



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



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

## June 2021

### **COMMANDERS NOTES**

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. This month's meeting is going to be a good one, and we hope to see everyone there. A representative from T. Ham Signs is coming to do a presentation for a new LED sign for the front of our property. We will also be giving the Post membership an update on the due diligence we have done this past month on the property that we are looking at purchasing. These two potential purchases that we are contemplating, emphasizes the need for active participation from our members now more than ever. Our Post is over 100 years old. We have to think about what it is going to take to ensure that we will be here for another 100 years. Ensuring our Post is up to date, is welcoming to younger Veterans and their families, and having an ability to expand, is just some of the things we need to do to ensure our continued success in the upcoming century. This is why active participation from our members is essential. Today, we live in a time when there are more Posts closing their doors, than there are new Posts being opened. This is especially true for smaller communities like ours. It is easy for us to say that the younger generation needs to come in and do the things needed to be done to ensure our continued success. But how can we expect them to do this, without an example for them to go by? These two major purchases that we are considering, are things which will make us more attractive to the younger members. These are not cheap purchases though and we need volunteers to help with the fundraising

activities that will be needed to pay for them. Please, get with one of the Post Officers and see how you can help. Donating 2 or 3 hours a month will make a huge difference in our ability to grow as a Post, and maintain our financial prosperity. **Fair Winds and Following Seas—Ron Rose**

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

This month's meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. A representative from T. Ham Signs will be at our meeting to give us a presentation on a new sign for in front of our building. We are hosting the 25<sup>th</sup> District Convention on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The 5<sup>th</sup> Division Convention is at the Chester Post on June 13<sup>th</sup>. All Legion members are invited to attend both meetings. Officer Induction will be in July. The River Radio Blood Drive will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 6pm. Sign up online at our website bentonvets.org. Life Line Screenings will take place in the Hall on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Flyers for this event, with sign up information, are in the Club.

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

HARRY H. KINMAN VFW POST 2671 –. We begin June by remembering those who served on D-Day, 6 June 1944. This is the 77th anniversary of the Normandy Invasion in northern France during WWII. The U.S. Army was founded on 14 June 1775, 245 years ago. This year's VFW 15th DISTRICT GOLF SCRAMBLE will be held at the West Frankfort Golf Course on June 26th. Congratulations to all the 2021-22 officers of our VFW and the VFW Auxiliary, who take office June 8th @ 1800 (6:00 pm) during the annual INSTALLATION of

OFFICERS. There will be sandwiches and drinks after the ceremony. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. This year, as last, attendance to the Department Convention is strictly limited, as is the VFW National Convention.

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

## **AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.**

Thanks to all the volunteers for helping put out flags on the Main Streets for Memorial Day. The BCHS cheerleaders were front and center, and we appreciate them. Thanks to the new volunteers for helping, and hope you all will continue your support. We will leave the flags up until June 15th, as June 6<sup>th</sup> is D-Day, and June 14th is Flag Day. We had to order a new Auxiliary Preamble for the Hall due to the fact some of the wording has been changed. Our next meeting will be on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there. --- **Freda Broadway, Pres.**

### **VFW Aux Post 2671**

Auxiliary meeting held on 5-18-2021 with members and guests. Our District President, Pat Caraker was present, and also Lynn Smith. Freda Broadway explained about the flags to be put out for Memorial Day, and volunteers needed. We voted to sponsor a hole at the VFW Golf Scramble. We also voted to donate to Freda Broadway to help on her medical expenses. Our thoughts and prayers are with Freda for a complete turnaround. We received an application for new membership in the VFW Auxiliary, to be voted on at a future meeting. As always, remember the ones who gave, and the ones who gave their life for our country. Our next meeting will be on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm. **Respectfully, Howard D. Johnson, President.**

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

The next meeting is on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

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

Our next meeting is on Monday, June 21st at 6pm in the Hall.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

June 1<sup>st</sup> Am. Legion Post 280 meeting at 6pm  
June 8<sup>th</sup> VFW Post 2671 meeting at 6pm  
June 8<sup>th</sup> House Committee meeting at 7pm  
June 14<sup>th</sup> Legion Auxiliary meeting at 7pm  
June 15<sup>th</sup> VFW Auxiliary meeting at 7pm  
June 20<sup>th</sup> Sons of the Legion meeting at 2pm  
June 21<sup>st</sup> Legion Riders meeting at 6pm  
June 24<sup>th</sup> River Radio Blood Drive 1-6pm

## **REOCCURRING EVENTS**

**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, Mild, or Boneless. 5pm to &:30pm. 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

**SATURDAY** – Free Darts All Day!

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