



The American Legion

Chapin Post 193 Inc.
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December 2019

Commanders Corner



In lieu of our December Post meeting we held our annual Christmas party at Timberlake Country Club and I must say Carmen and I had a great time. I want to thank Bill Lindsay for once again doing a great job arranging everything. I also want to thank Richard and Kathy Strobel for doing all of the shopping for the very nice gifts we were able to hand out, George and Jodi Donnelly for collecting all the money and managing the front table as well as Carmen for once again making our name tags. In addition to the wonderful time we had together we were also able to collect 135 toys for needy children that were delivered to Boland's by Bill Lindsay and Doug Abrahamson. Our Post did a great job once again this year providing gifts for the We Care Christmas Gift sponsorship program. Through you we were able to bring a little joy to 33 needy children from the Chapin community. A big **thank you** to everyone that made this possible. This holiday season is a great time of celebration and joy for many and for others it can be a difficult time. Whether it is due to the recent loss of a loved one, a sick family member, financial trouble or one of many other reasons. Pray for these people and look for ways to help ease their pain and help them to make the best of what they may see as a difficult time.

I for one am proud to be a member of Chapin American legion Post 193. I look back over the past year and I feel a great sense of accomplishment in all that I as an individual was able to do in supporting Veterans, the Chapin community and members of our Post. I reflect on what WE as a Post were able to do and I am amazed. I look forward to the coming year and continuing to serve in any way possible. Carmen and I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

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

Adjutant



Twas the week before Christmas, when all through the Post, not a sailor was stirring not even a mouse. Because Shimsa had set up traps for the little suckers. Songs were sung at the Christmas party with all good cheer, even Massarro blessed us after he had a few beers. Riders with their sleds delivered good cheer, the Boys at Newberry Farm were happy to hear. Bingo is coming again to all once again, we need you to play. So jump out of your chair and do what you may. I'm not a rapper, so my rhymes are at an end, so don't forget to renew your membership with postage and send.

James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



The Riders completed all their rides for December; Blue Knight's Toys for Tots, Dorn VA Vet ride, Wreaths Across America, and Newberry Boys Farm Toy ride. It's a good feeling when you can give to those that are less fortunate and be in the wind while doing it. The Riders held their Christmas Drop In and a great time was had by all. With the New Year just around the corner all the Rider Chapters in South Carolina will be selling raffle tickets as a fund raiser for the American Legion Legacy

Fund. There are two prizes in this raffle, an AR-10 chambered in 308 (first prize) and a Smith & Wesson M&P in 45 caliber (second prize). 100% of money raised will go to the Legacy Fund. To purchase tickets contact me or Chapter 193 treasurer Steve Goulet. From all the members of ALR Chapter 193, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a very Happy New Year!

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

Public Affairs Officer



Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and Happy Holidays to all! My family and I want to express our thanks to all of you for welcoming us to the Chapin community and allowing us to serve in this fantastic organization: it has made a tremendous difference! Next month, the South Carolina Military Museum on Bluff Road will open their exhibit honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. I will send out exact dates as soon as they become available.

Special thanks from Boy Scout Troop 411 who participated in saying the Pledge of Allegiance at the last Chapin Town Hall meeting. If you know of opportunities for these young people to earn service hours, let me know and I'll get word to them.

We added some new members in 2019 and inviting veterans to the Monday breakfasts proved a good way for them to meet folks, eat and sign up. I encourage folks to invite veterans to the Monday meeting, especially those who have not renewed their membership or have a difficult time getting around.

Tina and I wish you all a very happy New Year!

Zoltan Krompecher

Chaplains Corner



In the joy of this Christmas season I remember a couple Christmas' that were very lonely. In the Christmas of 1963, I was in the Bermuda harbor sitting on top of the tallest mast in the US Navy welding. Not all military members get to go home for Christmas, some must be on duty. It was a very lonely time. Christmas of 1964, I had duty and could not leave Boston so I had duty during the day but house sat at night. By myself at Christmas was a sad and lonely time. These pale in comparison to the men and women that have served and are serving in war time. I can't imagine their haunting memories. I think of those old Veterans that will spend Christmas alone this year. Please don't underestimate the power of a phone call or a card to an old lonely Veteran or a young member of our military deployed or on duty this Christmas. I think of a phone call as a prayer "in action." I think of a card as a prayer "in ink." If God puts them on your heart, pray for them, call them or send that card.

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, Pearl White, Joe Keilb (Jim Pepper's brother-in-law), Richard Strobel, Past Commander, Bill Smith, Jerry Robbins, and Past Commander, Bill Haggard.

Doug Abramson's son activated and in preparation for deployment, James and Tammy Blackwell's on, Paul Collingsworth in Air Force boot camp, Moses Cohen daughter Sharini Cohen deployed Saudi Arabia in the Air Force

John Wayne Fulmer – brother of Eddie Fulmer in Saluda Rehab Center

Gerald White – outpatient treatment

Joe Grimaud – in hospice care

Tom Yeoman – mother in hospice care
Ken King – knee surgery
Claire Fincher – broken arm
Benny Mellon – knee replacement recovery
Ken Sullivan – stroke recovery
Bill Mustard – hip surgery recovery
Bill Moser’s - grand daughter
Anne Richardson - father
Remember Eva Ezzel and family in the loss of her husband Sam Ezell

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

Auxiliary



For those of you who attended the Christmas Party on December 10th we hope you had an enjoyable experience. A special thanks to the Donnelly’s for helping handout name tags and ticket stubs for door prizes. Thanks to the Strobel’s for picking out the door prizes. Michele and Nancy were wonderful at handing out the door prizes. Thanks to everyone else who pulled this event together. Attendance was great and so was the food. The Auxiliary donated cookies to the troops at Ft. Jackson for Exodus. Our unit donated 317 dozen cookies. The young men were thrilled to see all the cookies and snacks that were donated. We are still collecting items for the Central Midlands Transitional Retreat which provides transitional housing for Veterans. A flier is attached. You can drop off items at the Monday breakfast or email cgoulet08@gmail.com to make other arrangements. We will be donating the items in early January. Michele and Carmen donated the lap blankets made by Debbie Fulmer and Jean Chamberlin to the Dorn VA in November.

Anne Richardson/President

Calendar of Events

January 6 th	Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m. ALR Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.
January 9 th	Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m., (dinner 6:15 p.m.)
January 15 th	Bingo at Timberlake Country Club Doors open 5:30 p.m. Games start at 7:00 p.m.
January 18 th	ALRSC Meeting at Department HQ 10:00 a.m.
January 21 st	ALR Chapter meeting
February 10 th	Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m. ALR Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.
February 13 th	Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m., (dinner 6:15 p.m.)
February 18 th	ALR Chapter meeting
February 29 th	ALR Chapter 193 Breakfast at Zorba’s \$10.00 per person (See any Rider for tickets)

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

Highlights



Mrs. Claus visited and spread joy to all.



Michele Johnson and Carmen delivered over 50 lap blankets to the Dorn VA.



Doug Abramson and Bill Lindsay dropped off the 135 gifts that Post 193 members donated during our Christmas party



ALR Chapter 193 at their Christmas drop in unfortunately we took this phot after some of the crew had already left.



Members of Post 193 and other volunteers provided a work party to escort and unload wreaths for the Wreaths Across America program at the Ft. Jackson National Cemetery



The ladies putting cookies out on the tables at Ft. Jackson. More than 600 dozen were collected by the Auxiliary and Francis Bisset.



The troops, Auxiliary, Francis Bisset, and others group photo with the troops. The young men were thrilled to sample the cookies ahead of the other soldiers that we due to come in later.