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# AMERICAN LEGION POST 28

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Carroll Owings - Commander



## COMMANDER'S CALL

*Carroll Owings*

I hope all of you are looking forward to a great spring season! Many thanks to the 202 members who have already contributed to the "Energy Fund" to help with the cooling and heating of your post. Preparations for Boys' State are another part of our responsibility, and thank you for your help in attending the "Night of Music and Entertainment at Broome High School on April 2<sup>nd</sup>". All proceeds will benefit the Boys' State program. As the weather gets warmer, we'll be looking for volunteers to help with our "spring cleaning around the post building and grounds. Exact dates will be announced soon. Many thanks to all of the officers and volunteers who give of their time and money so selflessly to make our post successful. I hope you are enjoying the gift of the new chairs recently donated by one of our generous members. Please contact me with suggestions or concerns to help make Post 28 a lighthouse in the Spartanburg community, and please be reminded that our breakfast meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at 9am. We'll see you on Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## ADJUTANT

*Leah White*

It's that time again! We are currently raising money for our Boy's State attendees. Last year I believe that our Post sent 27 boys. I am hoping that we can send that many or even more this year. We are having fundraisers etc because as you know the cost to send just 1 boy is \$300, all of which is covered by our Post for each boy. I'm asking that you help out, by attending and supporting the fundraisers, by private contributions, sponsoring a boy for his full amount if that's your preference. We will begin that process of interviewing all the candidates from each of the 7 schools that we choose from. You may or may not know how that works. The guidance counselors from each school gather candidates, and members from our Posts committee go and literally interview these kids. Then we choose the best of the candidates and alternates. Usually, we try to send as many as we can. State gives us a suggested amount to send, but we do have some leeway. Last year in sending 27 the cost was \$8100. That's a lot of money, and we can only do it with your help. That's part of what the American Legion does. That's part of being a Legionnaire. So please help us raise the necessary funds!

## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

*John J Barron*

Post 28 will be fielding a senior and junior baseball team this summer. We are a nonprofit organization. The program is made possible through many generous contributors. I urge you to take into consideration our efforts to field winning teams this year by renewing your support for Post 28's Baseball Program. Please find the time to support the teams by attending a game, contributing time or making a monetary donation. The Post needs Legionnaires to help out at the ball park during home games, help at the concession stand, sell tickets at the gate, run the scoreboard, be an announcer or help in general to setup for the evening. We will be publishing a 2016 Baseball Program as we have done each and every year and selling space in it for people to show support or advertise their business. We are looking for committed baseball players willing to devote their summer to play the game. The Post covers the costs for all baseball players 13 to 19 years of age who make the team. We mainly recruit players from Spartan, Dorman and Broome High Schools and Spartanburg Day School. We can recruit from other schools in accordance with the 2016 American Legion Baseball Rules. Team tryouts are in May 2016 when high school play has finished. We play other American Legion teams from Union, Gaffney, Inman, and Greer. The South Carolina American Legion League VI Season is May - Jul 2016 with League playoffs, state and national tournament play is July - August 2016.

## HONOR GUARD

*Ted Hememway, Commander*

*Ken Barton, Adjutant*

So far this calendar year, the Post 28 Honor Guard has presented military honors at 6 funerals and 2 memorial services, the most recent for Frank Malone, a Post 28 member, on March 16, 2016. The Guard continues to practice monthly (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 9 am) in order to get better and better. Any one interested in joining the Guard should contact Ken Barton at 573-8865.

## SC DEPT OF AMERICAN LEGION

*Bob Scherer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander*

It is that time of the year when we must look forward to the election of those who would lead us in the post and state, but we must be careful on whom we elect. Unfortunately, the posts, like the department, do not mentor those who would lead us. What do we know about those whom we are about to elect to lead us and guide us throughout the coming year(s)? We need to get rid of the good "ole" boy system and elect those who we know, that will and can do the task before them. The members of the convention last year made a mistake and did not know anything about the one they were about to elect, did not know the proper procedures, and elected an official who had little to no experience in running a post or being an officer of one. Don't make the same mistake. Make sure you know who you are about to vote for and if you feel this is not the right person to do the job, don't elect that person and elect someone you know to be the right candidate. Chose wisely as your future is before you, as well as your post, district, and state.

