



American Legion Post 280
Mike Cross, Commander



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2671
Gary Fravel, Commander

February 2022

COMMANDERS NOTES

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. Please keep all those who have gotten sick in your thoughts and prayers. As always, we are in need of volunteers. All of the events we hold here at the Post ensures that we are prosperous, and a benefit to the community. However, they also rely on the participation of our membership. Without membership participation, we cannot continue to do the things we do. There's a saying that rings very true, "No One Can Do Everything, But Everyone Can Do Something." Right now, we rely on the same 6 to 8 people to do basically 100% of the work here at the Post. If we look across all the organizations represented in our building, we actually have a pool of about 300 people who can do "something". If EVERYONE just did one thing, donated 2-3 hours a month at the Post, took charge of 1 task...then not only would we have more help than we could ever need, but we would be able to do so many more things for our Veterans and community than we've ever done before. Please think about that. EVERYONE has 2 to 3 hours a month they can spare, even the busiest of us. What it comes down to isn't an "availability" issue, it's a "prioritizing" issue. What is more important to us? I would like to think that those of us who've signed up for this organization would like to help our Veterans and community. Of even greater importance, that we pave the way for, and make this great organization available to, the generations of Veterans, and their family members, who will

come after us. Thank you, and I wish everyone a very safe and happy 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. If you've not yet paid your 2022 dues, please do so. Those who have not paid after January 1st are not covered by the Legion's National Emergency Fund, until their dues have been paid. We are continuing to collect donated supplies to aid those affected by the tornado in Kentucky. A complete list of needed items can be found on our website. Bingo Night is Saturday the 12th. Anyone who would like to volunteer that night is welcome to come and help. Also on the 12th, the Legion Auxiliary is hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner and Music. Tickets are on sale now. Our Four Chaplains Day event will be held on Saturday the 5th, and our Seed Swap will be held on Saturday the 19th. The Scouts are becoming more active here at our Post and have some events planned for the future. Please come out and support our youth who are active in this great organization.

Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671

There are several VFW events this month, beginning with the Department C of A meeting on the 11th and 12th. The DEPARTMENT Voice of Democracy dinner commencing on the 12TH of February. The VFW District 15 quarterly meeting will be the following weekend on Saturday Feb.19TH @ 1130 hrs. The location is the Anna VFW Post. All members in good standing are welcome, please

plan to attend. Also, the students at Thompsonville JR HIGH have written VALENTINES DAY CARDS for the residents at the Anna Veterans Home, and the CLC Marion VAMC. Finally, PLEASE check on our elderly and disabled. Make sure they are warm, have food and anything else they may need. It will warm your heart, and bring a smile to them as well, just knowing that we still care!!! We have our post meeting on Tuesday 8 Feb. @ 1800 hrs. Thank you all who are promoting our post, and supporting our veteran community. Your efforts are NOT going unnoticed! We are leading the way in many areas. **No Mission to Difficult – No Sacrifice to Great! Gary Fravel**

AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

ALA Unit 280 monthly meeting will be on Monday, February 14th **For God and Country, Vonda Adams**

VFW Aux Post 2671

Greetings! I hope everyone has a blessed 2022. Our last meeting was held on 1-18-2022. Due to sickness of some of our members, we failed to have a quorum. We had a productive gathering anyway. We had an application for membership, and one for transfer of membership. Our District President, Pat Caraker, talked about the programs and reminded everyone of the District Meeting on Saturday, February 19th, 2022 at Carroll P. Foster Post #3455, located at 70 VFW Ln, Anna, IL. Joint meeting will start at 11:30 am, followed by a lunch break at 12:00pm. Each Auxiliary meeting will start at 1:00pm. Don't forget a Veteran offered their life for this country. Tell them thank you for their service. Our next meeting will be on February 15th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully, Howard D. Johnson, President.

Sons of the American Legion Post #280

Sons of the Legion meetings are at 2pm on the 3rd Sunday of every month. The next meeting will be on Sunday, 20th.

Legion Riders of Post #280

Our next meeting is on Monday, February 21st at 6pm in the Hall. All Riders are asked to please attend this meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 1st American Legion meeting at 6pm
Feb. 5th Four Chaplains Day Ceremony
Feb. 8th VFW Post 2671 meeting at 6pm
Feb. 8th House Committee meeting at 7pm
Feb. 12th Valentines Day Meal begin at 5pm
Feb. 12th Monthly Bingo Night
Feb. 14th Legion Auxiliary meeting at 7pm
Feb. 15th Life Line Screening in Hall
Feb. 15th VFW Auxiliary meeting at 7pm
Feb. 19th Seed Swap
Feb. 20th Sons of the Legion meeting at 2pm
Feb. 21st Legion Riders meeting at 6pm

REOCCURRING EVENTS

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. Game Night begins at 4pm!

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!

FRIDAY – Fish beginning at 5pm

SATURDAY – Free Darts All Day!

Bingo Night will be held on Saturday, February 12th at 6:30pm. Over \$700 in cash will be given away!