



# The American Legion

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## Chapin Post 193

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

November 2020

### Commanders Corner



I hope all of you are doing well and enjoying this nice fall weather and hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Our Post meeting went very well last Thursday, it was good having Al Koon, Nicholle Burroughs and Mayor Knight in to speak with us about what is going on in and around Chapin. I also want to say I appreciated everyone wearing their mask, social distancing and being considerate of the health and welfare of others. We do not need to lock ourselves in our homes and be fearful but we do need to do what we can to mitigate the chance of us spreading this terrible virus. As you may or may not already know we have canceled our party at the Mid Carolina Country Club and we will now be having a Christmas Drop in at the Post. Start time will be 6:00 p.m. things are still in the planning stages but it seems that we will have folks bring in light snacks, and the Post will have soft drinks, water, coffee, beer and wine. We will have all of the doors to the building open and we are planning to have a small fire pit outdoors in the back. I would ask everyone to park in the bank parking lot or the parking lot in the back of the building with the entrance off of Clark St. This will allow for us to have folks gather outside of our building. We are collecting Toys for Tots as we have always done and you can bring them in and drop them off at the drop in or Monday mornings between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The toys that you bring should be unwrapped and placed on the stage in our Post. We will need a headcount for the drop in so if you are planning to attend the drop in please let myself or one of the Post Officers know. (The lead on the drop in is 1st Vice Tom Yeoman.) Thank you to everyone that contributed gift cards for Chapin We Care Christmas gifts for the needy. At last count I believe we had collected enough to purchase 53, \$25.00 gift cards. Our Wreaths Across America donations have been very good. I do not have the exact number of wreaths that we will be able to purchase with what we collected but George told me the other day it was a considerable amount more than last year. Thank You! The escort of the wreaths to the cemetery that our ALR Chapter leads will be a little different this year. There will be two trucks and they will be arriving on two separate dates. The first date will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of Dec and the second will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Dec. We will be escorting the wreath truck from G&P Trucking to the cemetery arriving at 7:30 a.m. then unload the wreaths. We will be needing a fair amount of people to handle unloading these trucks so if you are able to be there to help please let myself or John Siemers know. Lastly, I would ask all of you to continue to keep Michele Johnson and all of Bob's family in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve the loss of comrade Johnson and work through this very difficult and troubling time.

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

## Adjutant



Happy Thanksgiving, we have much to be grateful for at Post 193, purchasing and excavation of our New Building property, rising membership, volunteerism, and a positive attitude towards our future. We are moving in the right direction, but to continue to do so, we **MUST** follow guidelines the Executive Committee has passed as far as Covid safety. Please wear a mask to the Post, practice social distancing (that means 6'), and be considerate of your fellow legionnaire's. We have many members who are susceptible to serious complications from the virus. We need to protect ourselves as well as our comrades. **The Adjutant office is setting a new rule, if you enter, wear a mask.** We need to be responsible.

James Pepper/For God and Country

## ALR Chapter Director



Chapter 193 was able to participate in the Lexington County Veterans Parade on 1 November and invited Chapter 6 to join us. Unfortunately, we were unable to do our annual Chapin Veterans Day Ride through town due to inclement weather. On the 6th of November we did an escort to Ft. Jackson National Cemetery for three unclaimed veterans. The Riders donated \$1000.00 to the Post Building Fund and several Riders have been working on improvements to the Post's new property. We are excited and looking forward to the day that we move into our new Post home. Chapter 193 is currently selling raffle tickets for a \$250.00 gift card to be drawn on the 10th of December. Only 100 tickets will be sold and are \$10.00 each. Proceeds from this raffle will go to support veteran causes. See any Rider for tickets. We would like to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and hope that you give thanks for this great nation we live in and all the blessings we have been given.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

## Chaplains Corner



Even in this season of COVID we have a lot to be thankful for. Continue to be encouraged even when you do not feel there is hope. It's so easy during the holiday season to be overwhelmed with all the tasks and activities to do that we forget to stop and reflect on why we should be celebrating. Take a minute to stop and reflect on why we should be celebrating. Here below are scriptures to help you.

***"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1***

***"I will give thanks to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High." Psalm 7:17***

***"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107:8-9***

***"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34***

## 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.

Ernie Massaro, Joyce Mustard, Past Commander, Hal Morrison, Coach Frank Singleton, Joe Keilb, (Jim Pepper's brother-in-law), and Jerry Robbins.

John Wayne Fulmer - brother of Eddie Fulmer in Saluda Rehab Center

Gerald White – outpatient treatment  
 Pearl White – continuing health problems  
 Tom Yeoman - mother in Hospice  
 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  
 John Wayne Sandel and his wife Dianne - John is at home continuing his recovery  
 Richard Mullinax – recovering from recent illness  
 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.

Bob Johnson passed away on November 16<sup>th</sup>, please pray for Michele and her family.

**Continue to remember our other bereaved families:** The Smith, Strobel, Mustard, Haggard, and Schimsa families.

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

**Auxiliary**



I was not able to make the November meeting. I appreciate Carmen and Carol stepping in to run the meeting. THANKS. The Post had our first BINGO in November. I was happy to see so many Auxiliary members supporting it by working the games. Thanks to Carmen and Jean for handling the food for the Bingo games. Please come out in December for our next game. We need everyone's support. Cookies for Soldiers will also be going forward this Christmas. Our auxiliary will be providing cookies and snacks for the soldiers that remain at Ft. Jackson over Christmas. We are also supporting the 'We Care' Christmas program. The Christmas party will now be a Christmas drop in this year. We will be decorating the post and helping to provide food for the drop in.

Anne Richardson/President

**Calendar of Events**



- December 1 Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 p.m. at Town Council meeting (Jim Schafer)
- December 7<sup>th</sup> Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- December 8<sup>th</sup> Bingo at Old Oak Barn 5:30 p.m. doors open games begin at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.
- December 10<sup>th</sup> Post 193 Christmas Drop In 6:00 p.m. – at the Post. Bring an unwrapped toy per person to be donated to Toys for Tots.
- December 12<sup>th</sup> Newberry Boys Farm and area children Toy Drive 2:00 p.m. Line up Boland's starting at 12:00 p.m.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> Wreaths Across America escort and unloading of wreaths at the Ft. Jackson Cemetery. 7:30 a.m. at cemetery to unload (bring gloves)
- December 16<sup>th</sup> ALR Chapter meeting
- December 17<sup>th</sup> Wreaths Across America escort and unloading of wreaths at the Ft. Jackson Cemetery. 7:30 a.m. at cemetery to unload (bring gloves)

**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](http://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



On 6 November 2020 members of Post 193 facilitated the interment of three Previously Unclaimed Veterans. SP/4 Bedell, SP/4 Grate and SP/4 Willie



If the flag is flying then there is work being done on the property! Thanks, Bill Wilson, for getting Old Glory flying



Bingo is back and moving full steam ahead!



**ALR Chapter 193 members awaiting the start of the 2020 Lexington County Veterans day parade.**



**Al and Boyd thinkin about it, talkin about it and getting ready to get er done!**