



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



BENSLEY-ROUNDS SQUADRON 280

DETACHMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY



June 2007

Squadron Calendar

- Jun 30 – Badger 125th Anniversary Celebration
- Jul 4 – Independence Day
- Jul 5 – Post Meeting @ 7:30PM
- Jul 21-22 – Iroquois Sports Day (SAL Pancake Feed)
- Aug 2 – Post Meeting @ 7:30PM
- Aug 12 – SAL Pancake Feed (Open)
- Aug 18 – VA Memorial Service Color Guard
- Aug 18 – Squadron Sons Day out
- Aug 20 – School begins

SD SAL Convention Highlights 06/09/07

- Greg Lemieux of Pierre, SD is elected as Detachment Commander.
- Eric Vetter of Cresbard, SD is re-elected as 1st Vice Commander.
- Colin Royal of Huron is elected as 2nd Vice Commander.
- Mike Goetzinger of Martin, SD is re-elected as Detachment Chaplain.
- Peewee Douthit of Hot Springs, SD is re-elected as NEC.
- PDetC Bob Bender is elected as Alt-NEC.
- National Midwest Area Vice Commander Don Culver of the Detachment of Kansas addresses the convention.
- Next Meeting September 13, 2007 @ 7:00PM.

MEMBERSHIP 122%



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From The Commander

Our first truly active year since the Squadron went into hibernation has been a very noticed one. At the State Convention several wonderful comments were made about our Squadron including my favorite by Adjutant Douthit, "...and Iroquois, well enough cannot be said about them." It is gratifying that the hard work you all put in has been noticed and we are a model Squadron for the Detachment of South Dakota.

Many of our local programs are going to be examined for possible adaptation to the state level. Thank you all for the hard work.

Also Squadron 280 received a national award for achieving membership beyond the previous year's level by the Legion's birthday. This is because of your hard work in membership, Thank you and congratulations.

As you saw on the front, I have been elected as the 2nd Vice Detachment Commander. In addition, I have been appointed as the Detachment Americanism Chairman and as Assistant Adjutant.

This past June 3rd, we had a good turn out for the girls and raised plenty of money for them. Thank you for the hard work and be ready for the 21st and 22nd of July. Check the schedule for times.

As Post Commander, I wish to thank you all for your helping the Post in winning the Golden Eagle "Americanism Excellence" Award for the Post size 75-124. The Post, Auxiliary and the Squadron were all instrumental in this award. Thank you!

National Midwest Area Vice Commander Don Culver of the Detachment of Kansas addressed the convention. He is proud of South Dakota that for a small Detachment, we tend to do things in a big way. He spoke of membership and benefits, and about the upcoming National Convention in Reno, NV.

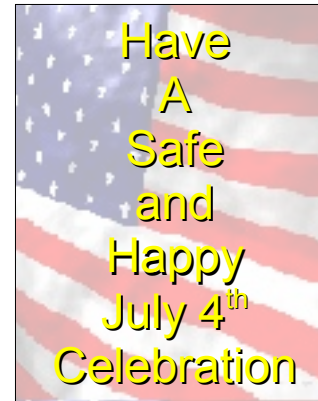
Past Detachment Commander Bob Bender thanked the membership for all their hard work and dedication for the past year. He enjoyed the visits to the Squadrons and their members and thanked the membership for the response he received from the Detachment when his mother passed.

Detachment Commander Greg Lemieux has stated that he will be aggressively pursuing a more active role for the SD SAL and that he planned on working closely with the American Legion Department Commander. As more information comes out, it will be passed on. Other things discussed were the SAL being the front runner and supporter for Youth Baseball.

And of course, July 1, 2007 is the start day for the 2008 membership drive. Enclosed you will find a membership reminder as well as the standard enclosed membership application. Every membership counts as another voice for our veterans, children, and community. The benefits you receive with membership can pay for the dues several times over. Like up to 30% off motel rooms, up to 40% off eye care or eye wear. Discounts on Dell Computers, Dish Network, Cell Phone Service, access to some insurance policies and much more. With all this \$10 will go a long way.

