



American Legion Post 0048 – Chesnee, SC

Post Narrative Report (June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016)

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JUNE 1, 2015 – May 31, 2016

POST NARRATIVE REPORT FORM (Please print)

DUE DATE: JUNE 15, 2016

Applications will not be returned

Post Name: Post 48 Chesnee, Dist. # 5

Department of: South Carolina

City/State: Chesnee, SC

Present Paid Membership for 2016: 113

Address: PO Box 323, Chesnee, SC

1. Did your Post file a Consolidated Post Report Form: Yes
2. Did your Post participate in any of the following National Children and Youth program objectives?
Please report the amount of money spent/donations on each program.

_____ Family Emphasis (National Family Week)	\$_____
_____ Child Safety (Drug Abuse Prevention: Youth Suicide Prevention, etc.)	\$_____
_____ Children's Miracle Network	\$_____
_____ Halloween Safety	\$_____
_____ Missing Children	\$_____
_____ April is Children & Youth Month	\$_____
_____ Temporary Financial Assistance	\$_____
_____ Family Support Network	\$_____
_____ Ronald McDonald House	\$_____

3. Estimate the number of volunteer service hours provided by the membership of your Post for the children and youth in your community. 390 hours
4. Estimate the amount of money your Post expended for administrative expenses for Children and Youth overhead (Postage, printing, conferences, travel, salaries, etc.) \$300
Total of all Cost for Youth Programs including items listed in Item # 5: \$4,350
5. Use the remaining space on this sheet to describe, in some detail, specific Children and youth activities promoted by your Post (Please attach extra sheets if necessary). REMEMBER: This section

of the narrative report is most important to your department Children and Youth Committee in determining various awards.

- a. Post 48 (in joint participation with Post 200) conducted our 4th Annual American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contest for high school youth with director, 3 judges, time keeper, score tabulators and contestant escorts. Our Committee visited 5 local high schools and presented information to explain the contest and solicit participants. Judges were recruited from the Spartanburg Toastmasters Club and the Sons of the American Revolution. Post 48/Post 200 distributed contest regulations to five local high schools and secured an appropriate location with auditorium (Spartanburg Christian Academy) to conduct the contest. Two contestants competed and monetary prizes were awarded. American Legion Oratorical Contest Participation Certificates were given to the participants. The winner advanced to Quadrant Competition. Cost: \$155; Volunteer Hours: 100



The Oratorical contest auditorium prior to the event; Judges Joe Fowler, Charlie Crescenzi and Mark Anthony being briefed by Post 48/Post 200 Oratorical Contest Committee members.



Contestants Ethan Hooper and Eric Brislinger are introduced after their speeches were given. Ethan Hooper at the Quadrant Competition in Rock Hill.

- b. Post 48 held a recognition dinner for the local JROTC youth recognizing their instructors, leaders and accomplishments: Cost: \$160; Volunteer Hours: 30



There was much conversation and bonding between the young cadets and our Legion members.

- c. Post 48 solicited funding and awarded a \$500 college scholarship to a graduating JROTC cadet with a member of our Post 48 making the presentation at the Chesnee High School Annual Academic Awards Ceremony. An anonymous Post 48 member also awarded a \$500 college scholarship to a graduating JROTC cadet. Cost: \$1000; Volunteer Hours: 20



Cadet Ethan Ezell receiving a \$500 Scholarship from Post 48 and Cadet Emily Jolley receiving a \$500 scholarship from an anonymous Post 48 member. Cadet Jolley also received the 'Eagle' award for most outstanding JROTC Cadet. All awards were presented by Post 48 member: Jack Smith

- d. Awarded American Legion JROTC (medals/certificates for Military and Scholastic Excellence) to local high school youth. Presentations were made by Post 48 members in attendance at the annual Chesnee High School JROTC Awards Ceremony. Cost: \$60; Volunteer Hours: 10



Cadet Shawn Peet receiving the American Legion Military Excellence Award from Post 48 Member Terry Brown. Cadet Michael Donnahoo received the American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award.

- e. Post 48 allowed the local Boy Scout Troop to conduct a proper Disposal Ceremony for unserviceable U.S. flags. The ceremony was conducted on Post 48 property and Post members volunteered with the ceremony. Cost: \$0; Hours: 10

- f. Post 48 formed a selection committee, conducted Interviews, solicited full funding, made selections and will sponsor 6 youths to attend 2016 Palmetto Boys State. Cost \$1800; Volunteer Hours: 100



American Legion Post 48 Chesnee's selections to attend 2016 Palmetto Boys State. From left to right in photo:
Ethan Tolleson (Parents: Kent and Shannon Tolleson);
Logan Mossburg (Parents: Albert and Suzanne Mossburg);
Bralen Davis (Parents: Berry and Barbara Davis);
Reece Blackwood (Parents: Richard and Susan Blackwood);
Tyman Hamrick (Parents: Tim and Jane Hamrick);
Jacob Hollifield (Parents: Keith and Lynn Hollifield).

- g. Post 48 solicited funding and donated \$355 to Auxiliary Unit 48 for use in sponsoring delegates to attend 2016 Palmetto Girls State: Cost \$355; Volunteer Hours: 10

- h. Post 48 formed a selection committee, conducted interviews, solicited funding, made selections and will sponsor two high school youth to attend 2016 Law Cadet Academy: Cost \$400; Volunteer Hours: 30



Corrine Laughter and Austin Rodriguez will attend 2016 Law Cadet Academy.

- i. After returning from 2015 summer encampment, Post 48 recognized the 2015 attendees of Boys State, Girls State and Law Cadet Academy by inviting the students and their family to our regularly scheduled September, 2015 meeting. This was an excellent opportunity for our Post 48 members to meet the students, learn of their experiences and develop an appreciation for the American Legion programs. The students/parents thanked the members for their sponsorship. Cost: \$120; Volunteer Hours: 30
- j. Post 48 allowed the Chesnee High School Cheerleader Squad to utilize our facility for multiple indoor practices and pre-game preparations. Utility Cost: \$100; Volunteer Hours: 10.
- k. Post 48 donated funds and supported the local Chesnee Police program (Kops Kids) providing toys to underprivileged children in the area. Chief Swofford (Post 48 member) coordinated the program. Cost: \$300; Volunteer Hours: 40