

BRIEF HISTORY OF POST NO. 28
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, 1919-1971
SPARTANBURG S.C.

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An attempt to do a brief history of Post No. 28 of the American Legion covering its first 52 years must, of necessity, be subjective as well as limited to documentaries as many of the earlier leaders who could have made it more complete, now rest silently in their graves.

For the half century (1919-1971) in the life of the Post, the brave hope of World War I that it had been fought and won to end all wars, was set back three times by World War II, and the Interventions in Korea and Vietnam.

Aside from the function of keeping the memories and incidents of battlefield experiences alive in a return to a busy industry-minded civilian life, the membership successfully fed by returning veterans from all of these four wars, knowing the tragedy of was determined to help defend in the future our homeland end to care for the indigent old soldiers and needy families of those who laid down their lives as a patriotic duty.

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(Given to Jesse Campbell by Mike Burgin in 1973)

Following authorization by Congress of September 16, 1919, Spartanburg Post No. 28 with County Court Judge Bobo Burnett, now retired, as Commander and the late John D. Hamer, Adjutant, was organized October 1, 1919 and received its charter June 29, 1921.

There were 184 charter members, a majority having served as either non-com or commissioned officers. Membership rose to about 1200 immediately following the end of WW II. The present annual membership ranges from 500 to 600. Current officers of the Post for the 1971-72 year are: John D. Rush, Commander; M. Frank Edwards, First Vice Commander; Frank M. Stallings, Second Vice Commander; Carl W. Littlejohn, Adjutant; J. Gordon Hughes, Finance Officer; Rev. Francis T. White, Chaplain; Donald S. Crum, Sergeant-At-Arms; and members of the Executive Committee are: Marion W. Burgin, Ralph W. Caldwell, Dr. E. I. Johnson, W. F. McMillan, and Mason Sullivan. Currently members of the City Council's Memorial Commission for the American Legion Home are: Ralph M. Caldwell, Col. T. B. Ertle, and John D. Rush.

The first meeting place in the fall of 1919 was the office of Blowers Livery Stable, a site later used by the Chamber of Commerce, at present a parking lot just east of the new Herald-Journal Building on West Main Street. The second meeting place was, every Friday night, was held in the law offices of John D. Hamer on Morgan Square. The third meeting place in the 1920ies was the unoccupied second floor of Hallman's Filling Station and Garage at the corner of Magnolia and Short Wofford Streets, where the budding Drum & Bugle Corps practiced after each meeting, winding up with a march through downtown streets to keep in trim. Next meeting place during the early 1930ies was on the top floor of Dr. N. T. Clark's drug store, corner East Main and S. Dean Streets. With the completion of the Legion Home in Duncan Park in 1937, meetings have been held there since.

The cornerstone of the new Legion Home was laid in 1936 by the late Olin D. Johnston, then governor. The first regular business meeting in the new home Friday evening, June 25, 1937, coincided with the termination of the 1936-37 term of Dr. E. I. Johnston, Post Commander. The formal dedication followed as part of the Armistice Day program, November 11, 1937 at 4:00 pm, with a stirring address by the late Miller C. Foster, assistant to Monroe Johnson, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Commerce, Washington DC. A quote from his dedicatory address is as follows: "It is my wish, my prayer, that this building may stand 100 years or longer; and that, so long as it stands, it shall never be forced to look upon our people engaged in war again."

The honor of leading the dance music at the grand opening of the new modern Legion Home went to "Bill Davenport's Orchestra". The members were Walter Britton, deceased; Raymond Westbrook, Technician WSPA; Woodrow Taylor, Draper Corp.; Oneal Landrum, deceased; Bill McCarter, Shipyards Charleston; Johnnie Blowers, Law Librarian County Courthouse; Alvin Jolly, NY Airlines; Harold Millwood, City Waterworks; J. Wm. "Bill" Davenport, Probate Judge, member Post 28, and Director of the Orchestra; and Henry Williams, NC Dentist.

Historically, members of Post 28 represent the fifth link in a chain of association of veterans of major wars of this country from The Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the Spanish-America War, and the Mexican War. As time has now virtually erased the rolls of those former veterans, save for a few widows, and has made deep inroads in the World War I group, returning soldiers and sailors from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, have either been assimilated into the ranks of the Legion, or hold membership either in the Veterans of Foreign War, AMVETS, or Disabled American Veterans. Some hold membership in two or more of these associations.

