



The American Legion

Chapin American Legion Post 193
P.O. Box 897, Chapin, SC 29036-0897

December 2021

Commanders Corner



Greetings to all and welcome 2022. Last year was not all bad but I am glad to see it gone and I am looking forward to a much better and more prosperous 2022. Chapin Post 193 was very busy last year and we were able to make a huge difference in the lives of many veterans and in our community. I would invite each of you to take a little time, visit our Post website and review the newsletters over the last 11 months, then visit our ALR and Post Facebook pages and scroll back over the last year.

I find what we have accomplished to be nothing short of amazing and I am grateful to be a member of a Post that is active and making a difference. We closed out the last month of the year with many successful activities. We sponsored a Quilts of Valor ceremony and presented 17 quilts, held our Christmas Drop In which was a huge success due in large part to our Auxiliary and 1st Vice Tom Yeoman. The food was fantastic and we collected over a truckload of toys for children in need. The Auxiliary contributed 1,400 cookies and snacks to the holdovers at Ft. Jackson. Our American Legion Riders escorted the Wreaths to the National Cemetery and many of our post members assisted with unloading over 8k Wreaths in support of the Wreaths Across America program. Did I mention our Post members collectively donated over \$1,500.00 to purchase wreaths to be placed at the headstones of our heroes buried at the FJNC? We did. Once again, this year our Post supported the We Care Christmas gift program and through your generosity we were able to sponsor 20 Children as well as a number of gift cards. Let's not forget a couple of our routine activities like our weekly veteran breakfast that fed about 150 veterans and our We Care team that continued to collect much needed food for the needy.

Our Post is growing, we have not yet met our membership goal for 2022 but I am certain we will not just meet the goal but exceed the goal of 305 members. Seems like every week we are signing up new members or receiving request from others outside our Post who want to transfer to Post 193. Folks looking from the outside in, see what you are doing and they want to be a part of an organization that is meaningful, is making a difference in their community and supports veterans. Speaking of growing, we need a bigger Post Home. We already have a great location and plans for a building that will meet our needs now as well as our needs for the future. Our Building Committee is finishing up the plans for our Capital Campaign and will be providing information on that soon. During our January meeting our Building Committee will give an update to our members and the Auxiliary as to what work pertaining to our new Post Home has been accomplished and the way ahead. It is important that our members are aware of what is going on with the building committee and just as important is that all of our members be engaged in helping to get our building built.

Sorry for the abbreviated newsletter! We will get back to normal with our January newsletter

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

Calendar of Events - 2022

January 4 th	Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 p.m. at Town Council meeting-(Peter Prim)
January 10 th	Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
January 11 th	Bingo at Old Oak Barn 5:30 p.m. doors open games begin at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.
January 13 th	Post meeting 6:00 p.m. dinner, business meeting 7:00 p.m. Dinner: provided by Gerald and Sandy White! Shrimp and Grits/ Lasagna
January 18 th	ALR Chapter meeting Dinner 6:00 p.m., business meeting 7:00 p.m.
January 22 nd	American Legion Oratorical competition 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
February 1 st	Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 p.m. at Town Council meeting (Tony McCall)
February 7 th	Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
February 10 th	Annual Valentine's Day Dinner 6:30 @ Post Home

REMINDER: If you want to renew your membership you can do it online or by sending your check for \$45.00 to P.O. Box 897 Chapin SC 29036.

<https://www.legion.org/membership/renewals>

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

Highlights



ALR Chapter 193 preparing to escort 8k wreaths to the Ft. Jackson National Cemetery



Look at all of these gifts! Great work Post 193. The children will be grateful



A joyous group of ladies attended the ALR Chapter Christmas Party at the Schimsa's home



We had a very nice crowd attend the Christmas Drop In



Great job getting everything together for our drop In



Cookies for Soldiers at Ft. Jackson was again a success. Over 1400 bags of cookies and snacks were donated. Pictured are Frances, Anita, Lillian, Mel and Carmen.



Auxiliary members got together to sew neck pillows for deploying troops.