



The American Legion

Chapin Post 193 Inc.

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Commanders Corner



Fellow Legionnaires of Chapin Post 193 I hope that you are staying well and not letting all of the negative news, restrictions and protocols we must follow to fight off this COVID-19 virus affect your wellbeing. Seems like we hardly hear any good news anymore just about everything is so negative. 2nd Vice Floyd Rogers had a little storm damage in his yard which is the bad news, the good news is some of our fellow Post members were on hand to help clean the mess up. Last month Gerald White attended the Freedom and Hope Foundation track chair scavenger hunt and won a beautiful pellet rifle and received many prizes on the hunt. We have had members of our Riders Chapter continuing to ride their bikes all over the countryside and best I can tell they are all doing well. They use their motorcycling as what is called wind therapy. Whatever it is that makes you feel good and or relaxes you I encourage you to do it. Do not let these crazy times get to you. We are getting a committee together to lead our building fundraising drive and will be working to develop a detailed plan as to how we will proceed. In the near future you can expect to receive a survey that I ask everyone to participate in. It is very important for the committee to have a solid understanding of our membership's desires and support for us to build our building. Last month along with the newsletter each of you received a form to be used to draft funds for the building fund. Please consider filling that form out and becoming a regular donor to our building fund.

Instead of our normal meeting in August we will be holding a flag retirement ceremony at Bill Wilson's at 231 Drafts Hollow Rd. Prosperity SC. After we complete the short ceremony we will cook hotdogs and fellowship a bit. Recommend you bring a small folding chair since we will be outside. I ask everyone that is planning to attend to RSVP prior to Monday 10 Aug 2020.

On the Wednesday the 29th of July I had the Honor of participating in the escort to the Fort Jackson National Cemetery for Past Commander Robert (Bob) Haggard where he was laid to rest with a service officiated by our Chaplain Richard Mullinax and Military Honors. Bob was a longtime member of the American Legion and will be missed.

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

ALR Chapter Director



Covid-19 continues to hamper our ability to do most of the events in support of veterans and the community. We now get together in small groups and attempt to have some sense of normalcy. A small group of riders went to Virginia to ride The Back Of The Dragon, while another small group rode to the Blue Ridge Parkway. A few riders rode the escort for Bernie Shankman's last ride to Arlington National Cemetery. On the 29th of July the Chapter was honored to provide the escort for past Post Commander Bob Haggard from Chapin to the Ft. Jackson National Cemetery. There are two important events in August that I would like your support for: On the 14th of August we will be holding an interment for three previously unclaimed Veterans at the FJNC. We will depart from the Post at 9:10 a.m. and the ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m. We will be holding our annual Texas RoadHouse Ride on the 15th of August and will depart from the Post at 7:00 a.m. We plan to stop for breakfast at the Windmill

restaurant in Longtown SC and then continue the ride around Lake Wateree and back home. Hopefully, conditions will improve and we will be able to do more in the near future.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

Chaplains Corner



For my Newsletter Article this month I would like to share the poems that Past Commander, Major "Bob" Haggard wrote and ask to be shared at his funeral service. We are not sure whether Bob wrote the last poem as he thought of Audie L. Murphy or if possible Audie L. Murphy may have written it himself and it spoke to Bob so much that he wanted it included.

#1

How quickly pass the days when love is here,
An instant flash upon the mind
In which we try to grasp the feel of an eternity-

To hold our strength, fill our need, become a person in reality.
How quickly pass those loving suns which rise and set,
And disappear into a blur as a footprint on the street
So wet with God sent rain;
The gift of Him, which nourishes life.

How quickly pass the days of love-
Yet not to die-
But to retire, to live again-
In memory.

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#2

I step on to the small grassy plot
Becoming as erect in statue as years may allow
My eyes take in the Granite stone, It's words carved deep and bold,
Providing the guide for your place of honored rest.

I place the wood staff into the green,
A wisp of breeze catches the cloth,
To unfurl the colors true.

