



AMERICAN LEGION POST 28

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Carroll Owings - COMMANDER



COMMANDERS CALL

Carroll Owings

Summer is quickly coming to an end, and fall is in the air! Many thanks to all of the volunteers during the American Legion Baseball season, especially to John Barron, who spent countless hours preparing for the games and making sure everything ran smoothly. Also, we thank Ed Hall for hosting the "Flying Things" camp for youngsters this summer - I'm sure each student learned many details about aviation. Our Color Guard was honored to participate in programs for July 4th and September 11th, and the Honor Guard was asked to be present at several funerals this summer. I want to personally thank all of you that willingly take the time to be part of these groups and are faithful to be in attendance when asked. Post 28 was able to send thirty representatives to Boys' State this year, and each student learned valuable lessons about our government.

Please be reminded of the need for funds to meet the monthly electrical bills. We have asked each member to donate \$2 or MORE for the rest of this year to defray the cost of our utilities. Please get this donation in ASAP! Also, beginning JAN. 2016, each member will be asked to pay \$24 to help with this matter. We know that everyone will make this a priority to help our Post. Be sure to look for more information on the following:

ADJUTANT

Leah White for God and Country

We did it! Thanks to all of you who paid your dues early, WE WON THE EARLY BIRD AWARD!!! We will be recognised for having greater than 50% of our membership renewals in! That doesn't mean that we can slow down! We have the largest Post in our District, I'm looking to get 100% of our Post renewals this year. Please, if you haven't yet paid your dues, get them in as soon as you can.

You need to know that starting on January 1st, dues will be increasing to \$50. This is because National has increased their dues by \$5.00. We simply can't afford to lose that \$5.00 from the Post's dues. We have to be able to pay the bills.

Keep the week of October 19-24 open for our MEN'S YARSALE! We are asking for tools, golf stuff, all manner of manly men's

things! This Yardsale is open to anyone, but geared toward things that interest you MEN. ALL proceeds will go to the General Fund to help with our bills etc. So bring your things starting the 19th of October and the Yardsale will be on the 23rd & 24th. Food will also be for sale. Come support our Beautiful Post!! **REMINDER: THE COPON BOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE, THESE ARE A VERY GOOD DEAL.**

DISTRICT FIVE COMMANDER

Jack Wright

District 5 Commander Jack Wright, sends accolades to Dept VC Mike Nanny, of Sons of American Legion, BS Squadron 200 for all the efforts and time he put into 9/11 Remembrance day starting at the Grapevine @ 08:00 AM ending on the Hyw. 9 Bridge. A Job well done Mike. A well attended District 5 Meeting was Hosted by ALPost 45 Chesnee, SC. everyone was honored to meet and hear first hand from Department Of SC Commander, Joe Lysaght . Two busy months upcoming Sept.. 17-19 ALRSC Meet and Greet, Merrill inlet

- Sept. 16-19 POWMIA remembrance The Ride home. Americas Ga
- Sept. 21, American Legion Riders, reg. Meeting, J's BBQ 06:30pm
- Sept. 28, 108th Griffon Assoc. Golf Tournament. Pine Hurst NC 10:00 AM
- Sept. 21, BS Post 200 Reg. Meeting 06/30PM.
- Oct. 2-5, 2015 Dept. SC Conference Columbia Marriott.
- Oct. 12- Columbus Day
- Oct. 19- ALRSC chap 200. J,s 06:30 PM
- Oct 26, BS Post 200 BS Post 200
- Nov. 4 Election Day
- Nov 7, 2015 Chesnee Veterans day Parade 11:00 AM
- Nov. 11. Inman Veterans Day Parade 11:00 am
- Nov 11, Spartanburg Veterans Day Parade. 4:00 PM
- Nov. 21, district 5 meeting woodruff ,SC 10:00 AM
- November 26: HAPPY THANKSGIVING : God Bless the USA. Enjoy your family's

