



The American Legion

Chapin Post 193

P.O. Box 897, Chapin, SC 29036-0897

February 2021

Commanders Corner



During February our Post has been fairly active and in lieu of our normal monthly post meeting we held our annual Valentine's Day Dinner, which we modified this year as a Pot-Luck event. The weather did not cooperate, so we were not able to be outside much however we were still able to spread out and safely enjoy each other's company. **Thank you** to the ladies of our Auxiliary for the great job decorating the place and organizing things. Would also like to **thank** our 1st Vice CDR Tom Yeoman for donating the door prizes.

Thank you to everyone that showed up and attended our special meeting on the 18th of February. We were able to share with our members a lot of good information pertaining to what we have done and are planning to accomplish in-regards to our future Post Home. We may be long way from cutting the ribbon but, "**We are on the Way**". In addition, we were also able accomplish some necessary Post business that really needed to get done.

Our Bingo committee led by 2nd Vice Floyd Rogers continues to do a great job running our monthly Bingo program at the Ole Oak Barn. We had a little better attendance at our February session and we look for the numbers to increase as we go forward. HELP! We are in need of more assistance in running Bingo. Currently we have enough folks to run the games, but we have no backups trained to fill in when others must be absent which could create a significant problem. Please see Floyd if you would be willing to help.

On the 23rd and 24th of February fellow Legionnaire Michael Mancari held a concealed carry class for our members and their spouses. I stopped in to see how things were going and everyone seemed to be interested on hearing what Mike was speaking on. I am not sure if he is just a good speaker or if everyone wanted to make sure they were able to pass the test at the end of the course. A big **thank you** goes out to Mike for taking the time to share his expertise and talents with us. On the 20th of February our Post 193 Oratorical Contest representative Ms. Paige Maylath won the Quadrant competition and she will move on to compete at the Department on the 13th of March. Thank you to Bill Larrochelle for your dedication and commitment in heading up this very important program.

In March we will select our nominating committee who will be tasked with nominating the slate for our next leadership team. We will hold our election in May and the new leadership team will take over in June. All Post members in good standing are eligible to run for any of the Post Officer positions. If you are interested in serving as one of our Post Officers you can let one of the members of our nominating committee or one of our current Officers know.

Lastly, we are at 98.19% of our membership goal of 277 which is not bad at all. I am certain that we will soon be at 100%, but I must admit it is troubling to see that 39 of our members have not renewed their Legion membership. If you happen to be one of these 39 Veterans, I ask you to take a little time and renew your membership either online, by sending in a check, bringing the money to breakfast on Monday or to our next meeting. Our Post is a very good post, active and relevant. We can certainly be better and the limits are only limited by our member's imagination and efforts.

Steve Goulet/For God and Country – "We Can Build It"

Adjutant



I had the privilege of attending and being a Tabulator for the Quadrant Oratorical Contest this past Saturday. This was my first experience with A.L. Oratorical, what a treat it was to watch four high school students give their heartfelt opinions on the US Constitution. Four young people from our state distinguish themselves by presenting ideas on how to motivate their peers and fellow citizens to take part in the discussion of civics and American pride. These four individuals truly are what we need to showcase in these trying times. Not only are they well versed in civics and duty, but they all showed a true passion for our great country. I

encourage you all to take a good hard look at your Legion Oratorical contest, you will leave with a renewed hope.

