



# The American Legion

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August 2018

**Chapin Post 193 Inc.**  
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## Commanders Corner



I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer. It's hard to believe that it is drawing to an end. Where does the time go? Soon the schools will be back in session and high school and college football will rule the land. I want to thank all of the American Legion Family of Post 193 for their prayers and support of our 1st Vice Commander, as he recovers from his accident. He is making progress but has a long road ahead to full recovery. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Our American Legion baseball team (Chapin 193/Newberry 24) won the state championship, however they were eliminated from the regionals. They

had a great season. Labor Day is fast approaching and Post 193 is in preparation for the annual Chapin Labor Day Festival. The Post has a float that is easy to get on and off of. We would like to see all members of the American Legion Family (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL) members on the float. The Riders will lead the Parade with the colors. If you plan to ride on the float, you need to be in the GIS parking lot before 8:30 a.m. on Labor Day. After the parade ends you will be brought back to the Post, where you can get off the float and enjoy the festival. We are still needing members to help out with manning our booths on Clark Street selling raffle tickets and recruiting. You can also help out by putting out trash containers around the festival site, selling our BBQ sandwiches, or helping with trash collection at the end of the festival. If you can help out, please contact Jim Schafer (803) 397-7270 and let him know where you want to help. All help is appreciated whether for a short while or all day. Several members from the Post set up at Boland's Ace on Saturday, August 11th from 0900 to 1300. They sold \$570.00 in raffle tickets, took \$38.00 in donations and potentially recruited 4 new members. If we all work as a team we can do great things, so come join your team as we move forward. The South Carolina American Legion Fall Conference will be held at the Marriot Hotel in Columbia, September 28th and 29th. See the adjutant if you would like to attend. The Post picnic to be held on September 13 at the Post this year. The Post will provide fried chicken and we request members bring a covered dish and/or dessert. Drinks are provided by the Post.

John Siemers/For God and Country - "We Can Build It"

## Adjutant



Each month during our Post meeting we read the POW/MIA Creed. Several years ago, at church, I took it upon myself to truly think about each word as I recited religious creeds, prayers and other national and patriotic oaths. During the reading of our POW/MIA oath this month, I felt an overwhelming sense of appreciation for those not accounted for. Seeing the remains of 55 servicemen being flown home from North Korea this month put our creed into a new perspective for me. I am glad we live in a country that still believes in the men and women that defend our nation, that each individual is of the utmost priority and must be brought

home. I'm also thankful for all our Post members who go through the work and care of giving our unclaimed veterans a final and dignified resting spot at Ft. Jackson. I invite all of you, and your families to continue to pray for our POW/MIA. The next time we read our oath, please make a concerted effort to remember the families who still are waiting for loved ones to return home.

James Pepper/For God and Country

## ALR Chapter Director



The Riders just completed a great fundraiser ride in conjunction with Texas Roadhouse for Homes For Our Troops (HFOT). The Riders raffled off an AR-15 pistol, that was donated by Steve Goulet. The Chapter raised \$2,940.00 from the raffle and donated another \$1,000.00 for a total of \$3,940.00 all of which went to HFOT. There was a total of 169 motorcycles in attendance. We have been assisting Texas Roadhouse for 5 years and every year gets bigger and better. The Riders have a full plate for September. First up is the Chapin Labor Day Festival, where we lead the parade with the colors. Next is the ALRSC state meet and greet hosted this year by Chapter 34 in Rock Hill on

September 15th. The Chapter then goes to Maggie Valley, NC for our annual weekend retreat September 21 and 22. Last, but not least is the ALRSC Fall Conference in Columbia on 28 and 29 September.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

## Chaplain



I received an urgent request for assistance today and I would like to share with you what the American Legion is all about in action. I needed assistance and two of our Post members volunteered. I needed help at the Department level and made a call for information on how to reach a Post Commander in the Low Country and in minutes I was talking with the Commander. I needed the help of a couple of their members to assist us for about three hours and got names and phone numbers instantly. When we called we received affirmative responses from the Post Adjutant. We were able to meet the emergency needs of one of our Post members very efficiently with the help of three of Post 193 members, a Department Officer and a Low Country Post Commander and her Adjutant and another member of the Post. This is what the American Legion is all about: "Veterans taking care of Veterans." When you have an emergency or unique need, there are all sorts of programs and agencies out there to help but when you don't find the help you need call a Post Officer, call a comrade, call me.