## DISTRICT FIVE COMMANDER

*Jack Wright*

Thank you for allowing me to send you a short article for your newsletter. As the Commander of District 5 of The American Legion Department of South Carolina. we are looking into forming a New American Legion Post in Cowpens, SC. \*The Fifth District is now in Second place in the State for Membership for 2015/2016 year. \*The Department has had a banner year in Membership. \*The American Legion Riders of SC Legacy ride will be held April 22,23,24, 2016 thru SC we are asking every Post to Contribute this year we ride for the Children of fallen comrades since 911. last year throughout all the state we raised of 1 million dollars. \*American Legion Baseball will be kicking of we advocate all Legionnaires to come out and support the great Baseball Program. \*Coming up on June 3,4,5, 2016 will be the SC American Legion Convention. Registrations are due to the Department NLT May 19, 2016. \*Boy's and Girls State, will be held in June. \*Law Cadet will be also held in June. \*Coming up on April 9, 2016 09:00 AM Grapevine will be the initial assembly area. Post 200 SAL will be hold a remembrance walk in Boiling Springs honoring those who gave all and those who survive the Bataan Death March, after the walk a ride up to Asheville, VA to celebrate this day with a survivors of the Bataan March everyone is invited to come out. \*Thursday March 29th, 2016, 10:00 am - 14:00 hrs (02:00 pm) Vietnam War VA Commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Viet Nam War. Location Butler Springs Park 301 Butler Springs Park Rd. Greenville, SC

29616. \*The Honor Flight is coming up in April. Please come out to GSP Airport and be a part in welcoming these Heroes back home from their flight. For God and Country

## LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

*Ed Hall, Librarian and Curator*

### ENERGY FUND REPORT

Energy Fund effort has done very well. So far 201 of our membership have donated \$5,500 to the 2016 Energy Fund. Our Annual Energy expense runs around \$8,000. We still have about 150 members who have not paid their annual \$24 into the fund but the Post is expecting a surge of late payments after this Newsletter gets out. Many thanks to all members who have made their payments and a future thanks to all who will respond to this appeal for late payments. Just a reminder -- your personal sacrifice to our Annual Energy Fund is equal to the cost of ONE GLASS OF COKE OR TEA per month for a year!

### POST LIBRARY REPORT

Just an announcement to let the membership know that we have acquired a whole bunch of books with lots of pictures in them. This is not a special notice to just our Navy and Marine guys but to the entire membership!! 2000 books and magazines await your checking out and crying for a reading date! Come one and come all!

## AUXILIARY

*Geneva Padgett, President*

Hello all, we are well into the year 2016. Busy things are happening. Our Soup and Salad dinner was a great success. The Spring Fashion Show/Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 16 at noon. Fashions will be from Burlington Coat Factory. Come on Guyes, we need you again! May will be a busy month. Let's not forget the American Legion Baseball Team. They will need help. Root, Toot, for our home team. The Auxiliary and Post will host a reception for the 2016 Palmetto Boy's and Girl's State delegates, Saturday, May 21 at 2 pm at the Legion Home. Light refreshments will be served. You may be asked to bring something. Our Unit is sending 18 girls this year. We will place flags on the graves of our veterans at Hertiage Cemetery on Friday, May 27 at 9 am. HELP! The next day, Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup> the ladies and gents will distribute poppies at three locations for donations. Don't Forge these funds are expecially for our veterans. Don't forget to be saving up for the August Yard Sale. This is our biggest fund raiser. Get your donations ready and don't forget to price them. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP.



NOTE: Our web page calendar will give you quite a few details not available here. Go to: <https://www.al28sc.org/>

## CALENDAR 2016

### APRIL

- 2nd.....Members Meeting and Breakfast
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Night of Music at Broome HS
- 4<sup>th</sup> .....BOD
- 16<sup>th</sup> ..... Honor Guard Practice
- 16<sup>th</sup> .....Auxiliary Fashion Ball
- 16<sup>th</sup> .....Shamrock Dance Club
- 21<sup>st</sup> ..... USNR Dinner
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... Confederate Ball (Chris Rucker)

### MAY

- 2<sup>nd</sup> .....BOD
- 7<sup>th</sup> .....Members Meeting and Breakfast
- 7<sup>th</sup> .....Dance Unlimited Club
- 14<sup>th</sup> .....Shamrock Dance Club
- 14<sup>th</sup> ..... Honor Guard Practice
- 21<sup>st</sup> ..... Boys and Girls State Reception
- 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... Graduation Party (Private)
- 27<sup>th</sup> ..... Post 28 Auxiliary Flag Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> .....Memorial Day Ceremony – Veterans Pointe
- 30<sup>th</sup> ..... Memorial Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> .....BOD

### JUNE

- 4<sup>th</sup>.....Members Meeting and Breakfast
- 18<sup>th</sup> .....Honor Guard Practice
- 27<sup>th</sup> ..... BOD

### JULY

- 2<sup>nd</sup> .....Members Meeting and Breakfast
- 16<sup>th</sup> .....Honor Guard Practice
- 30<sup>th</sup> ..... Spurgeon Family Reunion (Private)

### AUGUST

- 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Board of Directors meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> .....Members Meeting and Breakfast
- 15<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> ..... Auxiliary Receiving & Setup for Yard Sale
- 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Auxiliary Yard Sale
- 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Honor Guard Practice Canceled
- 29<sup>th</sup> ..... Board of Directors Meeting

### SEPTEMBER

- 3<sup>rd</sup>.....Members Meeting and Breakfast
- 17<sup>th</sup> .....Honor Guard Practice





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