



**American Legion Post 280**  
**Jim Willis, Commander**



**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2671**  
**Gary Fravel, Commander**

## November 2019

### **COMMANDERS NOTES**

October was a busy month for us, and November is shaping up to be as eventful. As always, I'd like to express our gratitude for all those people who continue to devote countless hours each month to keep our Post going. Without each of you, we would not be able to accomplish all that we do. This past month we hosted the Combined Post Picnic, participated with the VFW in the Anna Veteran's Home Bi-Annual Fish Fry, held our Annual Halloween Contest, supported the Auxiliary in their work with Bingo at the Marion VA, we made contributions to a few Veteran's in need, and we all worked to increase the nightly turnout here at the Post. As we continue into November, we will continue to be busy. Monday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> is the Veteran's Day Ceremony. Currently we are accepting donations of gloves, sock hats, and any other cold weather items. These will be donated to the VA Food Pantry. The Marine Corps Toy Donation Box is also set up in the Club for Christmas donations. The t-shirt and hoodie orders which were placed last month have arrived and are available for sale now. If you pre-ordered an item it is in the Club ready for pick up. We have a new hoodie for sale now too! On Thanksgiving we will not be holding Wing Night or Extreme Bingo. Thanksgiving Dinner will be served for all who wish to come to the Post. Once again thanks for all the hard work and we wish everyone a great upcoming Holiday Season. **For God and Country - Jim Willis**

### **Stanley McCollum Am. Legion Post 280**

This month's Legion meeting is on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We encourage maximum participation. 2020 Legion Memberships are due now. You can make payment at the Post or online. There will be no Wing Night or Extreme Bingo on Thurs. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving.

### **Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671**

THE MOST LIVELY VFW POST IN TOWN!!! Winter is heading our way. Our November meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1800hrs (6 PM). If you're wondering what you're going to do during the fall-winter, there are things to do at the Post. Sign up for a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday Night Dinner preparation. The folks who come out for our drawings, bingo and other activities appreciate it. Best of all, you are helping the Post! I want to THANK everyone who helped with the post picnic and the Poppy Sales, ESPECIALLY the AUXILIARY. Their dedication and hard work made these events GREAT SUCCESSES. Looking forward, Monday November 11th we will host the Community Veteran's Day Remembrance Ceremony. The program starts promptly at 11am. The Honor Guard will honor our living and departed comrades, provide rifle volleys, and play Taps. The Honorable Judge Loren Lewis will be our guest speaker and Heila is providing a Chili lunch at the post afterwards. Thanksgiving dinner, I REGRET, will NOT be a C-Ration B-3 MEAL UNIT ..(Turkey Loaf W/ Fruit cocktail and Chocolate bar!). Nor will it be MRE (Meal Ready to Eat). **No Mission to Difficult - No Sacrifice to Great!**

## AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

Unit 280 is off to an amazing start for 2019/2020. We welcomed 5 new members and 2 rejoined. Welcome Ladies. We were so honored to be a part of member Maureen Murphy's wedding. Congratulations Maureen as you became Mrs. Steve Ward. We will be hosting bingo at Marion VA CLC unit on Oct 28. We welcome any one to attend a meeting to hear, and see, just what we are doing, and what all is planned in the future. Maureen Sanders will be picking up the "Gifts to the Yanks" on November 16<sup>th</sup>. We plan to put the gift bags together early in December. Thank you to State Bank of Whittington for collecting items for the gifts for our Veterans, and to all the other Churches, and individuals, who so graciously donated. We will be displaying our flags on our main streets on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> with the help of the BCHS cheerleaders. Our regular meeting will be on November 4<sup>th</sup> due to Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Helia Healthcare will be providing food at the post on November 11<sup>th</sup> after the ceremony at the Masonic & Odd Fellows cemetery. Thank you so much for all you do for our Veterans. **"In Service Not Self"-- Freda Broadway, Pres.**

### **VFW Aux Post 2671**

Our regular meeting is on the third Tuesday of the month (November 19<sup>th</sup>) at 7:00pm. We encourage all members to attend. Your participation is much needed and greatly appreciated.

### **Sons of the American Legion Post #280**

The members of the S.A.L. would like to thank our sponsors, and everyone else who helped us during our Dart Tournament. Your generosity allowed us to send a substantial amount of money to the Veteran's Honor Flight of Southern Illinois. A very special thank you to Tony Neikes for running the tournament for us, and to Jeff Docherty for helping us to spread the word. Thanks also to Jackie Wyskeil for helping us in the kitchen, and to the Legion for the use of the kitchen and their support of this event. A very special thank you to all our sponsors:

Gold Level: Jamerson Auto, Benton Eagles, and Edward's Antiques & Jewelry. Silver Level: Seasonings Bistro, American Legion Post 280, McCollum Real Estate, The Cozy Table, and Rockin' Roy Rollin' DJ. Bronze Level: Ladies Legion Auxiliary 280, K&M Liquors, Dominos Pizza, Geos Pizza, The Storm Riders, Benton VFW, and Lynette Ing. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

### **Legion Riders of Post #280**

The next meeting is on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. There are several local rides to be part of check the bulletin board in the canteen.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sons of Legion Meeting 2pm  
Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Legion Post 280 Aux. Meeting 7pm  
Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Am. Legion Post 280 Meeting 6pm  
Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> House Committee Meeting 6pm  
Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> Am. Legion Riders Meeting 6pm  
Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> VFW Post 2671 Aux. Meeting 7pm  
Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> VFW Post 2671 Meeting 6pm  
Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving

## 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.