



American Legion Post 0048 – Chesnee, SC

**Post Narrative Report
(June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017)**

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JUNE 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017

POST NARRATIVE REPORT FORM (Please print)

DUE DATE: JUNE 15, 2017

Applications will not be returned

Post Name: Post 48 Chesnee, Dist. # 5

Department of: South Carolina

City/State: Chesnee, SC

Present Paid Membership for 2017: 124

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.

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

3. Estimate the number of volunteer service hours provided by the membership of your Post for the children and youth in your community. 540 hours

4. Estimate the amount of money your Post expended for administrative expenses for Children and Youth overhead (Postage, printing, conferences, travel, salaries, etc.) \$150
Total of all Cost for Youth Programs including items listed in Item # 5: \$3,030

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 125 and Post 200) conducted our 5th Annual American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contest for high school youth with director, 4 judges, time keeper, score tabulators and contestant escorts. The local JROTC unit served as ushers. Our Committee visited 5 local high schools and presented information to explain the contest and solicit participants. Judges were recruited from the staff at local colleges in the Spartanburg area. Post 48/Post 125 distributed contest regulations to five local high schools and secured an appropriate location with auditorium (Chesnee High School) to conduct the contest. Monetary prizes were awarded. American Legion Oratorical Contest Participation Certificates were given to the participants. The winner advanced to Quadrant Competition. Cost: \$60; Volunteer Hours: 60



Judges: Dr. Bruce Dillenbeck (SCC), Dr. Christina Jeffrey, Dr. Richard Combes (USC-U), Dr. Jim Griffis (USC-U)



Lt. Col. Eugene Kilcawley, US Army (retired) and Post 48 member, was the Master of Ceremonies



Contestant

Brian Linder advanced to Quadrant 1 competition in Greenwood

- b. Post 48 member Clark Smith served as the Department of SC Oratorical Sub-Committee Chairman for 2016-2017. His responsibilities included:
 - i. Organization of the Oratorical Contest Sub-Committee and assignment of responsibilities to include
 - 1. Review, approval and publication of contest information to Posts and High Schools.

2. Establishing dates for conclusion of Post Contests, Quadrant Contests and the State Finals

- ii. Response to questions and comments from Posts, potential contestants, parents and school officials.
- iii. Securing volunteers and judges for the State Finals
- iv. Execution and master of ceremonies of the State Finals

Cost: \$100; Hours: 120



State finals contestants with Vice Commander Strauss and Oratorical Chairman Clark Smith (Post 48)

- c. Post 48 held a recognition dinner for the local JROTC youth recognizing their instructors, leaders and accomplishments: Cost: \$100; Volunteer Hours: 30



Cadet Hughes and SSG Salas express appreciation to Post 48 for supporting the Chesnee High School JROTC. There was much conversation and bonding between the young cadets and our Legion members.

- 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



Chesnee High School JROTC cadets receiving Scholastic and Military Excellence Awards from Post 48 Commander Terry Brown.

- 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 3 youths to attend 2017 Palmetto Boys State. Cost \$900; Volunteer Hours: 80



American Legion Post 48 Chesnee's selections to attend 2017 Palmetto Boys State. From left to right in photo:
Joey Foos (Parents: Bob and Tammy Foos);
Seth Henson (Parents: Johnny and Jean Henson);
Brendan Ray (Parents: Sammy and Stacy Owens)

- g. Post 48 solicited funding and donated \$330 to Auxiliary Unit 48 for use in sponsoring delegates to attend 2017 Palmetto Girls State: Cost \$330; 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 2017 Law Cadet Academy: Cost \$400; Volunteer Hours: 40
- i. Post 48 donated funds to a Veteran in need for funeral expenses associated with the death of his new-born child. Cost \$150; Volunteer Hours: 10
- j. After returning from 2016 summer encampment, Post 48 recognized the 2016 attendees of Boys State, Girls State and Law Cadet Academy by inviting the students and their family to our regularly scheduled September, 2016 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
- k. 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.

- I. 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: \$200; Volunteer Hours: 40

- m. Post 48 sponsored and conducted a 'Wreaths Across America' ceremony on Dec. 16th at a local cemetery. The mission of Wreaths Across America is to 'Remember (our deceased veterans), Honor (those who serve) and Teach (our children the value of freedom). Local JROTC, Scouts and youth organizations were invited to participate. Christmas wreaths, honoring their lives and service, were placed on all veteran graves in the cemetery. Cost: \$360; Volunteer Hours: 90





(photos of various youth groups participating in the wreath laying ceremony)