



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 28

1<sup>ST</sup> QTR NEWSLETTER 1 JAN THRU 31 MAR 2017

CARROLL OWINGS - COMMANDER

## BOB SCHERER

Department Commander  
American Legion Dept of SC

As we end the year and start the new one I along with Sherri would like to wish each of you a very merry and blessed Christmas and a happy new year. There are so many things that we are thankful for this past year as we are allowed to go all over this great state and meet with so many great legionaries We met under orders that he could not fly

his plane without the approval of the President and he was the pilot who took the pictures of Hiroshima right after the bombing. Talked with a Viet Nam veteran who had his picture on display in the museum and he told us that picture was taken two days before going up Hamburger Hill and getting shot in both legs and a grenade went off and parts hit him in his back, he dedicated his life to the Lord and became a minister. Got to meet a 100 year old veteran who just returned from the Capital where he was recognized for his age and service. But, thanks to you and others who helped me get elected, I was privileged and honored to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington. How can you describe the feeling that went through me as I laid hands on the wreath and walked forward to put the wreath in place. How honored was I to represent all the legionaries of South Carolina as it was announced that "today's ceremony is being put on by the American Legion, Department of South Carolina." How do we thank you for all that you do for the veterans and their families, but also how you have welcomed Sherri and I and have always made us feel at home and always welcome. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and we wish you nothing but health and happiness.. God bless!!!  
Bob and Sherri

## JACK WRIGHT

Commander, District Five

As we enter the 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr of the New Year, we have a lot of hard work facing us. First up is the Oratorical Contest which must be completed by Jan 24, 2017. Quadrant 1 (Dist 5 - Post 28) will be held in Greenwood, Post 20, on February 18, 2017, State is TBA, and National in April. Post 28 Legionnaires contact Darrell Boggs for more information. At the same time Post in Dist 5 will be looking forward to giving recognition to: Teacher of the Year, Legionnaire of the



Year, Eagle Scout Award, Outstanding Boy Scout Award, Fireman of the Year, American Legion Bravery Award, Silver Star Award for 35 of more Memberships to include renewals. All recommendations are due to the Department by Feb 15 and March 7, 2017. These are reminders of what the District and Post have on their plate for the first part of 2017. I wish you and yours an Happy and Prosperous New Year. Jack Wright

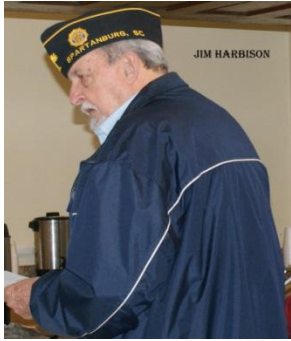
## CARROLL OWENS

Commander

Winter is here and 2017 is upon us. We appreciate so much the outstanding contributions of our officers for this year. Many thanks to Adjutant Jim Harbison, Jim's hard work on the membership drive and office maintenance are greatly appreciated. Through his dedication, we have reach our goal of 301 members. Jim also supervised the repair of the dormers on our Legion Building. Under the Leadership of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Comander John Barron, we had a successful baseball season with our post team going to the state tournament. To all who volunteered your time to decorate the Post for Christmas, it has been an amazing sight to behold. Thanks to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Leah White for setting up our Post 28 FACEBOOK page which has been very successful in announcing upcoming events. Leah has also been instrumental in scheduling Honor Guard practices and keeping our members informed, through email, about Honor Guard Activities. To our Historian, Ed Hall, thank you for your dedication to making the Veterans' Commemorative Walk a success. To date there have been 925 bricks purchased, and our goal of 1,000 bricks is definitely in sight. Plans are being made for a time of celebration when this goal is reached. Ed is also making plans for the Savannah/Charleston trio during the spring break of 2017, and I'm sure we can get at least 40 folks to go! A special thanks to Frieda Davison for her help in writing the grant to obtain the van and keeping our records and minutes up to date. Tom Lawson and Doyle Boggs have worked hard for Boys' State this year, and have been able to plan an oratorical program which we have not had in over five years. Tom is already planning some exciting programming to help raise money for Boys' State this spring. Many thanks to Tony Messel who works hard on our quarterly newsletter - it is



always well done. To all of our Post 28 members, your dedication is always noted, and we are here to serve you. If you have suggestions for your Post Officers, please contact us and we'll be glad to listen. Looking forward to serving you in 2017! Happy New Year to all of you. **FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.**

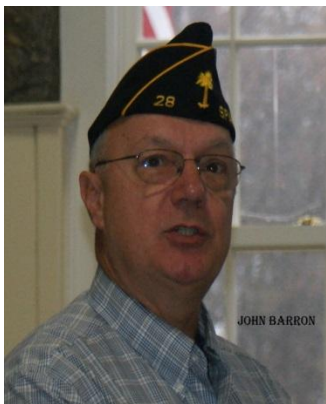


## ADJUTANT

Jim Harbison

We had a great showing of around 80 people for our Christmas Party, as a bonus we had Bob Scherer, State Commander, as a guest. It was a great night of food and prizes. Everyone brought toys to give to the Vets for Children Program. It was a great night for all. Everyone

commented on how good the Christmas Lights were. **NEW IDEA** The plans are to have a Friday night meal special. We will have hamburgers or hot dogs, your choice or both if you so desire. The cost is very very reasonable, only \$5 bucks a head. Kick off will be on Jan 27, 2017 from 5 til 8. Let me know what you think about having a special bingo night along with the supper.



