



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 28

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Carroll Owings - COMMANDER



## COMMANDERS CALL

*Carroll Owings*

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the coming year. My fellow Post 28 officers and I promise to continue the great work of our mentors from this past year. Working closely with the women's auxiliary president, Geneva Padgett, we will ensure that the work of Post 28 will continue to honor God and country. Many of you have contacted me with new ideas to help upgrade the post facilities, grow our membership, and how to become more visible in our community. Post 28, with the former leadership, has become a great example for American Legion Posts around our state and nation. The museum under the charge of historian and past commander, Ed Hall, is a true state treasure. There is lots to do, and we need committed volunteers who are not afraid of hard work to help us continue to ever guard the sanctity of home, country, and free institutions. Post 28 shall be known as a place of American pride, distinction, honor, and service. We will serve those who have served. Please contact me with comments or suggestions at 864-541-3057.

## ADJUTANT

*Leah White for God and Country*

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for reelecting me as your Adjutant. I will always be just a phone call away if you need me. (864) 205-2755 is my cellphone, it is always on me, please feel free to call me.

Our 2016 renewal year starts on July 1st. I would appreciate it if you would send in your dues renewal as soon as possible. Our Post is one of the LARGEST in South Carolina at almost 400 members! Our goal is to try to have 100% membership dues paid this year in the fastest amount of time possible, to do that I NEED YOUR HELP! Please pay your dues as quickly as you can!!

I would like for our Post to be recognized by State and National for this accomplishment this year. Together we can do it. That plaque and ribbon belongs to Post 28 this year!!

Now, if you have need of renting the Post Hall, or Boardroom, please call me at the above number. Our maximum amount of people that the hall is allowed to hold is 110-120, as per the Fire Marshall. If you have need

and are interested in using the Post for your events, call me for all the information, and to reserve your date.

We are in need of some people willing to either work in the Office from 10-2 on Mondays, and also for some alternates yo fill in if someone can't be there on their day. Please let me know if you can help. We also have need of office supplies such as copy paper, printer ink, pens, pencils, markers, posted notes etc. If you can help, it would be appreciated.

And lastly, this Post belongs to all of us, so it's upkeep is up to ALL of us. If you are able to lend a hand in keeping it nice, please let us know. If you can volunteer some time to clean, or paint, or what ever your talent is, we can use the help! If you can Cook, or help in the kitchen, we desperately could use your help there as well! Get involved in anyway youcan, you won't be sorry! Coffee Call is Monday - Friday from 10 -1:30 come join us!

## DISTRICT FIVE COMMANDER

*Jack Wright*

## 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE COMMANDER

*Jim Harbison - For God and Country*

I want to let you know how much improved the post home is. Last year as facilities manager we repaired, replaced, and painted a lot of defective parts, also built a canteen with cabinets ,counter and running water. we helped Ed with installing bricks in the walkway that has played a big part in keeping the post solvent. this coming year we are trying to find a way to go to solar power to help relieve some expensive power bills if successful, we will be able to do more for our veterans then we can now ,you will hear more on this subject in the future as for now I think we are on a solid foundation. The canteen is open 5 days a week from 10 to 2 coffee is free so come on down and enjoy the company.

## VETERANS ASSISTANCE

*Ted Hemenway - Service Officer*

If you need assistance, or someone contacts you for assistance, you can contact Ted thru the post.

## HONOR GUARD

*Ken Barton* - Commander

Honor Guard Report: Through June 15, 2015, the Honor Guard has performed military rites at 15 funerals in 2015. Members of the Color Guard and Rifle Team, drawn from the Honor Guard, performed at the Memorial Day ceremonies at Veterans Pointe in Duncan Park and at USC Upstate on May 24, 2015.

## SC DEPT 1ST VICE COMMANDER

*Bob Scherer* - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander - American Legion Dept of SC

First off, I want to express my deep gratitude to the delegates from Post 28 that helped me get elected to the office of 1st Vice Commander for the State. I will do my best not to betray that trust in me. I also am happy to say that I am finally going to be able to work with the posts in this area and surrounding counties all the way down to Abbeville and beyond. Our new State Commander is Joe Lysaght and one of his goals is for the department to be at 25,000 members within the next 10 months and for each post to donate 250 lbs of non perishable food to a local pantry. The Department, myself, and the post will be asking for your help in both projects and I hope and pray that you will stand up and answer the call. "Visibility Means Membership"

