



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



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NEWSLETTER

JANUARY – FEBRUARY - MARCH

POST 28 Veterans Day Dinner 2007



**We had a wonderful turnout for the Veterans Day Dinner!
This was one of our best Veterans Day dinners ever!**

COMMANDER'S CORNER – JIMMIE DEAL

Commander Jimmie L. Deal:

“For the ones of you who know and the ones who do not know, our Commander is gravely ill and has been put into the Hospice House here in Spartanburg. His wife, Sandy; daughter Gretchen; and son, Jimmie II ask for your prayers during this very sad and trying time.

Jimmie is from Akron, Ohio but when he saw Post 28, he joined us and became a dedicated member. He has always been there to help with anything asked of him up until this last month. He has truly been a dedicated member and we are there for him, Sandy, and all of his

family. And especially for Jimmie II who for a short time was also a very important and dedicated member, helping us in the honor guard and color guard while he was here. We love you all and we pray for all.”

- Jim Harbison, Adjutant

1st VICE COMMANDER'S CORNER – NANCY WALSH:

We are moving into the 2008-09 membership. Please do not forget to mail your 2007 membership to the Post. For those who may not have the address to mail your dues to:

American Legion Post 28
PO Box 391
Spartanburg SC 29304

Now for a little reminder about the website and for those of you who are not aware of the website, but 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", please email at the following address: web@spartanburgscpost28.org. If you have any comments about the website, also contact the webmaster at the email above.

I want say a word about Jimmie Deal and his family. They are going through a very difficult time right now. This is just to keep you advise you that Jimmie has expressed the desire that when his time does come that we have his memorial service at the Post for him, Sandy, and the family. Please make a mental note of this and we will keep you apprised of any info on the website. And please keep Jimmie, Sandy, Jimmie II, and Gretchen in your prayers and that God will make this difficult time lightened for them AND to the entire Deal Family, *please remember* that we love you and we are here for whatever your needs maybe! And do not hesitate!

***For God and Country!
And to all faithful sailors and soldiers!***

Nancy

**2nd VICE COMMANDER'S CORNER –
LESLIE HORTON**

We had a wonderful turn out for the annual Veterans Day Parade and we just want to thank everyone that helped and participated in the parade and at the dinner that followed at the Post home. I believe that it gets bigger and better every year. The turn out this year was the biggest that I have seen in years.

There will be a meeting for "Lessons Learned" on January 9, 2008.

I appreciate the donations that were given to help the underprivileged Northwest football organization. These donations were to help them finance the rooms and trip costs to go to their tournaments. They were able to get to the tournament and play some very good games. There will be a letter of

appreciation from their organization displayed at the Post for anyone who would like to read it.

I desperately need suggestions and ideas for social events that the Post can have for the membership for the coming year. The membership needs to meet in a relaxed and social atmosphere so that the members can get to know each other and have fun. Maybe even have a little pool tournament with refreshments or a ping pong tournament with refreshments with a small fee to play and the winner to split the winnings with the general fund at the Post to help build our General Fund back up so we have a little reserve in it.

And so always, we are in need of a few good men and women for the Post 28 Honor Guard and Color Guard. It is always good to have back-ups in case the usual, faithful few just cannot make it to that particular ceremony.

Keep in mind that those of you who have not paid your dues for 2007. Please get that in so that you do not lose your membership time or get dropped from Post 28 and sent into the oblivion of Post 172 in Columbia and drop out of the Legion. So please, if you need to pay them or if there is a problem paying them, please call the Post Monday through Friday from 10 am to 2 pm and talk with the person that is manning the phones and explain your situation. We can see what can be done from there and let you know something.

Also remember Jimmie Deal in your prayers!

***Warm Regards,
Leslie Horton
2nd Vice Commander***

ADJUTANT'S CORNER – JIM HARBISON

FIRST AND FOREMOST!! The heating and air conditioning units are up and running. We have paid Waldrop Mechanical.

Our priorities for the coming year are:

- Replacing the awning on the front of the building.
- Upgrading the ladies' bathroom to accommodate handicapped persons and including moving the main door into the hall.

- Adding stalls in men's bathroom and closing in the air return and duct.
- The kitchen needs upgrading with a vented hood.
- Plumbing repairs in bathrooms and kitchen.



