



**American Legion Post 280
Ron Rose, Commander**



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

December 2020

COMMANDERS NOTES

As everyone knows, we are in another COVID-19 shutdown. Although this has led to our Canteen being closed for normal operations, we have select volunteers who are at the Post a few days a week for members only. We are still moving ahead with our mission of serving Veterans and our Community. Due to restrictions, we sadly announce there will be no Post Christmas Party this year. However, we will be supplying a Christmas Day meal for anyone in the community who needs a place to eat, or people to eat with. This will be the same model as our Thanksgiving Day meal where our wonderful volunteers supplied the food. **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with that meal and those who will help on Christmas too. We received a "Thank You" call from the Benton Juvenile Facility for the food we brought to them on Thanksgiving. The Benton Police and Fire Departments had food dropped off as well. At this month's meeting we will be doing the first reading of the Post's By-Laws. On Tues. Dec. 29th we will be hosting the River Radio Blood Drive from 1-6pm. On Nov. 14th retired flags with our local Boy Scouts. Thank you to them for their patriotism and participation. Our Post recently purchased two lots on First Street. At this month's meeting we will be discussing how to best utilize them. Everyone be safe and have a Merry Christmas. **Fair Winds and Following Seas—Ron Rose**

Stanley McCollum Am. Legion Post 280

This month's meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, Dec. 1st. The 2021 Legion Membership cards are available for pick up now. We want to hit 100% before the first of the year. If you haven't gotten your card yet, please contact the Post to get yours today. We have already collected most of the dues and only need the last 40-50 members to come get their card. We are doing a Four Chaplain's Day event on Saturday, Feb 6th and a Seed Swap on Saturday, Feb 13th. Please pass the word and come out to support these events. River Radio Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 29th from 1-6pm. Visit our Post's website, bentonvets.org to learn how to sign up. On Christmas Day, a meal will be available for anyone who needs a place to eat, or someone to eat with. The Hall will be open from Noon until around 6pm. There is no charge for this and any person in need is welcome to come and enjoy the meal.

Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671

VFW POST 2671 (The Liveliest Post Around)

As we close another year, I sincerely thank my comrades, their families, and our supporters for making 2020 a great year. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! As we move forward into 2021, each and every one of you has high hopes and expectations. Let us 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 Veteran's 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. This is an excellent time to visit and show your support. Remember the post meeting will be Dec. 8th at 1800hr! (6 P M).

No Mission to Difficult - No Sacrifice to Great! Gary Fravel

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This has been a very trying 2020 for all of us and as we end this year, let us all remember the good things. The Veterans got their Easter cards, Birthday cards, Veteran's Day cards, and we are getting ready for Christmas. In spite of everything, we all had each other. Unit 280 is a Unit full of love for each other, our Veterans, and our community. We are always ready and eager to help when and if needed. We are still having our "curb side" pick up for fish dinners and are hoping it won't be long before we can say "come on in". Thank you to our Post for continuing to support our Auxiliary. To all the volunteers that have helped us this past year, we appreciate you all. Our next meeting is on Monday, Dec. 14th at 6pm. May you all have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and remember "For God and Country" we serve. --- **Freda Broadway, Pres.**

VFW Aux Post 2671 Greetings! We had a good turnout for our November meeting. We are working with the American Legion Auxiliary to purchase Christmas gifts for our local Veterans. We also donated money for the guttering over the north door at the Post. As always, we are moving forward and looking towards 2021. Always remember our Veterans who gave all, if necessary, so we can have the opportunities we enjoy today. Next meeting is on December 15th at 7pm. **Respectfully, Howard D. Johnson, President.**

Sons of the American Legion Post #280
Sons meeting in the Hall at 2pm on Sunday, December 20th at 2pm.

Legion Riders of Post #280
Our American Legion Riders are always looking for new members. Prospective full

members must meet two requirements for membership: (1) A current member in good standing in the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or the Sons of the American Legion. (2) Must be the legally registered owner of a motorcycle of at least 350cc in size and possess a valid driver's license in their state of residence (military equivalents acceptable), or the spouse of owner who is a member. Dues are \$12.00. Large Legion Rider Patch is \$40.00. Contact the Post to join! Our next meeting is on Monday, Dec. 21st at 6pm in the Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 1st Legion meeting at 6pm
Dec. 8th VFW meeting at 6pm
Dec. 8th House Committee meeting at 6pm
Dec. 14th Legion Auxiliary meeting at 7pm
Dec. 15th VFW Auxiliary meeting at 7pm
Dec. 20th Sons of the Legion meeting at 2pm
Dec. 21st Legion Riders meeting at 6pm
Dec. 25th Christmas Day Dinner Noon-6pm

REOCCURRING EVENTS

Sunday: Bloody Mary - \$2.00

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

Thursday: Extreme Bingo at 6:30pm. Chicken Wings hot or mild - 50¢ cents each. 5pm to 8pm. **ONION PETALS ARE BACK!** 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

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, carry out, and curbside available.

SATURDAY - Free Darts!!