



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



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

April 2021

COMMANDERS NOTES

April is going to be a busy month for us. As always, THANK YOU to our volunteers who help to make our Post a success. We are seeing food sales unlike anything we've seen in the past. We've been doing more than \$400 every Wing Night, and the Auxiliary's Fish Night has been doing around \$900. While these numbers are amazing and greatly help our Post, they come at a cost. The increase in food traffic is making it necessary for us to ask for more volunteers. We need people to step up and volunteer once a month to help make these events possible. We keep having to rely on the same 6 to 10 people every week, and some of these volunteers are getting tired and need a break. Please, consider volunteering at the Post once a month for these events. The few hours you spend up here ensures our continued success. This month we are hosting multiple fundraising events for a long-time member who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. Beginning the morning/afternoon of April 17th we will be having a Chicken Dinner Fundraiser, as well as doing collections on the Square. Then that afternoon/evening there will be a Benefit Ride, food sales, raffles, and music. On April 24th the Finley River Boys will be holding a benefit concert in the Hall at 6pm. There will be a 50/50, raffles, and other fundraising activities. Then on Saturday, May 8th we'll be holding a Testimonial Dinner in the Hall for Freda Broadway. Please attend your

monthly meetings to stay up to date on everything going on related to these activities. Once again, many thanks to our volunteers, you guys are the best!

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

This month's meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, April 6th. All members are encouraged to attend. This month we will be holding First Nominations for Post Officers. We will also be discussing raising the yearly Post Dues. Department is raising their Dues, and this impacts our Post. On the 17th multiple fundraising events will be taking place, and a benefit concert featuring the Finley River Boys will be on the 24th. We will then have a Testimonial Dinner for Freda Broadway on May 8th. Please attend your meetings to stay up to date on all information regarding these, and other, events.

Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671

HARRY H KINMAN VFW POST 2671 (*The Liveliest Post Around*). As we move along through the VFW year, the focus now is on membership. I am asking all annual members to take a look and see if your membership has lapsed, or if it will be expiring in the next few months, and to please renew. Post Officer nominations were made at the March meeting. The official election will be held on April 13th @ our regular meeting. Also, Post 1301, in Marion will be hosting the last quarterly 15th District meeting on April 24th @ 1100 hrs. Officer nominations and elections will be held that day. Past Department Commander and current Adjutant/Quartermaster Dave Stout

will be there. All VFW members in good standing are encouraged to attend. The Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Committee THANKS EVERYONE who attended, BUT especially those who worked so hard to make this a resounding success. **No Mission to Difficult – No Sacrifice to Great! Gary Fravel**

AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

Unit 280 will be nominating new Officers at our April 12th meeting. Due to health conditions, I will not accept the position of President for the upcoming year 2021/2022. We have come a long way the last 14 years, and hopefully we will continue to be one of the most active Units in the 25th District. It has been an honor to serve as your President, but it is time for a new leader and fresh ideas. Thank you for all your support and remember, "No one can do everything, but everybody can do something". God Bless. "For God and Country" we serve. --- **Freda Broadway, Pres.**

VFW Aux Post 2671

Greetings! We had a good turn-out on March 17th. Our BB Gun Shoot turned out good too. We had a good time and the shooters wanted to know when we are going to do this again. We thank each and every one who came out and PARTICIPATED. Discussion was held about Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans. We will be electing Officers for the upcoming year at our April meeting on 4-20-2021. If interested for an office, come to a meeting. As always, remember our Veterans and their families. **Respectfully, Howard D. Johnson, President.**

Sons of the American Legion Post #280

The next meeting is on Saturday, April 18th at 2pm.

Legion Riders of Post #280

Our next meeting is on Monday, April 19th at 6pm in the Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 6th Legion Post 280 meeting at 6pm
Apr. 9th Veteran Family Weekend begins
Apr. 10th Veteran Family Weekend
Apr. 11th Veteran Family Weekend
Apr. 12th Legion Auxiliary meeting at 7pm
Apr. 13th VFW Post 2671 meeting at 6pm
Apr. 13th House Committee meeting at 7pm
Apr. 17th Chicken Dinner & Benefit Ride
Apr. 18th SAL meeting at 2pm
Apr. 19th Legion Riders meeting at 6pm
Apr. 20th VFW Auxiliary meeting at 7pm
Apr. 24th Finley River Boys at 6pm
May 8th Testimonial Dinner at 6pm for Freda Broadway
May 22nd Plant Swap hosted by Southern Illinois Plant Lovers 10am to 2pm

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!