Post 28 Color Guard at the Piedmont Interstate Fair – Wayne Pearson, Larry Mixon, Leslie Horton, and Jim Harbison

A big thank you to our Post 28 Legionnaires for their dedication to the Legion by helping with our booth at the Piedmont Interstate Fair. This was a major event to promote American Legion Post 28. George Lawson, Bill Smith, Penny Clements, Ken Barton, Ron Taylor, Jesse Campbell, Olin Sansbury, H. B. Guyton, Wayne Pearson, Richard Jones, Nancy Walsh, and Leslie Horton. Also, thank you to those who presented colors and fired rifles at the opening ceremony for the Fair this year.

Welcome to our new members who have joined Post during the last quarter of 2007:

Jerry Brooks
Calvin E. Bridges
Joe W. Bruce
Eugene Earl Cato
Albert C. Comley
Eddie L. Crow
William B. Cubitt Sr.

Maxie N. Deaton
Carl A. Dellinger
Gary D. Dodd
Mark R. Edwards
Billy J. Farmer
Raymond D. Foster
John Garrett
Whitner Griffin Jr.
John H. Holl
Robert Wayne Harmon
Bob L. Henderson
Walter M. Kay
Iman Krauze
William D. Martin
William C. McIntosh
Charles B. Parham
Ralph Phillips Jr.
E. Henry Pittman
Roy A. Quinn
John Rungo
Broadus Steadings
Sherman A. Swofford
Robert Tennyson
Charles E. Watson Sr.
David A. White
Johnny G. Wofford
Allen Younger

WE HAVE 358 MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2008 DUES!

WE HAVE 52 MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 2008 DUES!

WE ALSO HAVE 35 MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 2007 DUES AND WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE LEGION ROLLS ON DECEMBER 31ST.

**FOR REINSTATEMENT –
DO NOT SEND YOUR DUES TO THE STATE
OFFICE IN IRMO – THEY WILL TRANSFER YOU
TO POST 172.
AT POST 28, WE CAN REINSTATE YOU
WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MEMBERSHIP.
SO PLEASE CONTACT JIM HARBISON
AT THE POST OFFICE 253-0376
TO GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP REINSTATED.**

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 PAY YOUR DUES TODAY. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, PLEASE CALL ME AT THE POST OFFICE @ 253-0376.

**| Valentines' Sweetheart Ball |
On February 15, 2008**

We hope you can join us for this event. The food will be catered. There will be music for dancing – the lights will be low.

****MAKE NOTE: New Address & Phone#**

**Jim & Betty Harbison
3165 Cedar Springs Drive
Spartanburg SC 29302
(864) 591-8945 & FAX (864) 591-2248
NEW Email: jbharbisonj1@bellsouth.net**

The Saturday night dance club has donated an Ice Maker to be installed as soon as possible!

 Valentines' Sweetheart Ball
<i>With 'Awesome' Catered Food</i>
<i>\$25.00 Per Couples</i>
<i>\$12.50 Per Singles</i>
Please mail or call in your reservation to the Post Office Phone #253-0376 By February 8 th
<i>WE NEED AN ACCURATE COUNT TO ORDER FOOD FOR THIS EVENT, SO PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING!</i>



They say you should watch out for people who bring their "own" pool stick! JUST KIDDING!!

The basement is coming along nicely. We have a new pool table in the recreational area. And we are also working on a bar for a sit-down/stand-up bar area for socializing. Come by and join your friends for a game!!!!!! We have already been trying it out and it works great!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR

Jim Harbison, Adjutant

Auxiliary New Members:

- Janet Behnke
- Nancy L. Eaker
- Julie Farmer
- Mary Elizabeth Felty
- Eileen P. Krauze
- Dorothy B. Floyd
- Jamie Harbison
- Lois Ann Hesser
- Katherine F. Quinn
- Katie S. Wofford
- Diane Norris

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE – FRANK BEER



Beverage Bar IN PROGRESS!

Several small projects were completed during the last quarter of 2007:

- A shelf to match the rifle rack
- Painted the corner of main hall where heating system was removed
- Wood ramps constructed for two front doors. These are portable and can be used elsewhere when needed. This completes wheelchair access to the main and lower levels.
- Screen door in main hall relocated to kitchen exit due to code/fire regulations
- Two walls painted inside the old furnace room & the ashes were removed from base of chimney.
- Carpet with pad installed in living room space of the bottom floor.
- Installation of ice machine in canteen.

