



The American Legion

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Chapin Post 193 Inc.
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Commanders Corner



First, I would like to thank the Post for electing me as the new commander. I have some big shoes to fill and will do my best to keep improving and making Post 193 prosper and grow. Summer is upon us and I know most of you have a lot of plans and trips ahead of you. I hope and pray that everyone has a safe and enjoyable time. Fellow legionnaires, even though it's vacation time, the Post needs your help with our Labor Day raffle ticket sales. This is the main fund raiser of the Post and we are behind, and time is running out. Please help sell or buy at least 5 or 10 tickets. Without the funds from this raffle, the Post will not be able to support the many veteran and community programs as we have in the past. The next raffle sales will be at Walmart in Ballentine on 7 July. Please come and help. If you need tickets, please contact Past Commander Richard Strobel. Remember to come to the Post on Monday mornings for a great breakfast and time of fellowship with your fellow legionnaires.

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

Adjutant



June was a busy, productive and good month at the Post. Department Convention, newly elected officers, Community Service Report, Consolidated Post Report accomplished. Boys State trip and a whole lot more. It's nice to slow down a bit in the dog days of summer. Enjoy the long evenings and fireflies. Happy Fourth of July to all.

James Pepper/For God and Country

1st Vice Commander



Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the 2018-2019 leadership team. As many of you are aware, our Labor Day Raffle – our major fundraiser of the year – is in serious trouble. To know that Labor Day is almost upon us yet we're barely covering the prize money just boggles the mind. Our Post is 240+ members strong, a level that just \$20 in sales each (buying or selling) nets us about \$4K ... a number we have destroyed in the past with just a fraction of our present Post strength. Let's insure the funds necessary to support ALL our Veterans and Programs are secured to the levels they deserve by donating to and/or (if you're able) participating in a morning sales and recruitment event. There's one at the Ballantine WalMart on July 7th,

and others **TBA** for August at the July meeting. I hope to see you at one or more! Respectfully submitted in brotherhood, and for God and Country.
and free.

Ernie Massaro/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



The Riders had a great June. Several members rode to Post 34 in Rock Hill in support of ALR Chapter 34's 12th annual ALR Memorial Ride. In July we will ride to Post 166 in Goose Creek in support of ALR Chapter 166's 13th annual Christmas in July ride to the Charleston VA Hospital. August 5th we will again help Texas Roadhouse with the annual Homes For Our Troops Ride. This year our chapter is raffling an AR15 pistol donated by Steve Goulet. All proceeds will be donated to HFOT. The tickets are \$20.00 each and only 150 tickets will be sold. See any rider for tickets. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

John Siemers/For God and Country

Chaplain



We should take time to pray. Jesus gave us a model prayer in "The In the book of Romans, the eighth chapter and the 35th verse the Apostle Paul is asking. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long: we are considered sheep to be slaughtered." No in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. The writer of Romans goes on to assure us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. As veterans we have faced some of the perils listed above and many of us thought that we would face death in our military service, but God had other plans. We have a tremendous hope in Jesus. Some of our Comrades lose sight of that hope and we need to seek them out and reassure them that we care. It is easy to be critical and complain but it is our privilege to be a bearer of hope and good news.

As we enter this new "Post Year" with new leadership let's commit to follow our new leaders as they lead us to be that voice of hope and good new in our community and across our state.

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.