Some legislation for needy veterans had already been sought by previous war veterans; for example, the Bureau of the War Risk Insurance (1914), the Federal Bureau of Vocational Education (1917), as well as aids to veterans of both the Civil War and the Spanish-American War. The Legion pushed for establishment of Veterans Hospitals throughout the country and immediately after the Veterans Bureau was established in 1921, hospital construction was started. In 1930 a branch of the National Home for Disabled Veterans was established in neighboring Johnson City, Tennessee.

Because of military or naval service interruption of regular employment, the Legion backed the movement to give returning veterans a 5-point civil service credit as an aid in getting early employment in the Federal Service. Another credit to the work of the Legion was the establishment of a Veterans Affairs Service Officer quartered in the Spartanburg County Courthouse. Such officer is kept busy advising returnees of the GI Bill of Rights, claim procedures and in opportunities for further training and education. Carl Littlejohn, Post Adjutant, who had held this office many years retired in 1969 and was succeeded by M. Frank Edwards, Vice Commander of the American Legion and Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 9539.

AMERICANISM PROGRAM

For many years Post 28 has promoted citizenship awards to local schools, including oratorical contests on some phase of the Constitution and sending representatives to Boys' State. Many schools and churches have been presented flags, the most recent being a presentation of a Palmetto State Flag to the University of South Carolina, Spartanburg branch.

Upcoming high school seniors sent to Boys' State by Post 28 during the past three summers (1969-1971) were from the following schools: (1) Boiling Springs – Phillip M. Seay, Bertram K. McDowell, Thomas K. McIntyre, and Roy K. Mason; (2) Byrnes – Ronnie C. Meeks, Charner L. Wofford, Henry C. Cohen, Jr., Wm. Clyde Fowler, and Stuart C. Hunt; (3) Carver – Ronnie N. Mars; (4) Dorman – David F. Anderson, Andrew G. Hodges, R. Doug Hughes, Curtis Sartor, David M. Glenn, and Wilson A. Puette; (5) Lincoln – James M. Wofford; (6) Spartanburg – Joseph A. Klim, Gray D. Lindsey, J. Louis McCraw, Hayden J. Parker, Jr., Larry Wade, Virgil S. Steele, and John W. Lesesne.

Local schools generally participating in Americanism School Awards by Post 28 have been: Carver, Cleveland, Dorman, Evans, Fairforest, Florence Chapel, D. R. Hill, Jenkins, Lincoln, Roebuck, Southside, Spartanburg, and Mary Wright.

Gen. Wm. Childs Westmoreland, native of Pacolet, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, was presented with a life membership in Post 28 at the time of his Armistice Day Address here in 1968. Also honored in 1971 was a member, former Senator Howard Wofford McCravy, with a "Citation for Public Service: in connection with his authorship of the first School Bus Stop Law, widely copied in the other states, doubtless saving many lives of children across the Nation. Also, a "Citation for Meritorious Service", was given to Gray Devereaux Lindsey for his heroic act in life saving, rescuing Bobby Joe Gibson, II, from drowning in Duncan Park Lake, June 29, 1971. Gray was sent to Boys' State in 1970 by the Post. Members have also for a number of years supported the project to have the Cowpens Battleground site developed as a National Battlefield Site, with some increase from the present 1.24 acre plot. Former Commander Sam Manning has taken the lead in working on this project.

A number of Post 28 members have been selected for District, State, or National office in the American Legion. The late Miller Antonio, Texas, annual convention, 1928; finished out the unexpired term in 1933 of the late Richmond Hobson Hilton, drowned in Lake Murray August 13, 1933 as Department Commander; served as Department Adjutant 1922-23 and 1925-29; served on the National Executive Committee 1933.

