



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



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

January 2021

COMMANDERS NOTES

We hope everyone had a great holiday season, and we look forward to 2021. I wish each of you a wonderful and prosperous year. Although we did not hold our annual Christmas Party this year, we did hold our Christmas Day dinner. This was a great success, and about 25 people came to our Post to eat. Thank you very much to all those who worked hard to make this meal possible. Our Post is still in the COVID shutdown, but we are moving ahead with our mission of serving Veterans and our community. We have two very important events coming up which are free to attend and open to the public. We are hoping for maximum participation and all members are encouraged to attend. On Saturday, Feb. 6th we will be hosting our Four Chaplains Day Ceremony. Guest Clergymen from the Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant faiths will be assisting with this by representing each of the Four Chaplains. Brunch will be served beginning at 9:30am and the ceremony will start at 11am. The following week, Saturday, Feb. 13th, we will be hosting our first ever Seed Swap with the assistance of the University of Illinois Extension Office. This too is a free event, and everyone is both welcomed and encouraged to attend. The Extension Office is donating boxes of seed, so everyone will have to opportunity to get seed to start their spring garden with. Events like the Four Chaplains Day Ceremony, and the Seed Swap, are very

important to our Post because it opens us up to Veterans, families of Veterans, and others in our community who normally do not come to our Post. It is reaching out to these new people which will help us to grow into the future. **Fair Winds and Following Seas—
Ron Rose**

Stanley McCollum Am. Legion Post 280

This month's meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, Jan. 5th. All members are encouraged to attend and be a part of the decision-making process. On Feb. 6th we are holding the Four Chaplains Day ceremony with brunch beginning at 9:30am. The next week, Feb. 13th is our Seed Swap beginning at noon. 2021 Membership Dues are due now. If you haven't paid your dues, or gotten your card yet, please contact the Post. If you know of a member who is on Active Duty, is in the hospital, in a nursing home, or assisted living facility, please let us know so we can take care of their dues for them.

Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671

VFW POST 2671 (The Liveliest Post Around)

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. Unfortunately, as you know, we are still in the grips of CORONA 19. Let us not forget, we have overcome adversities in the past and we will overcome this! We are, after all, "THE AMERICANS"!! We all hope you had a joyful holiday season, and have a healthy, safe New Year for you and your families. **No Mission to Difficult - No Sacrifice to Great! Gary Fravel**

AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

We have said good bye to 2020, a most stressful year for everyone. We ended the year on a positive note however, as our membership quota was 71 and we have a total of 73 paid members. Way to go Ladies! Christmas gifts were delivered to our local Veterans in Nursing Homes and assisted Living facilities. We were unable to have our regular "Christmas for the Kids". A new year, new ideas, but the same mission, support our Post, our community and above all our Veterans. Thanks for the support of the Post during this past year, and looking forward to the future. The next Auxiliary meeting is January 11 at 7pm. Happy New Year. "For God and Country" we serve. --- **Freda Broadway, Pres.**

VFW Aux Post 2671

We worked on finishing up Program Reports for 2020. We are looking forward to 2021 and believing things will be better for the activities we had planned. Christmas gifts were exchanged and the food was great. We will be reaching out to our members to make 2021 a good year. If you see a Veteran, thank him or her for their service for our country. Next meeting is on January 19th so come and have a good time and fellowship. **Respectfully, Howard D. Johnson, President.**

Sons of the American Legion Post #280

Sons meeting in the Hall on Sunday, January 17th at 2pm.

Legion Riders of Post #280

Our next meeting is on Monday, January 18th at 6pm in the Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 5th American Legion meeting at 6pm
Jan. 11th Legion Auxiliary meeting at 7pm
Jan. 12th VFW meeting at 6pm
Jan. 12th House Committee meeting at 6pm
Jan. 17th Sons of the Legion meeting at 2pm
Jan. 18th Legion Riders meeting at 6pm
Jan. 19th VFW Auxiliary meeting at 7pm

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!!

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