



## **American Legion Post 0048 – Chesnee, SC**

# **2013 Department Community Service Awards Report**

**February 7, 2014**

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**2013 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS REPORT**

**REPORT COVERS PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013****DUE DATE: February 15, 2014**

Reports will not be returned

Post Name: ChesneePost No. 0048

Zone

District: 5Post Location: Chesnee, SC2013 POST MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 85

| CHqECK BOX       | PROJECTS                         | CHECK BOX        | PROJECTS                    |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. _____         | Get out the vote                 | 2. _____         | Blood Donor Program         |
| 3. _____         | Baskets for needy                | 4. <u>  X  </u>  | Toys for Underprivileged    |
| 5. _____         | School Recreation Equipment      | 6. _____         | Accident Prevention/Safety  |
| 7. _____         | Ambulance Service                | 8. _____         | Rescue Unit Service         |
| 9. <u>  X  </u>  | Observance Patriotic Holiday     | 10. <u>  X  </u> | Chaperone Service           |
| 11. <u>  X  </u> | Erection of Flag Poles/Memorials | 12. _____        | Care for Community Property |
| 13. _____        | Drug Abuse Prevention            | 14. _____        | Immunization                |
| 15. _____        | Health and Research              | 16. _____        | Handicapped Children        |
| 17. <u>  X  </u> | Youth Activities                 | 18. _____        | Drum Corps                  |
| 19. _____        | Junior Bands                     | 20. _____        | Drill Teams                 |
| 21. _____        | Color Guards                     | 22. _____        | Sponsor Boy Scout Troop     |
| 23. <u>  X  </u> | Parties and Dances               | 24. <u>  X  </u> | School Awards               |
| 25. <u>  X  </u> | Oratorical Contest               | 26. <u>  X  </u> | Youth Recognition Day       |
| 27. _____        | Emergency Shelter                | 28. _____        | Paramedic Training          |
| 29. _____        | Athletics                        | 30. _____        | Cancer Awareness            |
| 31. <u>  X  </u> | Use of Legion Hut Home           | 32. _____        | Park Development            |
| 33. _____        | Disaster Relief                  | 34. _____        | Flag Education              |
| 35. <u>  X  </u> | Senior Citizen Projects          | 36. _____        | Sons of American Legion     |

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| 39. <u>  X  </u> Boys State   | 40. <u>  X  </u> Public Relations  |
| 41. <u>  X  </u> Local and V.A. Hospital Visitation                                     | 42. <u>      </u> Adopt a Highway Program  |
| 43. <u>  X  </u> Law Cadet  | 44. <u>  X  </u> JROTC   |
| 45. <u>      </u> Library Support   | 46. <u>  X  </u> Active Duty Military Support  |
| 47. <u>      </u> Blue Star Banner Program  | 48. <u>      </u> Medical Research Volunteers  |
| 49. <u>      </u> Meals on Wheels Volunteers  | 50. <u>      </u> Soup Kitchen   |
| 51. <u>      </u> Reading Programs  | 52. <u>      </u> Language Comprehension   |
| 53. <u>  X  </u> Human Needs Assistance (financial)<br>Home repairs, lawn mowing, etc.) | 54. <u>      </u> Participation in local fund<br>raising projects (United Way, Easter<br>Seals, Cancer, etc) |
| 55. <u>      </u> Keep America Green (recycling programs)                               |  |

List other Community Service Projects:

56. Maintained a public Handgun Range for use by members, guests and the public at large. Facilities include distance markers, assembly shelter, parking area and wire fencing for target mounting.



57. Sponsored, staffed and conducted a 'Family Handgun Competition' for members, guests and the public in the spring and fall of 2013. Awarded monetary prizes and certificates to the top finishers.





**58. Staffed and conducted Post 48's annual 'Turkey Shoots' on Saturdays and Thanksgiving Day during the months of October, November and December of 2013. Open to members and the public.**



**59. Maintained and properly displayed the following former military property on the Post 48 facility grounds:**

**a. Apache Helicopter**



**b. Navy Torpedo & depth charge**



**60. Post 48 members distributed information, transported local Korean War veterans/surviving family members and attended the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice conducted on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at USC Upstate with featured speaker: U.S. Senator Tim Scott. See Appendix A.**



**NOTE: DESCRIBE BELOW THE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES CHECKED AND ANY OTHER COMMUNITY PROJECTS THE POST SPONSORED. IDENTIFY BY NUMBER.**

**SCRAPBOOKS ARE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE AS THEY REVIEW THE COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS**

**61. On July 26, two representatives of Post 48 met Mr. Waldrop (a citizen of our community but not a veteran) at Post 28 and he donated his uncle's photo albums to the Post 28 museum. His uncle willed these albums to him. His uncle was a WW II navy veteran who served on the USS Enterprise the entire war.**



**Item # 4: Supported by monetary donation the local Chesnee Police 'Kops Kids' program providing toys and other items to area underprivileged children during the Christmas season.**

**Item # 9: Observed Veteran's Day by assisting with planning and organization of the City of Chesnee Veteran's Day Parade/Ceremony on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Secured the services of the Parade Grand Marshall and featured guest speaker: Brigadier General F.A. Huey (USMC retired). Secured and coordinated the services of antique vehicles for use by Chesnee area WWII veterans in the parade. Assisted with line-up and escort of veterans.**



