



AMERICAN LEGION POST 28

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Carroll Owings - COMMANDER



COMMANDER'S CALL

Carroll Owings

I hope all of you enjoyed a special Christmas and beginning of 2016! We have been busy with many different activities at Post 28, and your contributions in time and money do not go unnoticed. Please continue to remember our "Energy Fund"

As our real winter weather approaches and as we update our building. Many thanks to all those who have helped with veterans' memorial services, to Jim Harbison for organizing the Veterans' Day parade in November, and to Ed Hall for implementing our "Energy" initiative. The Women's Auxiliary made many events special, especially the holiday season activities. Mary's House for Women was most thankful for the donated toys from our post. To all of you who decorated the lighting around the post, John and your team are most appreciated! To Ed and John, the 1931 Legion Championship Trophy looks great, and we are ready to add more accomplishments from our post. Your board is already working on plans for 2016, and we ask that you continue to support Post 28. If you have suggestions or would like to volunteer, please contact one of our board members.

ADJUTANT

Leah White

2015 is gone - WOW! Time has flown by! Let me wish you all a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** I want to thank everyone who helped us win the Early Bird Award this year. If you haven't paid your dues yet, I encourage you to do so immediately! American Legion National has raised their yearly dues by \$5. Therefore, our yearly dues will have to increase by that same amount.

The increase goes into effect on January 16th and all dues received after January 15th will be for \$50. If you want to put the increase off until 2017, my suggestion would be to pay your 2016 dues now. 2017 dues will be due starting on JULY 1 @ \$50. Our Post is about to get a lot safer! We are getting an AED. It's a defibrillator. We will also have someone come to the Post to train us in its use, as well as training for CPR, and First Aid. If you are interested please let us know. Classes will be through the American Heart Association. I encourage you to check the calendar often so that you don't miss anything! Also remember that we have

coffee call Monday through Friday from 10 - 2. Come, hang out, drink coffee, talk, watch TV. Your Post home is here for you to enjoy. If you can help out around the Post, that would be appreciated too!

Post 28 is pleased to announce that Tollie Ross has been elected to serve out the year as Finance Officer, and Avery Taylor has agreed to be our new Web Master! We wish Doyle Boggs better Health in the New Year, and our hearts are still sad at the loss of Charlie Lytle who served as web master until his death this year.

May 2016 see all of us in better health.

SC DEPT OF AMERICAN LEGION

Bob Scherer, 1st Vice Commander

At this time of year everyone tells you to look back over the previous year and reminisce over what has happened to you and those around you. I would ask that you look ahead to see what you can do to make your life and those around you better. What is your goal or goals for the coming year? What would you like to see happen? What impact are you going to make either at home or at work? What are you going to do for those less fortunate than you? What are you going to do to make the American Legion better for you and your fellow legionnaires? So many questions now and in the future, what are you going to do to answer them? The point being is we cannot do everything by ourselves, we need help. So who can you count on? Two places that for sure you can get help, the American Legion and its members and your faith in God. Rely on them, especially the Lord our God. So Sherri and I hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas and that you all have a happy, prosperous, and healthy new year.

DISTRICT FIVE COMMANDER

Jack Wright

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL and may 2016 be filled with fun, happiness, and great health for you.

1ST VICE COMMANDER

Jim Harbison

This great building that we call home is in decent shape. As always with older buildings, it can always use help. Hope you had a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Ted Hememway

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

HONOR GUARD

Ted Hememway, Commander

Ken Barton, Adjutant

The Post 28 Honor Guard has presented military honors at 25 veteran funerals this calendar year as of December 15, 2015. The Honor Guard continues to practice regularly to hone its flag presentation program and to cross train members for the rifle team and the flag team. The next practice is tentatively scheduled for January 16, 2016 at 9:00 am. Contact Ken Barton at 573-8865 for confirmation or questions.

AUXILIARY

Geneva Padgett, President

I hope everyone had a great *CHRISTMAS!* Our Auxiliary has been busy the last few months. Our Annual Bean Dinner was a success. Thanks to everyone for helping and coming. The unit supported the Upstate Standdown with a donation and collected items. Members participated in the Veterans Day Parade, followed by a dinner at the Legion Post. Many Veterans and their families came. Four members attended the District 7 & 8 Meeting held in Greenville. A very interesting and informative meeting, getting to meet members from other units was a good thing. The *CHRISTMAS TREE* was decorated and the Legion held an "Open House" at the post with the "3rd Lighting of the Lights". Cookies, Coffee, and Hot Chocolate was served to all who stopped by. High fives and accolades to John and his merry band of helpers for the light display. *IT IS BEAUTIFUL.* Join us in 2016 for more events. Our annual Soup and Salad Dinner will be held on Friday, February 19, 2016. It will soon be time to start on the Boys and Girls State Program. This is always a rewarding time. *HAPPY NEW YEAR,* all!

