



AMERICAN LEGION POST 28

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AVERY TAYLOR - COMMANDER



COMMANDERS CALL

Avery Taylor

Now is the time to get involved.

Just as you brush off winter's wrath and spruce up around your home in the spring, we also see a lot of fresh activity at your Legion Post this time of year. The baseball season is starting to come together, the Post grounds need trimming, pruning, and general cleanup, we are preparing for election of new officers to run the Post, planning for the Memorial Day service on May 24th, and a whole host of things we hope you will make time to be a part of. Some events being planned are mentioned in this newsletter but more will come up so check with our Post WEB site at www.al28sc.org regularly to learn of additional events.

Money for our charitable services is always a concern. We need to find better ways of generating money – fund raisers, donation solicitations, and cost avoidance. We spend a lot on supplies for the building and office so I see a good cost avoidance opportunity here. I encourage all of you to help us by donating supplies, everything from toilet paper to cleaning agents, office technology, and canteen supplies like coffee and creamer that we make available for members and guests every day. Check with the Adjutant or office staff to find out what we can use today. Every dime we don't spend at Sam's Club is a dime we can direct toward a veteran's service activity. Plan to be part of the action! Come on down to the Post and chat with friends over a cup of coffee – open Monday through Friday, 10 – 2 (and some other times too – call at 253-0376.)

ADJUTANT

Leah White

As we race to the end of another American Legion year (July -July), I am thankful for another year of serving you and Post 28. For those of you who have already paid your dues for 2015, I thank you, if you are in the number who have not as yet paid your dues, I respectfully request that you do so as soon as possible. If you are having trouble with funding, please call me. My number is 864-205-2755. I am always available to you. Just a reminder that I can now accept credit card payments, so if that makes things easier for you, let me know. There is a \$2.00 convenience fee for credit card payments. Our Post has been given a single grave in the Veteran's section at Greenlawn. The sale proceeds are earmarked for Boy's State. If you are interested please give me a call for the details. I would like to take this opportunity to Thank all of you who have contributed to the Post in so many ways from small to large, you are very much appreciated! The building improvements are just beautiful! The new canteen features, the Frank and Dorothy Beer

Pavilion, the Brick Walk, more lighting outside, if you haven't been in a while you should come and enjoy the improvements! Our membership is steadily increasing, for which I am very thankful, but this Post is about ALL its members. If you have questions, concerns, need help, want to talk, our doors are open Monday-Friday from 10-2. The coffee is on and its free! Come down and see us anytime! As always, I am here to serve you 24/7, so as I have put my phone number above, please feel free to let me know if you need anything. Remember that starting on July 1, 2015, dues for 2016 are due. The faster they get paid, the faster they stop sending out reminders!! Pay early if you can, I would like to have 100% paid as soon as possible. If you have a change of address, phone number, need assistance, PLEASE CALL AND LET US KNOW! I still need DD214s for all members who have not already given them to me, and if they need help getting copies of their DD214, I can help them get them.

DISTRICT FIVE COMMANDER

Jack Wright

I personally want to thank all the Posts in the District that have made Goal of 90% by the Target date of March 6, 2015. Post 28, 45, 48, 200 A special thanks goes out to Post 200 for being the first in the District to reach 100%. "See Post 28 Web for winners of the High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest" April 11, 2015, Inman Post 45, 10:00 hrs. will be your next District 5 meeting. During this meeting we will be holding the election for the District 5 Commander for the next two years (2016-2017).

FACILITIES

Jim Harbison - Committee Chairman

In the past quarter we have been hard at work repairing and refurbishing the post. Working on the leak upstairs, new concrete sidewalks, patio and walk ways. Workshop downstairs has been restored to a workstation. New ceremonial brick walkways have been installed, new cabinets and counters in the canteen have been installed, and much more. These investments are designed to upgrade our facility. If you have not been in the post in the past 12 months I feel you would be very impressed.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Ted Hemenway - Service Officer

I'm still going thru a learning curve, but I am available to all veterans to assist them with problems. The new clinic in Greenville is very nice looking and more efficient than the old one was. Example: A couple of our veterans went over there, without an appointment to the hearing clinic, asked for a hearing check, and both needed hearing aids, one now wears his and the other is being made to be fitted to the veteran. Now that is a step up. *Ted Hemenway*

HONOR GUARD

Ken Barton - Commander

The Honor Guard has been very active during the early part of 2015. Six (6) fellow veterans gone west, one being our good friend and fellow veteran Carl Tucker "He will be missed". While I recover from back surgery, Jim Harbison will coordinate the Honor Guard.

ATHLETICS

John Barron, Athletic Director

American Legion Post 28 will field a senior and junior team this summer season. Post 28 covers the costs for all baseball players who make the team. Our base school is Spartanburg High School, Spartanburg, SC. Our home field is historic Duncan Park Stadium. We are looking for committed baseball players willing to devote their summer to play the game. We mainly recruit players from Spartanburg High, Dorman High, Broome High and the Spartanburg Day School. We can recruit from other schools in accordance with the 2015 American

Legion Baseball Rules.
<<http://www.legion.org/publications/160898/abaseball-rule-book>>

Post 28 Team Tryouts are in May 2015 when High School play has finished. We play other American Legion Teams from Union, Gaffney, Inman, Travelers Rest and Greer. The South Carolina American Legion League VI Season is May - July 2015. League playoffs, State and National tournament play is July - August 2015. We are accepting applications to fill three coaching positions. Anyone interested can contact the Athletic Director. *John J Barron* - Director.

