



The American Legion, Post 48

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Dear Valued Community Member,

As a proud veterans' association here in Chesnee, American Legion Post 48 is charged as protector of a vintage (Viet Nam Era) AH-1 Bell Cobra, which we display at the Post, just south of town on SC Route 221. This Helicopter is possibly the first landmark residents and visitors see as they enter the town of Chesnee. We have had many visitors stop by to show and educate their children about the helicopter and its place in military history. Our Cobra is believed to have been commissioned in 1970 and decommissioned in October 2004 when we acquired the Cobra.

Unfortunately, this historical military icon has fallen into disrepair due to weather, lack of maintenance, and vandalism. Post 48 is seeking to restore the aircraft to "Museum Quality" to preserve its place in history and to be enjoyed by all. As you can imagine, this endeavor is an expensive project with an estimated price of \$10,000 dollars. We will be working with a company who does military aircraft restoration here in South Carolina, but we need support from our community.

We are asking for contributions to help defray the cost of the restoration process. With this in mind, I would like to respectfully request that you consider donating to help this Veteran organization restore the Cobra to its original glory!

Thank you for your consideration.

John Garner, Commander Post 48

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