



American Legion Post 280
Jim Willis, Commander



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2671
Gary Fravel, Commander

October 2019

COMMANDERS NOTES

Autumn is finally here, and we are seeing some really great changes at our Post. Our weekly schedule has been expanded with the addition of Ramblin' Roger Morrow's DJ/Karaoke show on Saturday nights. This gives us something fun and exciting to do Wednesday thru Sunday at our Post. We invite everyone to come out and take part in all these events. Many thanks to the volunteers who make these events happen. We are always looking for people to help out. If you would be interested in being a part of these events, please talk to any of the officers and they'll point you in the right direction. This month we have a few special events lined up. On Saturday the 5th our Sons of the Legion will be hosting a Dart Tournament. There is a \$15 entry fee, of which \$5 of each entry fee will be donated to the Honor Flight. On the 6th is our Annual Post Picnic. We are holding it at the Rend Lake Spillway Day Use area this year, and we are opening it up to all veterans and their families. There will be pulled pork, hamburgers, hot dogs, both a soda and ice cream truck, plus many activities for adults and the children. It is asked that you please bring a covered dish when you attend. Our Halloween Party will be held on Sunday the 27th from 6 to 10pm. There will be a Costume Contest with prizes awarded. You don't want to miss this! In closing I would like to extend my condolences to the family and friends of Joe McCarty and Kevin Stirewalt. Joe was a Past

Commander who served several terms and Kevin was a much loved member of our Sons of the Legion, who served in many different capacities. Most recently he was the Adjutant. Both of their years of service to our organization, and community, is greatly appreciated and they will be sorely missed by us all. Once again thank you to all who help make our organization what it is, and we look forward to doing great things in the future. **For God and Country - Jim Willis**

Stanley McCollum Am. Legion Post 280

This month's Legion meeting is on Tuesday Oct. 1st at 6pm. Our Post Picnic is the 6th at the Rend Lake Spillway Day Use Area. We are needing volunteers to help with Thursday night wings. If you are interested please let Jim Willis or Mike Cross know. The 2020 membership cards are available for pick-up.

Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671

With Fall comes the World Series, football games, pumpkin spice and a harvest of activities. October in particular finds us attempting several events; A fish fry down at the Anna Veterans Home (Oct.15th), The VFW Poppy Drive on the Benton Square (Oct 18/19), the Combined Post Picnic w/ events for the whole family (Oct 6). We also have the VFW 15th District meeting on the 27th at the Herrin VFW. Finally, our monthly Post meeting is at 6PM on the 17th of October. For more information about any one of these events ASK. As always, your input, and help, is very much appreciated, at the very least come out and participate in the fun. Thank you! **No Mission to Difficult - No Sacrifice to Great!**

AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280

We extend our thanks to the BCHS cheerleaders and every one that helped with our "Patriots Day" flag display. Thanks to our Police and Fire Commissioner, Don Story and the Benton Fire Department for taking them down. It is very touching to see the flags flying in the breeze. We welcome back two members, Barbara Morrow and Paula Newcomb, and two new members, Makayla Davis and Cheryl Fisher. I attended the football game as the Benton High School paid tribute to our Veterans. It was a beautiful and humbling event. Our thoughts and prayers to the family of Brandon Pinson. Friday night fish dinners are going great and with all the volunteers, it will get even better. We are always looking for new members and new ways to support our Veterans. Thanks to our new Commander and all the members of the Post for all the support given to our Auxiliary. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of past commander Joe McCarty. He will definitely be missed. May God Bless. **"Service not self". Freda Broadway, Pres.**

VFW Aux Post 2671

Our regular meeting is on the third Tuesday of the month (Oct 15th) at 7:00pm.

Sons of the American Legion Post #280

Our Sons meeting is on Sunday Oct. 13th at 2:00pm.

Legion Riders of Post #280

The next meeting is on October 21st at 6:00pm. There are several local rides to be part of check the bulletin board in the canteen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 1st American Legion meeting at 6pm

Oct 5th SAL Dart Tournament

Oct 6th Annual Post Picnic

Oct 8th House Committee meeting at 6pm

Oct 9th Operation Honor Guard

Oct 13th Sons of the Am. Leg. meeting at 2pm

Oct 14th Am. Legion Aux. meeting at 7pm

Oct 15th VFW Auxiliary meeting at 7pm

Oct 17th VFW Post 2671 meeting at 6pm

Oct 18th & 19th VFW Poppy Days

Oct 21st Am. Legion Riders meeting at 6pm

Oct 28th VA Bingo

REOCCURRING EVENTS

Sunday: Karaoke with Rockin' Roy's DJ/Karaoke 6pm until 10pm Bloody Mary - \$2.00

Monday: Free pool DOMESTIC BEER 3 for \$5.00 - Natty's 3 for \$4.00 Day Shift only 9am to 5pm

TUESDAY - DOMESTIC BEER 3 for \$5.00 - Natty's 3 for \$4.00 Day Shift only 9am to 5pm

Wednesday: Queen of Hearts ticket sales end at 7:00 p.m. - Auxiliary 50/50 Drawing and Queen of Hearts at 7:30 p.m. Happy Hour from 6pm to 9pm. DOMESTIC BEER 3 for \$5.00 - Natty's 3 for \$4.00 Day Shift only 9am to 5pm.

Thursday: Extreme Bingo begins at 6:30pm. Chicken Wings hot or mild - 50¢ cents each. 5pm to 8pm. Also available are Chicken Strips, French Fries, Onion Rings, Cheese Sticks, and more. DOMESTIC BEER 3 for \$5.00 - Natty's 3 for \$4.00 Day Shift only 9am to 5pm

FRIDAY - DOMESTIC BEER 3 for \$5.00 - Natty's 3 for \$4.00 Day Shift only 9am to 5pm

SATURDAY - Karaoke with Ramblin' Roger's DJ/Karaoke 8pm to midnight.

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