## 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.

Past Commander Joyce Mustard, Keith Alverson, Ed Betts, Richard Daves, Claire Fincher, Merle Manis, Hal Morrison, Jim Morris, Roy Nelson, Coach Frank Singleton, Pearl White, Lorraine Szala, Nancy Graham, Jake Kizer, Joe Keilb, Ernie Massaro - prayers please

Richard Mullinax Sr./Post Chaplain – For God and Country

## Facility Manager



Thanks to George & Joanne Donnelly, Tom Yeoman, and Ben Barfield for preparing breakfast the two Mondays I was out. Glad to know we have folks who will step up. A reminder the hours have changed for Monday morning Veterans breakfast and fellowship. **Hours are now 0800 - 1100 hours.** Bring in your unit patches and coffee mugs to add to the display board and mug rack.

Dave Schimsa/Facility Manager - For God & Country

## Ladies Auxiliary



The August Auxiliary meeting had 10 members present. We began the hour by hearing from 3 of our Palmetto Girls State delegates. Bonnie Frick, Paige Zeigler and Clair Bruno expanded on their experiences at the Leadership Program. They all agreed that they had a wonderful time that expanded their understanding of politics and created friends that they would not forget. Thanks Nancy for lining the delegates up. We also discussed the Units plans for Labor Day. We will plan on enjoying the parade, either riding in it or throwing candy. We will then man the Auxiliary booth for the rest of the day selling raffle tickets, passing out flags and recruiting. Please bring your tickets in for the

Carolina/Clemson/Americana baskets. The raffle will conclude on Labor Day. Kathy Smith proposed that our Unit consider hosting a Women's Self-Defense course. There was agreement that this would be a great opportunity. The Richland County Sheriff Department will be contacted to teach this 4-hour course. Details regarding scheduling the course will be made available to the Unit, so it can be scheduled. Fundraising ideas that can be used throughout the year were discussed. Many thanks to Joyce Mustard for sending the Unit a donation. We know that you are not able to attend the meetings but please know we appreciate it. The membership drive for the 2019 membership year has begun. Our dues this year are \$35. Please plan on paying your dues as soon as possible. Our next meeting on September 13th is the Annual Post Picnic which will include the Flag Retirement, Post Everlasting and Pot Luck Supper. It will be held at the Post this year at 6:30 p.m.

Anne Richardson/President

## Calendar Events

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| August 24         | Labor Day final planning meeting at the Post 7:00 p.m.<br><b>(all members invited)</b> |
| September 3       | Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.  |
| September 3       | Rider Executive Committee Meeting at 7:30 p.m.   |
| September 13      | Regular Membership Meeting <b>(Annual Post picnic at 6:30 p.m. at the Post)</b>        |
| September 15      | ALRSC State Meet and Greet/Rock Hill Chapter 34  |
| September 17      | Riders meeting 7:00 p.m., dinner 6:15 p.m.   |
| September 21-22   | ALR Maggie Valley trip   |
| September 28 & 29 | SC American Legion Fall Conference, Marriott, Columbia                                 |

More calendar items can be seen on the Post webpage at [www.americanlegionpost193.com](http://www.americanlegionpost193.com)  
Join our Post 193 Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/americanlegionpost193/>

Reminder: Post 193 is open every from **Monday morning 0800-1100**. Come on by and have some coffee, breakfast and a little comradery.

**Post Picnic: Fried chicken and drinks are provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with others.**

# Highlights



**Bill Larochelle and Gerald White recruiting new Legion members at Boland's Ace.**



**Six Boys State delegates receiving certificates from Commander John Siemers and Chairman Cal Coy.**



**ALR Chapter 193 Director John Siemers presenting a check for \$3,940.00 for Homes For Our Troops**