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Ed Hall, Librarian and Curator

1936 National Championship Trophy Returns, Our Trophy is back and it sure is beautiful. A rededication ceremony was held at our Christmas Supper on Friday 18 December. Total cost for the silver replating was \$1,008 which was raised from Athletic, Museum funds and private donations. The trophy display case is also being renovated and should be completed by end of December.

Energy Fund Raiser Growing

Our effort to get a handle on the sky rocketing cost to heat and air condition our Legion Home is on it way to a great success. The Fund

project began back in July with an appeal to our membership to help out with donations to a central energy fund. So far, over \$7,000 has been donated by 160 members for our 2015 energy expense.

Our Energy Fund raiser for 2016 energy expenses will hopefully be covered with our announced plan to assess our Legion Membership \$24 per person effective with a Statement being mailed in January with a payment expected by 29 February 2016. This project, approved by the Legion Board last September is expected to raise enough funds to pay our energy expenses for 2016. The Energy Fund Raising Project is asking all members to give up a coke or glass of tea per month and send that savings to your Legion to help Post 28 cover its energy and utility expenses. For questions concerning this project, contact Ed Hall 641-1127, Project Chairman.

CALENDAR 2016

JANUARY

1 st	News Years Day – Post closed
2 nd	Member Meeting and Breakfast
4 th	Christmas Light Removal and Pack-up
5 th	Christmas Light Removal and Pack-up
6 th	Christmas Light Removal and Pack-up
8 th	Dinner and a Movie Night
16 th	Honor Guard
16 th	Dance Club

FEBRUARY

1 st	Board of Directors Meeting
6 th	Member Meeting and Breakfast
6 th	Dance Unlimited
20 th	Honor Guard
20 th	Shamrock Dance Club
29 th	Board of Directors Meeting

MARCH

5 th	Members Meeting and Breakfast
19 th	Honor Guard
19 th	Shamrock Dance Club
28 th	Board of Directors Meeting

APRIL

2 nd	Members Meeting and Breakfast
16 th	Honor Guard
16 th	Shamrock Dance Club
23 rd	Confederate Ball (Chris Rucker)

MAY

2 nd	Board of Directors Meeting
7 th	Members Meeting and Breakfast

7th Dance Unlimited Club 13 to 19 years of age to play the game. This is made possible
 14th Shamrock Dance Club through our many generous contributors. I urge you to take
 21st Honor Guard into consideration our efforts to field both junior and senior
 21st Boys and Girls State Reception (2 to 4 pm) winning teams this year and to renew your support for Post
 22nd Graduation Party Private 28's Baseball Program.
 30th Board of Directors Meeting

JUNE

4th Members Meeting and Breakfast
 18th Honor Guard
 27th Board of Directors Meeting

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Dianne Norris – Aux Rep

Dinner and a Movie promises to be the best program that AL Post 28 has put forward in a long time. The Auxiliary has thought this presentation out thoroughly. Dinner will be hot dogs, cold slaw and chips Free.... Free....Free. The movie is:



ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

John J Barron

American Legion baseball teams are formed in hometowns throughout the country. Baseball players from several high schools converge into one Legion team for the summer. It is not professional baseball, but it is the best well organized baseball around. Area Legion baseball started when the Textile Leagues were King in the South and grew when Duncan Park was home to minor league teams, the Peaches and Phillies. Spartanburg Post 28 is the longest playing baseball team in Duncan Park and still calls the stadium home. Fans in Spartanburg, Inman, Greer, Union, Travelers Rest and Gaffney have hometown pride in their Legion teams and support them all the way. The Legion season will soon be upon us and town rivalry will play out on baseball diamonds throughout the upstate. Many citizens who may be low-spirited that we don't have a professional team to support and pull for should take notice of South Carolina American Legion League VI. Check the schedule (out soon) and make your plans to support your hometown Legion team. We are a nonprofit organization. American Legion Post 28 covers the costs for baseball players



I think this will be enjoyed by all. Let's put this over the hill, bring your wife, kids, grandkids and whoever else you would like to bring.



**COME SEE ME YOU WILL ENJOY.
 MAX THE HERO**



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