



**American Legion Post 280**  
**Jim Willis, Commander**



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

## May 2020

### **COMMANDERS NOTES**

As we enter into our second month of the COVID-19 shut down, we are still working hard to ensure that our Post, and our mission of serving Veterans and our community, is taken care of. This is uncharted territory for us and we are all anxiously awaiting to receive the date that we can reopen and resume normal operations. Although our doors are closed to normal Canteen and Kitchen operations, our Post is still active. The Red Cross Blood Drive we held earlier in April resulted in 40 pints of blood being donated. Our VFW, Legion, Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the Legion came together and raised hundreds of dollars to put towards purchasing items for care packages to be sent to our local National Guard Unit which is deployed. Our Auxiliary is hard at work ensuring our Veterans in nursing homes, assisted living, and the VA CLC are not forgotten. Members have been making face masks to give away for free. The list goes on and on as to the awesome things the members of our various organizations are doing to better our community and to help ease the pain some are feeling during this time. Each of you are to be commended, hats off to each and every one of you for a JOB WLL DONE! The best part of this is, it isn't going to stop. We have blessed to have some of the most generous and resilient people as members of our organizations. Even now, during this time of shut downs, our doors are open for

membership. If you haven't been active in awhile and want to do some good for your community, now is an excellent time. If you're not yet a member of one of our organizations, please contact us and join us. We are always welcoming people into the fold. It is our people who make us a great organization, and we welcome anyone who wishes to join us in serving our Veterans and community. Everyone stay safe and healthy. For God and Country—Jim Willis

#### **Stanley McCollum Am. Legion Post 280**

This month's Legion meeting is cancelled due to the Corona Virus. National passed an Emergency Order regarding elections. Since Posts cannot hold meetings due to the virus, National put out that all 2020 Post Officers can remain in place for 2021. Once we are reopened, and can hold regular meetings, if there are any changes that are needed to be made, we can make them then. Unless we hear an overwhelming opposition to this, this is the approach we will take for our Post. We hope everyone remains safe and healthy, and we look forward to the day when we are able to resume normal operations.

#### **Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671**

***VFW POST 2671 (The Liveliest Post Around)*** Due to recent events, our May meeting has been cancelled. If you know of someone in need, please reach out to the Post. We hope everyone remains safe and healthy during this time, and hope to see everyone when this outbreak is over.  
**REMEMBER, NO MISSION TOO DIFFICULT,  
NO SACRIFICE TOO GREAT, DUTY FIRST.**

## AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

It is amazing what will happen when you combine with other Units in a fundraiser. Unit 280 sold 139 sides of ribs to help the Haven purchase a new lawn mower. Thanks to all the ladies that worked so hard to sell and distribute the ribs. The Veterans in our local Nursing Homes, and Assisted Living Facilities, received their Easter cards, and we have been donating face masks also. We cannot do bingo at Marion VA CLC Unit, but we have donated items for their "in house" bingo. This pandemic will not stop us from helping our Veterans and our community. I have been told that we cannot do Poppy Days on May 22 and 23, but it will be held at a later date. The Benton Fire Department will put the flags along the main streets on May 22nd, and we intend to place the American flags at the entrance to Masonic & Odd Fellows cemetery on May 25th. We will meet at the post at 7:30 to load the flags, the table will be set up in front of the office as usual. Thank you and remember, "We will be back." *"WHEN YOU THINK OF QUITTING, REMEMBER WHY YOU JOINED THE ALA"* **"For God and Country"-- Freda Broadway, Pres.**

### **VFW Aux Post 2671**

Our regular meeting is on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Our May meeting is cancelled.

### **Sons of the American Legion Post #280**

Monthly meeting scheduled for May 3rd is cancelled, as are other events pending the outcome of this virus.

### **Legion Riders of Post #280**

Monthly meeting scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> is cancelled. There are several local rides to be part of check the bulletin board in the canteen.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 12<sup>th</sup> House Committee Meeting at 6pm. Due to COVID-19 this meeting may take place electronically.

### REOCCURRING EVENTS

### All Canteen and Kitchen Operations are Currently Cancelled

**Sunday:** Karaoke with Rockin' Roy's DJ/Karaoke 6pm until 10pm Bloody Mary - \$2.00

**Monday:** Free pool 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. DOMESTIC BEER 3 for \$6.00 - Natty's 3 for \$4.00 Day Shift only 9am to 5pm.

**Thursday:** Extreme Bingo begins at 6:30pm. Chicken Wings hot or mild - 50¢ cents each. 5pm to 8pm. We have NEW ITEMS!! Potato Dippin' Wedges, Cheesy Potato Bites, Fried Mushrooms are now available, as well as Chicken Strips, French 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 or carry out.

**SATURDAY** - Free Darts!! Karaoke with Ramblin' Roger's DJ/Karaoke 6pm to 10pm.

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