1ST VICE COMMANDER

Jim Harbison - For God and Country

Hello Legionnaires, this past quarter has gone by very very fast. Our Post Home has had a many repairs--floors, lights, sinks etc. Next quarter will be an active three months--Flags at the cemetery, trip to Anderson VA Home, fellowship and bingo with our veterans. Great Trip! To volunteer to man our booth, please call Jim or the Post. There will be a Veterans Day Parade and Dinner at the post, which everyone enjoys. Attend any of these functions and you will have a good time. We are still looking for ways to finance our Solar Power Project, and ideas????!!! Our meetings are well attended, and everyone enjoys the camaraderie and the

breakfast. Your fellow veterans look forward to seeing you there.

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 - Adjutant

The Post 28 Honor Guard has conducted military rites at 23 funerals so far in 2015. A Color Guard detachment from the Honor Guard presented the Colors at a Patriots Day ceremony on 9/11 at Mary Black Hospital.

SC DEPT AMERICAN LEGION

Bob Scherer - 1st Vice Commander

"A Few Tips for Meeting Protocol"

Proper protocol when a speaker comes from the general membership to the podium to speak is to salute the American flag, not the commander, and when going back to his/her seat, turn and salute the flag again. Time and time again most members just walk up to the podium, speak, and walk back without saluting the flag.

Another break in protocol is when someone is bringing forth a motion or seconding a motion, that legionnaire should stand up, be recognized from the chair, state their name so the adjutant or the recorder knows who made the motion and the same protocol applies to those seconding the motion, stand up, get recognized, state your name and what your action is. By following the above protocol, the meeting is more organized and easier to follow.

AUXILIARY

Geneva Padgett - President

Our annual yard sale was held on Friday and Saturday, August 21st and 22nd. It was a busy but good time. Thank you girls for all the help and hard work. A special thanks to the post members for the use of their strong arms. Members of the Auxiliary and Post went to Campbell VA Nursing Home in Anderson on Thursday, September 17th. They played bingo with prizes, served pound cake and peaches, cheese puffs and drinks, and visited with the veterans. A great time was had by all.

Our Annual Bean Supper will be held on Friday, October 9th at 6 p.m. Tickets will be \$7.00. We need help preparing food items and selling tickets. Tell your friends, families and co-workers. It is always a great event and the food and fellowship is outstanding. November will bring a busy month. Don't forget the placing of the flags on the graves on Friday, November 6th at 9 a.m. at the Heritage Cemetery. The Veterans Parade will be Wednesday, November 11th.

After the parade the Post will host a dinner for our veterans at 6 p.m. at the Legion Home. Bring a covered dish and join the group. In December we will decorate the Post Christmas tree after our Saturday, December 5th meeting. Some of the ladies and gents will go to the Campbell VA Nursing Home to wrap gifts for the veterans. Date TBA On Thursday, December 10th there will be an OPEN HOUSE with the LIGHTING OF THE LIGHTS at 6 p.m. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. There will be a joint Christmas dinner of the Auxiliary and Post and families on Friday, December 18 at 6.p.m. This will be a covered dish dinner. Don't forget gifts for the boys and girls to put under the tree. Be sure to join us for the 2016 events.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Ed Hall - Librarian and Curator

1936 World Series Trophy To Be Restored

Arrangements have been made to have our World Series Trophy repaired and restored like new. The repair work will be expensive but the project chair, Ed Hall indicates that half of the cost has already been raised. The membership will be asked to help out with the cost at the next Legion meeting in October. Repairs include a new silver plating and correcting damage done years ago when the trophy fell off a display table. Post members who would like to make an early donation to the repair fund may contact Ed Hall at the Post.

Robert Wilson Civil War Prints For Sale.