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## AUXILIARY

*Geneva Paggett* - President

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Your auxiliary has been busy the past 3 months, we had a beautiful weekend for the Memorial Day celebrations, Members made another successful trip to Campbell's VA Nursing Home and a good time was had by all and the veterans really enjoyed having us there. We sent 18 girls to Girls State. Geneva and Minnie went to Laurens for the Girls State Tea Reception. They were so glad to see us and appreciative for sending them. The Post 28 American Legion Baseball Team still needs help selling tickets at the gate and we can use some help with the 50/50 tickets. Thanks to the ladies who have already helped. Our newest adventure "SUMMER FEST" went well. It was a lot of fun, but a lot of work, too! The men came through again, setting up tables, chairs, tents, etc. THANKS again guys, you are wonderful. Our annual Yard sale is coming up. It is set for Friday and Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We need donations as well as members to help set up and work those days. Start cleaning out, collecting from your friends and neighbors, every little bit helps. More details at the next meeting. See you July 4<sup>th</sup> !!!

## WEBB DIRECTOR

*Charles Lytle*

## ATHLETICS

*John Barron*, Athletic Director





These are your Senior and Junior Teams. Get to know them, come out a watch them play.

# CALENDAR 2015

## JULY

- 1 ----- Post 28 vs Post 118 at Duncan Park
- 1 ----- 2016 Dues become due
- 4 ----- Independence Day
- 4 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf
- 11 ----- VVA Mtg
- 13-17 ----- Flying Camp
- 18 ----- Honor Guard Practice
- 25 ----- Clocko Reception 5-11 pm
- 27 ----- Dir's Mtg

## AUGUST

- 1 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf
- 8 ----- VVA Mtg

- 15 ----- Honor Guard Practice
- 17-22 ----- Auxiliary Yard Sale
- 29 ----- Post Cleaning Day
- 31 ----- Dir's Mtg

## SEPTEMBER

- 5 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf
- 7 ----- Labor Day
- 11 ----- Earnhart Wedding Rehearsal
- 12 ----- Earnhart Wedding
- 12 ----- VVA Mtg
- 13 ----- Grandparent's Day
- 19 ----- Honor Guard Practice
- 19 ----- Shamrock Dance Club
- 24-27 ----- USAF Museum Trip
- 26 ----- Post Cleaning Dau
- 28 ----- Dir's Mtg

## OCTOBER

- 3 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf
- 3 ----- Dance Unlimited Club
- 10 ----- VVA Mtg
- 10 ----- Palmetto Dance Club
- 10 ----- DAR Ceremony
- 12 ----- Columbus Day
- 15 ----- Navel Reserve Mtg
- 17 ----- Honor Guard Practice
- 17 ----- Shamrock Dance Club
- 31 ----- Halloween
- 31 ----- Post Cleaning Day

## NOVEMBER

- 2 ----- Dir's Mtg
- 3 ----- Election Day
- 7 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf
- 11 ----- Veteran's Day
- 14 ----- VVA Mtg
- 14 ----- Palmetto Dance Club
- 21 ----- Honor Guard Practice
- 21 ----- Shamrock Dance Club
- 26 ----- Thanksgiving Day
- 28 ----- Post Cleaning Day
- 30 ----- Dir's Mtg

## DECEMBER

- 5 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf
- 5 ----- Dance Unlimited Club
- 12 ----- VVA Mtg
- 19 ----- Honor Guard Practice
- 19 ----- Shamrock Dance Club
- 24 ----- Post Closed Christmas Eve
- 25 ----- Post Closed Christmas Day
- 26 ----- Post Cleaning Day
- 28 ----- Dir's Mtg
- 31 ----- Post Closed

## TRIP TO DAYTON ITENARY

*Ed Hall* - Coordinator

Post 28 has arranged a bus trip to Dayton, Ohio for a visit to The Air force Museum and the Wright Brothers Museum plus other places around Dayton. We also plan a stop at Ft. Knox, KY and a visit to the famous Patton Museum. While there we will also get a look at the Gold Vault building (no samples will be allowed)! Trip dates are Sept 24 - 27 (Thur-Sunday) and will include 9 meals and 3 hotel nights for a total cost of \$409 per person double occupancy. Single will be around \$520. This will be another great trip and to sign up contact Ed Hall at 641-1127 for more details. Ed needs to know if you are interested as soon as possible.



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