Two other members of Post 28 served as Department Vice Commanders: Gary Evans Foster, Congressional Medal of Honor awardee, 1937-37; and Robert H. Lawrence, 1948-50. J.J. Bullard served as Department Adjutant, 1944-1958. Robert "Bob" H. Ashmore and Dr. E. I. Johnson served as 4th District Commander in the 1930ies; and Marion W. Burgin and Robert A. Lawrence, Commanders of District 8 subsequent to the redistricting. J.J. Bullard and Russell B. Lentz served as Department Athletic Officers 1939-42. Dr. J. W. Fraser, former Pastor of Central Methodist Church, was appointed a member of the Special Committee on Department Awards in 1926. The late Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, President of Wofford College, received a Department Plaque as the Citizen of the Year which cited him as a "Scholar, Educator, Patriot", at the 1929 convention. Former Spartanburg resident, Former Governor, Congressman, Supreme Court Judge, Secretary of State, and in WW II Assistant President James F. Byrnes was honored at the Department Convention in 1942 as the Citizen of the Year in which he was cited as "Maker and Interpreter of Laws". Federal Judge and Former President of the University of South Carolina, Dr. Donald S. Russell, was the Citizen of the Year in 1964 in which he was cited as "Scholar, Educator, Benefactor of Youth".

The fun side of the American Legion, the 40 & 8 (La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux) has been well represented by members of Post 28 in the past. The following members of Post 28 have held various offices in the Department's Grande Promenade, a part of the regular annual Legion Conventions: Joe Calus, Dr. E. I. Johnson, and Robert Kelsey have served as Chef de Gare; Ralph M. Caldwell and Mike W. Burgin, as Grand Conducteur; H. A. Brakefield and Herbert A. Tripp as Grand Correspondent; Harvey Johnson as Grand Avocet; H. T. E. Neuberger as Grand Historian; Dr. E. I. Johnson and Robert Kelsey, Cheminot National; M. W. Burgin, Grand Commis Voyageur; Dr. E. I. Johnson, Harvey Johnson, Robert Kelsey, R. H. Lawrence, Russell B. Lentz, and Duane Livingston, Grand Cheminots; Rev. Waldo M. Lever, Grand Aumonier; and Joe Bell, Grand de La Porte.

Events in the history-making by members of Post No. 28 over the half century since its founding, are inseparable from the character and personalities of its leaders. Perhaps the major credit for helping the organization define its aims and purposes in the early days should be given to the late Miller C. Foster. An able, talented native son, with an academic and legal background, he sought to lead out in a program envisaging adequate care for the needy veterans and their dependents, and that vigilant preparedness for defense of our country was the best insurance against future wars. Critical of the profiteers of World War I, he proposed a universal draft be made ready against the happening of a future war. This would correct inequities and more nearly equalize the burden of defense as between those who go to battle and those who do their bit on the home front.

Perhaps the member who fought hardest for a home for the Legion, realizing his dream in 1937, was Joseph "Joe" Calus, an adopted South Carolinian from his native Belgium. One of the most active members of the Post, he persisted in this project. Finally in the midst of the Great Depression of the 1930ies, he got his first real contribution from Broadus Littlejohn, after offering to make an investment of his own. After that several, including Andrew Manning, Wallace Dupre, M. C. Foster, John L. Farmer, the late Olin D. Johnston, the late Isaac Greenwald, who warmed his heart by telling Joe that if you need more come back to see me, and others whose names were not now available, chipped in. Late as the movement seemed to be headed for success, special programs were developed to meet the cost of the materials. With his first donations, Joe bought two trucks and started hauling stone, donated by local quarries. When the WPA authorities saw that much of the stone was in place on the lot of Duncan Park, they gave authority for the work to be begun under the direction of Monroe Barnett.

Certainly in the athletic department, Post 28 excelled. With the able Sarge W. P. Hughes as the head coach, the Spartanburg Junior Legion Baseball Team won the National Pennant in 1936 in the finals with Los Angeles. The finals were played at Duncan Park and never before or since have such large crowds filled that stadium.

Again in 1938 the Legion Junior team was runner-up to San Diego, again in the finals at Duncan Park field. These two series attracted a lot of interest

locally and helped to put Spartanburg on the map. Members of the 1936 Little World Series Pennant winning team were: Pedro Mahaffey (c), Pete Fowler (1b), Boots Holt (2b), Roy Prince (ss), Pepper Martin (3b), Buster Key (rf), Guy Hughes (cf), Claude "Blackberry" Thomas (lf), Ray Linder (c), James Thomas (p), Dobson (p), and Cooksey (p).

Among the coaches in addition to "Sarge" Hughes were: Tuck McConnell, Ty Wood, James Lambert, George Floyd, Tom McIntyre, Curtis Powell, "Bob" Tallant, Carlisle Bagwell, Frank Helderman, and Paul Edwards. Since its inception, Carl Littlejohn and Herbert Tripp have been a great strength to the Legion baseball program and the contributions of Mike Burgin and Ralph Caldwell cannot be overstated. For a number of years Bob Ashmore and after him Sam Manning served as manager or as athletic officer of the team for approximately 8 years.

