



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



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

## December 2019

### **COMMANDERS NOTES**

November has been a very fulfilling month for our Post. Of greatest note, we've seen the organizations within our building working together in such an amazing way. We held a meeting to plan a Thanksgiving Dinner for Veteran's and their families who have no place to go, and the support from all of the organizations was phenomenal. As of the writing of this newsletter, the dinner has yet to take place, but based on the response we received from everyone, there will be plenty to eat. Another way we've seen everyone coming together was through a spontaneous cold weather clothing drive. Once the word came from the Auxiliary that there was a shortage of certain items, everyone in the building rallied together to produce an abundance of cold weather gear which was donated to the VA Food Pantry. Most recently, we saw all the organizations in our building support the Wreaths Across America event which will take place on December 14<sup>th</sup>. This mass participation not only helps the Mounds National Cemetery, but it is one more way that we have all come together for a common goal. My hat's off and gratitude to everyone in our combined organizations. May we continue to work together to build each other up. I wish everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. **For God and Country - Jim Willis**

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

This month's Legion meeting is on Tue. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. All members are encouraged to attend. The Army/Navy Game Chili Cook-Off is on Sat. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Our Christmas Party is on Sun. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Santa will be present with gifts for the children. Our New Year's Eve Party will be on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. There are many upcoming events at our Post, everyone is welcome to come and be a part of them.

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

**VFW POST 2671 (The Liveliest Post in Town)** As we close another wonderful year, I sincerely thank my comrades, their families, and our supporters for making 2019 a great year. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! As we move forward into 2020, each and every one of you have high hopes, and expectations to build upon our successes, and improve on our shortcomings. We have one of the finest posts in the District and with everyone working together we shouldn't expect any less. Give yourselves a pat on the back! Our **Veterans Day Ceremony** was regarded as one of the best in Southern Illinois!! Thanks to the many hours of dedicated work of all those who helped out. Many of us will be participating at the **MOUNDS NATIONAL CEMETERY** wreath laying ceremony on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This is an excellent time to visit and show your support. Remember the post meeting will be Dec.19 at 1800hr! (6 P M). We will be preparing and hosting a Traditional Christmas Day Dinner. **NO MISSION TO DIFFICULT, NO SACRIFICE TO GREAT, DUTY FIRST.**

## AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

We would like to thank Helia Healthcare for providing dinner for our guest on Veterans Day. The weather was horrible but the attendants were a joy to behold. It was an honor to watch Judge Loren Lewis accept his 50-year member citation. Thank you to the SAL for their help with the Veteran's Day gifts to our local nursing homes. Thank you to the post officers for all you do to insure we are one of the best. Unit 280 volunteers 3 nights a week at the post, and our Friday Night fish dinners are doing really well. We welcome another Veteran member, Rachael Lyday-Davis. Thank you for your service and we are looking forward to your help. The Christmas sign-up sheet is at the bar and will be picked up on December 1. Unit 280 will be at Helia Healthcare on December 14 at 10:00 am to make ornaments with the residents. The American Legion / VFW Christmas party will be on December 15. Ladies, please bring a covered dish. Thank you and MERRY CHRISTMAS. *"WHEN YOU THINK OF QUITTING, REMEMBER WHY YOU JOINED THE ALA"* **"In Service Not Self"-- Freda Broadway, Pres.**

### **VFW Aux Post 2671**

Our regular meeting is on the third Tuesday of the month (Dec. 17th) at 7:00pm. We encourage all members to attend. Your participation is much needed and greatly appreciated.

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

Monthly meeting is on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

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

The next meeting is on December 16<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

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Sons of the Legion Meeting @2pm  
Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Legion Auxiliary Meeting @7pm  
Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> American Legion Meeting @6pm

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> House Committee Meeting @6pm  
Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 Army/Navy Game Chili Cook-Off. Entries in by 11am, Judging @noon, Game Time @2pm  
Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Wreaths Across America @ Mounds Nat'l Cemetery  
Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Legion Riders Meeting @6pm  
Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> VFW Auxiliary Meeting @7pm  
Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> VFW Meeting @6pm  
Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve  
Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day  
Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve and Party

## 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

Fish Night. Kitchen open from 5-7pm. Catfish, Cod, or Shrimp Platters only \$10 with sides. Chicken Tenders and Children's Plates also available. Eat in or carry out.

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

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