



American Legion Post 280
Mike Cross, Commander



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2671
Gary Fravel, Commander

April 2022

COMMANDERS NOTES

The past month we experienced sadness, as well as some positive changes. We also have some positive events to look forward to this month. Sadly, Susan Fowler passed away. Susan was an incredible spirit, and always quick to laugh. Please keep her husband Albert, her children, grand-children, and the rest of her loved ones in your prayers. We've made some upgrades to our Post. We have 3 new TVs tethered together in the Hall. This makes surround viewing of photo collages and video possible. We also installed 2 more dart boards, and have brought draft beer back to the Post. These upgrades help to keep us competitive and attractive to new members. This month's Legion meeting is first nominations for Officers. All members are welcomed, and encouraged to take part in this process. On Saturday, the 30th of April we are doing a Flag Retirement Ceremony at 1pm with our local Scouts. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome to attend. At this month's Legion meeting, we will be voting on a new Scout Charter. A girl's troop is wanting to form. If voted favorably, this will make 2 Scout Troops that our Post is the Charting Organization for. This is a wonderful thing because it shows our devotion to the community, keeps us family friendly, and is inviting to younger Veterans who have small children. Thank you to all our volunteers for your work this month. Your hard work keeps us going. I wish everyone a safe month ahead.
This We'll Defend—Mike Cross

Stanley McCollum Am. Legion Post 280

Our annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran's Day event was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it possible. We will be continuing with this event in the future. 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. This month is First Nomination for Post Officers, and we will be voting on accepting a new Scout Charter for a Girl's Troop. The last Friday Fish for this season will be on Friday, April 15th. A Flag Retirement Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th at 1pm with our local Scouts. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671

The liveliest VFW in Town.... Hello, and welcome to Spring. It has been a very busy year, and I wanted to take this time to thank everyone who has helped by volunteering and taking time away from their families just to help our local veterans and our community. Without all of you, our Post would not be here. 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. If it will be expiring in the next few months, please renew. Post Officer nominations were made at the March meeting. The official election will be held on April 12th @ our regular meeting. Congratulations to those elected, and THANK YOU for allowing me to serve as your Post

Commander. Also, the 4th Quarter 15th District meeting is on April 23rd @ 1100 hrs. at Creal Springs Post 9763. Officer nominations and elections will be held that day. All VFW members in good standing are encouraged to attend. **No Mission to Difficult – No Sacrifice to Great! Gary Fravel**

AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

ALA Unit 280 monthly meeting will be on Monday, April 18th. **For God and Country, Vonda Adams**

VFW Aux Post 2671

Greetings! Our monthly meeting was held on March 15th, 2022 at 7pm, Officers and Members present. Minutes of the previous meeting was presented, and approved. Treasures Report was approved. As you may know, we sadly report the passing of Susan Fowler, a Life Member of the Auxiliary. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Our Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans was held on 3-27-22 at the Post. Always remember, let us all reflect on those freedoms we enjoy, and thank all Veterans for their service to our country. Let's ask them—*Can we be of service to you?* Our next meeting is on April 19th, 2022. **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, 17th.

Legion Riders of Post #280

Our next meeting is on Monday, April 18th at 6pm in the Hall. All Riders are asked to please attend this meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 5th American Legion meeting at 6pm
Apr. 12th VFW meeting at 6pm
Apr. 12th House Committee meeting at 7pm
Apr. 15th Final Friday Fish for the Season
Apr. 17th Sons of the Legion meeting at 2pm
Apr. 18th Legion Riders meeting at 6pm
Apr. 18th Leg. Auxiliary meeting at 7pm
Apr. 19th VFW Auxiliary meeting at 7pm
Apr. 30th Flag Retirement Ceremony at 1pm

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!

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