Broadus R. Littlejohn, consistent member of the Post, who, with his associates expanded a back-street grocery into a formidable chain, never lost the common touch, preferring to help the program from the back stage, never permitted his name to be presented as Post Commander, although he could have held the honor. Broadus Senior and Broadus Junior, both members of the Post have never turned down the opportunity of rendering service in behalf of its program. Both have tendered constructive ideas and have helped to make the Legion here an asset to the community.

Among the many who have made appreciable contributions to the program of Post 28, are briefly mentioned as follows: Major John D. Frost, WW I veteran, who was active in getting the program off the ground; three trustees in the 1930ies, Russell B. Lentz, Broadus R. Littlejohn, and John L. Farmer, who set up the first real financial reserve the Post ever had occasioned by the great pulling power of the two Little World Series in the American Legion Junior Baseball program held here in 1936 and again in 1938; Virgil Evans, founder 1930 of Radio Station WSPA, who is credited with planting the idea of the need for a permanent Legion Home; the late Allen Lambright and Miller C. Foster for starting the Post Commanders Club; the late J. Eugene Brown, WW II veteran, whose talents, rooted in a dedicated belief in the cause of the Legion, stimulated interest in its activities, particularly pronounced in the Americanism program; John Farmer and Russell B. Lentz for their leadership as well as their personal sacrifices in aiding the hundreds of WW I veterans marching through Spartanburg, without jobs,

enroute to Washington seeking governmental help for their plight in the midst of the Great Depression of the 1930ies.

The hard core faithful who almost never missed a meeting are: Francis M. Stallings, confirmed bachelor with a slight limp; Sergeant Donald S. Crum, familiarly recognized on the street wearing his G.I. uniform of WW I and campaign hat, transplanted native of Tiffin, Ohio; Game M. Hill, keeper of the pot-belly stove down on Magnolia Street to warm visitors in cold weather, and who is a missionary in his own right on Sundays, keep the lights of his Christianity brightly burning; Marion W. Burgin, with a great heart unable to turn down any request for help in the program; W. Paul Williams, noted for his faithful dedication to the Legion; Ralph Caldwell, who sees that the building is kept in order; Carl Littlejohn, who has sounded taps a thousand times in almost every cemetery in Spartanburg County was a well trained and talented leader of the Drum and Bugle Corps, which at its height had 40 to 50 members and uniforms and equipment aggregating \$8,000. It won fame in National Convention appearances and was the city's pride and joy in the annual Armistice Day parades.

A special project, gotten up principally by a group of attorneys, was a mock trial, presented widely in the 1930ies and which helped to swell the membership and revive interest in projects of the Legion. Among the cast were: Leroy Moore, C.C. Brown, Andrew Manning, John C. Lanham, Carl W. Littlejohn, Tom Littlejohn, Mike Burgin, Dr. E.I. Johnson, and others.

LIST OF COMMANDERS AND ADJUTANTS OF POST 28

Bobo Burnett, Cdr and John D. Hamer, Adj	1919-20
James A. Schwing, Cdr and John G. Galbraith, Adj	1920-21
Bernard Manning, Luther K. Brice, and David Levine, Cdrs And Miller C. Foster, Adj	1921-22
Miller C. Foster, Cdr and Andrew A. Manning, Adj	1922-23
Andrew A. Manning, Cdr and James M. Wallace, Adj	1923-24
John G. Galbraith, Cdr and James M. Wallace, Adj	1924-25
John D. Hamer, Cdr and Ryan S. Moore, Adj	1925-26
M. L. Adair, Cdr and J. J. Bullard, Adj	1926-27
W. Paul Williams, Cdr and J. L. Sutton, Adj	1927-28
Samuel R. Bagwell, Cdr and Frank B. Gery, Adj	1928-29
John L. Farmer, Cdr and J. J. Bullard, Adj	1929-30
J. Lawrence Sutton, Cdr and J. J. Bullard, Adj	1930-31
H.T.E. Neuberger and John Kirby, Cdrs and J. J. Bullard, Adj	1931-32
Jas. M. Wallace, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj (served continuously from)	1932-33 ***1932-72
Robert Ashmore, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1933-34
J.J. Bullard, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1934-35
Russell B. Lentz, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1935-36
E.I. Johnson, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1936-37
Lionel D. Lawson, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1937-38
Clarence C. Brown, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1938-39
Robert H. Lawrence, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1939-40
B. E. Chapman, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1940-41
Ralph M. Caldwell, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1941-42
Boyd S. Randall, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1942-43
C. D. Schrader, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1943-44
W. F. McMillan, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1944-45
Allen Lambright, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1945-46
W. P. "Sarge" Hughes, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1946-47
William B. Littlejohn, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1947-48
J. Oscar Wilson, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1948-49
Frank C. Ozdowski and H. T. McMillan, Cdrs and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1949-50
Paul W. Norris, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1950-51
Norbert L. Craine, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1951-52