**Item # 10: Provided free chaperone services including pick-up, transportation and return of elderly veterans to Post 48 meetings and other Post functions.**



**Item # 11: Displayed US flags (46 each) on each side of US Hwy 221 entering Chesnee (adjacent to Post 48's building and Egger's Funeral Home) for the following:**

- A) Patriotic National Holidays: 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Veteran's Day, etc.**
- B) During Visitation and Funeral Services for veteran's at Egger's Funeral Home**
- C) During Visitation and Funeral Services for Post 48 Members**



**Item # 17: Sponsored and conducted a 'cook-out' for the JROTC Battalion at Chesnee High School.**



**Item # 23: Conducted a Christmas Party for Post 48 members (and their families) complete with decorations, band and meal.**



**Item # 24 and 26: Supplied American Legion medals, ribbon bars and certificates awarded to Chesnee High Schools JROTC 'Military Excellence' and 'Scholastic Excellence' designees.**



**Item # 25: Planned and conducted Post 48's 1<sup>st</sup> ever Oratorical Contest. Awarded American Legion Certificates to participants and a monetary prize to the winner. The winner advanced to Quadrant Competition. A Post 48 volunteer attended the Quadrant Competition.**



**Item # 31: Allowed the use of Post 48's facility for Community functions to include the following:**  
**A) Chesnee High School indoor Cheerleader practice and game preparation.**



- B) Rental of Post 48 facility for community/member functions (parties and celebrations) with discounted rental rates for Post 48 members (below private birthday party).**



- C) Rental of Post 48 facility and handgun range for conducting Concealed Weapons Permit (CWP) classes.**

- D) Chesnee High School JROTC indoor rifle team weekly practice (see Item # 44)**



- E) Monthly Post 48 meeting for members and invited guests with guest speakers and a provided meal. Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright was an invited speaker.**





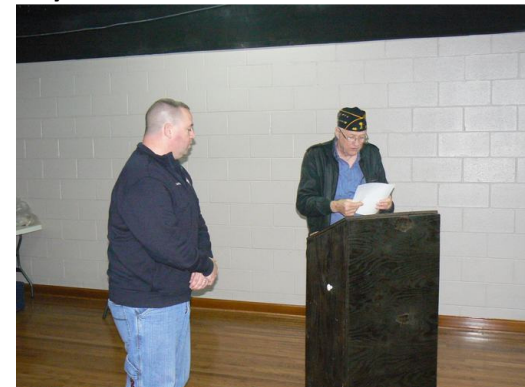
**F) Hosted the American Legion District 5 meeting in April with provided meal.**



**G) Hosted the staff and residents of the Col. Joel M. Heiser Assisted Living Veteran's Home at our Post 48 facility with meal provided.**



**H) Recognized and awarded American Legion Post 48 Plaques to a local 'Law Enforcement Officer of the Year' and a local 'Fireman of the year'.**



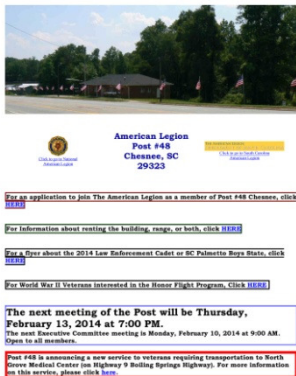
**Item # 35: Arranged for an instructor, publicized and assisted with conducting a 'Social Security' seminar at Post 48 for area senior citizens.**



**Item # 39: Appointed a Boys State Committee and interviewed 6 very qualified candidates. Provided full funding for 3 attendees at American Legion Palmetto Boys State.**



**Item # 40: Maintained a web site: [www.americanlegionpost48chesnee.com](http://www.americanlegionpost48chesnee.com) and Facebook page: AmericanLegionPost48ChesneeSouthCarolina for dissemination of information to members and the Community at large.**



**Item # 41: Post 48 member volunteers are available for transport of Chesnee area veterans to VA medical facilities. This has been advertised at our meetings and web site/Facebook page. Transported an elderly WWII veteran to the VA Clinic multiple times in 2013.**

**Item # 43: Appointed a Law Cadet Academy Committee and reviewed qualifications of candidates. Provided full funding for 2 attendees at the American Legion Nathan Wolfe Law Cadet Academy.**



**Item # 44: Supported the local Chesnee High School JROTC Battalion including the following:**

- A) Provided member volunteers and funded a cook-out at Post 48 for the entire JROTC Battalion. Cadets and Instructors briefed our members on their activities. Photos are at Item 17 above.**
- B) Awarded a \$500 college scholarship to a graduating JROTC cadet.**



- C) The existing JROTC Air Rifle Team indoor range became unavailable. Post 48 volunteered our Post facility and the Rifle Team now conducts bi-weekly indoor practice at Post 48. This involves building storage shelving and arranging for table/chairs to be temporarily relocated. Post 48 members also volunteer their time as assistant instructors. Competition with other units is planned for 2014.**
- D) See Item # 24/26 response**

**Item 46: Provided funding to support "Operation Shoebox" sending shoeboxes with various items to selected military currently deployed overseas prior to Christmas 2013.**

**Item 53: Provided support to the family of recently deceased members to include visits, cards, and donation of bibles. Provided financial support to Chesnee family in need.**

**Submitted by:**

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Post Commander or Adjutant

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Title

**Post No. 0048**

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