



American Legion Post 280
Mike Cross, Commander



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2671
Gary Fravel, Commander

August 2021

COMMANDERS NOTES

The month of July was not an easy one for us here at the Post. We lost a very well loved, and admired, member of our American Legion family, Freda Broadway. Freda was a force for good in our organization for many, many years. We were blessed to have had her with us. We extend our prayers of healing and peace to her family, and we also thank them for allowing her to be such a large part of our lives here at the Post. Our organization was blessed to have had her for so long, and she'll be greatly missed. The 102nd American Legion Department of Illinois Convention was held this past month in Springfield. Ron Rose, Ron Sievers, Gary Fravel, and I attended. Going to these conventions is beneficial for both the individual, and our organization. It helps to remind us what our mission is; helping Veterans. Many times, we get lost in the day-to-day operations of our Post, and we forget that we are part of a larger organization. This is especially true in the smaller posts like ours. We focus on Canteen operations and keeping the doors open. What is forgotten is that when our organization was founded, it wasn't for cheap beer and quarter slots, it was to promote Veteran causes. Because of organizations like the American Legion, VFW, and others, we have the Veteran benefits that we all enjoy. Let's be honest, no politician woke up with an epiphany and thought, "WOW! I want to do something for our Vets!" Nope, that didn't happen. All of our benefits come from the lobbying of our organization, and others just

like it. We were able to get some really good information regarding things our Post has been missing out on, and we are planning on taking advantage of these in the upcoming year. If you would like to become more involved here at the Post, we are always needing help. If you have an idea on how we can make our Post better, or be more of an asset to our local community, please speak up. We would love to hear what you have to say. Thank you all for your membership, and I'm looking forward to seeing what this year has in store for us. **This We'll Defend, Mike Cross**

Stanley McCollum Am. Legion Post 280

2022 American Legion Membership cards are now available for pick-up. We are needing members to help out a couple of days a month here at the Post. If you can donate 3 or 4 hours on a Thursday night, we would greatly appreciate the help.

Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671

HARRY H. KINMAN VFW POST 2671 – The ideals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Auxiliary are fraternal, patriotic, historical, and educational organizations. To preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members. To assist worthy comrades and causes within our community. To perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans. As your commander, I would like to thank EVERYONE involved with us for giving of your time, and your money. Your dedication and hard work are revitalizing the post. Remember, this is a never-ending struggle! We need help! More honor guard members, committee members, ETC. Come to

the post meetings and get involved. THIS IS YOUR POST! Our next meeting is AUG. 10th @6PM. School is going back in session, PLEASE be aware of children in the street playing, riding bicycles, or getting on and off the bus. Accidents can be AVOIDED.

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

AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

ALA Unit 280 will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 9th.

VFW Aux Post 2671

Hello from the VFW Auxiliary! We had our meeting on 7-20-21. We had our memorial service for Freda Broadway, and the Draping of the Charter. We extend our prayers for peace and comfort for her family. We seated our new member, Glen Taylor. Our next meeting will be on August, 17th 2021.

Respectfully, Howard D. Johnson, President.

Sons of the American Legion Post #280

The next meeting is on Sunday, August 15th at 2pm.

Legion Riders of Post #280

Our next meeting is on Monday, August 16th at 6pm in the Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 3rd Legion Post 280 meeting at 6pm
Aug. 9th Legion Aux. Unit 280 meeting at 6pm
Aug. 10th VFW Post 2671 meeting at 6pm
Aug. 10th House Committee meeting at 7pm
Aug. 15th Son of the Legion meeting at 2pm
Aug. 16th Legion Riders meeting at 6pm
Aug. 17th VFW Aux. meeting at 7p

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. 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! 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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HALL RENTALS AVAILABLE

Bingo is Coming Back!
In addition to our Thursday Extreme Bingo event, we will be hosting a regular Bingo once a month. More information will be coming soon.