## 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE COMMANDER

## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

John J Barron

I don't have much to say, but I'm glad the lights were enjoyed. I am setting around and doing a mental job of just what the Post needs to do to get ready for spring and the new baseball season. Lot of work to keep two teams playing, but also a lot of fun. Get ready, it will not be very long until the ump calls 'PLAY BALL'.



## 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER

Leah White

Welcome to 2017! We are excited to tell you that we have a new Facebook Page. Using Social Media, we can reach more veterans and their families. We can raise the visibility of our

great post, and inform the community on activities here at the post so they can join us. If you are on Facebook or want to check out our page you can find us at [Facebook.com/Spartanburg AmericanLegionPost 28](https://www.facebook.com/SpartanburgAmericanLegionPost28). If you have something related to what we do at the Post, and like to have it put on our page, see Leah White, John Barron, Carroll Owings, or Frieda Davison. We will use this page for our Legion, Auxiliary, Riders, Honor Guard and general information. Absolutely NO Political Statements or post will be allowed on this page. It is our hope that as word spreads

our Post family will grow. We are planning to get our Charter for Sons of American Legion back. To that end, we need your help. As **LEGIONNAIRES** you served this County, we are in need of your sons, grandsons, to receive our SAL Charter activated and returned. We need 15 sal members, and they need a squadron leader, etc. No age limit. They do a lot of good work for veterans and would be a huge asset to our post. Please encourage your sons and grandsons to join. Let me know ASAP so this can be set up, the SAL Representative will meet with us and get the squadron set up in 2017, the sooner the better. More information, call Leah at 864 205-2755.

## HISTORIAN

## MUSEUM CURATOR

Ed Y Hall



**TRIP PLANNED TO CHARLESTON AND SAVANNAH** Post 28 has announced a trip to the above location for next Spring – Mon 3 April - Thur 6 April – by bus and with the White Star Tour Company. Cost is \$479 per person. If you are interested please come by the Post and sign up. Trip includes 3 hotel nights, most of the food and tour of Ft. Sumter and many other things to see. We need your deposit of \$25 per person by 3 Jan 2017. Come by the Post and pick up a tour announcement for more info. **ADOPT A NAME OFF VETERANS POINTE WALL PROJECT** So far our adopt a name project has resulted in almost 200 names being adopted and bricks placed in our Legion Walk. Post 28 members get a special discounted price of \$25 per brick for their adoption. Our goal is to have a brick for every name by Memorial Day 2017. We can do it! Lets give these young men a legacy and an identity Call Ed Hall for info at the Post. He will be able to tell you which names are available. **LEGION HONOR WALK NEARS 1,000 NAMES** Our Legion Honor Walk is growing by leaps and bounds. The word is getting around and people are dropping in to order bricks for members of their families. Several organizations have honored their Veteran employees with recognition bricks. Our two latest organizations to do so are the Spartanburg Water System and Wofford College ROTC Department. Why not talk to your churches and honor members of the church who may have died in our wars with a brick recognition. Call Ed Hall for more info. **LEGION LIBRARY AND MUSEUM PLUMB FULL** Come by and see everything before the floor collapses. Lots of new books and items

## SERVICE OFFICER

This position is open. A volunteer who wants to help Veterans and their families is badly needed.

## HONOR GUARD

Ken Barton

Ken continues to recover from his fall, keep him in your prayers. Carroll ask different guard members to help out.

**CALENDER**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> QTR 2017**

**JANUARY**

2<sup>nd</sup> ----- Board of Directors  
7<sup>th</sup> ----- Post Membership Meeting  
17<sup>th</sup> ----- SCAL Riders mandantory Mtg, 10am, Dept Hq, Col  
21<sup>st</sup> ----- Honor Guard Practice  
21<sup>st</sup> ----- Shamrock Dance Club  
27 ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
30<sup>th</sup> ----- Board of Directors

**FEBRUARY**

3<sup>rd</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
4<sup>th</sup> ----- Post Membership Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
11<sup>th</sup> ----- AL Dist 5 Meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> ----- Valentine’s Day  
17<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
18<sup>th</sup> ----- Honor Guard Practice  
18<sup>th</sup> ----- Shamrock Dance Club  
20<sup>th</sup> ----- Presidents’ Day  
24<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
27<sup>th</sup> ----- Board of Directors

**MARCH**

3<sup>rd</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
4<sup>th</sup> ----- Post Membership Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
11<sup>th</sup> ----- SWU Military Appreciation Day YOU ARE INVITED  
17<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
18<sup>th</sup> ----- Honor Guard Practice  
18<sup>th</sup> ----- Shamrock Dance Club  
24<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
27<sup>th</sup> ----- Board of Directors  
31<sup>st</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28

**APRIL**

1<sup>st</sup> ----- Post Membership Meeting  
7<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
8<sup>th</sup> ----- Dist 5 Election  
14<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
15<sup>th</sup> ----- Honor Guard  
15<sup>th</sup> ----- Shamrock Dance Club  
21<sup>st</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
28<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28

**MAY**

5<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
6<sup>th</sup> ----- Post Membership Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28

**MAY (CONT)**

19<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
20<sup>th</sup> ----- Honor Guard  
20<sup>th</sup> ----- Shamrock Dance Club  
26<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
29<sup>th</sup> ----- Board of Directors

**JUNE**

2<sup>nd</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
3d ----- Post Membership Meeting  
9<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
16<sup>th</sup> ----- HB, HD and Bingo – AL Post 28  
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This Dad is about to be deployed and is having to say goodbye to his newborn baby girl. Sacrifices like this are made every day, and may we be reminded, that our FREEDOM comes with a cost, and our soldiers and their families are paying it. To the American Veteran -----



THANK YOU.

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