



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



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

May 2022

COMMANDERS NOTES

I would like to begin by thanking all our volunteers who help to keep our Post running. Without you, we could not accomplish what we do. That being said, I have to dip into the negative for a moment. As with any organization, we have our own “rumor mill” and the occasional run of “misinformation”. Sometimes, this is a true misunderstanding of what has been said. Sadly, it’s almost always the result of someone making an assumption, and twisting things to fit their personal agenda. In the worst cases, it can be from a vendetta someone has against another. We are a Community Service Organization who is family friendly and whose mission is to serve our community’s Veterans. Our Volunteers who devote time up here, do so to further our mission. When someone speaks falsely against them, this hurts us, and lessens the positive effect we can have in our community. If someone is calling you on the phone, or pulling you aside and constantly being negative about others up here, please don’t just take their word for it. Come up to the Post, ask questions, get involved, talk to others. I can promise you that what you will find is actually the exact opposite of whatever the negative rumor being spread is. If you are someone who is just bent on always being negative, God Bless ya, I hope you find peace. Once again, **THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO OUR VOLUNTEERS** who put in the time to keep our Post going. Without you, we would not be able to do what we do.

This We’ll Defend—Mike Cross

Stanley McCollum Am. Legion Post 280

If you’ve not yet paid your 2022 dues, please do so. The Close of Books for the 2022 Membership Year is coming up in June. 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 Second Nomination for Post Officers. There are some positions available for those who wish to “step up”. We signed our second Scouts of America Charter and are now proud to announce we are the home to the new Scout Troop 280, which is an All-Girls Troop.

Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671

The liveliest VFW in Town....May, as always, is a busy month for us. If you would like to know more about what the VFW is doing, come to our monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month! This month’s meeting is the 10th at 1800hrs (6pm). VFW Officer elections are complete. Congratulations to those newly elected and appointed Officers. A sincere thanks to Gary Fravel for his service to the Post as its Commander! The complete results are posted on the VFW bulletin board at the Post. This is farming season; large, slow-moving vehicles are using the roadways. Give them the right of way when you can. **REMEMBER America’s FARMERS and RANCHERS FEED the WORLD!!** Start seeing motorcycles. The weather is finally warming up, and the bikers are out. So, Be Aware and Share the ROAD.

No Mission to Difficult – No Sacrifice to Great! John Metzger

AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

ALA Unit 280 monthly meeting will be on Monday, May 9th. **For God and Country, Vonda Adams**

VFW Aux Post 2671

Greetings! Our monthly meeting was held on April 19th, 2022 with Officers and Members present. With warmer weather on its way, we have a busy summer ahead. We plan to be in the Water Festival Parade with candy for everyone. There was discussion on several things that we may do. We had election of Officers for the up-coming year also. Not much more at this time, while we are in the planning stages. Let us continue to remember the members of our Armed Forces who are serving our country in various points across the world. We salute each one. **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, 15th.

Legion Riders of Post #280

Our next meeting is on Monday, May 16th at 6pm in the Hall. All Riders are asked to please attend this meeting. Attention all past Riders! We are looking for previous members to rejoin our organization. Please reach out to Debbie Ferguson, or the Post, for more information. Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 3rd American Legion meeting at 6pm
May 7th Rend Lake Water Festival Parade
May 9th Legion Auxiliary meeting at 7pm
May 10th VFW meeting at 6pm
May 10th House Committee meeting at 7pm
May 15th SAL meeting at 2pm

May 16th Legion Riders meeting at 6pm
May 17th VFW Auxiliary meeting at 7pm

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 8:30pm. Other items available: Potato Wedges, Mac-n-Cheese Bites, Onion Rings, Potato Dippin' Wedges, Fried Mushrooms, Chicken Strips, Fries, Onion Rings, Cheese Sticks, and more!

SATURDAY – Free Darts All Day!

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