



The American Legion

Chapin Post 193

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Commanders Corner



It is September and Fall has arrived! I for one am looking forward to enjoying a little cooler weather. Our meeting in October seemed to have gone very well, we were able to recognize some hardworking members and get some business completed. It has been a very long time since we have had 45 members attend a Post meeting and I want to thank everyone who made it out to participate in the meeting. Since our meeting we have made an offer on the property for our future Post Home, put down our earnest money and are moving ahead with our due diligence in making sure the property supports our needs. Our

New Building Committee is working hard and they are looking for folks that may be able to assist and or serve on a subcommittee. I was speaking with Dave the other day and he told me one of our members Mel Brown has offered up his expertise and has been extremely helpful. We have some very talented folks within our membership, and I believe as we go forward there will be things that everyone will be able contribute to. Speaking on contributing please seriously consider a recurring donation to the Post building fund. I recently started having my contribution automatically deducted from my banking account. When I was reviewing my bank statement the other day, I noticed the draft that had been deducted in Sep and the deduction that was scheduled for Oct, initially thought my account was hacked. After further review I realized that I had scheduled the recurring deduction back in August. Funny thing is I don't miss the money I contribute, and it will help to show a steady income stream if and when we need to finance our new Post Home. We have had some new members added to our Building Fund Board and a couple that will be receiving their pin and coin for having contributed \$500.00 or more dollars.

The tentative date for our Christmas Party is 10 Dec. First Vice Commander Tom Yeoman has done some checking out at Mid Carolina Country Club to see if it is a feasible location for our Christmas party. Based on his initial coordination it looks like the cost will be between \$23.00 and \$25.00 per person plus a \$300.00 fee. Tom has a meeting scheduled with the club next week so we will have more info after our October meeting. If you have not renewed your membership for 2021 please do so as soon as you can. It would be great to have everyone renewed by mid-December. We have a fair number of new members in our Post be sure to reach out to them when you see them, make them feel welcome and a part of the team. I hope to see you at our next meeting or at one of our events in the coming month. If there is something you want added to the newsletter just let me know.

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

Adjutant



The Post is up and running for the most part, this morning we had close to 26 members for breakfast, last week's meeting drew over 45. All we ask is that you follow guidelines for masks and social distancing. Pretty easy stuff if you think about it, and it allows us all to have some fellowship and good times. Our membership is rolling right along, thanks to Tom Yeoman we have transferred in close to 10 Post 172 members. Enjoy this cool weather and we hope to see you soon.

James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



On Labor Day Chapter 193 participated in a ride through of the Tucker Center and the Roy E. Stone Veterans home along with several other chapters of the ALRSC. After this event, most of the chapter in attendance rode to Monetta, SC for homemade ice cream. The Riders held their first full meeting, since Covid-19 started, on September 15th. A weekend retreat to Fontana Village, NC is planned for the first weekend in October. On September 28th the Chapter provided an escort to Ft. Jackson National Cemetery for one of our fellow riders, Bill Smith. Bill was a friend to all and will be missed. Simper Fi Marine rest in peace. The Riders are very excited at the purchase of land for a new Post home and plan to work toward seeing a building erected in the near future.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

Chaplains Corner



This month I would like to look at a scripture that we are all familiar with. Psalms 23:4. **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

This Covid-19 has been a shadow of death to us. The media would have us to believe that a high percentage of us will die because of this virus. We don't know who to believe for the facts.

There is always a doomist in our mist. They are always talking like things are bad and getting worse by the minute. I choose to trust God and believe His promises. The Bible is full of promises and hope. Not only for the future but also for daily living. Worrying robs us of the peace from anxiety and fear that God is promising us.

I'm so thankful that God has safeguarded our Comrades. There have been a few that tested positive but with wonderful medical facilities and dedicated Doctors and Nurses we have been blessed. God has worked in the lives of our Doctors and medical staff to study and know how to take care of us, but we need to acknowledge that we will trust God and claim the promises of His Word. We know that when the medical staff reach the end of their knowledge and skills that God will hear and answer our prayers.

This 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)
John Awtrey, WWII Veteran - ongoing UTI problem
John Wayne Sandel and his wife Dianne - John is at home continuing his recovery
Marcus Reeves - recovering from knee replacement
Floyd Rogers - recovering from a recent hospital stay with heart issues
Richard Mullinax- upcoming surgery to remove a growth from left kidney

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

Continue to remember our bereaved families: The Mustard, Haggard, Smith, Strobel and Schimsa families.

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

Auxiliary



We had our first meeting this month. There were approximately 10 ladies there and we had an informal meeting. It was really nice to be able to meet and greet with so many of our friends. New and exciting plans are being made for the purchase of land on which we can begin to build a post. The auxiliary was able to attend the discussion on these plans which helped keep us in the loop.

Kathy Smith's husband Bill Smith was a very active member of our post and he passed several months ago. She postponed his interment at Ft Jackson until her sister could come into town and attend. This interment is planned for September 28th and it will be a very fitting farewell ceremony for one of our own. Please plan to attend if you are able.

The second blood drive was a success. Thanks to Linda Tucker for running it so expertly. Thanks to her daughter as well for the help. Several Auxiliary members gave blood during this drive. We also discussed making a donation to several of our charities. We wanted to donate the money that the Chapin foundation had given us which was originally ear-marked for PGS to other veteran causes. We chose Quilts of Valor and Unclaimed Veterans Urns. Jodi will be delivering the donation to Anne Mixon for QOV and Kathy will be getting in touch with Bennie to determine how we can contribute the money for building urns. Please keep in touch with your loved ones and your friends! We hope to see you at the next meeting.

Anne Richardson/President

Calendar of Events

- Oct 5 Executive Committee meeting 6:15 p.m.
- Oct 8 Regular Membership meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 20 ALR Chapter meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 24 District 1 meeting Columbia Post 6 10:00 a.m.
- Oct 25 Quilt of Valor presentation 2:00 p.m.
- Nov 11 Chapin Veterans Day Parade
- Nov 9 Executive Committee meeting 6:15 p.m.
- Nov 12 Regular Membership meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 17 ALR Chapter meeting 7:00 p.m.

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



Department Commander Walt Richardson presented 1st Vice Commander Tom Yeoman, Keith Ostrander and Adjutant Jim Pepper with the Department 100% membership plaque



Department Commander Walt Richardson and 1st Vice Commander Ron Price presented Legionnaire of the Year Award to Post Chaplain Richard Mullinax



Post Chaplain Richard Mullinax Sounding Taps during annual Post Everlasting Ceremony.



1st Vice Tom Yeoman and Adjutant Jim Pepper presenting Post donation, U.S & SC flag to Scout Kunkle for his Eagle



We have placed our earnest money and started our due diligence. In a few years this picture will be much different!