



Bensley-Rounds Post 280

Post Notes

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Next Meeting – May 1, 2008
Time: 7:30 pm.
At Post Home, Iroquois, S.D.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend meetings as your input is always desired and necessary. If you want your opinion voiced and your vote to count, then please come to the meetings. This is the only way that this will happen.



Jami Schoenfelder @ **352-5659**
or the VA, John Huntington @
1-800-316-8387, ext. 6551.
Give your name, last 4 of SSN, date
and time of your appointment(s),
your address and phone.

The pancake/French toast breakfast held on April 13th was a great success. Thank you to Annette Dunham, Carl Matter and Brent Matter, Dale Kopplin, Bill Whites, Linda Matter, AJ Royal and Richele Royal for all the help and hard work. The next date will be May 18, 2008 and will be for the Post Fund.

The Iroquois Community Club and the Post will be hosting a fund raising Breakfast feed on Saturday, April 26, 2008 for Ron Frankfurth Jr. who was critically injured in a recent car accident south of Cavour. Funds will be to help RJ's family cope with the costs of staying at his side during this important time of his care. Serving will begin at 8:00AM and run until 1:00PM or as necessary. If you cannot attend, but wish to contribute, make out and mail your contribution to: Bensley-Rounds American Legion Post 280, Iroquois, SD, 57353 and write Frankfurth on the check so we send it in the right direction.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Membership is outstanding as we have reached 100 percent plus. We have 2 people who have

"Keep the Dream Alive"
2008 Membership: 101.87%

yet to pay their dues. Please get them paid as soon as possible.

Also while looking for Post members, don't forget to recruit SAL and Auxiliary members, as they are an important part of our family, and family is a great place to start. Get them involved and our Post could be even better than it is. Dues are Post \$25 (\$30 for 2009 year), SAL \$10, Auxiliary \$10, and Jr Auxiliary is \$2. These are low costs for membership in the greatest organization for veterans. And the benefits will pay for these costs over and over. And most importantly, you get a voice in your veteran's rights and benefits.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 280 NEWS

Squadron 280 has selected Brent Matter as the Squadron Son of the Year for 2007. Congratulations to Brent and good luck at the Detachment level. He is the son of Carl and Linda Matter of rural Cavour and is a freshman at Iroquois High School.



Raymond P. Giehll Jr., the Sons of The American Legion National Commander has instituted the annual National Veterans Assistance Day, on May 17, 2008. This is also Armed Forces Day, and these two days will compliment each other each year in the future. Squadron 280 has elected to treat the Post as well as all veterans to supper that evening Saturday, May 17th at 5:00PM at the Legion Hall. This is a FREE supper to all veterans, active duty and their spouses to say "Thank you for Your Service!" If you plan to attend, please call Colin Royal at 605-354-0310 with the number of people in your party so we may plan accordingly.

As with the Post, the Squadron membership renewals have gone out and are now due. Also if your son(s) is not a member, sign him/them up. They now get the same benefits as the Post members. Currently the Squadron is at 34 members 141.67% goal and growing.

The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of South Dakota, is selling tickets for a Benelli Nova 12 gauge 3 ½ " Magnum Shot Gun as a fund raiser. The gun has two additional chokes and a hard case. Tickets are available from Squadron members; they are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Drawing date is to be set at the April Executive Committee meeting, and is expected to be at the Detachment Convention June 14, 2008. The winner may choose from the shot gun or \$300 in cash at that time.



We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.
--Declaration of Independence, 1776

Bingo has been cancelled until further notice due to a lack of workers and players. However, at the last Iroquois Community Club/Sports Day Committee meeting, it was suggested to try a once a month bingo day rather than stopping bingo completely. I think it would be a possibility, what do you think? Let us know one way or another, your opinion is important.

This last meeting was also the time to address the dues for the Post. After much debate and calculations, the membership present voted to raise the dues to \$30 per year effective with the 2009 membership year. Some people will be upset and that is to be expected, however we held off as long as we could, but the costs of fuel and utilities was the main deciding factor, and one everyone agreed on. Yet, keep in mind, we still have one of the lowest annual dues among the many organizations out there. And if your are considering Paid Up For Life (PUFL), now is the time to do it at the lower rate.

