



American Legion Post 280  
Jim Willis, Commander



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2671  
Gary Fravel, Commander

## March 2020

### COMMANDERS NOTES

Over the past nine months we have accomplished a literal laundry list of civic activities, and each event has had the sponsorship or support of every organization within our walls. When I took this position, I asked for everyone to come together for the common good. Not only was this request granted, but it was exceeded. Each event we've had come through our organizations has had the fingerprints of many people working in various capacities. The Bi-Annual Anna Veteran's Home Fish Fry, the Helia Fishing Trip, supporting the Mounds National Cemetery through Wreaths Across America, both the Cold Weather Clothing and Personal Hygiene drives, the SAL Dart Tournament for the Honor Flight, VA Bingo, plus the many, many other events, which would take up too much space to list here but are of equal importance, was the idea of one person, supported by our people, and resulted in benefiting countless in the community. What has been listed above is only a fraction of what we've done in the past, but it is a mere drop in the bucket to what we can and will do in the future. It is truly a blessing to be surrounded by such an awesome group of people who come together for the common good. Regardless of which organization you belong to, we have a common mission of serving Veterans and our community. By working together as one, we are accomplishing this mission. **For God and Country – Jim Willis**

### Stanley McCollum Am. Legion Post 280

This month's Legion meeting is on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. All members are highly encouraged to attend. Next month we will be holding the first nominations for Post Officers. 2020 Membership Dues are due now. We've still got some t-shirts and hoodies available, but they're running out fast. Come get yours today!

### Harry H. Kinman VFW Post 2671

#### VFW POST 2671 (The Liveliest Post Around)

March is the time for us to start thinking about, and nominating, Post Officers. Everyone should be involved in making the right choices to take our Post forward, and improving how we help and support Veterans and our community. Our monthly meetings are important to every member and the direction that the Post is moving. This month's meeting is March 16 @ 7:00 pm (1900 hrs). Remember your IRISH Heritage. As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way! **REMEMBER, NO MISSION TOO DIFFICULT, NO SACRIFICE TOO GREAT, DUTY FIRST.**

### AM. LEGION AUX UNIT 280.

Unit 280 is joining forces with Marion Unit 147, and Orient Unit 1961, to sell sides of ribs for \$20.00. Money raised will be presented to the Haven for the purchase of a new lawn mower. Tickets are available from any Auxiliary member and are also available at the post. The ribs will be delivered to our post on April 25<sup>th</sup>. All orders should be

turned In by March 31. Events for the month of March: March 9, Unit 280 meeting, March 15, Fifth Division meeting at Nashville and will be covering 20 years of, "The new century and beyond", March 22, 25th District Meeting will be held at Steeleville Unit 480. Thanks to YOU for submitting your 2020 dues, we are at 100%, the first time in many years. We welcome new member Susan Fowler. Any member not paid for 2020 should get their dues in before March 15, as our roster will be closed pending convention. March 30<sup>th</sup> is Bingo at the Marion VA CLC. Meet at the Post at 6pm. Please keep 2 very special members in your prayers as they battle severe health conditions. Thank you. It takes less muscles to smile than it does to frown, so keep smiling. *"WHEN YOU THINK OF QUITTING, REMEMBER WHY YOU JOINED THE ALA"* **"In Service Not Self"-- Freda Broadway, Pres.**

#### **VFW Aux Post 2671**

Our regular meeting is on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm. The next meeting is March 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Sons of the American Legion Post #280**

Monthly meeting is on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm. All members are encouraged to attend. The Sons will be presenting the check to the Honor Flights on March 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm. If anyone would like to go, be at the Legion at least by 1 o'clock March 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Legion Riders of Post #280**

The next meeting is on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. There are several local rides to be part of check the bulletin board in the canteen.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> SAL Meeting at 2pm  
Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> Legion Post 280 Meeting at 6pm  
Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>. SAL Honor Flight Check Presentation at 2pm at Veterans Airport  
Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> Legion Auxiliary Meeting at 7pm  
Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> House Committee Meeting at 6pm  
Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> Legion Riders Meeting at 6pm  
Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> VFW Post 2671 Meeting at 7pm

Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> VFW Auxiliary Meeting at 7pm  
Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> Legion 25<sup>th</sup> District Meeting at Steeleville Post 480. Committees meet at Noon, Meeting takes place at 1pm  
Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> VA Bingo at CLC. Meet at Post 6pm to be at CLC to begin Bingo at 7pm

### **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 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.

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