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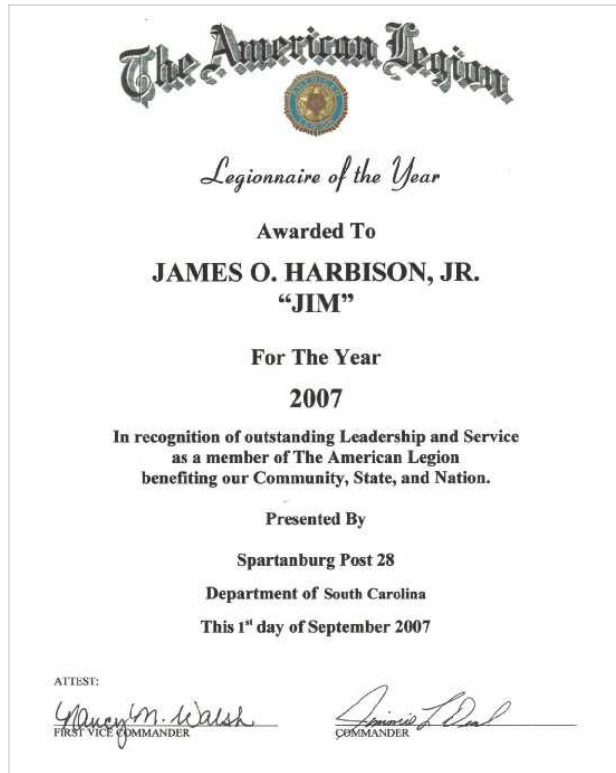
NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

**Adjutant Jim Harbison recognized as Post 28's
 LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR 2007**

At the September 1st meeting, Adjutant Jim Harbison was recognized as our Legionnaire of the Year. Jim received this distinction for his dedication and commitment to the Post and the United States of America. Jim is devoted to his country and to his fellow soldiers. He works hard to achieve the goal at hand.

Thank you, Jim, for your dedication and perseverance toward the accomplishment and completion of Phase I and your unbroken dedication as we go into Phase II of the building.



The Legion Hall is now a **jewel** whose history will be protected and passed on and we are proud of its new look,

Thanks to Jim and our other devoted and dedicated volunteers.

COMMANDER'S CORNER – JIM DEAL

This is my opportunity to once again tell you, our members, how grateful and how fortunate we are to have you as a member, and as a friend in the great organization to which we all belong. Thank you so very much for your service, past and present.

Thanks to many of you we have made wonderful progress in our building. If it has been awhile since you have seen it I invite you to come and see the building that we all share with pride.

I want to thank you for the many prayers and hugs that I have received during my recent illness. We may never have a prognosis, but I am feeling much better. Being around you gives me the courage to face each and every new day.

Membership is what makes us work-just think if each member brought in just one new member during the year. Numbers do not impress me but they do impress our elected officials.

I have heard from some that they believe we are devoting too much time to the "Heroes to Hometown" program. I am going to give you a few numbers and you judge for yourselves. Operation Iraqi Freedom as of August 8th 3,526 troops died, 27,279 wounded unable to return to duty.

Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan as of August 4th, 419 troops have died, 1,472 wounded, 896 wounded unable to return to duty.

As the Holiday Season approaches, may each of you have a joyous time.

In comradeship

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Jim Deal

***1st VICE COMMANDER'S CORNER –
NANCY WALSH:***



It is important to pay your dues in a timely manner. This will in turn help us to devise the financial plan for the upcoming year.

Thanks for your support to your post!

For Your Information (FYI)!

Recently, the 110th CONGRESS passed an amendment to Section 9 of Title 4 of United States Code allowing veterans to render a military salute in civilian clothing while hoisting, lowering, or passing of the Standard. Below is a copy of the amendment:

'To amend title 4, United States Code, to prescribe that members of the Armed Forces and veterans out of uniform may render the military salute during hoisting, lowering, or passing of flag. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CONDUCT BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS OUT OF UNIFORM DURING HOISTING, LOWERING, OR PASSING OF FLAG.

Section 9 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by striking 'all persons present' and all that follows through the end and inserting 'those present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.' Passed the Senate July 25, 2007. Attest: Secretary, 110th CONGRESS, 1st Session."

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Nancy Walsh

***SECOND VICE COMMANDER'S CORNER –
LESLIE HORTON***



Honor Guard

We are still looking for "a few good men and women" who are willing to volunteer their time and

experience to help the very good cause of honoring our fallen brothers and sisters at funerals and in the spreading of Honor, Loyalty, Courage, Respect, Pride and Patriotism by presenting our Nation's Colors.