LIST OF COMMANDERS AND ADJUTANTS
OF POST 28

Miller C. Foster, Jr., Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1952-53
Carl W. Littlejohn, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1953-54
Charles B. Parham, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1954-55
Warren M. Snoddy, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1955-56
Wm. A. McFoe, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1956-57
Samuel P. Manning, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1957-58
Samuel P. Manning, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1958-59
Wm. A. McFoe, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1959-60
Norbert L. Craine, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1960-61
Joseph Eugene Brown, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1961-62
Joseph Eugene Brown, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1962-63
Samuel P. Manning, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1963-64
Samuel P. Manning, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1964-65
Samuel P. Manning, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1965-66
Marion W. Burgin, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1966-67
Marion W. Burgin, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1967-68
Marion W. Burgin, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1968-69
Marion W. Burgin, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1969-70
Game M. Hill, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1970-71
John D. Rush, Cdr and Carl W. Littlejohn, Adj	1971-72

CHARTER MEMBERS OF POST NO. 28
AMERICAN LEGION
AS OF JUNE 30, 1920:

Horace H. Abernathy, Jas. H. Addison, Jas F. Agnew, Edward L. Allen, 1/; Jas. C. Alexander, J. Hartwell Anderson 4/; J. Thos. Arnold, Jr. 2/; Chas. S. Avent 3/; Sam R. Bagwell 1/; Wade Ballenger, Olin H. Bogan, C. Vernon Bomar 2/; Thos. D. Box 2/; Houston R. Bramlett, Jesse F. Brewington, Luther K. Brice 5/; C. Yates Brown 4/; George Brown 4/; J. Hertz Brown 5/; Bobo Burnett 2/; Jackson S. Burnett 4/; J. J. Burnett, Jr., Ansel S. Calvert 3/; J. T. Calvert 1/; Ralph M. Caldwell 2/; H. B. Carlisle, Jr. 1/; J. S. Carlisle 2/; Julius L. Carson 3/; M. S. Christman, Dr. N.T. Clark 5/; J. Wm. Cooley 2/; W.W. Connelly, Harold E. Correll, Ralph J. Craig, Donald T. Curry, W. H. Crews, Jr. 2/; Arthur E. Crown 1/; Jas. F. Crook, Dr Martin Crook 5/; Wm. F. Cunningham 1/; Clyde H. DeShields 1/; C. W. Dean 3/; W. Y. Dillard, Jr. 4/; Amos F. Duncan, Wallace D. Dupre 4/; Romaine Dreyer, C. M. Earle, Jr. 5/; Jas. P. Earle 4/; Albert Fritz Ebert 2/; Chas. E. Evans 3/; Jas. L. Epps 2/; Jno. L. Farmer, Richard F. Ferguson 2/; Thos. F. Fielder 4/; Frank L. Fritzsims, Miller C. Foster 4/; Paul B. Foster, Dr. Jno. W. Fraser 4/; John G. Galbraith 5/; Thos. C. Garrett, Hugh E. Gentry, L. S. Grier 2/; Robt. A. Hall, R. L. Hallman, Jno. D. Hamer 2/; Edmund B. Hammond 4/; Geo. O. Harbison, F. Gentry Harris 2/; Jas. T. Harris, Jr., Dr. Walter H. Harper 3/; David H. Hecklin, Oren L. Herring 5/; Chas. E. Holland 5/; Thos. Carlton Howard 4/; W. O. Huntley 2/; Jno. Wm. Jefferies 3/; W. W. Jenkins, Jno. C. Jennings, Olin D. Johnston 2/; Horace B. Johnson, G. H. Kears, Thos. E. Kelby, Chas. E. Kirkpatrick, Geo. M. Kimbrough 3/; W. F. Klugh 2/; Albert Lamb 2/; Tony S. Lancaster 1/; P. B. Langston 2/; Andrew M. Law 5/; Robt. M. Lawson 4/; Lionel D. Lawson, Dave Levin, B. R. Littlejohn 3/; Wm. P. Ligon, Bryan Liles 4/; Carl W. Littlejohn 2/; Albert E. McCravy 2/; Howard W. McCravy 4/; Sidney J. McDowell, Wm. M. Mahon 2/; Andrew A. Manning 5/; Bernard Manning 6/; John Maroney, Joseph G. Martin 2/; D. Guy Maxwell 2/; Pierce J. Moore 3/; S. Calvert Morgan, Thos. W. O'Dell, J. M. Oeland 3/; Wm. L. Outz 4/; Jno. C. Nesbitt, Raymond M. Parham, Raymond A. Petterson 4/; J. W. Phillips, Zachary T. Piephoff, Jesse Elwyn Porter 3/; R. W. Porter 3/; Isidore Price 4/; Ernest E. Reed 2/; Allen L. Rogers, Max V. Rothrock 1/; David D. Sanders 2/; Donald P. Sanders 2/; Jas. A. Schwing 4/; Milton G. Simmons, Geo. A. Smith, J. P. Smith, Miss Sarah W. Smith, J. R. Sparkman 5/; E. B. Spigner 2/; Arthur D. Sumner, Thos. H. Sykes 2/; Irby Cortez Taylor 2/; David A. Tillinghast 2/; Jas. E. Vernon 3/; J. Monroe Wallace 5/; G. D. West, DeWitt T. Wham, Thos. B. Wilkinson, Edwin R.