SC DEPT 2ND VICE COMMANDER

Bob Scherer - 2nd Vice Commander

As I travel throughout the state, I wonder how many members have been told the proper etiquette of wearing their legion cover and I am beginning to believe very few: For an example: it states in the officer's guide during the swearing in ceremony "remember there is no rank among us for we all serve as equals" which simply means here we are just legionnaires. Which brings me to my point, there are many members that wear their previous rank on their legion covers and this is not allowed. You want to wear your rank on your baseball caps, shirts, jackets, that is fine, but it should not be worn on your cover. Also it is the stand of the American Legion right now that when doing the pledge of allegiance to the flag, the cover is placed over your heart and not worn and do a hand salute. Until this change is made from National, this is the proper way .. For God and Country, *Bob Scherer*, Vice

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

Ed Y Hall - Curator and Librarian

Summer is here and thoughts turn to traveling. We have dibs on 2 different trips. First is an invitation to accompany VVA Chapter 1049 on a day trip to Patriot's Point. Travel is by bus and is only 25 dollars, cheaper than gas to drive down and back and a \$17 entrance fee (group rate) will be asked for before departure. Carnival Fantasy Cruise to the Bahamas is available. For more information, contact Cruiseone at 864-498-1306.

AUXILIARY

Geneva Paggett - President

Time to hear from your Auxiliary President again. Thanks girls, our Soup and Salad dinner was a great success; good, fellowship, and the best food. The fashion show is really in the making. Mary Miner has designed a great flyer and tickets. And guess what! The men are going to strut their stuff and model. This should be a great affair.

In April, we are planning a luncheon to honor our female Post members, past presidents, new members, and prospective members. All members are welcome.

May will bring our Boys and Girls State Reception to honor the delegates for the 69th Palmetto Boys and Girls State. Then on Memorial Day weekend, we have several events; Placing flags on the veterans' graves at Heritage Cemetery, distributing poppies at different locations, the memorial at Duncan Park and ending Sunday evening at USC Upstate. Let's not forget the American Legion baseball team. They will need help selling tickets to the games at the gate, selling T-shirts and caps, and if you have never helped with the 50/50 tickets you have missed a fun time.

WEBB DIRECTOR

Charles Lytle

Post 28 planning fall cruise to Bahamas

The post is planning a fall cruise to the Bahamas with stops at Nassau and Freeport members, family, and friends of Post 28 members at special reduced prices. We leave Charleston on October 1 on the five-day cruise and return to Charleston. Further information is available on our Post website <http://www.al28sc.org/> and on <http://vtaylor.cruiseone.com/travel/groups#/7382658> Invite your friends and neighbors for this fun, sun, and relaxing fall outing. Contact should notify Vince Taylor at vtaylor@cruiseone.com or [864-909-3372](tel:864-909-3372) for further information and to sign up for this great trip.

Have you checked our Post website lately???

We are continuing to expand and improve our website. Latest additions include a new page with news and other information about our Auxiliary, the Honor Guard, and interviewing candidates for Boys State. We are also seeking information on our former group of Legion Riders. Please let Webmaster Charlie Lytle at 864-583-1978 or lytle_bio@ncsu.edu know if you know of any one who was involved with the group or anyone interested in reviving the Riders in our post or if you have other suggestions for our website. *Charles Lytle*

SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Carol Owings

We have visited three high schools - Dorman, Broome, and Spartanburg Day School to interview applicants for Boys' State to be held at Anderson University this summer. We will visit Byrnes, Spartanburg, and Oakbrook in the coming weeks. As of March

15th, we have raised \$1300 in scholarships and are still gratefully accepting donations for this cause.*REMINDERS**Please send in any names that we need to remember on the "sick call" list.

*We are preparing programs for Memorial Day and Veterans' Day and we need your help! Please check to see how you can support these special events!*Also, we are planning our annual golf tournament, summer cookout, and fun day.

*Donations of office supplies (paper, printing cartridges, staples. . .) would be greatly appreciated!*Golf shirts will be available in red, white, or blue at our monthly meeting on April 4th - cost is \$30.Many thanks to all of the members of Post 28 for your continued service. If I can help you in any way in the coming months, please call me at 864-541-3057.

CALENDAR 2015

APRIL

- 3 ----- Rice Rehearsal
- 4 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf
- 4 ----- New Officer Nominations
- 4 ----- Rice Wedding Reception
- 11 ----- VVA Mtg
- 11 ----- Palmetto Dance Club
- 15 ----- Bridge Club
- 17 ----- Spring Festival Setup
- 18 ----- Honor Guard Practive
- 18 ----- Auxiliary Spring Festival
- 18 ----- Shamrock Dance Club
- 23 ----- ROTC at Wofford
- 25 ----- Post Cleaning Day
- 25 ----- Confederate Ball
- 27 ----- BOD Mtg

MAY

- 2 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf - Election
- 2 ----- Dance Unlimited Club
- 9 ----- VVA Mtg
- 16 ----- Honor Guard Practive
- 24 ----- Memorial Day Concert
- 25 ----- Memorial Day
- 30 ----- Post Cleaning Day



JUNE

- 1 ----- BOD Mtg
- 6 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf
- 13 ----- VVA Mtg
- 14 ----- Flag Day
- 20 ----- Honor Guard Practice
- 21 ----- Father's Day
- 27 ----- Post Cleaning Day
- 29 ----- BOD Mtg

JULY

- 4 ----- Independence Day
- 4 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf
- 11 ----- VVA Mtg
- 18 ----- Honor Guard Practice
- 27 ----- BOD Mtg

AUGUST

- 1 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf
- 8 ----- VVA Mtg
- 15 ----- Honor Guard Practice
- 29 ----- Post Cleaning Day
- 31 ----- BOD Mtg



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