Several minor construction projects must be accomplished during the first quarter of 2008:

- Plumbing work in the top floor bathroom
- Complete masonry work on chimney base in old furnace room
- Patching remaining holes in ceiling/wall areas of former heating system
- Paint removal from glass on interior doors
- Tile installation on bottom floor where required
- Rework door lock mechanisms throughout the building for security reasons

Janitorial or custodial work will be ongoing, as will the electrical upgrades that are necessary on the bottom floor. Exterior combination doors will be installed in the hall/kitchen exits of the bottom floor. A plan to clean up the outside courtyard will be necessary for recreational use.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER – ED HALL:

A Note of Importance:

We are trying to get photos of all of the past commanders so that we can include them on our dedication wall that will represent the Past Commanders from the first year of our Post until present day. I think that we have the Past Commanders up to around 1960.

If you are a Past Commander and need someone to take your photo for this wall, and you don't have one to give to us, call the Post and we will arrange for someone to do that for us. So, if you have a photo of any other Past Commanders (the years that they dedicated), please send the photo to the Post so that we can scan it and return it (if you need it to be returned, just let us know when you drop it off at the Post).

This is a "very important" part of our Post's history and we are dedicated to complete the wall if at all possible. Remember we can scan and return these precious photos. Thank you for your help with this task but it is an important one.

Members may recall that our plan is to interview all Post 28 members that are willing to participate and maintain a "living autobiography" file with short 5 minute taped military service interviews for future reference. For more info or to arrange your video biography, CALL Ed at 583-4349 and set up a time with him.

IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER –

JACK CRITES:

"HEROES TO HOMETOWN"

As the news about the war in Iraq and Afghanistan gets better, it seems the interest in our troops is less noticeable. Our troops need as much support as ever and I think even more as troops are facing 3rd and 4th deployments, sometimes even 5th deployments, and tours now are 15 months for the Army. Through donations we were able to help two families have a better Christmas. One was a disabled veteran and the other was a deployed soldier's family.

The commander of some of the troops presently deployed attended the Christmas party held for the wives and children of local deployed soldiers put on by our Auxiliary. He thanked and complimented us for this service.

We haven't sent care boxes to service members for sometime now. If you want to contribute, bring your items to Post 28 and we will see that the boxes are assembled and sent.

Our Commander, Jim Deal, and his family are going through some rough times. Keep them in your prayers. I promise you, Dear Friend, that in your honor, I will continue to do everything I can for all of our servicemen and women.

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

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/FINANCIAL OFFICER
- JESSE CAMPBELL

2007 is about to be over and again Post 28 was able to accomplish the many projects that we sponsor because of all the support we get from our members. Without you we couldn't do anything.

We are already planning for 2008 and looking for another great baseball season – hopefully we will play at Beautiful Duncan Park. The wall has been torn down and the field is in great shape. We have been awarded the 2009 American Legion State Playoffs and we are making plans to have the 2010 National Tournament here at Duncan Park. It will take a lot of work from all of us but by working together we can achieve our goals – by working together we are what makes America GREAT – because “For God and Country We Associate Ourselves.”

MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM YOUR FINANCE OFFICER
AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
FOR 34 YEARS
- Jesse Campbell

From Olin Sansbury, Oratorical Chairman:

Please note the following dates of importance:

- The Annual Oratorical Contest will be on (Monday) January 14 at 4 pm at the Post Home. Post 28 invites all members to come to the oratorical and hear the contestants. It is very heart-warming to hear these young people speak. You will come away with a lump

in your throat and swollen with pride in our youth that participant.

- The Post 28 of the Annual Oratorical Contest winner will be honored at the Post Home on (Sunday) January 20 at 3 pm. The Robert Anderson family will be in attendance and honored for the Robert Anderson Endowment which they have donated to the Oratorical Contest and to be awarded to the winner of the Oratorical Contest. This year will be the first year in which this endowment is being awarded and it will be awarded each year that follows.
- In February (date and time TBD), the Zone Oratorical Contest will be held in Rock Hill. We will announce the date and time once it is decided and we are notified.
- On March 1 (time TBD), the State Oratorical Contest will be held in Columbia. As the date approaches, we will let you know where and the time that it will be held, once we find out the details.

Plan to attend these events if possible and show the winners our support for their hypothesis of what the Constitution and this country mean to them. *Hope to see you there.*

UNIT 28 LADIES AUXILIARY CORNER –
MARY JO CRITES

Beautiful People,

We've had a busy year! We have grown in membership and have tried to make a difference around the Legion home and now let's get ready to start our new year.