James Pepper /For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



Chapter 193 has been selling Rifle Raffle tickets at Boland's Ace Hardware with the assistance of George Donnelly the Post Finance Officer. We have been very productive selling at least 25 tickets each time. We have also recruited several new members for the Post. Our next date to be at Boland's is Friday, 12 March at 12:30. The Riders will be conducting a funeral escort on Tuesday 2 March for Lionel Lester (Anne Richardson's father) World War II veteran and founding member of Chapin American Legion Post 193. We will be leaving Hardee's in

Ballentine at 8:15 to form up off Ft. Jackson Blvd. at 9:15. We will be escorting from Ft. Jackson Blvd. down I-77 and Percival Road to Ft. Jackson National Cemetery for an 11:00 service with military honors. KSU at Ft. Jackson Blvd. at approximately 10:00. The Chapters annual breakfast fundraiser is just around the corner on Saturday, 20 March at Zorba's of Chapin from 7:30 to 10:30 eat in or take out. See any Rider to purchase a ticket. Cost is \$10.00 per person. There will be a ride after the breakfast to Batesburg-Leesville for Lunch at Wiz's restaurant and then to Harley Haven for their Spring Fling. KSU for the ride is 11:00. We welcomed a new rider Hugh (Mike) Sansbury, who joined the Post and Riders in February. Be safe and follow Covid-19 protocols.

John Siemers /For God and Country/In the Wind

Facility Manager



The Post is busy hosting various Post and local organization meetings. This past month the Post was used by the Chapin Women in Service organization (CWS), Lake Murray Preferred, Chapin Emergency Radio Team, Combat Vets Chapter 34-1 meeting, Justin Pepper board meeting, Veterans Breakfasts, Post EC meeting, Post meeting, ALR meeting, and the Oratorical contest. Bring your "action pictures" for our Veterans Board in the bay area and your unit patches for the board in the kitchen area. The Post purchased 42 sets of melamine soup bowls and dessert plates last month. These, along with the dinner plates and flatware purchased last

year, saves the Post over \$1500 a year in expendable supplies.

From the New Building Committee - we continue to make progress in our fund-raising efforts. Just six weeks ago we were talking about hitting the \$200,000 mark. We are now close to \$250,000 (a quarter of a million dollars). Great job! Keep it up. A BIG THANKS to all who have contributed. We have three fund raisers coming up in the next four months. On 5 May the CWS will host a "Jail and Bail" fundraiser where we will "arrest" local prominent citizens who will have to "post bail" in the form of donations to the Post - more details to follow. On 31 May (Memorial Day), we will safely post ourselves in the main two intersections in Chapin with combat boots in hand to take donations from vehicles as they pass through town. We need volunteers to make signs saying all donations are going to the Chapin American Legion Building Fund. We will also host a yard sale at the Post in late June. Start identifying those nice items you can sell with all funds going to the Post Building Fund. We need a volunteer (or a team of 2 or 3) to head this up. We have lots of talent out there so let's put it to use. I also want to thank Dan Goldston, Doug Abramson, and Chaplain Mullinax who have volunteered to head up our Picnic Shelter construction. By now all of

you should have received a letter signed by the Commander and me requesting thoughtful consideration to making a commitment to donate to our Post Building Fund. I ask you all to do what you are able - the sooner the better - as we continue to work with the architect and construction manager on making our new Post a reality.

Dave Schimsa /For God and Country

Chaplains Corner



I often think about the influence that we have on others. Just what does it take to shake another person to the depth of their being, to a point of life changing decision in their life. For Moses it was a burning bush. For Gideon it was a wet fleece. For the disciple Thomas it was seeing the nail scars in Jesus' hands. For Balaam it was a talking donkey. Can you imagine the magnitude of the request of you if God was to send one of these signs to you to get your attention? I think of the Apostle Peter, he had sat under the teaching of Jesus on many occasions but still had not learned to trust Him completely, I'm sure that Peter had been instructed in the Word of God throughout his life, yet he still doubted the promises of the Word. What was the thing that shook Peter to the depth of his being and had a total life changing effect on him? Peter was never the same after that experience. The greatest sermon that Peter ever heard was that short, three-part sermon that the rooster preached to him as he stood by the enemy's fire that morning. He was never the same after that message by the rooster from Jesus. We wait for a unique message from the Lord and I'm not sure that God wants us for such an awesome task. Jesus wants us to love one another, go the extra mile, lift him up before our friends and family. He said, "by this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you love one another." As Legionnaires, we do a lot of things and they are all good things, but we should always check to see that our work is "Veteran's taking care of Veteran's." I would much rather listen to that still small voice, that inner conviction or an encouraging word from God's Word than to see a burning bush or hear a donkey speak. It would be very frightening to hear a message like Peter from that rooster to stir me to action. A buddy check, a phone call or a brief visit may be more precious than earthly things to that old vet sitting alone at home.

