



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



BENSLEY-ROUNDS SQUADRON 280

DETACHMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
 FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

January 2007

Squadron Calendar

- Jan 31 – Kingsbury County Meeting @ 8:00PM at Hetland
- Feb 1 – Post Meeting @ 7:30PM
- Feb 4 – Area Oratory Contest @ Iroquois
- Feb 8 – Squadron Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Feb 11 – Pancake Breakfast
- Feb 24 – Midwinter Detachment Meeting @ 10:30AM
- Feb 24 – Joint Banquet @ 7:00PM
- Feb 28 – Kingsbury County Meeting @ 8:00PM at Iroquois
- Mar 1 – Post Meeting @ 7:30PM
- Mar 6 - Post 60th Anniversary
- Mar 8 – Squadron Meeting @ 7:00PM
- Mar 11 – Pancake Breakfast
- Mar 24 – Post Anniversary Celebration

Meeting Highlights 1/11/07

Area Oratory contest is February 4, 2007 at the Iroquois School. We need volunteers to assist in various areas.

Collection materials for the CWF have been received and will be placed at collection points throughout the area. Collection for CWF will continue through April 1, 2007.

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

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

We will begin advertising the program March 1st.

Next Meeting February 8, 2007 @ 7:00PM.

MEMBERSHIP 122%



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From The Commander

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 8th at 7:00PM.

On my visit to De Smet, they are interested in getting a SAL element up and running. They chose to attempt a full Squadron due to the availability of willing members. I have committed myself to assist them where necessary and I ask the our Squadron members kick in also.

The Area Oratory Contest will be held at the Iroquois School on February 4th at 2:00 PM. We need a time keeper, two tabulators, two escorts and two ushers in addition to already assigned positions. Please contact Colin Royal or Dave Owens if you would like to volunteer.

The Mid-Winter Conference for the Sons of The American Legion will be on February 24th, 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 24th 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.

SAL membership has many benefits, ask myself or check it out in the web at www.sal.legion.org for more information.

The CWF collection materials have been received. They will placed at businesses to help raise funds for the Child Welfare Fund (CWF). If you need collection supplies, contact myself or Dean Royal and we'll get them to you. The collection will run through April 1, 2007.

Congratulations to Jeff Tschetter of Cavour, who was selected as the Post 280 Firefighter of the Year. He is a member of the Cavour Volunteer Fire Department; he has 23 years service and is a First Responder. His package has been forwarded to the Department Headquarters for state level competition.

If you would like to add something to the newsletter, please get it to Colin Royal and I'll include it for you. Copies of the newsletter are also available at the Post website at sal.americanlegionsd280.org in PDF format.

Congratulations to Dean Royal for completing the Commander's Emblem Incentive program.



Post Anniversary Celebration


March, 24, 2007
 Program 2:00PM
 Meal at 5:00PM
 Meal cost Adult \$10,
 10 & Under \$5

RECEIPT

For God and Country

Received of _____
 Date _____

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



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

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)

E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____

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)

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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.

The questions are located in the SAL Handbook, get one for yourself and study!

To submit items for the newsletter, call Colin Royal or email to: 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.



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 15th, 2007.

We will begin advertising this event on March 1st, 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.



National Commander Paul Morin speaks at National Chaplain Stan Gruneich's Homecoming on January 6, 2007

The Homecoming for National Chaplain Stan Gruneich was an enjoyable evening for about 200 people who attended that night. Several Past Department Commanders attended that Stan served and many, many good things were named that Pastor Stan has accomplished over the years as a Legionnaire and Department Chaplain. Also in attendance were National Commander Paul Morin, Department Commander Gunner Baatrup, National American Legion Auxiliary President JoAnn Cronin, Department Auxiliary President Dorris Ann Werlinger, SAL Detachment Commander Bob Bender, SAL NEC Kerwin Douthit and Honorary National Junior Auxiliary Chaplain Lindsey Dolan.

One highlight of the evening was the words of confidence in Pastor Stan and of humor from PDC Glenn Miller who was Department Commander fifty years ago this year. Other Past Department Commanders spoke of their serving with Pastor Stan and some of the highlights of those terms.

National Commander Morin spoke of his respect for Pastor Stan and his contributions to the National level and well as South Dakota. He also stressed that we as Legionnaires must be ever vigilant in our support of our troops, both at home and abroad, in our support of the protection of the Flag, nation and communities.

Also we must ensure that through our membership we continue to fight for our veterans rights, and to ensure that newest veterans, as well as past and future, be afforded the medical care and educational opportunities due them. In this he referred to President John F. Kennedy's 1961 inaugural address, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country" as inspiration for membership. My interpretation of this is when speaking of being an

American Legion member is ask: What you can do for The American Legion, our veterans, children and communities as well as the nation?



National Chaplain Stan Gruneich Speaks at his Homecoming on January 6, 2007



H. J. Res. 12, "The Flag Amendment" Introduced in 110th Congress by Murtha

In the first session of the 110th Congress, Representative John Murtha (D-Pa.) introduced House Joint Resolution 12 which proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification:

Article -- 'The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.' The resolution was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on January 11.