Wilson 2/; Jno. W. Wingo 3/; Chas. P. Wofford 4/; Jno. N. Wright 4/; J. C. Wrightson 2/; Cecil C. Wyche 6/; Chas. E. Zimmerman 3/;
 The foregoing were from Spartanburg or vicinity.
 Other places were:
 Campobello: Albert C. Gosnell, Wayland B. Jones 2/; Albert A. Littlefield, Jno. W. McClain 2/; Roy C. Poole, Alfred Joe Poole, Guy Foster Reid, Meade M. Simmons, Charner L. Stevens, Wesley Wall 2/; Ralph W. Wall 2/; and Fred M. Williams 2/;
 From Chesnee: Rufus L. West;
 From Cowpens: Monroe B. Bailey 3/; Sidney Swofford and Wm. C. Wilkins 2/;
 From Enoree: G. M. Watson;
 From Fairforest: Frank R. Foster, Jesse Dean Hall, Ralph Walden, and Jno. G. Waters;
 From Glendale: Chas. M. Lindsey 6/;
 From Glenn Springs: McGilvery Buck Simpson, D. H. Smith 4/; and Jas. M. Zimmerman;
 From Inman: Walter C. Ballenger, Thos. P. Brittain 2/; and Fred H. Clement 2/;
 From Reidville: Paul Holland Leonard 2/;
 From Switzer: Walter T. Turner 2/;
 From Whitney: Robert D. Dillard 2/; and Virgil M. Rogers, Jr.,
 From Woodruff: Ralph B. Swink 1/; and Paul E. Watson;
 Other places included: A.C. Holler, Laurens, SC; Thos. H. Wood, Atlanta GA; and Phillip B. Cannon 1/; Hendersonville NC.

WHAT IS THE LEGION'S FUTURE?

What is past is prologue. Over time how shall ideals work out in a practical world? Chaplain John W. Inzer, speaking to the delegates at the St. Louis Caucus, May 8, 1919, voiced this high sentiment: "You are organizing not a mere veterans society, but a crusade of righteousness, liberty, democracy, and justice." Should the Legion last for a thousand years, it could do no greater than to follow those precepts uttered more than a half century ago out of the heartland of America.

1/ Corporal; 2/ Sergeant; 3/ 2nd Lieutenant; 4/ 1st Lieutenant; 5/ Captain;
6/ Major.

Inscribed: "Jesse Our future depends on you." – Mike Burgin 1973