I have had people that have said that they did not have time, or ask "What will I get out of it?" Even some people over time have

"It is my earnest hope - indeed the hope of all mankind - that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past, a world found upon faith and understanding, a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfillment of his most cherished wish for freedom, tolerance and justice." - General Douglas Macarthur




Pancake Feed Schedule

July 21
7AM – 10AM
SAL Squadron

July 22
8AM – 1PM
SAL Squadron

August 12
8AM – 1PM
Open

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

By _____
Squadron _____, Detachment of _____
\$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in _____
Date _____ Received of _____
RECEIPT
For God and Country


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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A big **CONGRATS** goes out to Jeff Tschetter of Cavour who was selected as the 2007 American Legion Department of South Dakota Firefighter of the Year. He was presented with his award at the Department Convention on June 9th. Congrats Jeff, you deserve it!

Detachment Commander Greg Lemieux of Pierre, SD addresses the Legion Convention in Spearfish, SD, June 10th.
Commander Lemieux was elected June 9th at the Sons of The American Legion Convention.



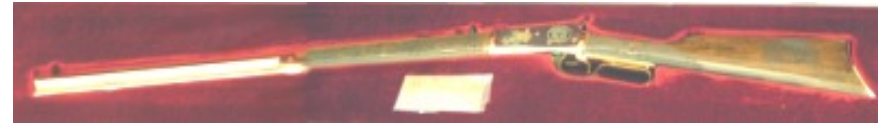
Jami Schoenfelder @ 352-5659
or the VA, **John Huntington @ 1-800-316-8387, ext. 6551.**
Give your name, last 4 of SSN, date and time of your appointment(s), your address and phone.

become disillusioned because they did not get out of it what they expected. The answers to these issues are only to be answered by those people. The only thing that can be guaranteed is the satisfaction that you would receive from helping your veteran(s), children, and the community. And as for not having time, all that is required is to help out when you can. These items are what's important. The veterans, children and community need you, we need you.

If you are a member and your sons or brothers are not, invite them to join. We have a little bit for everyone. You can also collect memberships for the Legion and the Auxiliary also and they can all benefit from the benefits and rewards.

And again as Adjutant Douthit put it, the family is welcome to the meetings. Bring mom and dad and the siblings and kids. Everyone is welcome to attend. And this September we will be also having fellowship activities after the meetings each month to learn and promote comradeship. In November we will be having our membership dinner and again the Detachment Commander will be invited.

"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." -John F. Kennedy (JFK)



The Department of South Dakota is selling tickets for the proof rifle pictured here. Tickets are \$20 and there are only 500 tickets available. Drawing will be set when the tickets are sold. Contact Department Headquarters in Watertown for more information. *(This is a beauty and the picture does it no justice!)*

Congratulations
to
Dean & Charity Royal
on their
Wedding Day
June 23, 2007



"I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."
- Sir Winston Churchill



Firing Squad Stands ready at the Memorial Service at the Iroquois Cemetery on Memorial Day.



RENEWAL TIME

Sons of The American Legion

ANNUAL DUES \$ 10.00 for membership 20 08

It is renewal time for membership dues in the Sons of The American Legion. As you know, membership is the lifeblood of any organization. Your membership dues contribute to the overall programs of the SAL and keeps our membership growing. You are important to us. Your promptness in forwarding dues at this time will be deeply appreciated.

PLEASE SEND DUES TO:

Dean Royal
Membership Chairman
143 4th St NE
Huron, SD 57350

If the above address is incorrect, notify the Squadron Adjutant. If your dues have already been paid, please disregard this notice. Thank you.

Stick Up

A thief stuck a pistol in a man's ribs and said, "Give me your money."

The gentleman, shocked by the sudden attack, said "You cannot do this; I'm a United States Congressman!"

The thief said, "In that case, give me my money!"



District 2 delegation marches in the American Legion Convention Parade June 8th, in downtown Spearfish, SD