A big Thank You to Ken Barton, Honor Guard Coordinator, and Carl Tucker for taking the time to repair our recently acquired M1 Rifles. It has been a tedious job.

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Leslie

ADJUTANT'S CORNER – JIM HARBISON



A Hearty Welcome to our New Members:

- Olin L. Atkins**
- Dana C. Bibler**
- Sean D. Bibler**
- George Bronson**
- Joseph H. Clark**
- William E. Creek**
- Richard E. Davis**
- Joe Daniel**
- James K. Dye**
- Jimmie L. Deal II**
- John O. Dufault**
- Robert E. Foley**
- Vernon F. Greene**
- Clyde S. Gould**
- Richard S. Jones**
- Arthur J. Kelly**

- Donald Kirby Sr.**
- Bouchone Nnouldandith**
- Kenneth Patterson**
- William J. Peterson**
- Timothy L. Poff**
- Augustus W. Shoolbred**
- Russell D. Smith**
- Kenneth Wayne Vaughn**
- Robert W. Wilson**

WOW!!!!

THE HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM IS NOW UP AND RUNNING

Thank you to all who contributed to the Phase II Building Revitalization Fund. We are seeing and "feeling" the results of your continued support. Please join us at YOUR Legion Post and see all the improvements that have been made.

October, November and December begin our busy season at the Post. We will be welcoming three Ballroom dance groups on Saturday nights until June 2008. If you would like to learn Ballroom Dancing, just call the Post Monday-Friday from 10AM to 2PM for information.

• IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

All Veterans should register with the Spartanburg County VA Office to make sure you receive the services you are due.

Make sure some family member knows where your Discharge papers (DD214, etc.) are located. You must have this document in order to receive the Military Marker. The Legion places flags on veterans' graves on Memorial Day and this is how we find the Veterans.

If you need any further information, just call me at the Post at (864) 253- 0376.

- **MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION**

The Disabled American Veterans Association has vans for transporting Veterans to Asheville, Greenville and Columbia VA Hospitals for veterans who need and qualify for this service.

Call (864) 503-5897

Leave information on answering machine and you will be contacted.

- **HELP!!**

If you have a free day and could help out with the maintenance of the building, please call Frank Beer at the Post – 253-0376. If maintenance is not your interest – maybe the Office, or the Armory, or the Library or the Kitchen. We are always looking for a “few good men and women.”

- **MEMBERSHIP**

We have 267 members who have paid their 2008 dues; 104 members who have yet to pay their 2008 dues; and 39 members from 2006 who will be dropped this December 31, 2007. **Please, we don't want to lose good members.** It is our hope that if you have overlooked this, you will please take the time to take care of it today. If you have a problem, call me at the Post 253-0376. WE CARE.

- **The Winner of the “Earlybird” Drawing has been notified**

If you have any questions, please call me and I will help you find an answer!
(864) 253-0376

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Jim Harbison, Adjutant



How COOL is it!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE –
FRANK BEER

Several small projects were completed during installation of the Heating/Air Conditioning Systems.

- Cement ramps were installed on the main/bottom floors.
- Screen doors were installed for front porch and main hall exits.
- A rifle rack was constructed in the Armory.
- The bottom floor bathroom is now operational.
- During the planned clean-up day on September 8th, the construction debris was removed from the back courtyard and transported to the landfill by Ron Raylor and Dave Felty.
- Lights were installed with a remote control device on the ceiling fans in the main hall.
- Now that the heating/air conditioning systems have been installed, work will continue throughout the building to complete some minor projects:
 1. Plumbing of bathroom on top floor
 2. Cleaning and painting of old furnace room

3. Patching remaining holes in ceiling/wall areas of former heating system.
4. Paint removal from glass on interior doors.
5. Tile, carpet and floor work where required.

We Will Appreciate Your Help!
Frank

POST 28 NEEDS YOU!

THANK YOU, FRANK, FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE POST. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND ALL OF YOUR ASSISTANTS IN YOUR PROJECTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER – JACK CRITES

HEROES TO HOMETOWN COMMITTEE

We have had our third meeting as a Committee and have progressed very well. A method of receiving calls, logging them in and a system for notifying personnel has been established.

Our Committee consists of about 50% Post 28 members and 50% other organizations and community members.

Other community organizations have been contacted from time to time and have committed to helping should the need arise.

Remember, this is an effort to assist severely injured veterans if and when they return to our community. So far we have not been notified of anyone needing assistance. If you know of anyone who needs assistance, please have them contact the Post 28 office.

What better way for our Post to help these young men and women who have been severely injured and possibly handicapped for life in the service of our country. Post 200 is partnering with Post 28 in this program.

