



AMERICAN LEGION POST 28

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Carroll Owings - COMMANDER



AMERICAN LEGION DEP OF SC

COMMANDER

BOB SCHERER

I personally want to thank the members of Post 28 for having enough faith and confidence in me by sending your delegation strength which helped me be elected SC State Commander. There are three main goals I would like to accomplish in the first few months. Goal #1; Membership will now be one member over your final membership total for 2016. No more formula's and percentages to be frustrated with. Goal #2; More training for our District Commanders so that they can increase their knowledge to better help the Posts. Goal #3; Having The American Legion Family work closer together including the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Riders to make for a better Department in South Carolina. Once again thank you for your continued support and I look forward to serving you this 2016-2017 year as your Department State Commander

Congratulations to Bob on being elected Commander of the American Legion for the State of South Carolina.

OFFICERS SWORN IN

- Carroll Owings..... Commander
- Jim Harbison..... 1st Vice Commander
- Leah White2nd Vice Commander
- Tollie Ross Treasurer
- Joe Belville.....Chaplain
- Ted HemenwayService Officer
- John Barron Athletic Director
- Ed Hall Historian
- Ted Hemenway Honor Guard Comdr
- Ken Barton Honor Guard Adjutant

The June Membership Meeting has an impact that effects all of the Legionnaires. The Individuals that were sworn in by Jessie Campbell are charged to govern the Post for the next year. I personally believe that they will do an excellent job. Tony Messel, Editor



COMMANDER

CARROLL OWINGS

I hope all of you are having a safe and enjoyable summer! Many thanks to the officers and members of Post 28 that have made this last year a success! Please support those who have graciously agreed to serve you during the next year. The newly enacted Energy Plan has enabled us to maximize our funds to be used in other areas of need. We have also been able to send more students to Boys' State than ever because of the "Night of Music and Entertainment" of which many of you played an important role. There was also a generous donation to buy some badly needed chairs for our facility. The Veterans' Commemorative Walk at our post continues to be a success as many families place a brick in honor or memory of a service member. Many thanks to John Barron and Tony Messel for the outstanding baseball program in 2016. If you have not visited the "Curveball Café" during one of our games at Duncan Park, you need to do that soon! Our Honor Guard, Rifle Team, and Color Guard have also been busy as they have been asked to participate in many events of our community. Many hours of practice go into making each of these groups an asset to our post. Also, the Auxillary deserves a big thank you for all they do to keep the post running smoothly - whether it's helping out with the monthly breakfasts, volunteering at the games, or general help at the post, please know that you are wanted and appreciated! During our next year together, we hope to improve upon all of these programs and ensure that our historic facility is maintained to the highest standards. As your commander of Post 28, please contact me with any concerns or recommendations to make Post 28 more successful. REMEMBER !!!! Chic Fil A nights at the ballgame are: Jun 22 and Jun 28.



1ST VICE COMMANDER
JIM HARBISON

Legionnaires as I have been ask to be your Adjutant for the 2016-2017 term of Office. This is what I envision for Post 28: a. We need to recruit our younger veterans and include them in what we do. b. Our Post will host the National and State Commanders in March of 2017 and we need to make our post shine. Our post home need a few things refurbished to make this happen: 1 Some things need a coat of paint. 2 The dormers need some facing replaced. 3 the hardwood floor needs to be resurfaced. None of this is rocket science and we, as a team, can "get er done".



2ND VICE COMMANDER
LEAH WHITE

Hey y'all! I just wanted to thank you for voting me in as your 2nd Vice Commander. I will be working together with our Commander to set up some fundraisers, and some fun, family friendly events. I think we are going to have a good year! Just as a reminder, our new Membership year begins on July 1st. We earned the "Early Bird" award this past year, and I would love for us to do it again! Please send your dues(\$50) as soon as possible! It would be appreciated all around!! I'm hoping we can reach 100% paid membership this year. Also, please try to get us some new members signed up.As always, this is your Post too so any suggestions you have, any talents you may have, we would appreciate knowing about!

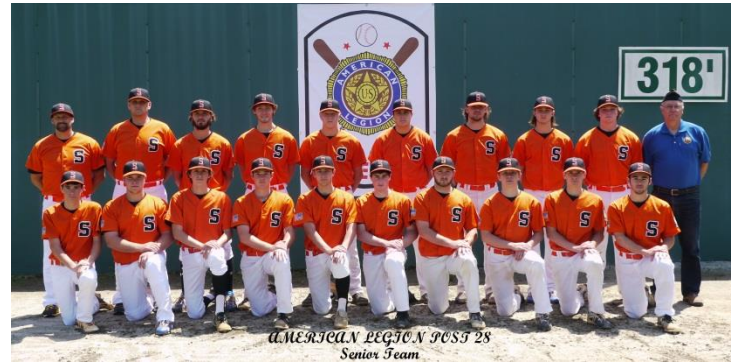
SERVICE OFFICER
TED HEMENWAY

Due to rising costs of living, many vets out there who look to increase their income. There are many Vets out there that could get increased benefits if they were aware of what they may be eligible. It is the responsibility of each member to bring that up in their conversation with other Vets. Some may have some percent of disability, but may be able to increase that percentage if they thought they could. PTSD and Agent Orange are two areas of concern. Vets or their widows could get help if they are in an Assisted Living facility. Independent Living will not qualify. Talk it up, maybe some of these Vets have family members that are also Vets, and seeing how we would like to help family members, may join the American Legion. Lets get active with our search for new members, and help all the

