



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 28
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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**



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NEWSLETTER

JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

POST 28 OFFICERS FOR 2008



Swearing in of Post 28 Officers by District 8 Commander Cliff Patrick

L to R

Jack Crites, Past Commander; Roy Taylor, Master at Arms; Leslie Horton, 2nd Vice Commander;
Nancy Walsh, 1st Vice Commander; Harold Osborne, Service Officer; Jim Harbison, Adjutant;
Jimmie L. Deal, Commander

Figure 1 - Absent were H. B. Guyton, Chaplain, Ed Hall, Historian, & Jesse Campbell, Finance Officer

COMMANDER'S CORNER – JIM DEAL

How fortunate we are to be Legionnaires. It simply Means that we have served in the Armed Forces of the greatest nation on earth; that we have friends that we can trust and be called upon in time of need, and that we have people that we have never met will endeavor to help us. How grand it is to know that there is a place to go in time of need.

These things should not be kept a secret. If you know a fellow veteran, invite him or her to attend a meeting. Invite them to join a great organization. It matters little to me about the numbers that some hold to be so dear. It only matters that we have never denied a fellow veteran the opportunity to belong.

In Post 28 we have some fantastic members, they go out of their way daily to aid the post in general or to

help a member. Just look at the building and it shows. Legionnaires are not looking for their name in an article but simply the opportunity to aid a fellow veteran.

You can be of assistance by joining the honor guard, volunteer as a driver, or help Frank with painting and wood working. How about helping Jack Crites with our "*Hometown to Heroes*" program.

The new library is a great place, and we all are justly proud of the efforts and the outcome of this project.

If you have an idea tell us and we will try to help you make it a reality.

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Jim

1st VICE COMMANDER'S CORNER – NANCY WALSH

We are already moving into the next annual membership timeframe. Please do not forget to mail your membership to the Post. For those who may not have the address to send it to, here is the address:

American Legion Post 28
PO Box 391
Spartanburg SC 29304

If you are thinking about getting your Life Membership, check with Jim Harbison who has the chart to see how much it will be because it is based on your age now. It can save you some money.

Now, for a little about the website. For those of you who are not aware of the website and are able to have access to a computer, the website is www.spartanburgscpost28.org and the main email address is: admin@spartanburgscpost28.org. If you need to contact the webmaster for adding events to the website, email: web@spartanburgscpost28.org.

I hope that all of you find the website enjoyable and informative. I have enjoyed putting it together for all of our legionnaires, if you have any comments about the website just contact the webmaster at the email for web above.

Well, that is about it for now. Until next time, I bid you "fair winds and following (falling) seas" to all. Oops, I know, that's a Navy term, sorry. There is a reason why we bid farewell to our shipmates with this naval blessing. It represents the ideal day at sea. However, the winds are not always fair and the seas often crash against the ship as it makes its way through open ocean, making navigation difficult. Again, it means have a GREAT DAY no matter where or who you are.

For God and Country Nancy

2nd VICE COMMANDER'S CORNER – LESLIE HORTON

I had the opportunity to support our Post's nomination and acceptance of Jamie Powell for Traffic Safety Officer of the Year. His Award was presented on Friday at the State Convention in Columbia

The Honor Guard finally received (10) M-1 Garand Rifles. Jim Harbison and myself have been working very hard restoring them. We hope to have them ready to use by the end of July.

We are still looking for "a few good men and women" that 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.

During the past 3 months, our Honor Guard has provided 9 Military funerals and -

- May 27 – Memorial Day - Honor Guard presented Flags at Duncan Park Veterans' Point

- May 29 – Honor Guard presented Flags at Spartanburg Library “Celebration of Veterans”
- June 12 – Color Guard presented Flag at opening of a new business in Boiling Springs

***We need more Honor Guard members
Volunteer today***

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Leslie

ADJUTANT’S CORNER – JIM HARBISON

New Members

George Childers
Jimmie L. Deal II
Mikell T. Edge
Kenneth W. Vaughn
James K. Dye
Kenneth E. Bishop
Michael Reed Behnke

Transfers

Michael T. Moore
Roy A. Quinn
Kenneth Patterson
Dana C. Bibler
Clyde S. Gould
John O. Dufault
Joseph H. Clark
Richard E. Davis
Russell D. Smith
George Bronson

FLASH!! TO NEW TRANSFERS

YOU WILL BE RECEIVING YOUR 2008 DUES NOTICE FROM NATIONAL ASKING YOU TO SEND YOUR DUES TO COLUMBIA. PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS AS YOU WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED BACK TO COLUMBIA POST 172 AND BE IN LIMBO AGAIN! MAIL YOUR DUES TO THE POST ADDRESS INSTEAD OF COLUMBIA.

