



The American Legion

Chapin Post 193

P.O. Box 897, Chapin, SC 29036-0897

January 2021

Commanders Corner



Our first meeting of 2021 went very well, we were able to get some business take care of and received an update on what is going on with our New Building Committee and our Future Home. For me the highlight of the meeting was the nomination and unanimous vote to select our Adjutant Jim Pepper as our 2020 E Roy Stone Legionnaire of the Year. Jim is an outstanding Legionnaire, he has been involved in many aspects of the Post Operations, community projects and activities, he is no doubt more than deserving of the title, "Legionnaire of the Year."

When you see any of the members of our Bingo committee be sure to thank them for all of the hard work they are putting in to run a successful Bingo program. We held the first Bingo game of the year on the 12th of January 2021, all went very well with the exception of low attendance. We will hold the next game on the 9th of February and I would encourage you to attend and support the cause. We also sponsored our 2021 Post Oratorical competition in January and that also went very well, our winner will compete in the Department Quadrant competition on the 20th of February 2021.

This Saturday we will be setting up and selling rifle raffle tickets, ALR Breakfast tickets and recruiting new members at Boland's Ace Hardware from 10:00 until 12:30. If you have not paid your dues yet you can come out there a pay your dues and if you are just looking to hang out and shoot the breeze come on and hang out for a bit. We are at 94.95% of our membership goal of 277 we are not that far off from reaching our goal. If your membership has lapsed, I would ask you to take a little time and renew your membership either on line, by sending in a check, bringing the money to breakfast on Monday or to our next meeting. I also challenge each of you to recruit just one new member before the end of March. Surely, we all know at least one Veteran that would make a great member of our Post. (Click link below to renew online)<https://www.members.legion.org/tal/renew?source=R20002&msclkid=57d72d94f1aa1bf9ef5c4d90cff7fd3f>

Our February meeting will be our annual Valentine's Day Dinner therefore we will not be conducting any Post business. This year we are going to make the dinner a Pot Luck event similar to what we did for our Christmas drop in. In the spirit of Valentine's Day I am going to give my wife a break on preparing any food and I will prepare something delicious to share. Dress for the event should be casual as we will be having a fire out in the back of the Post for everyone to sit around and shoot the breeze. Please let myself or the 1st Vice Tom Yeoman know if you will be able to attend.

Fellow Legionnaire Michael Mancari has offered to provide a concealed carry class for free to our members and their spouses. There will be a cost for the range \$25.00 and the cost for CCP Application (Check for \$50 made out to Sled). If you are a Veteran you will not need to qualify on the range as long as you provide a copy of your DD 214. He provided me with two dates he could hold the class the 9th or 23rd of February with the range being held the Wednesday after the class. Let me know if you want attend asap.

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

Adjutant



Thank you for nominating me as the Post 193 Legionnaire of the Year. This is an honor I'm not quite sure I'm worthy of, but I promise to do my best and be worthy of your confidence and carry forward the American Legion standards to the best of my ability. Being associated with good men and women like yourselves makes this an easy job to do. The members of our post do an outstanding job in setting ourselves apart from so many other posts in the state. From the "We Care" crew, the New Building Committee, Auxiliary, Boys State Committee, Bingo Team, ALR, current and past officers, and to the countless members who volunteer time and resources. It's easy to follow your lead in giving and sharing to our community. I'm truly blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful people. Stay committed to everything which makes our post great, because you are the true champions, I just am following your lead. God bless.

James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



Chapter 193 is looking forward to a new year and new opportunities to help our fellow veterans and their families and to serve our community. 2020 was a tough year especially December when we had several of our members down with COVID. We are gearing up for our annual breakfast fundraiser to be held at Zorba's on the 20th of March. Tickets are still \$10.00. See any rider for tickets. Chapter 193 is proud to announce Tom Yeoman as our Rider of the Year for 2020. We hope everyone has a safe and healthy new year.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

Facility Manager



By now all of you should have received a letter signed by the Commander and me requesting thoughtful consideration to making a commitment to donate to our Post Building Fund. I ask you all to do what you are able - the sooner the better - as we continue to work with the architect and construction manager on making our new Post a reality.

