



The American Legion

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Commanders Corner



February may be a short month, but it has been busy. The Post started the month off with the internment of four unclaimed veterans. This is a project the Post took on several years ago and to date we honored close to seventy unclaimed veterans and have given them the proper burial they deserved. Members of Post 193 should be proud of the work done by this Post and especially the Riders Chapter. The Valentines dinner was a huge success and was attended by over 60 people. Thanks to all who helped make this a great event with special thanks to Marthalynn Schimsa for her decorating expertise. Gerald White was presented a replica of his WWII uniform to be displayed at the Post. The Post hosted a Quilts of Valor presentation conducted by Jodi Donnelly. Great presentation and great attendance. The Post is very close to obtaining 100% in membership. Please make sure that you have paid your 2019 dues. If you know a fellow Legionnaire who hasn't paid his 2019 dues please encourage them to do so. Thanks to everyone that made a donation to Palmetto Boys State fund. There is still time to contribute and it would be much appreciated and enable us to send more highly qualified high school juniors (rising seniors) to Boys State. Boys State interviews will take place on 23 March and selections will be done prior to the end of March. Any questions or to help out contact Steve Goulet.

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

Adjutant



Getting Closer to our goal. As February ends, we have made significant progress towards two achievements at Post 193. First off, we are currently in the single digits of new or renewed members needed to attain 100% membership. Thanks to recruiting at the ALR Breakfast at Zorba's, we are under 10 to get to our goal of 246 members. Good job to all who have helped call or recruit new folks. Second to get getting closer to reality is Bingo. After I announced Bingo was dead in the water at our January meeting, due to not being able to find a suitable venue. Bill Lindsay took the initiative and spoke with Timberlake Country Club. After Bill and I met with the club, it now looks like we will have a home for Post Bingo. More details to come, but we are moving ahead. Goals are attainable, thanks to you guys we will reach a couple of big ones in the next couple months.

James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



The Riders started the month off by escorting the remains of four unclaimed veterans to Ft. Jackson National Cemetery for internment with full military honors. On the 19th of February the Chapter celebrated its 10th anniversary with a steak cookout. There were 30 riders in attendance and six of those being charter members. The six original founding members present were Benny Mellon, Anne Richardson, Walt Richardson, Richard Royer, Bill Wilson and Johnny Free. A big thanks to them for having the foresight to form ALR Chapter 193 to allow us to do the good works that we do. The Chapters fundraising breakfast was held on February 23rd at Zorba's of Chapin. If you weren't there you missed a

great meal. The Riders are now preparing for the annual ALRSC Legacy Ride that will be held April 26 to April 28. Please sponsor a Rider as we raise funds for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

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, Joyce Mustard, Past Commander, Hal Morrison, Jim Morris, Roy Nelson, Coach Frank Singleton, Pearl White, Joe Keilb (Jim Pepper's brother-in-law). Remember the family of Doug Comalander as they adjust to life without Doug.

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

Ladies Auxiliary



The February meeting for the Post was a Valentine's Day Dinner. This included great food and excellent company. The Post was decorated beautifully. Thanks to the Post members that did the decoration and cooking. The Auxiliary did a 3rd Meat Bundle Raffle at the party. Once again we collected almost \$200 profit and Bill Lindsey was the winner this time. He is always a great supporter of our unit and we appreciate him. We also will be collecting donations for the building fund in Merle Manis's name during the March meeting. Merle was one of our longtime members and the Auxiliary will really miss her. Nancy is getting ready for Palmetto Girls State interviews and will be asking for help in our next meeting.

March is also the time for us to start looking for new officers for the Unit. Please let us know if you are interested in becoming an officer.

Anne Richardson/President

Facility Manager



Thanks to Chaplain Mullinax, Doug Abrams, and Keith Ostrander for significantly upgrading our lighting in the bay area. Also, a big thanks to Bill Wilson for stripping and waxing the floors in the hallway, storage room, and kitchen area. Great job, gentlemen! Next time you are in the Post take a look at the corner by the back door. As you know, our very own PFC Gerald White, Veteran of the Battle of the Bulge, was selected as the statewide Legionnaire of the Year. Comrade White has graciously donated his award for us to display. We added another significant piece to the display; a WW II Ike jacket with PFC White's rank, unit patch, and ribbons. There are also two photos on display of Comrade White in 1945 - one in Pilsner, Czechoslovakia at the war's end and one as he is about to be discharged back in the states. Thanks to Comrade Mullinax we have a old field desk to use as a table for the display. A big thanks to Moses Cohen, Dan Goldston, and Tom Yeomen for their help with the Monday morning Veterans Breakfast. All Veterans are welcomed to join fellow Vets for fellowship, swapping a few war stories, coffee, and breakfast every Monday morning from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Dave Schimsa/Facility Manager - For God & Country

Calendar Events

- March 3rd National Commander escort 1:00 p.m. staging (ALR Chapter 193)
- March 5th Breakfast with National Commander Brett Reistad, 9:00 a.m. at Post 193
- March 6th All Hands meeting with National Commander at downtown Marriott @ 9:00 a.m./National CDR attends Joint Session at State House @ 12:00 p.m.
- March 11th Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- March 14th Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m. (dinner 6:15 p.m.) Presentations, Tina Mckenzie speaking about Blue Star Mothers
- March 19th ALR Chapter 193 meeting
- April 8th Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- April 11th Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m. (dinner 6:15 p.m.) Persons of the Year Awards presentations
- April 27th District meeting Congaree American Legion Post 90 10:00 a.m.
- April 27th - 28th ALRSC Legacy Scholarship Ride. Closing ceremony 1:00 p.m., 28 March at the State House stairs

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 from **Monday morning 0800-1100**. Come on by and have some coffee, breakfast and a little comradery.

Highlights



Valentine's Day was a great success, well attended with great food and a wonderful atmosphere!!



1st, 2nd, and 4th Vice Commanders Richardson, Price, and Rucker joined us for our ALR breakfast



February 8th Interment at Ft. Jackson National Cemetery



ALR Chapter 193 Breakfast Fundraiser at Zorba's was a great success