NOTICE EARLY BIRD RENEWALS:

ALL 2008 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS RECEIVED BY AUGUST 1, 2007 WILL BE CONSIDERED EARLY BIRDS AND WILL RECEIVE A TICKET TO WIN A BOOK OF 6 CHANCES IN THE AMERICAN LEGION \$10,000 ANNUAL FUND RAISER EVENT.

WOW!! Has Post 28 been busy this past quarter- So much has been accomplished.

- April 29 – Post 28 Open House and dedication of General Westmoreland Military Library
- May 8 – Boys and Girls State
- May 18 – Zone 2 Meeting in Rock Hill
- May 20 – Reception for Post 28 Baseball Team and families
- May 24 – District 8 Meeting in Union
- May 25 – Legion/Auxiliary placement of Flags at Heritage Cemetery
- June 23 – Attended 2007 American Legion Department of SC Convention in Columbia, SC

Our endeavor to raise money for our Building Fund is in full swing – if you can help with a contribution, please do so now. Also, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to Phase II. We are almost over the top – just a little push will do it!!

We are negotiating with several Air Conditioning and Heating companies and should have a signed contract very soon.

Several members of Post 28 have volunteered to drive the Disabled American Veterans’ Vans to Asheville and Columbia. More drivers are needed. If you have time and would like to help out, call Don Byrum, Coordinator, at (864) 503-5897. If you need transportation to Asheville/Columbia for treatment, Don will be happy to assist you.

I ask each of you to help Post 28 grow. Sign up a Veteran today – please keep Membership on your mind.

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Jim



LOOK HOW BEAUTIFUL!!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE –
FRANK BEER

Early April we concentrated efforts toward painting and repairing doors. A few locks are being installed. French doors were installed in the main foyer and entrance to the hallway leading to the conference room. These doors will be helpful in controlling the heat and air conditioning of the building.

The kitchen cabinet doors were installed and received a final coat of paint. Stainless steel countertops were put in place. The work tables in the kitchen had several shelves added which will be more serviceable in a limited work space. With these additions, it will be much easier to clean. Contact paper was put in the cabinets. The main hall had two coats of primer paint – mid-April the final coat was added. I want to say a special thanks you to David Barnes. He came forward and offered to let the Legion use his discount on paint. David, this was a tremendous help with the gallons of paint needed. It has made a difference in overall appearance to have a good paint to work with. Thanks again to a dedicated Legionnaire.

Our Adjutant Jim Harbison is always busy but he made time to install tile in to hallways on the bottom floor. Jim put a sealer on the tile which will prolong its use. Sure looks good, Jim!

Work is ongoing on the bottom floor. The room where the new furnace will be installed needs some adjustments. There were some open showers at one time. The floor had a drain across one end three feet wide and five inches deep. This was filled in and leveled with 2,000 pounds of cement. This kept the cement mixer busy for a day. I want to extend a big thank you to Larry Christopherson, my good neighbor and Legionnaire, for loaning me his cement mixer to complete this job. It was a big help Larry I did not have a bucket large enough to mix in. Several ramps will be installed in the future. If anyone is available to help with this project, please let me know while we have the mixer on loan.

Still need a little plumbing work on the top floor bathroom. The bottom floor bathroom requires tile work prior to putting the fixtures back in place.

The old furnace room needs cleaning. In the past many things have been put in there and never used. It is time to sort through and throw away. If anyone has a few hours and willing to help on this project, please give me or Jim Harbison a call.

We Will Appreciate Your Help!

Frank

POST 28 NEEDS YOU!

HISTORIAN'S CORNER –
ED HALL

We are looking for a Video or Digital Camera to be donated or loaned to the Post to be used for our personal history file. Members may recall that our plan is to interview all Post 28 members and maintain a "living autobiography" file with short 5 minute taped military service interviews for future reference. Would also be a nice tax deductible gift to the Post.

Call Ed for more info at 583-4349.

**IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER –
JACK CRITES**

“HEROES TO HOMETOWN”

Not much activity to date with the Heroes to Hometown program. We have attended two meetings with the Wounded Warriors Roundtable and keeping up to date with their activities which is a bike riding event and a hunting event later in the year for disabled veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. I have also stayed in touch with them via email with our activities.

In contacting the American Legion Staff in the Pentagon, we have been told that some returning wounded soldiers do not want their hometowns notified of their scheduled return home as they don't want a welcome home or the recognition. This is a problem we will approach carefully as we don't want to inconvenience anyone unnecessarily.

I would like our Post members to start thinking about what kind of help they can offer to our returning wounded service members should any needs arise - such as, providing transportation to the doctor, shopping, handyman work such as minor plumbing, electrical, carpentry or any other skills you may have. I know we have some painters in our Post. Is there something we can do together?