Vets that we can. The main thing, and most important, is to get the word out.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

JOHN J. BARRON



Post 28's Senior and Junior baseball teams are formed and their strong play will place both teams in the playoffs starting July 5th. With the added teams in League IV (Williamston Post 121 and Union Post 22) the competition is intense and the extra games are taking its toll on the players. During the regular season the junior team will play 23 games and the senior team will play 20, playing up to 5 games in a week. COME OUT and SUPPORT your teams, Duncan Park is a wonderful place to spend the evening and watch great baseball.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 28

GENEVA PADGETT



Post 28 Auxiliary swore in the folling Officers for the year 2016-2017.

- Mary MinerPresident
- Geneva Padgett Vice President
- Joan Mesardijan.....Secretary
- Carolyn HarbisonTreasurer

Elizabeth Pearson.....Chaplain
 Frieda Davison.....Parliamentarian
 Geneva Padgett.....Girls State Chair
 Joan Mesardjain.....Public Relations Chair
 Geneva Padgett.....Veterans Affairs Chair

At our June Meeting the new officers for the upcoming year were installed. Thank you for the honor of serving as your president for the past two years. A great big THANK YOU for all the work and help in making these years a success. Minnie Whitt and I made a trip to Clinton to attend the girls tea reception, it was wonderful, and the delegates are so appreciative for the opportunity to attend Girls State. Thanks to all who made this possible. American Legion Baseball is underway! We still volunteers at the games to help with the 50/50 tickets. YARD SALE: Remember that our Annual Yard Sale is coming up Aug 19th and 20th, 10am to 2pm. Set up is Aug 15th thru 18th, 10am to 2pm. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Get your donations ready and don't forget to price them. Carroll Owings and I are working on a joint COOKOUT for the Post and Auxiliary. MORE TO COME. As we focus on July the 4th, we should remember what a wonderful country we live in and thank our Veterans who have helped make this a true state – ONE NATION UNDER GOD. GOD BLESS AMERICA



HISTORIAN
ED HALL

MUSEUM ACQUIRES COLLECTION Our Legion Museum has just hit the jackpot! One of our members, George Leamy, has donated his personal collection of aviation items to include model aircraft, model cars and over 80 framed aviation historic items such as early aviation advertising posters for airshows from around the world. Many of his donations are quite valuable. Ed Hall, Curator of the Museum, has set aside two special areas for the display of Leamy's collection. All members are invited to stop by the museum and take a look at the wonderful gift George has given to Post 28. **SILL FAMILY PURCHASES 25 BRICKS TO HONOR FAMILY MILITARY SERVICE** Phil Sill of Orlando, Florida recently contacted the Post about purchasing bricks for our Brick Walk to honor the Sill Family members who have served in the military. Their service began with the War of 1812 and has continued up to the present. All 25 bricks have been placed in a block area laid out in a time of duty sequence. The Sill family gathered at the Legion home on June 26th for a family reunion and to honor their military service.

CALENDAR 2016

JULY

2nd ----- Members Meeting and Breakfast
 4th ----- Independence Day
 5th ----- Baseball Playoffs Begin
 16th ----- Honor Guard Practice
 30th ----- Spurgeon Family Reunion (Private)

AUGUST

1st ----- Board of Directors Meeting
 6th ----- Members Meeting and Breakfast
 15th thru 18th ----- Auxiliary Receiving & Setup for Yard Sale
 19th & 20th ----- Auxiliary Yard Sale
 20th ----- Honor Guard Practice Cancelled
 29th ----- Board of Directors Meeting

SEPTEMBER

3rd ----- Members Meeting and Breakfast
 5th ----- Labor Day
 11th ----- Partrot's Day
 17th ----- Honor Guard Practice
 26th ----- Board of Directors Meeting

OCTOBER

1st ----- Post Membership Meeting
 8th ----- Ausiliary LUSU Fundraiser
 10th ----- Columbus Day
 15th ----- Honor Guard Practice
 22 ----- Host Dist 7 and 8 Meeting
 31st ----- Halloween

NOVEMBER

5th ----- Post Membership Meeting
 6th ----- Daylight Saving Time Ends
 7th ----- Flags on Cemetery
 7th ----- Veterans Day Parade
 7th ----- Veterans Day Supper
 8th ----- Election Day
 11th ----- Veterans Day
 19th ----- Honor Guard Practice
 24th ----- Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

3RD ----- Post Membership Meeting
 7th ----- Open House – Lighting of Christmas Lights
 16th ----- Christmas Dinner
 17th ----- Honor Guard Practice
 24th ----- Christmas Eve
 25th ----- Christmas Day
 31st ----- New Years Eve

HONOR GUARD REPORT

KEN BARTON ADJUTANT

The Honor Guard has performed military honors at 13 veteran funerals so far this year. The Guard performed at the Memorial Day program at Duncan Park's Veteran Point, providing a Color Guard and a rifle team. We are expecting to perform at Spartanburg's Red, White and Boom program on July 4th

NOTE: Jim Harbison had a good idea about an annual plan. Hit him up about what he has in mind.

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