7
8 National Bubble Bath Day	9	10	11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day	12	13 National Blame Someone Else Day	14
15  Post Breakfast 8AM-1PM	16	17	19 National Popcorn Day	19	20  Inauguration Day	21
22	23  Auxiliary Meeting	24 Belly Laugh Day	25  Kingsbury Meeting DeSmet	26	27  Vietnam Cease-Fire (1973)	28
29	30 National Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day	31 National Backward Day		January 16 <sup>th</sup>  Martin Luther King Day	January 27 <sup>th</sup>  Commemoration: Victims of the Holocaust	

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