Attached you will find a generic letter for you to use with friends, family, co-workers, and any businesses with which you may be familiar. I request you send at least ten letters asking for a donation to the Post Building Fund. You may modify the letter as you see fit.

I also ask you to consider the Post in your estate planning. Please think about a portion of your will/estate to the Post. It does not have to be a huge amount - although large amounts would be appreciated, but any amount would be helpful and would be a lasting legacy to your faithful service to our Nation. Another initiative is for you to let your family know that you wish for the Post to be considered for memorial gifts.

We are all excited about the progress we have made in fund raising and in the purchase and development of our new Post property at 230 Amicks Ferry Road. We are well under way to achieving our goal. With your help we can make this a reality within the next two years.

Dave Schimsa

Chaplains Corner



I have hope that we have turned the corner on this Covid panic. 2020 was a hard year for many of us but I look back and realize that there has always been something to struggle with. We have to find joy in our struggles. Knowing our history will help us to understand that we need God with us at all times. We need our family with us at all times. We need our friends with us at all times. We need to be constantly renewing our relationship with our God, our family, our friends. It is easy to take for granted that things will always be there as we think they should. God will be the same every day and always. Family and friends are different, things happen, Covid, cancer, accidents and sometimes people just give up. We should live in the moment, stay prayed up, love your family and let them know it constantly. Cultivate your friendships, stay in contact, give them encouraging words. It doesn't hurt to always be on the lookout for new friends.

22 veterans choose to end their life each day because they lose all hope. They lose their contact with God. The ties to family get strained to the breaking point and they walk away. They feel that their friends have given up on them. You/we can pray for them but I firmly believe that God wants to use your feet to go visit them. I think that God wants to use your mouth to give them hope, help and home. That person dropping through the cracks needs to have help no less than a person with a broken leg. They need hope that this situation is temporary and will pass. They need home, a place where they feel that they belong. I challenge you to point them to God. I challenge you to give them hope that a vaccine, a cure, or a solution is coming, that this situation is temporary and will end. At our Post let's share our hope, let's look for opportunities to help and let's make everyone feel that this is their home and they belong in our family.

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. If you would like to contact any of these comrades, call me for contact information.

Ernie Massaro, Joyce Mustard, Past Commander, Hal Morrison, Joe Keilb, (Jim Pepper's brother-in-law), and Jerry Robbins.
John Wayne Fulmer - brother of Eddie Fulmer in Saluda Rehab Center
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
Dr. John Ferguson - pancreatic cancer

Remember our active-duty family members:

Doug Abramson's son has been activated and is deployed and James and Tammy Blackwell's son, Paul Collingsworth is in the Air Force.

Charter member Lionel Lester who is also the father of our Auxiliary Unit President Anne Richardson passed in January please pray for their family.

Coach Frank Singleton passed in December please pray for the Singleton family.

Continue to remember our bereaved families: The Johnson's, Smith, Strobel, Mustard, Haggard, Ciani, Schimsa and White families.

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

Auxiliary



Cookies for Soldiers was a big success, together with Frances Bissett's team of ladies over 800 dozen items were collected and given to the hold over troops. The items this year could be bought and included chips, cookies, crackers etc. The Christmas drop-in was a success although we missed a lot of the ladies. Girls State will take place this year and we will proceed as usual with interviews in March. If anyone would like to play Bingo please come on out. Social distancing is practiced and we have sanitizers etc. You will have a great time. Please send in your membership for 2020 – 2021 as your membership does matter!

Anne Richardson/President

Calendar of Events

February 2 nd	Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 p.m. at Town Council meeting
February 8 th	Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
February 9 th	Bingo at Ole Oak Barn 5:30 p.m. doors open games begin at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.
February 11 th	Valentines Pot Luck 6:00 p.m. (In lieu of Post membership meeting)
February 13 th	District meeting at Lexington Post 217, 10:00 a.m.
February 16 th	ALR Chapter meeting 7:00 p.m.
March 20 th	ALR Chapter 193 Breakfast at Zorba's \$10.00 per person (See any Rider for tickets) 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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. I for one would greatly appreciate you renewing earlier rather than later. <https://www.legion.org/membership/renewals>

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

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



Salute to our Team that spent the morning helping to clean up the wreaths at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery (LtoR) Joe Whetstine, Bob Alt and Matthew