

## Veteran Walk of Honor

Veterans salute new Commemorative Walk at Post 28 in Spartanburg.

Ed Hall, our 2012-2013 Commander, proposed a “Veterans Commemorative Walk” to the Post 28 Executive Board a few months ago; the Board unanimously approved Commander Hall’s initiative. Since then, the Post has sold 205 commemorative paving bricks of the 435-brick capacity on the initial walk. The walkway leads to our flag pole, donated by Phyllis Lewis, a local McDonald’s franchisee.



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Legion members, with help and donations from local businesses and people such as Bill Shoolbred and Terron Helms, put the project together in 4 days. The walkway celebrates all who have served.

A veteran is a person who has served our nation in the US Armed Forces, be it Reserves, National Guard or regular Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard.

People can purchase commemorative paving bricks for veterans alive or deceased, who served in any branch of the military and in any war. Commander Hall said that in Spartanburg County

alone there are more than 23,000 veterans. The walkway is not restricted to Spartanburg veterans—any veteran in any state can have a paver in their name placed on the Post 28 Commemorative Walk. Veterans from as far away as California are commemorated in our Walk of Honor.

Commemorate Your Veteran Today!

Spartanburg County has four Medal of Honor recipients:

- Sergeant Gary Evans Foster (World War I)
- Private First Class Thomas E. Atkins (World War II)
- Sergeant Robert Allen Owens (World War II)
- Navy Petty Officer Michael Edwin Thornton, who served in more than one war

The commemorative bricks differ in size and the number of characters. Prices range from \$50 to \$75. The proceeds enable Post 28 to assist veterans in need and provide programs for children, American Legion Baseball, and other continuing programs and projects.



An add-on to this project was born when Commander Hall decided to see if Post 28 could get people to sponsor a commemoration for veterans whose names are inscribed on the Memorial Wall at Veteran's Pointe in Duncan Park. There are around 635 names on the wall and many of them do not have a relative still alive to sponsor a commemorative brick. This add-on has proved a success—several commemorative bricks have been purchased for those whose names are on the Wall.