



**American Legion Post 280  
Mike Cross, Commander**



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

## March 2022

### **COMMANDERS NOTES**

Spring is upon us and we are busy as always. Our annual Seed Swap was a success. When it gets warm enough, we are going to be looking for volunteers to help get our Community Garden up and running. For those that don't know, our Post purchased two lots on First Street at the Tax Auction last year. This space, once cleaned up, will give us an opportunity to expand our activities here at the Post, and provide a valuable environment for our community. If you would like to be involved, please get with me, or any of the other Officers here at the Post. Our Hall has gotten an upgrade. We've installed 3 TVs, which are tethered together. This allows for 360 viewing of video in the Hall. This will be beneficial for those who rent the Hall that want to show slide shows, videos, or movies. Please pass the word around that not only is our Hall one of the most affordable in our area, but it is now one of the most technology friendly. Our annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day event will be on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1pm. Please come out and support our Vietnam Vets. We are always in need of people to help volunteer. Our Post runs off our volunteers and the same small handful of people keep getting hit up for various tasks around the Post. Please, if you could just donate about 3 to 5 hours of your time per month, it would mean the world to us. I hope everyone has a safe and blessed 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who would like to volunteer that night is welcome to come and help. Our annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day event will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1pm. 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**

The liveliest VFW in Town.... Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans!!! Help us celebrate their homecoming on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome! March is also 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 help, and support, Veterans and our community. Our monthly meetings are important to every member, and the direction that the Post is moving. This month's meeting March 8 @ 1800hrs. Remember your IRISH Heritage as you slide down the banister of life. May the splinters never point the wrong way!

**No Mission to Difficult – No Sacrifice to Great! Gary Fravel**

## AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

ALA Unit 280 monthly meeting will be on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> **For God and Country, Vonda Adams**

### VFW Aux Post 2671

Greetings! We had a good turn-out for our meeting on 2-15-22. We voted on new membership, and was favorable. District meeting to be held on 2-19-22 at the Anna Post. The next District meeting will be on 4-23-22 at the Creal Springs Post. Come out and have good fellowship, and a good meal. Benton Post 2671 will host the meeting in August. Our Welcome Home for Vietnam Vets will be on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2022 from 1:00pm until 5:00pm. We are sorry to announce that Joyce Atchison's son has passed away, and also her brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. As we go about our way, let us remember our military who are working 24/7 to maintain our freedom. As always, give them a Thank You for their service. Our next meeting will be on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7:00pm. Come out and join us for good fellowship, and support our Veterans.

**Respectfully, Howard D. Johnson, President.**

### Sons of the American Legion Post #280

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

### Legion Riders of Post #280

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> Legion meeting at 6pm  
Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> VFW meeting at 6pm  
Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> House Committee meeting at 7pm  
Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> Cub Scout Pinewood Derby  
Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> Bingo Night begins at 6:30pm  
Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> VAC meeting at 2pm  
Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> Legion Auxiliary meeting at 7pm  
Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> VFW Auxiliary meeting at 7pm  
Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> Sons of the Legion meeting at 2pm  
Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> Legion Riders meeting at 6pm  
Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> Welcome Home Vietnam Vets 1pm  
Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> Leg. 25<sup>th</sup> District meeting in Marion

## 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, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Over \$700 in cash will be given away!

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