



American Legion Post 280
Jim Willis, Commander



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2671
Gary Fravel, Commander

January 2020

COMMANDERS NOTES

This past year allowed us to accomplish some pretty incredible things here at the Post. We supported a clothing drive, donated to various charities, helped Veterans in need in our area, raised funds and supplies for the Haven, hosted some group events, had a few parties, and we recognized some very deserving people for their hard work. Along the way we strengthened our bond with each other, and helped our community. This coming year we are looking to do even more. We are starting the year off with a Red Cross Blood on January 2nd. We have become the sponsoring organization for our local Boy Scout Troop, and we are looking forward to doing activities with them. The bi-annual Anna Veteran's Home Fish Fry will be coming up soon, and we will be hosting a chicken dinner to raise money for local children in need later in Spring. In addition to what's already planned, we've got several other ideas from members who are currently planning more community events. Come and be a part of any of these wonderful activities, everyone is welcome to participate. I wish each and every one of you a very Happy New Year and hope 2020 brings you and yours much prosperity and joy.

For God and Country - Jim Willis

Stanley McCollum Am. Legion Post 280

This month's Legion meeting is on Tuesday, January 7th at 6pm. All members are highly encouraged to attend. 2020 Membership Dues are due now. The "Some Gave All" hoodies are available for pick-up. We are beginning a new fleece jacket sale. These will have our Post's logo on them and they come in Gray or Red. Check out the order

form in the club for more info. We've still got some t-shirts and hoodies available, but they're running out fast. Come get yours today!

Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671

VFW POST 2671 (The Liveliest Post in Town)

As we move into the New Year, we have much to look forward to as our Post continues a long tradition of service to all. This month, (JAN.4th) our Voice of Democracy winners are recognized along with the other Posts' winners. It is always inspiring to hear their recitations. Their thoughtful essays help underscore their bright future. We will also recognize our "TEACHER of the YEAR", Robin Culbreth, of the Thompsonville School District 174. This year the Anna VFW post will be hosting our dinner. Before you know it, we'll be in Spring and another trip to the Anna Veterans Home for a day of fishing and a great fish fry. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season, and the festivities continue for you and your families. **Our Post meeting will be Jan. 20th @ 1900hrs (6pm) NO MISSION TO DIFFICULT, NO SACRIFICE TO GREAT, DUTY FIRST.**

AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

Unit 280 wishes to thank everyone for their support this past year. We begin our next 100 years with new members and new visions for the future. The Christmas dinner at the post was amazing and Santa gave 23 kids gifts. Thanks to our "shoppers" for helping Santa and our Elf for helping Santa give out the toys. Several members received honors for their hard work and dedication to our Post, our Veterans, and our community.

Friday night fish dinners have been great. The food is good, the cooks are awesome, and the waitresses are friendly. Thanks to our community for supporting the dinners. The American Legion Auxiliary wish's each and every one a very Happy New Year. We can't wait to see what 2020 holds in store for us. Our Christmas meeting will be on January 13, as we were busy with Veterans' Christmas in December. *"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 at 7pm. The next meeting is Jan. 21st.

Sons of the American Legion Post #280

Monthly meeting is on Sunday, January 5th at 2pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

Legion Riders of Post #280

The next meeting is on January 20th at 6:00pm. There are several local rides to be part of check the bulletin board in the canteen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 2nd Red Cross Blood Drive 2pm to 6pm
- Jan. 5th Sons of Legion meeting at 2pm
- Jan. 7th American Legion meeting at 6pm
- Jan. 12th Legion 25th District Meeting at The Haven at 1pm
- Jan. 13th Am. Legion Aux. Meeting at 7pm
- Jan. 14th. House Committee Meeting at 6pm
- Jan. 20th Am. Legion Riders Meeting at 6pm
- Jan. 20th VFW Post 2671 Meeting at 7pm
- Jan. 21st VFW Aux. Meeting at 7pm
- Jan. 24th Am. Legion Caravan at Herrin, IL Legion. Meet up at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm

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 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 – Free darts Karaoke with Ramblin' Roger's DJ/Karaoke 6pm to 10pm.

Hall Rentals Available

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