Past Commander Joyce Mustard, Keith Alverson, Ed Betts, Richard Daves, Claire Fincher, Merle Manis, Hal Morrison, Jim Morris, Roy Nelson, Coach Frank Singleton, and Pearl White - prayers please

Richard Mullinax Sr./Post Chaplain – For God and Country

Facility Manager



Thank you to Gerald White for donating his award he received for Department Legionnaire of the Year to the Post. It is a beautiful statue and is proudly displayed in the cabinet off of the kitchen. Congratulations to Gerald once again. Our Patch board is half full and looking good. Bring your old unit/ship patches in and we'll get them displayed. The coffee cup rack is nearly full. Keep bringing your cups in - we can build another rack. A big thanks to Ben Barfield and Tom Yoeman for their help in preparing breakfast for our members Monday mornings. Coffee is on by 0730 and breakfast is served at 0900. Another big thanks to Bill LaRoche and

George Donnelly for transporting our unserviceable US flags to American Disposal for the dignified retirement of the Colors. American Disposal collects unserviceable US flags and recycles them. Thanks to the Monday morning crew for emptying the box out front of the Post and folding the flags for transport to American Disposal. The HVAC has been serviced and is blowing cold. If you use the Post for an event, please remember to turn the HVAC up (thermostat located in the hallway by the latrines) to 78 before departing and securing the Post. Thanks for everyone's help with Post cleanup day Saturday. Great job!

Ladies Auxiliary



The 2018/2019 year has begun. Thanks to Carmen for leading the Auxiliary for the last 3 years. She did a wonderful job as President and moved our Unit forward in a positive direction. Thanks for letting me pick the reigns up as President and continue our journey. The officers that have been elected for the 2018/2019 year are as follows: Michele Johnson (continuing as) Vice President, Sharron Ostrander (continuing as) Treasurer, Carmen Goulet (newly elected) Secretary, Nancy Graham (continuing as) Chaplain, Kathy Smith (continuing as) Sgt at Arms. Our committee chairs are also remaining the same this year with Michele agreeing to be the Poppy Chair, Nancy remaining as Palmetto Girls State Chair, Caralynne Gill remaining as Children and Youth, and Kathy handling VA and National Security. Thanks to everyone that has agreed to lead our Unit in this next year. Christy Rucker, our District President, installed the officers at the June 14 meeting. Please pick some tickets up for the Auxiliary Labor Day Fundraiser. This year we are raffling off 3 different baskets, Clemson, Carolina and a new Americana basket. Each basket, as usual, is stuffed with great items for your team. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Kathy also made several new American motif table runners for the use of our Post and Unit. They will help dress up an 8 ft table for any American Legion activity. If you need to use these, please contact Kathy Smith and she will be happy to bring them to your event (MIAP, Boland's, Walmart, etc). The Poppy Fund has \$260 in it and our Poppy Profit has been sent to the State Department. Thanks to everyone that helped to raise the Poppy contributions for this last year. Our Department forms should be complete for the 2017/2018 year. We hope to see you at the next meeting which will be held on July 12th.

Anne Richardson/President

Calendar Events

July 7 th	Recruiting/raffle ticket sales Walmart Ballentine 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
July 9 th	Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
July 9 th	Rider Executive Committee Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
July 12 th	Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m., dinner 6:15 p.m.
July 13 th	Internment of unclaimed remains, 8:00 a.m. meet at Chapin Town Hall
July 17 th	Riders meeting 7:00 p.m., dinner 6:15 p.m.

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 Monday morning from 0900-1200. Come on by and have some coffee, breakfast and a little comradery.

Highlights



Post 193 member Gerald White being recognized by the Department of SC Legionnaire of the Year by Department Commander Michaels Strauss and the leading candidate for



Post 193 Past Commander Steve Goulet being recognized with the Department of SC Post Commander Achievement award by Department Commander Michael Strauss and the leading candidate for National Commander Brett Reistad.



Post Officers for the 2018-2019 year being installed by the Department of SC 1st Vice Commander Walt Richardson.



Installation of Auxiliary officers. From left to right are Anne Richardson (President,) Carmen Goulet (Secretary), Christy Rucker (District 5 President), Nancy Graham, (Chaplain), Sharron Ostrander (Treasurer), and Kathy Smith (Sgt. At Arms). Not pictured Michele Johnson (Vice President).



ALR Chapter 193 Director John Siemers presenting his Chapter's donation to the Department Commander Michael Strauss and the leading candidate for National Commander Brett Reistad.