We are now having all our *REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS* on the first Saturday of the month. The Legion meets at the same time in the main hall and we meet in the Auxiliary Room. The meetings start at 10:00, however, if you'd like to share sausage gravy and biscuits with the men, so be there at 9:30. Don't miss a delicious way to start the day.

This past quarter, in November, we had a bean dinner to raise funds for the Christmas party for the wives and children of deployed soldiers. Three mothers, two grandmothers, Commander Strickland and his wife, and seven children attended. It was fun. The kids received great gifts, had delicious snacks, and watched a clown and magician performances. It was nice to meet everyone. Gifts were sent to four children who were at home due to illness. Four members of the "Heroes to Hometown" committee also attended.

I will be contacting you all about the *RECEPTION FOR THE ORATORICAL PROGRAM* on January 20. Be ready to answer the call for help.

The Auxiliary has planned a *NEW MEMBERS INSTALLATION and TEA* at 2:00 pm on January 26th. Mark your calendars and watch for your invitation in the mail.

Our first project in 2008 will be our *SECOND ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW* on February 1st at 7:00 pm. It should be a good one. We've invited the Saggy Bottom Boys back again this year. They were such a hit last year. Tickets are \$8. Don't miss this delightful evening. Call the Post or an Auxiliary member for tickets.

I sincerely appreciate all of you who worked on the projects, were supportive, and showed your dedication to our purpose this past year. You made everything we did a success. And for you all who didn't come out, do start coming and be a part of this growing phase in the American Legion/Auxiliary programs here.

The Auxiliary sure misses seeing *JIMMIE DEAL, LEGION COMMANDER*, around the post home. Jimmie, you are always supportive of the Unit and good to advise us. While you fight your battle with cancer, please know you are always

in our thoughts and prayers AND we will be there with you and Sandy all along the way.

Blessings on you all,
Mary Jo Crites
Auxiliary President

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S CORNER – Betty Harbison

I hope you find this Newsletter informative. Our next issue will cover April, May, & June. I encourage you to submit information to be published in the Newsletter by MARCH 10th to be sure that it makes it into the newsletter. You can phone me at (864) 591-8945 FAX (864) 591-2248 or Email: jbharbisonj1@bellsouth.net

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 3, 2008	7:00 PM	Post 28 Executive Board Meeting
January 5, 2008	9:30AM	Post 28 Regular Meeting/Unit 28 Regular Meeting
January 12, 2008	7-12 PM	Palmetto Dance Group
January 14, 2008	4:00 PM	Post 28 Oratorical Contest – at Post 28 Legionnaires and Auxiliary members are invited
January 17, 2008	6-9 PM	Cattlemen's Association
January 19, 2008	10:00 AM	Honor Guard Practice
January 19, 2008	7-12 PM	Shamrock Dance Group
January 20, 2008	3:00 PM	Reception for Oratorical Winner and Mrs. Anderson, Sponsor Legionnaires and Auxiliary members are invited
January 26, 2008	2:00 PM	Unit 28 Auxiliary Installation of New Members - Refreshments
January 29, 2008	7 PM	Post 28 Executive Board Meeting
<u>NOTE:</u> In February 2008	@ Time TBD	Zone Oratorical Contest – in Rock Hill
February 1, 2008	7:00 PM	Unit 28 Auxiliary – Variety Show - \$8.00 per Adult & \$3.00 for children under 12
February 2, 2008	9:30 AM	Post 28 Regular Meeting/Unit 28 Regular Meeting

February 2, 2008	7-12 PM	Dance Unlimited Group
February 9, 2008	7-12 PM	Nocturnal Dance Group
February 15, 2008	7:00 PM Until...	<i>Valentines' Sweetheart Ball</i>
February 16, 2008	10:00 AM	Honor Guard Practice
February 16, 2008	7-12 PM	Shamrock Dance Group
February 26, 2008	7:00 PM	Post 28 Executive Board Meeting
March 1, 2008 (March 1, 2008)	9:30 PM @ Time TBD	Post 28 Regular Meeting/Unit 28 Regular Meeting State Oratorical Contest - in Columbia)
March 8, 2008	7-12 PM	Palmetto Dance Group
March 9, 2008	***Daylight Saving Time Begins - Move your clock forward 1 hour! ***	
March 15, 2008	10:00 AM	Honor Guard Practice
March 15, 2008	7-12 PM	Shamrock Dance Group

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