



American Legion Post 280
Jim Willis, Commander



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2671
Gary Fravel, Commander

September 2020

COMMANDERS NOTES

On Thursday, August 27th, we held our fourth Red Cross Blood Drive for the year, collecting 26 pints. This brings our total for the year to 111 pints collected. This is amazing and we thank EVERYONE who donated their blood, their time, and those volunteers who helped to check people in at the door. This is something to be proud of, and we are looking forward to doing even better next year! Doing events, like the Blood Drives, are important to our Post. The purpose of the American Legion, VFW, and other chartered Veteran's Service Organizations is to be just that, a *service organization*. When the Legion was founded in 1919, it wasn't so that a bunch of old Soldiers could gather in a spot to drink cheap beer. They did it to band together and take care of their fellow Veterans. This is something we have to remember, what our true mission is. It is to be a Veteran's Service Organization. Without organizations like ours, we would not have the Veteran benefits that we receive today, and many in the community would not get the assistance that they need. Please, get involved in our Post, and be a part of these good works. There's a place for everyone here. The 2021 American Legion Membership Cards have arrived. Please get with the Post to get your 2021 card. **For God and Country—Jim Willis**

Stanley McCollum Am. Legion Post 280

This month's meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, September 1st. All members are encouraged to attend and be a part of the decision-making process. The 2021 Membership Cards are available for pick up. Please get with the Post to get your card today. The Ride to Ride Out Cancer Run is taking place on Saturday, September 12th. We are their second stop. They are selling t-shirt for only \$15 each. All proceeds go to helping cancer victims. Order form is in the club and the t-shirts will be dropped off on the day of the run.

Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671

VFW POST 2671 (The Liveliest Post Around) The regular monthly post meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21st @ 6 p.m. We will begin collecting for the VETERAN'S FOOD BANK located at the V.A. Hospital Marion, Il. Needed items include; nonperishable goods like soup, canned vegetables, powdered milk, etc. Also socks, gloves, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. will be accepted and are much appreciated. Poppy Days are once again upon us and, as always, we need volunteers to help collect donations this year. We will meet on Friday and Saturday October 16th and 17th. I want to give a special THANK YOU to the POST VFW AUXILLIARY for their great meal provided to the 15th District and to all others who helped out making it a successful meeting. **REMEMBER, NO MISSION TOO DIFFICULT, NO SACRIFICE TOO GREAT, DUTY FIRST.**

AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280

The 100th anniversary of our American Legion Post 280 was a huge success. Congratulations to Post 280 for supporting all our Veterans in the past, and continue to do so in the future. The ladies of Unit 280 hosted the event. Thanks to Senator Dale Fowler, for coming and presenting the Certificate, and to Mayor Kondritz and State Representative Dave Severin for sending their congratulations. We are beginning our new year with new members, Ashley Keebler, Barbara Scroggins, and Ashley Smith. Welcome to an amazing group of Ladies. The 2021 dues are now payable, be an "early bird" and get your dues in. Fish will start back on September 11th and volunteers are needed. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our members that have health issues. We miss you, and wish you a speedy and full recovery. Hopefully 2021 will be better than 2020 has been. Remember, "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something" **"For God and Country"-- Freda Broadway, Pres.**

VFW Aux Post 2671

Greetings. The VFW Auxiliary had their first meeting on August 18th. We had a great turn out of the membership and guests from our District Officers. Poppy Days will be October 16th and 17th this year. I trust that every member will try to help on these days. Hopefully we will be looking for ways to have something going on in the future. Remember, we are here to support all Veterans because when they signed their name, they offered their life if necessary, for the freedom that we enjoy today. Our next meeting will be on September 15th at 7pm. Snacks are welcome. Come and be a part of the Auxiliary. **Respectfully, Howard D. Johnson, President.**

Sons of the American Legion Post #280

Sons meeting in the Hall at 2pm on Sunday, September 20th.

Legion Riders of Post #280

This month's meeting is cancelled due to the Assistant Director being on vacation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep. 1st Am. Legion Post 280 meeting at 6pm
Sep. 8th House Committee meeting at 6pm
Sep. 12th Ride to Ride Out Cancer Run
Sep. 14th Am. Legion Aux. meeting at 7pm
Sep. 15th VFW Aux. meeting at 7pm
Sep. 20th Sons of the Legion meeting at 2pm
Sep. 21st VFW Post 2671 meeting at 6pm

REOCCURRING EVENTS

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 is every Thursday and 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.