



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



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

March 2021

COMMANDERS NOTES

Our Post is doing well, but there's always ways we can do better. One area we are doing very well in is membership for 2021. Currently, our Post is well over 100% on membership and, we are fourth in Department as far as new members. If you look at the other Posts who have recruited more new members than us, they are all in cities at least four times the size of Benton. Thank you to those who have helped us to achieve this, and a very special welcome to all those who have chosen to make our Post your new home. Although it is wonderful we are doing so well on membership, we do have areas we drastically need to improve. Due to increases in both minimum wage and stock prices, combined with multiple COVID shutdowns, we are under pressure to do more business. We have continued to meet this challenge. Our Thursday Wing Night and Extreme Bingo is rocking. As is the Legion Auxiliary's Fish Night combined with the Friday Dance. To maintain this increase in business, and to grow in other areas, we desperately need more dedicated volunteers to come and help. We cannot rely solely on our Canteen and the gaming machines to keep us going. It takes these weekly recurring events which allows us to meet our obligations, without substantially increasing our prices across the board. No one likes price increases, and we don't want to implement them. Historically, we've had the same 5 to 7 volunteers who we keep having

to rely on during the week. Due to various reasons, some of these dedicated volunteers have had to step away. There's an old saying, "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something." This is where we are at right now. We need people to step up and volunteer to help with our various activities. Today we have 176 paid members in our Legion. If we could just get 15 or 20 to commit to volunteering at the Post a few hours a month, then we wouldn't have a shortage of help. Please, if you have the time available, get with one of the Post Officers and see where you can help out at. It will benefit our Post greatly, and ensure we are here for the next 100 years.

Fair Winds and Following Seas—Ron Rose Stanley McCollum Am. Legion Post 280

This month's meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, March 2nd. All members are encouraged to attend. Another Post Clean-Up Day to work on the two lots we purchased, will be scheduled soon. Thank you to all who came out to help. Please be sure to come and support all the various events happening. The SAL Dart Tournament, the VFW Aux. BB Gun Shoot, and the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event.

Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671

VFW POST 2671 (The Liveliest Post Around) March is the time for us to start thinking about and nominating post officers. Everyone should be involved in making the right choices to take our Post forward and improving how we can help and

support the Veterans of this county. Our monthly meetings are important to every member and the direction that the Post is moving. This month's meeting is March 9 @ 6:00 pm (1800 hrs). We are also having A WELCOME HOME for VIETNAM VETS on the 27th. This will include Food, Music, and BEAU COUP FUN !! Don't be a "CHEAP CHARLIE" BE a NUMBA ONE GI! And come out support your post. **No Mission to Difficult – No Sacrifice to Great! Gary Fravel**

AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

Our next regular meeting is on March 8th at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you all there. "For God and Country" we serve. --- **Freda Broadway, Pres.**

VFW Aux Post 2671

Greetings from the VFW Auxiliary! We are preparing for the BB Gun shoot on March 13th. We are working really hard to try and improve the activities in the VFW Auxiliary. With everyone's help we can accomplish this. Always remember to thank our Veterans for the service they gave to our country. **Respectfully, Howard D. Johnson, President.**

Sons of the American Legion Post #280

The Sons will be holding a Dart Tournament on Saturday, March 6th. The next meeting is on Saturday, March 21st at 2pm.

Legion Riders of Post #280

Our next meeting is on Monday, March 15th at 6pm in the Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 2nd Legion Post 280 meeting at 6pm
Mar. 6th SAL Dart Tournament
Mar. 8th Legion Auxiliary meeting at 7pm
Mar. 9th VFW Post 2671 meeting at 6pm
Mar. 9th House Committee meeting at 7pm
Mar. 13th VFW Auxiliary BB Gun Shoot
Mar. 15th Legion Riders meeting at 6pm
Mar. 16th VFW Auxiliary meeting at 7pm
Mar. 21st Sons of the Legion meeting at 2pm
Mar. 27th Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans

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. Game Night begins at 4pm! DOMESTIC BEER 3 for \$6.00 – Natty's 3 for \$4 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 All Day! 6 to 10pm Beer Can Specials 3 for \$6 Domestic and \$2.50 Bombs!

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