



Bensley-Rounds Squadron 280  
Sons of The American Legion  
Iroquois, SD 57353



# BENSLEY-ROUNDS SQUADRON 280

DETACHMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

**December 2006**

## *Squadron Calendar*

Jan 1 – New Year's Day  
Jan 10 – District 5 Veterans Outreach Huron 7:00P  
Jan 11 – Squadron meeting @ 7:00P  
Jan 14 – Post Pancake Breakfast  
Feb 4 – Area Oratory Contest @ Iroquois  
Feb 24 – Midwinter Detachment Meeting @ 10:30AM  
Feb 24 – Joint Banquet @ 7:00PM  
Mar 6 - Post 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Mar 24 – Post Anniversary Celebration

## *Meeting Highlights 12/14/06*

Thanks to all those that helped with the activities through out the last month.

Brent Matter successfully completed Commander Royal's Emblem Incentive Program and received his lapel pin.

Need fund raising ideas.

Pink Flamingo fund raiser set to begin April 1, 2007.

Next Meeting January 11, 2007 @ 7:00PM

MEMBERSHIP 107%

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From The Commander

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00P.

The Mid-Winter Conference for the Sons of The American Legion will be on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 10:30A. If there is a change to this we will know in advance. This year the Conference is being held at the Crossroads in Huron which will make it easier for our Squadron to have a big showing. Plan on attending this meeting, there is a lot to be learned by attending. More information will be forwarded as it is received.

The Joint Banquet to be held February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00P at the Crossroads. Tickets are available by advance sales only through the Huron American Legion Post 7, PO Box 1255, Huron SD 57350. Or contact Keith Schrader at (605)352-4893. Tickets cost \$22.00 each. Deadline is February 21, 2007.

In December we as a Squadron began working towards awards. I will include two of them here in the monthly news letter. Start studying and get them for your self. They are yours for the taking.

SAL membership has many benefits, ask myself or check it out in the web at [www.sal.legion.org](http://www.sal.legion.org) for more information.

On January 8<sup>th</sup>, I will be attending the De Smet Post 138 meeting to discuss beginning a SAL Flight off of Squadron for those eligible members in that area. I have asked Detachment Commander Bender to attend. All members are invited to attend.

When collection materials are received I will get them out so we may begin to help raise funds for the Child Welfare Fund (CWF). I have included a brief history of the CWF in this news letter.

**Veteran's Benefit Outreach Programs**

Dist. 5: Huron Veteran's Bldg, Jan 10 7PM

The Veteran's Outreach Programs are underway and the two local meetings are for this area are listed above. These meetings are for all veterans and will have a lot of information on the VA and other veterans programs.

**Pink Flamingo Fund Raiser**

The date is set for April 1, 2007 to begin the Pink Flamingo fund raiser. This will raise funds by placing a Pink flamingo in a person's yard and that person pays \$5 to remove it and they then choose who is the next lucky recipient. This event will run through May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

We will begin advertising this event on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. It will hopefully be a lot of harmless entertainment and raising funds for our Squadron so we may work with our projects throughout the year.




**RECEIPT**

*For God and Country*

Received of \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment of dues for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ in  
Squadron \_\_\_\_\_, Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_



**Sons of The American Legion Membership Application**

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name (First) (Initial) (Last) Recruited by (Initial) (Last)  
 Address (Street) (City) (State) (Zip) Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_, Dept. of \_\_\_\_\_  
 OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_  
 I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and  
 transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as annual membership dues.  
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (By Applicant or Parent)  
 Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_ (Post Adjutant) 00-001 (2003)

You may cut this application out and use it to recruit a new member. If you need more make copies of it.

## Child Welfare Fund

In 1952, Department Commander Dr. Garland D. Murphy, Jr. of Arkansas, came to The American Legion with an offer to provide a valuable contribution if we could figure out some way his gift could be used solely for children. After much study and discussion, the idea of a foundation was adopted. Later that year, the National Executive Committee appointed a special committee to determine the feasibility of establishing such a proposed foundation.

Eventually, on October 15, 1953, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of the Foundation and entered into a trust agreement with Dr. Murphy. Legal work was completed, and on July 9, 1954, the Foundation was duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana. At that time, Dr. Murphy assigned to the Foundation deeds to fractional mineral rights on nearly 10,000 acres of land in the oil-rich Williston Basin in Montana and North Dakota.

In 1955, it gave its first three grants totaling \$22,500 to three organizations. The Delinquency Control Institute, the National Association for Retarded Children, and the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness were the first three beneficiaries.

To date, over \$8 million has been awarded to organizations to assist the children of this country from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

### Two Purposes of the CWF

1. To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or their programs designed to benefit youth; and

2. To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge already possessed by well-established organizations, to the end that such information can be more adequately used by society.

12/14/06 - Brent Matter receives his SAL Lapel Tack from Commander Royal for completing the commander's Emblem Incentive program.



To submit items for the newsletter, call Colin Royal or email to: [newsletter@sal.americanlegionsd280.org](mailto:newsletter@sal.americanlegionsd280.org).

We are in need of a Vice Commander and Finance Officer, if you would like to take one of these positions, please contact Colin Royal, Dean Royal, or Joe Peskey.

### PREAMBLE TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the association of our members and our forefathers in the Great Wars- to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation, to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might- to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

We will be continuing learning the meanings of the elements of the SAL emblem.

The eight element descriptions are listed below. Each member that can identify and explain at least 6 of the elements will receive a SAL Membership Tack. So Study up and let's get some awards going.

## THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION EMBLEM



The design of our emblem was taken from the emblem of our parent organization, but is oval in shape so as to be easily distinguished.

The star in the center represents our country,

The five points of the star represent the five-point program American Legion.

The sun in the background represents The Sons of The American Legion

The rays represent the loyalty of its membership.

The blue of the emblem, like the blue of our flag, stands for justice.

The two stars in the blue border stand for freedom and democracy.

The wreath below the star is in memory of our comrades, and those willingly gave their lives for their country.

The ten points of the emblem represent the ten ideals of every Legion son.

We will be Continuing examinations for the Five Star Award Program.

This program is designed to teach SAL members about Patriotism, Citizenship, Discipline, Leadership, and Legionism. There are awards for each part as well as a final award upon completion of all five parts.

Below are the questions required to be answered during examination. Question 10 will be a demonstration by the individual being tested. Find the answers and study them.

### Questions for Five Star Award – Patriotism

1. Is it correct to sing the National Anthem while saluting the Flag? Explain.
2. When was your state first represented by a star in the union on the National Flag?
3. Name the original states represented by the stripes of the Flag.
4. What is our National Anthem? By whom was it written? Under what conditions?
5. What naval commander first flew the Stars and Stripes? When and over what ship?
6. What is the proper salute to the Flag by a man or boy in civilian clothes? By a woman or girl?
7. On what days should the Flag be displayed?
8. What date do we observe as the anniversary of the Flag? When and by whom was the anniversary proclaimed?
9. Quote The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Explain what it means to you.
10. Demonstrate the correct manner of folding the Flag of the United States.