With sorrow and with pride, A salute and pledge to you
You didn't go in vain, nor will we ever forget.

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#3

Alone and far removed from earthly cares,
The noble ruins of men lie buried here.
Strong men, Good men endowed with youth
And much the will to live.
I hear no protest from the mute lips of the dead.
They rest, there is no more to give.

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#4

Freedom flies in your heart like an eagle.
Let it soar with the winds high above.
Among spirits of soldiers now sleeping,
Guard it with care and with love.

Audie L. Murphy

My hope is that these poems speak to your heart as deeply as they did to me.
All that we do, we do for God and Country.

Comrade Care List

Remember these "Daily" it doesn't take a formal prayer, it takes a compassionate heart.

If you would like to add someone to this list, please call me, [803.622.4300](tel:803.622.4300). If you would like to contact any of these comrades, call me for contact information.

Ernie Massaro, Joyce Mustard, Past Commander, Hal Morrison, Coach Frank Singleton, Joe Keilb, (Jim Pepper's brother-in-law), and Jerry Robbins.

John Wayne Fulmer - brother of Eddie Fulmer in Saluda Rehab Center
Gerald White - outpatient treatment
Pearl White - recent fall bruised but nothing broken
Tom Yeoman - mother in Hospice
Clare Fincher - Alzheimer's
David Kelly - tumor in neck (Bill Moser's father-in-law)
Dianne Cook - (Linda Warren's friend)
Richard Strobel, Past Commander - continued prayers for healing
John Awtrey, WWII Veteran - ongoing UTI problem

Remember our active duty family members:

Doug Abramson's son has been activated and is deployed, James and Tammy Blackwell's son, Paul Collingsworth in the Air Force, and Moses Cohen's daughter Sharini Cohen, is deployed to Saudi Arabia in the Air Force

Bob Haggard, Past Commander passed away July 14, please remember his wife Ellen and their 3 daughters and their families

Please remember Dave and Marthalyn Schmisa in the passing of Marthalyn's father July 27th

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

Auxiliary



The South Carolina Summer heat is finally upon us. I hope each of you have been able to see some family and even go on a vacation. Several of us met on the same day that the post meeting was canceled in July. We did not have a formal meeting but instead discussed whether we were up to date on our donations and State Auxiliary business. It was really lovely to see the members who were able to be there. I realized how much we depend on seeing each other to help make our month better. Lets hope that August brings us a chance to be together. Its been a really weird year.

Anne Richardson/President

Calendar of Events

- August 10 Executive Committee meeting 6:15 p.m.
- August 13 in Lieu of regular Post meeting - Flag Retirement Ceremony - 6:00 p.m. 231 Drafts Hollow Rd. Prosperity SC
- August 14 Unclaimed Veteran Interment Fort Jackson National Cemetery 10:00 a.m.
- August 15 Texas Road House - Homes for Our Troops Ride 7:00 a.m.
- August 18 ALR Chapter meeting 7:00 p.m., dinner 6:15 p.m.
- Sept 7 Executive Committee meeting 6:15 p.m.
- Sept 10 Regular Membership meeting 7:00 p.m., dinner 6:15 p.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
Join our Post 193 Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/americanlegionpost193/>

Reminder: Post 193 **Monday morning weekly Veteran Breakfast.** Is currently on hold we will let everyone know when we restart the weekly breakfast.

Highlights



Legionnaires Tom Yeoman, Dan Goldston, Bill Wilson and Dave Schimsa helping out fellow Legionnaire Floyd Rogers clear away storm damage



In July our ALR Chapter Members rode in the hills of VA and South Carolina



Vice Commander Joyce Mustard presents Past Commander John Rowley a plaque from the membership in appreciation for his leadership as post commander 2004-2005.



Carmen Goulet and Jean Kennedy (not pictured) dropped off items collected by the Auxiliary in July.



Jodi Donnelly finished dropping off additional items.