



**American Legion Post 280
Mike Cross, Commander**



**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2671
Gary Fravel, Commander**

December 2021

COMMANDERS NOTES

On Thanksgiving Day, we had an incredible turn out in food donations, on-site volunteers, and we provided more meals than we ever have in the past. Thank you so very much to all who helped make this dinner such an amazing success. We sent out more plates to our local Police and Fire Departments than we have in the past, and we had about 30 meals eaten here at the Post. This was a wonderful turn out and a huge success. Once again, to all those who participated, THANK YOU! On Christmas Day we will be doing this again. I'll be reaching out to members of all the organizations in our building, and requesting food donations. Together, we can make this meal just as successful as the last one. Our Post Christmas Party will be on Sunday, the 19th, beginning at 1pm. If you're bringing a child, you can make a gift request at the bar. I thank all the volunteers for their wonderful work this past month, without you we couldn't do anything. If you're thinking about volunteering, but haven't yet, there's a place for you. Something as little as 3 to 4 hours a month would be tremendously positive for our Post. I wish everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas. **This We'll Defend, Mike Cross**

Stanley McCollum Am. Legion Post 280

2022 American Legion Membership cards are now available for pick-up. We have until the end of this month to hit 100% if we want win one of the cash awards offered. Saturday the 11th is the Army/Navy Game at

2pm, and Bingo Night is at 6:30pm. Wreaths Across America will be held on Saturday the 18th at 11am at Mound City National Cemetery. Our Post Christmas Party is Sunday, the 19th at 1pm. Our annual Christmas Dinner, for those who need a place to eat, will be on Christmas Day. The River Radio Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, the 28th from 12:30 to 5:30pm.

Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671

HARRY H. KINMAN VFW POST 2671 – (The Liveliest Post in Town) As we close another year, I sincerely thank my comrades, their families, and our supporters for making 2021 a great year. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year! As we move forward into 2022, each and every one of you have high hopes and expectations. Let us build upon our successes, and improve on our shortcomings. We have one of the finest Posts in the district, and with everyone working together, we shouldn't expect any less. Give yourselves a pat on the back! Our Veteran's Day Ceremony was regarded as one of the best in Southern Illinois, and Thanksgiving was a great success!! Thanks to the many hours of dedicated work of all those who helped out. Many of us will be helping with the NATIONAL GUARD CHRISTMAS PARTY on the 11th at the West Frankfort Armory, and MOUNDS NATIONAL CEMETERY, Wreath Laying Ceremony on the 18th. This is an excellent time to visit, and show your support. Remember the Post Meeting will be Dec. 14th at 1800hr! (6 P M). **No Mission to Difficult – No Sacrifice to Great! Gary Fravel**

AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

ALA Unit 280 monthly meeting will be on Monday, December 13th at 7pm. **For God and Country, Vonda Adams**

VFW Aux Post 2671

Greetings! Our meeting was held on 11-16-21 with Officers and Members present. The Dist. Meeting went well with the Auxiliary preparing lunch. The food was great with many compliments. Hats off to the ladies for doing a fine meal. We have two new members, Jackie Wyskiel and Shirley Fowler. We voted to donate funds for Christmas party presents for the kids, and voted to support funds for Veterans. Next meeting will be on 12-02-21 at 7pm. **Respectfully, Howard D. Johnson, President.**

Sons of the American Legion Post #280

Sons of the Legion meetings are at 2pm on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Legion Riders of Post #280

Our next meeting is on Monday, December 20th at 6pm in the Hall. All Riders are asked to please attend this meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 2nd VFW Auxiliary meeting at 7pm
Dec. 7th Legion Post 280 meeting at 6pm
Dec. 11th Army/Navy Game at 2pm
Dec. 11th N.G. Christmas Party at Armory
Dec. 11th Bingo Night
Dec. 13th Legion Auxiliary meeting at 7pm
Dec. 14th VFW Post 2671 meeting at 6pm
Dec. 14th House Committee meeting at 7pm
Dec. 18th Wreaths Across America at Mound City National Cemetery at 11am
Dec. 19th Post Christmas Party at 1pm
Dec. 20th Legion Riders meeting at 6pm
Dec. 25th Christmas Day Meal
Dec. 28th River Radio Blood Drive
Dec. 31st New Year's Eve Party

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!

Hall Rentals Available

Regular Bingo is Back!
This month, Bingo will be held on Saturday, December 11th at 6:30pm. Over \$700 in cash will be given away!

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