Comrade Care List

As we remember our Comrades before the Lord, have you noticed that there is never a busy signal on God's line? Pray for these listed here on our care list. If you are impressed with a need for one of these and you don't know what to do- call me. Together we will find a way to meet the need. Remember them daily as you go about your routine chores.

Ernie Massaro, Joyce Mustard, Past Commander, Hal Morrison, Joe Keilb, (Jim Pepper's brother-in-law), and Jerry Robbins.
John Wayne Fulmer - brother of Eddie Fulmer in Saluda Rehab Center
Tom Fincher -caring for his wife Clare - Alzheimer's
David Kelly – tumor in neck (Bill Moser's father-in-law)
Dianne Cook – (Linda Warren's friend)
John Awtrey, WWII Veteran - ongoing UTI problem
Dr. John Ferguson – pancreatic cancer
Larry Stout – awaiting procedure at MUSC

Cornelia D. Bittle, mother of Harriett Wilson passed away in February, please pray for their family.

Continue to remember our bereaved families: The Johnson's, Smith, Strobel, Mustard, Haggard, Ciani, Richardson, Schimsa, Singleton, Wilson and White families.

Richard Mullinax Sr. – For God and Country, If you believe it you'll be recruiting for it Comrade

Auxiliary



The Department announced that Girls State would be held and that it would be held virtually. We need volunteers to help Nancy Graham hold interviews for the selection of the delegates at the end of March. The Community Grant has been applied for and it helps to pay for a portion of PGS for our delegates. Thanks to all of you who attended the Post meeting regarding the building plans. It helped raise awareness of what the Auxiliary would like to see in the new building. During the Valentine Potluck our newest member Lisa McDaniel sang live at the Valentine Pot-Luck and raised \$150.00 for a future Auxiliary Project. Please attend our next meeting March 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Anne Richardson/President

Calendar of Events

- March 8th Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- March 9th Bingo at Ole Oak Barn 5:30 p.m. doors open games begin at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.
- March 11th Post meeting 7:00 p.m. (Chapin Women in Service)
- March 16th ALR Chapter meeting 7:00 p.m.
- March 20th ALR Chapter 193 Breakfast at Zorba's \$10.00 per person (See any Rider for tickets) 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

REMINDER: If you want to renew your membership you can do it online or by sending your check for \$45.00 to P.O. Box 897 Chapin SC 29036. I for one would greatly appreciate you renewing earlier rather than later. <https://www.legion.org/membership/renewals>

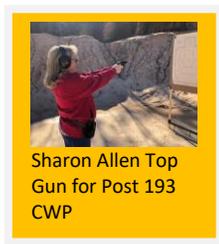
More calendar items can be seen on the Post webpage at www.americanlegionpost193.com

Reminder: Post 193 is open every **Monday morning 0900-1100 for our weekly Veteran Breakfast**. Come on by and have some coffee, breakfast and a little comradre

Highlights



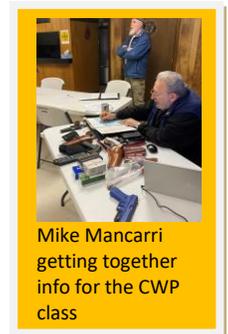
Team Blackwell



Sharon Allen Top Gun for Post 193 CWP



The Cooks in 2021



Mike Mancarri getting together info for the CWP class



Lisa singing Janis Joplin hit



Team Graham