



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



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

## February 2020

### **COMMANDERS NOTES**

The question "Why should I pay my dues?" is asked quite often. This is a very good question, and the answer is actually quite simple; your membership is what has provided the benefits that we as Veterans enjoy. It is your membership which has increased the lobbying power in Washington D.C., and given our organization the strength needed to fight for us. Without organizations like the American Legion, VFW, and their Auxiliary Units, the government would not give us what we have today. At the Post level we may seem small. What does one single \$40 due amount to? By itself, not much at all. However, once you combine it with the other 209 members we have in our Post, combine that with the other 26 Posts in the 25<sup>th</sup> District, combine that with the other 23 Districts in our State, and then combine that with the other 49 States, you've got a powerful organization. It is this powerful organization which has influenced our nation to continue to account for all the POW/MIA. It has forced the government to address Agent Orange. Most recently it has pushed for the government to adopt the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veteran's Act of 2019. It has given us improvements in our VA Healthcare System. The list of accomplishments that your single paid membership has made is actually quite long. If you receive any Veteran Benefit, it is because a Veteran's Service Organization lobbied and fought for it. So, the next time someone asks you, "Why should I pay my dues?", just think about the last Veteran's Benefit you received, that is the answer right there. **For God and Country - Jim Willis**

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

This month's Legion meeting is on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. All members are highly encouraged to attend. 2020 Membership Dues are due now. We've still got some t-shirts and hoodies available, but they're running out fast. Come get yours today! May 16<sup>th</sup> we are planning a Color/Fun Run and Spring Picnic. Proceeds from ticket sales of the Color/Fun Run will go to CASA of Franklin County. Please put this on your calendar and come out for this event!

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

**VFW POST 2671 (The Liveliest Post Around)** There are several VFW events this month; beginning with the Department C of A meeting, and the Voice of Democracy dinner, commencing on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. The VFW District 15 Quarterly Meeting will be the following weekend on Saturday Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 1130hrs. Location is the Anna VFW Post 3455. All members in good standing are welcome, please plan to attend. Finally, we have our Post meeting on Monday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 1900hrs. We owe a SPECIAL THANK YOU to those that braved the cold weather at the airport and helped with the sendoff of our troops. Please keep our deployed Soldiers in your heart and mind. I will provide periodic updates as I get them. **REMEMBER, NO MISSION TOO DIFFICULT, NO SACRIFICE TOO GREAT, DUTY FIRST.**

## AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

American Legion Unit 280 started 2020 with their regular meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>. We held our Christmas Party as we were too busy in December. Marti Willis led us in a new game and we all had a lot of fun with it. We welcome new member, Susanne Smith, and look forward to her ideas and assistance. We are planning Bingo at the Marion VA in the near future, and are updating our list of Veterans for Valentine's Day gifts. Please visit our Facebook page, and the web page at [bentonvets.org](http://bentonvets.org). Our next regular meeting will be on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Hope to see you there. Thanks to the Post for all your support. *"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 February 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

Monthly meeting is on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. All members are encouraged to attend. Dart Tournament will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

The next meeting is on February 17<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

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> American Legion Meeting at 6pm  
Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> Sons of Legion Meeting at 2pm  
Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> Legion Auxiliary Meeting at 7pm  
Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> House Committee Meeting at 6pm  
Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> VFW Dist. 15 Meeting in Anna  
Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> Legion Riders Meeting at 6pm  
Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> VFW Meeting at 7pm  
Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> VFW Auxiliary Meeting at 7pm

## REOCCURRING EVENTS

**Sunday:** Karaoke with Rockin' Roy's DJ/Karaoke 6pm until 10pm Bloody Mary - \$2.00

**Monday:** Free pool 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 Day Shift only 9am to 5pm.

**Thursday:** Extreme Bingo begins at 6:30pm. Chicken Wings hot or mild - 50¢ cents each. 5pm to 8pm. We have NEW ITEMS!! Potato Dippin' Wedges, Cheesy Potato Bites, Fried Mushrooms are now available, as well as Chicken Strips, French 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 or carry out.

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

**Hall Rentals Available!**

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