

American Legion Post No. 48 Chesnee, SC



On May 14, 2011, the torpedo and associated devices were dedicated. The equipment was donated by Harvey Visnaw, USN Retired of Colorado. It was picked up in Colorado by driver Glenn Burke, accompanied by Junior Littlejohn, and Jack Wiggins.

Post Commander Cliff Jones begins the ceremony. The first order of business was to recognize the dignitaries in attendance:



Chesnee Mayor Max Cash, County Councilman O'Neal Mintz, Chesnee City Councilman Bruce



Mahaffey (all members of Post 48), and S.C. Representative Doug Brannon.



Other distinguished guests included Brigadier General Al Huey, USMC (left in red ball cap) and American Legion District 8 Commander Sam Cox (right in A. L. cap).



Retired Post Adjutant Jack Wiggins recites a list of persons who donated money, time, or work to getting this display completed. A list of these names is seen on the plaque located outside of the building.

Jack introduced the guests of honor Tommy Walker (member of Post #48) and Harvey Visnaw's daughter Betty Visnaw Davis. Tommy and Harvey were shipmates on the USS Cunningham, DD-752. It was through the long friendship of Tommy and Harvey that the torpedo was donated to Post #48. The Guest of Honor, speaking on behalf of Harvey, was Betty Visnaw Davis.



We are extremely proud to have three World War II veterans – all members of Post #48 – present at the meeting. This is Wilford Willingham, Connell Scruggs, and Chuck Thrift.



After the meeting, we had coffee, drinks, and donuts. Terry Brown, Post Adjutant and Larry Chase, Chair of the Post Range Committee, and Skip's wife are seen enjoying the fare.

The equipment was installed by (from left



to right) Junior Littlejohn, Cliff Jones, Tommy Walker, and Jack Wiggins. Curtis Lancaster, Jr. is not pictured. Curtis ran the lifting boom that moved and set the equipment in place.



The plaque providing factual information about the equipment was installed beside the front door to the building by Junior Littlejohn.



Harvey Visnaw
U. S. Navy, Retired