The next Kingsbury County Meeting will be held in Lake Preston at 8:00PM on April 30, 2008. Elections will be held that night and Colin Royal has chosen to throw his hat in for the Kingsbury County Commander.



Similar photo of the ATV being raffled.

Kingsbury County is also selling tickets for a chance on an Artic Cat H1 650 4X4 ATV. They are \$20 each and there are 770 tickets. This is a fund raiser for the Kingsbury County Boys State Scholarship fund. The drawing will be held after all the tickets are sold. The drawing has been set for November 11, 2008 at the Veterans Day program. There are plenty of tickets to go around so get yours now.

The annual elections have been held and the current officers have been re-elected to their posts.

The District 2 Spring Conference and Banquet April 25, 2008 at the District 2 Spring Convention to be held at Badger, SD. Tickets for the meal are \$10, Social begins at 6:00PM, Meal is at 7:00PM with the meeting to follow at 8:00PM.

The Iroquois Community Club meets each month, and I would like to have a representative from the Post to attend these meetings each month. This would be a volunteer position as liaison between the Post and the Community Club. The next meeting is May 6, 2008 at 7:00PM at the school library. This is also a joint meeting with the Sports Day Committee.

AUXILIARY UNIT 280 NEWS



Congratulations to Zona Zeeck, who was selected as Legionnette of the Year for 2007 for our Auxiliary Unit 280. Good luck goes out to her in the District competition.

Unit officers elected are Jackie Owens - President, DeLores Royal - Vice President, Secretary - Marge Blue, Annette Dunham-Finance Officer, Lois Rounds-Chaplain, and Dolly Wallum-Sergeant-at-Arms.

I have checked with Dave Peterson at PJ's Machine and Repair west of Huron about looking at our rifles to clean and repair them. He quoted about \$35 to clean and lube each rifle. The two we have that tend to misfire, he thought that the firing pins needed to be replaced which would raise the cost to about \$55 for those two. We will look at this at the next meeting.

Another thing that has come up in discussions is that our finance books have not been audited for some time. They should be audited at the change of

finance officers and at least every 3 years if the finance officer has not changed during that time. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Also coming soon is the Memorial Day program. We will be needing people for the firing squad and readers for the cemetery. Our speaker will be Brady Fast, who is returning from his enlistment in the US Navy. He is the son of Bill and Mary Jane Fast of Yale, and he has graciously accepted the invitation to speak. I am still working on a music presentation, but hope to get that settled soon. Also, the Saturday before, May 24th, we will need volunteers at the cemeteries to place Flags on the graves. And Monday morning to put up Flags on main street.

We need to inventory the Flag pipes in the park near the railroad due to the train derailment dug a couple up and they were not replaced. We will need to get this done soon.

With bingo canceled, we need to look at other forms of fund raising for the Post. We really did not make much the last few years of bingo, BUT that money will be missed and needs to be replaced. So if you have ideas or thoughts on this, come to the meeting and pipe up. We can't hear your opinions any other way. For those who live out of the reasonable travel radius and the 20+ members who live outside the state, send an email to the commander and your thoughts will be included in the discussion at the next meeting.

and we'll include it for you. Copies of the newsletter and the upcoming agenda are also available at the Post website at www.americanlegionsd280.org in PDF format.

Colin Royal, Commander

The American Legion – It's Who We Are.

Politics is supposed to be the second-oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first. --Ronald Reagan



Carl Matter presented digitally colorized photos of Vernon Bensley and Marion Rounds to the Post. Pictured is Commander Royal, Carl Matter, and Marge Blue (Marion's sister) accepting the donation from the Iroquois High School Vietnam era veterans. These are really nice, thank you to the Vietnam Vets.

Check these sites for Iroquois as they are updated often: iroquois.communityblogs.us and www.iroquoissd.com They, along with the school website, www.iroquois.k12.sd.us, have some good information that we all can use for our community.

If you would like to add something to the newsletter, please get it to Colin Royal or Myron Zeeck