To volunteer your services you can either call the Post home at 253-0376 or mail it to American Legion Post 28, PO Box 391, Spartanburg, SC 29304.

Remember, our primary reason for existing as an organization is to help our veterans, their widows and children. Come to our meetings the first Saturday of the month to learn more, have a good breakfast and fellowship.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Jack Crites
Immediate Past Commander
Chairman of the H2H Committee

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR – JESSE CAMPBELL

**OUR BASEBALL TEAM IS
FLYING HIGH THIS YEAR!!
HOW ABOUT A 16 - 0 RECORD!!!**

Games Played:

Hillcrest	25-24, 7-2, 15-11, 9-5
Greer	13-2, 11-6
Union	8-6, 12-8, 16-7, 11-2
Gaffney	3-1, 7-4, 3-2
Inman	19-12, 6-0, 12-9

If you haven't been to a game this year, you have missed a treat. These young men are G-G-GREAT!
Jesse Campbell, Athletic Director

PAST COMMANDER – LARRY MIXON

I just wanted to share this with you.

NOW THAT YOU CAN SEE,
WILL YOU MARRY ME?

There was a blind girl who hated herself just because she was blind. She hated everyone except her loving boyfriend who was always there for her. She said that if she could only see the world she would marry him. One day someone donated a pair of eyes for her. Then she could see everything, including her boy friend. Her boy friend then asked, now that you can see the world, will you marry me? The girl was shocked when she saw that her boy friend was blind too and she refused to marry him. Her boy friend walked away in tears and later wrote a letter to her saying – just take care of my eyes dear.

Larry
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**UNIT 28 LADIES AUXILIARY CORNER –
MARY JO CRITES**

HAPPY HOT SUMMER! Enjoy it! We're in Edmonton, AB, Canada and its almost freezing!

Thanks to all who attended our general meeting in June. We had a wonderful meeting. Sadie Morrow, Zone Vice President, installed our 2008 officers, Mary Jo Crites, President, Geneva Padgett, Vice

President, Dorothy Beer, Recording Secretary, and Shirley Putnam, Chaplain. Betty Harbison, Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer was absent due to illness.

Our Auxiliary stepped up to the challenge being given to the community to help with the Heroes to Hometown program. Unit 28 has offered to assess the needs of a wounded soldier's family and then will offer to provide babysitting to relieve the caregiver to shop, etc., take the caregiver to lunch, and provide a family meal when necessary. We will put aside some money to help when needed. I was so proud of you girls for your enthusiasm and willingness to participate in this program, but let's pray that we have no need for this service, that our warriors are returned safe and sound. We are counting on all our members to be a part of this project. Let's go girls!!!

At the next meeting we will collect beef jerky, wipes and chewing gum to pack and send to the grandson of our member, Penny Clements. He is in Iraq. Let's send enough for him to share with his group.

Start collecting stuff for our SUMMER YARD SALE on August 10th and 11th. Tell your friends to collect their good but unwanted items to help us. Be sure to price your items and save the unit some time. Plan to volunteer to help set up, sell and clean up. Come, share and meet other members.

Our Auxiliary makes money on the 50-50 tickets we sell at the baseball games. A big thank you to those who volunteer for us.

To all Unit 28 members: Do come to our meetings – they are listed in the next column. Be with us as we share an exciting time in the Auxiliary and share time with some amazing women. I am so honored to be a part of Unit 28.

**God's richest blessings on you all,
Mary Jo**

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S CORNER –

Betty Harbison

I hope you find this Newsletter informative. Our next issue will cover October, November and December. I encourage you to submit information to be published in the Newsletter by SEPTEMBER 24 to be sure that it makes it into the newsletter.

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Note from Jim Harbison, Adjutant

There are no Social Events planned for July, August and September. The installation of the new Heating and Air Conditioning for the building will be in progress.

IMPORTANT DATES:

JULY 2007

July 5, Thursday

Auxiliary Monthly Meeting – 12 NOON

July 7, Saturday

Regular Legion Meeting – 9:30AM –

Honor Guard Meeting – 11:00AM

July 31, Tuesday

Legion Executive Board Meeting – 7:00PM

AUGUST 2007

August 2, Tuesday

Auxiliary Monthly Meeting – 12 Noon

August 4, Saturday

Regular Legion Meeting – 9:30AM –

Honor Guard Meeting – 11:00AM

August 10 & 11, Friday & Saturday

Auxiliary Yard Sale at Post 28

August 28

Legion Executive Board Meeting – 7:00PM

SEPTEMBER 2007

September 1, Saturday

Regular Legion Meeting – 9:30AM

Auxiliary Monthly Meeting – 9:30AM