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Jack Crites

Chairman of the H2H Committee

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR – JESSE CAMPBELL



Congratulations Post 28 Baseball Team!!
 Great Season!!
 We had fun at the Baseball Banquet!

Jesse Campbell, Athletic Director

HISTORIAN'S CORNER – ED HALL

Post 28 Library Continues To Expand

The Post 28 Library is expanding by leaps and bounds. Over 400 titles are now listed with many other titles on file to be listed. The span of titles include many new printings from The Military History Bookclub which have been purchased by members of the Post. Five Post members have

joined the Bookclub resulting in at least 50 new books inbound to the Post Library stacks. Many individuals have been making donations to the library resulting in our massive growth. Post 28 members interested in joining the Military History Bookclub contact Ed Hall at our next meeting or via phone at 583-4349. Thanks to all who have contributed books and come on by and check out some of our great titles.

Robert Wilson Donates Art Work To Post 28

Bob Wilson, internationally known artist of military, aviation and religious paintings and a member of Post 28 has donated nine of his beautiful framed prints to Post 28. The art work covers scenes from the Revolutionary War, WWI and WWII. The prints will be on display throughout the building and will someday become part of our future museum display. Bob is a veteran of WW II. He was an Army Air Corps pilot retiring from the USAF as a Major after over 20 years of service. We are very proud to have Bob as a member of Post 28.

Ed Hall

THE PAINTINGS OF BOB WILSON ARE A WELCOME ADDITION TO THE MAIN MEETING ROOM OF THE POST. THE PAINTINGS WERE DONATED TO THE POST BY BOB. THANK YOU, BOB, FOR THE AWESOME PAINTINGS.

UNIT 28 LADIES AUXILIARY CORNER – MARY JO CRITES

To all the women of Unit 28:

Whew! It's cooling down! And, doesn't it feel great? Even though the weather is cooling, the excitement in Unit 28 is heating up.

During our last Saturday meetings, the women agreed to be a part of Heroes to Hometowns by working with the families of severely wounded

soldiers when they return home from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Family stability can become very stressful and fragile when a wounded service person returns home to stay so our group has decided to help the caretaker with a meal now and then, baby sitting, maybe a lunch out to visit and talk, and see what other needs are not being met. We have also planned to open up the Auxiliary Room for Saturday Morning Coffee for the returning servicemen and women so they will have a private place to be together. Isn't this what we're all about? While we pray we're not needed we must be prepared in case we are.

A pancake supper is being planned in November to raise money to finance this project. We'll see you all are notified and we'll need a lot of help.

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest classroom driver improvement course designed especially for drivers age 50 and older. The 8 hour course is taught in two 4 hour sessions in two days. The fee is \$10 per person. The course covers the normal changes in vision, hearing, reaction time and provides rules of the road with emphasis on safety strategies. Graduates in SC are eligible to receive a state mandated discount for three years on their vehicle insurance. Since AARP started this program there are 11 million graduates through 2004. If you would like to register for this class please call me, 948-1564 or Nancy Eaker at 585-7908. We need at least 10 for a class. How about it? Dates are October 25 & 26.

If you haven't attended one of our Saturday morning meetings with the Legionnaires, do start coming. The men have proven to be good cooks and we are enjoying a delicious breakfast before meeting time.

Our December Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 1st. 9:30 Breakfast with the Legionnaires and 10:00 our Monthly Meeting. Stay safe. I'm so honored to be working with such a great group of women. Blessings on you all.

Mary Jo Crites, Pres.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S CORNER –
Betty Harbison**

I hope you find this Newsletter informative. Our next issue will cover January, February and March 2008. I encourage you to submit information to be published in the Newsletter by DECEMBER 17 to be sure that it makes it into the newsletter.

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Email: jbharbisonj@bellsouth.net**



The Proposed Duncan Park ball field...What an improvement!

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 2	7:00PM	Post 28 Executive Board
October 4	12 Noon	Ladies Auxiliary Regular Meeting
October 6	9:30AM 11:00AM – 2:00PM	Post 28 Regular Meeting Ft. Gordon Flag Detail
October 30	7:00PM	Post 28 Executive Board
November 1	12 Noon	Ladies Auxiliary Regular Meeting
November 3	9:30AM	Post 28 Regular Meeting
November 11	4:00PM	Spartanburg VETERANS DAY PARADE If you wish to join Post 28 in the Parade, call the Office and you will be given directions.
November 27	7:00PM	Post 28 Executive Board
December 1	9:30AM 10:00AM	Breakfast Post 28 Regular Meeting Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
December 6	12 Noon	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
<i>**December 7</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>	Christmas Party – Bring a present for a boy and a girl (under age 12) Refreshments and Finger Foods will be served
<i>** (Remember Pearl Harbor!)</i>		