



# The American Legion

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January 2019

**Chapin Post 193 Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 897, Chapin, SC 29036-0897**

## Commanders Corner



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I hope the Post can start the year off with a bang. We need to make sure that all our current members renew their 2019 dues to achieve our goal of 100%. The Post is very close. We are planning for the Post Valentines Dinner. The cost this year is \$10.00 per person. Please get your money in to Finance Officer George Donnelly no later than 4 February, so that we have a head count on how much food to prepare. The dinner will be held on 14 February in place of our regular meeting. We are gearing up for Palmetto Boys State. There is enough money so far to send 13 boys. The Post averages sending around 20 boys, so please consider donating to the Boys State Committee. For more information you can contact Steve Goulet, Bill Lindsay, Cal Coy, or Bill Szala. Congratulations to Dave Schimsa, Post 193 Legionnaire of the year for 2018. The Post thanks you for all the hard work that you do for us and the community. The Post building fund is growing, but at a snails' pace. We are forming a fundraising committee headed by our Finance Officer George Donnelly. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please see George.

John Siemers/For God and Country – “We Can Build It”

## Adjutant



Stand up and be counted, this saying pertains to quite a few things at our Post. We need about 26 more renewals or new members to reach 100% membership for the American Legion year ending in June. Be counted on to help with all the activities your Post provides throughout the year. From building ramps for Vets, to helping with unclaimed Vet funerals. Get counted during our monthly Post meeting or Monday morning breakfast. Numbers are important, strength comes in numbers, camaraderie increases with numbers. So just show up and be counted.

James Pepper/For God and Country

## ALR Chapter Director



The Chapter is having their community appreciation hot dog cook out at Boland's Ace Hardware on Saturday, 26 January from 1100 until 1400. We normally have this event in November but had to cancel for unforeseen circumstances. Come and join us for free hot dogs and comradeship. We will be selling tickets to our annual breakfast and also selling gun raffle tickets. The Riders will be holding their annual breakfast fundraiser at Zorba's of Chapin on Saturday 23 February from 0800 to 1000. This is an all you can eat buffet. The cost per ticket is \$10.00. Don't miss out on this event. Good food and a good time.

There will be an internment for the remains of four unclaimed veterans on 8 February. Meet at the Post at 0930. We will depart the Post at 1010 with Law Enforcement escort to Ft. Jackson National Cemetery. Let's give these fellow veterans the service they deserve.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

## Chaplain



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.

## Comrade Care List

Ernie Massaro – Is back with us and looking good, thank the Lord for answered prayers

Dallas Manis – Prayers for the loss of his wife Merle

Joe Keilb – Jim Pepper's brother-in-law

Joyce Mustard, Past Commander, Claire Fincher, Merle Manis, Hal Morrison, Jim Morris, Roy Nelson, Coach Frank Singleton, Ed Betts, and Pearl White.

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

## Ladies Auxiliary



The Auxiliary had a busy December. Members baked and donated 205 dozen cookies for "Cookies for Troops" which provides cookies to the soldiers that stay at Ft Jackson during Christmas Exodus. Way to go, ladies! It is always appreciated. Knitted hats (Jodi) and scarves (Karen) were donated to the Central Midlands Transitional Retreat in Lexington, a transitional housing facility for veterans that need help. The Auxiliary voted to do a 3<sup>rd</sup> Meat Bundle Raffle at the February meeting which is the Valentines dinner. Kathy Smith will be scheduling a time for us to have another Women's Self Defense course in 2019. We will try to get some of the CHS and SHHS students to participate. The membership drive for the

2019 membership year continues. We have 21 members that have already paid. Our dues this year are \$35. Merle Manis, one of our long time Auxiliary members passed away in December. We will be collecting donations for the building fund in her name. If you would like to contribute, please send in your contribution or give it to Sharron Ostrander at our February meeting. Merle will be missed by all.

Anne Richardson/President

## Facility Manager



The past two months have been busy. We have purchased and installed a 65" HD TV in the room by the kitchen. Thanks to the Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast group we were able to purchase the TV. We have Spectrum cable with the basic channels plus the full ESPN and SEC/ACC packages. We have cables installed on the TV which allows us to run video or audio from a laptop or most personal handheld devices. We also have a new WIFI which is four times faster than our previous one. Next time you are in ask anyone on the Executive Committee for the password. A big thanks to Doug Abramson for helping install the TV. Also, thanks to Doug and Richard Mullinax for the nifty box to hold the cable box and remote. Thanks to Richard for further maintenance on the back door. A continued big thanks to Bill LaRoche for managing our retired flag box and getting the unserviceable US flags to the recycling company so they may be disposed of in a dignified manner. Also, thanks to Steve Goulet for setting up a first-class sound system in the bay area. We can play any of your playlists.

Some housekeeping items - let me know if anyone wants the large championship baseball sign which was previously outside the building. We also have a nice smoker which was

donated to the Post that we need to sell (for a small donation). Lastly, we need some more of your unit/ship patches for the patch board.

Dave Schimsa/Facility Manager - For God & Country

## Calendar Events

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| 26 January  | Rider Community Appreciation Hotdog Cookout, Boland's Ace Hardware 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. <b>(Free for all)</b>                       |
| February 8  | Interment of 4 Unclaimed Veterans, 8:00 a.m. breakfast at Post 9:30 a.m. briefing/10:0 a.m. depart LEO escort to FJNC                 |
| February 14 | Valentine Dinner Membership Meeting 6:00 p.m./ no meeting/dinner is \$10.00 per person to be <b>paid by February 4<sup>th</sup></b> . |
| February 19 | ALR Chapter meeting and 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary party/6:00 p.m.  |
| February 23 | ALR annual fundraiser breakfast at Zorbas in Chapin, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (All you can eat buffet for \$10.00 per person)           |

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.