



**American Legion Post 280  
Mike Cross, Commander**



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

## October 2021

### **COMMANDERS NOTES**

Veteran Service Organizations in small towns like ours are unfortunately a dying breed in our great nation. This is the time of year that we try to hit our membership numbers and we are always trying to recruit new members. Maintaining our membership numbers, and recruiting new members, is very important. This is our lobbying power at the State and Federal level. What is of equal, and even greater importance, is active membership. We desperately need active participation if we want our Post to continue into the future. The Benton American Legion is one of the oldest in the nation. The American Legion was founded on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1919. The Stanley McCollum Post's Charter is dated August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1920. This makes us less than a year and a half younger than our national organization. Think about that for a minute....we are all members of an organization that has been a staple of our community for over 101 years. Many of us have parents, grandparents, and even great-grandparents who were a part of our organization. Today, due to a decline in active participation, we are in jeopardy. We rely heavily on volunteers. Due to various reasons, we've lost some of these volunteers. This has led to our existing volunteers to be overworked. Today, we are literally 2 or 3 volunteers away from losing our two most important nights, Thursday Night Wings, and the Auxiliary's Friday Fish. If you've got 2 to 3 hours per month that you can help out at the Post, it would be greatly appreciated. If we lose our

Thursday Night Wings, our Post will suffer financially. If the Auxiliary loses Friday Night Fish, they lose their sole source of income. Please, contact the Post about volunteering only 2 or 3 hours per month. This very little amount of time that you give to the Post, will mean our continued success into the future. Thank you, and I hope everyone has a safe month ahead.

**This We'll Defend, Mike Cross**

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

2022 American Legion Membership cards are now available for pick-up. We are needing members to help out a couple of days a month here at the Post. If you can donate 3 or 4 hours a month, we would greatly appreciate the help. Our next Saturday Night Bingo will be at 6:30pm on Saturday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Over \$700 in cash will be given away!

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

HARRY H. KINMAN VFW POST 2671 – The regular monthly post meeting is scheduled for Oct. 12 @ 6 p.m. The VFW Poppy Drive is set for Oct.15 /16, we could use all the help we can get. If you are interested, please contact me at your convenience. We are once again planning our Veterans Day celebration. This year's guest speaker is Capt. John Menard. School is back in session. PLEASE be aware of children in the street playing and riding bicycles. ALSO, this is Harvest Season, slow moving farm equipment is sharing the roadways. BE AWARE, BE SAFE. Accidents can be AVOIDED.

**No Mission to Difficult – No Sacrifice to Great! Gary Fravel**

## AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

ALA Unit 280 is holding a Chicken Dinner on October the 9<sup>th</sup>. Meal Tickets are on sale now. Chicken Quarters are only \$10 per plate and Chicken Halves are only \$12 per plate. Each meal comes complete with sides. Our monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11th at 7pm. **For God and Country, Vonda Adams**

### VFW Aux Post 2671

Greetings! Our monthly meeting was held on 9-21-21 with Officers and members present. Also present was Pat Caraker, District President, and Lynn Smith, Department Junior Vice President. We will be having a Raffle for a 9mm SM-Ruger. Drawing will be held on 12-04-2021. Just \$5 per ticket! We will also be planning a BB Gun Shoot in the future. We are moving ahead for a greater goal. Veteran's Day is just a short time away. Don't forget to give them thanks. Our next meeting is on October 19<sup>th</sup>. **Respectfully, Howard D. Johnson, President.**

### Sons of the American Legion Post #280

Sons of the Legion meetings are at 2pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.

### Legion Riders of Post #280

Our next meeting is on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Hall. All Riders are asked to please attend this meeting.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Legion Post 280 meeting at 6pm  
Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Legion Auxiliary Chicken Dinner  
Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Bingo at 6:30pm  
Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Legion Auxiliary meeting at 7pm  
Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> VFW meeting at 6pm  
Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> House Committee meeting at 7pm  
Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> SAL meeting at 2pm  
Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Legion Riders meeting at 6pm  
Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> VFW Auxiliary meeting at 7pm

## REOCCURRING EVENTS

**Monday:** DOMESTIC BEER 3 for \$6.00 - Natty's 3 for \$4.00 Day Shift only 9am to 5pm

**TUESDAY** - DOMESTIC BEER 3 for \$6.00 - 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. Game Night begins at 4pm! DOMESTIC BEER 3 for \$6.00 - Natty's 3 for \$4 Day Shift only 9am to 5pm.

**Thursday:** Extreme Bingo at 6:30pm. Chicken Wings Hot, Mild, or Boneless. 5pm to &:30pm. Other items available: Reuben Bites, Mac-n-Cheese Bites, Onion Petals, Potato Dippin' Wedges, Cheesy Potato Bites, Fried Mushrooms, Chicken Strips, Fries, Onion Rings, Cheese Sticks, and more! DOMESTIC BEER 3 for \$6.00 - Natty's 3 for \$4.00 Day Shift only 9am to 5pm

**FRIDAY** - DOMESTIC BEER 3 for \$6.00 - Natty's 3 for \$4.00 Day Shift only 9am to 5pm

**SATURDAY** - Free Darts All Day!

Regular Bingo is Back!  
This month, Bingo will be held on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Over \$700 in cash will be given away!

Hall Rentals Available

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