Robert Wilson recently donated a large number of prints to Post 28 to be sold to help raise money for the Post. Several prints have already been sold and the entire set of 11 prints will soon be listed on EBAY for sale. Ed Hall will be in charge of Print sales. Sales will be posted into the General Fund to help cover Post expenses. Post members may purchase most of the prints for \$25 each. The Robert E. Lee is not available for sale at any price at this time due to the limited number of available prints. The plan is to possibly have these prints sold at auction due to their high collectors value. See Ed Hall for Print sales.

ALL IS WELL WITH THE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.

Carroll should have contacted you about publishing the letter sent to all members about our plan to set up an Energy Fund account.

OCTOBER 2015

- 3 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf
- 3 ----- Dance Unlimited Club
- 9 ----- Aux Bean Supper 6pm
- 10 ----- VVA Mtg
- 10 ----- Palmetto Dance Club
- 10 ----- DAR Ceremony
- 12 ----- Columbus Day
- 12-18 ----- Fair "Call Jim to Volunteer"
- 15 ----- Navel Reserve Mtg
- 17 ----- Honor Guard Practice
- 17 ----- Shamrock Dance Club Fund Raiser
- 20 ----- Masonic 271 Dinner
- 22 ----- Operation Standdown
- 22&23 ----- Men's Yard Sale
- 28 ----- Shamrock Dance Club
- 31 ----- Auxiliary Dist Mtg
- 31 ----- Sharon McMillian (Sistas of Elegance)
- 31 ----- Halloween
- 31 ----- Post Cleaning Day

NOVEMBER 2015

- 2 ----- Dir's Mtg
- 3 ----- Election Day
- 6 ----- Flag Vp@Heritage
- 7 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf
- 11 ----- Veterans Day Parade and Dinner
- 14 ----- Palmetto Dance Club
- 14 ----- VVA Mtg
- 21 ----- Honor Guard Practice
- 21 ----- Shamrock Dance Club
- 26 ----- Thanksgiving Day - Post Closed
- 28 ----- Post Cleaning Day
- 30 ----- Dir's Mtg

DECEMBER 2015

- 5 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf
- 10 ----- Light the Christmas Lights w/cookies and hot choclote 6pm
- 11 ----- VVA Christmas Party 6-11pm
- 12 ----- Spartanburg Athletic Clup Christmas Party 6-11 (OTL Req)
- 13 ----- Scoggin Family
- 18 ----- Post Christmas Party 6pm
- 19 ----- Honor Guard Practice
- 19 ----- Shamrock Dance Club
- 24 ----- Christmas Eve - Post Closed
- 28 ----- Dir's Mtg
- 31 ----- New Year's Eve Post Closed

JANUARY 2016

- 1 ----- New Year's Day Post Closed
- 2 ----- Mbr Mtg & Bkf
- 9 ----- VVA Mtg
- 16 ----- Honor Guard Mtg

FEBURARY 2016

- 6 ----- Mbr mtg & Bkf
- 13 ----- VVA Mtg
- 20 ----- Honor Guard Mtg

MARY MINOR

Mary Miner - Guest Speaker

CAN YOU, IN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS, IMAGINE THE IMPACT THAT IDENTITY THEFT COULD HAVE IN YOUR LIFE!

Unfortunately, everyone is vulnerable to identify theft including your children, grandchildren and even deceased loved ones.

Geneva Padgett, our own Auxiliary President and Mary Miner were put at risk recently, at the CVS on Union Street in Spartanburg, when the Photo Department experienced what forensic investigators call an illegal intrusion.

"On August 13, 2015, investigators informed CVS that, between June 2014 and July 2015, there was an illegal intrusion into PNI's systems that host the CVSPHOTO.com website. This intrusion potentially resulted in the unauthorized acquisition of data entered by certain users on CVSPHOTO.com. Based on the facts known to the company at this time, the potentially affected personal information may have included your first and last name, payment card number, expiration date, card verification code, address, phone number, email address, and username and password for logging in to a CVSPHOTO.com account."

Philip Hendal and Mary Miner representing Legal Shield will give a presentation at our next post meeting on how you can protect yourself and family from a nightmare that is sweeping our nation.

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