



The American Legion

Chapin Post 193

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

March 2021

Commanders Corner



Well, it seems that things are improving as far as the COVID-19 infection rates are concerned and many of the Post members I have spoken with have either received their first dose of the vaccine or they have received both doses. I for one am certainly ready to get back to having things being a little more normal and not having to be so fearful about catching COVID. Going forward we cannot let our guard down, we must continue to follow the CDC guidelines and be vigilant in protecting ourselves and others.

During our March meeting we received some good information on the upcoming Jail and Bail fundraiser from the President of Chapin Women in Service, Mrs. Linda Marsh. They are doing a fantastic job with this fundraiser and I am excited about all of the attention it is bringing to Post 193. You may have seen a few postings on Facebook about the fundraiser and the businesses that are supporting the cause. I would encourage all of you to visit and support these businesses and let them know we appreciate their support.

During our meeting we presented Post 193 ball caps to new Post members: David Rosen, David Graham, Jude Peck, Hugh Sansbury and Skip Mcmillian. Over the last few months we have been receiving many new members, either transfers in from other Post or new to the American Legion. These new members bring with them new ideas, a wealth of knowledge and experience that I am sure will benefit our Post and our community. It is important that we make them feel welcome and do all we can to integrate them into the Post and our activities.

Past Commander and ALR Chapter Director John Siemers has volunteered to head up our nominating committee and is looking for Post members in good standing who would like to serve in one of our Post leadership positions. In accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws any member who desires can run for any position from the Commander on down. As the slate stands right now, either the incumbent is willing to stay on for another year or someone else has volunteered to run for the position. If you are interested in serving please contact John Siemers to have your name added to the slate.

Our bingo games have been going pretty well and attendance continues to rise. We are in need of additional volunteers to help run the games, if you can help out please contact 2nd Vice Floyd Rogers. Our Department gun raffle is going extremely well, we have already raised over \$5K and all we had to do is sell the tickets. Our Memorial Day ceremony will once again be held at the Chapin Town Hall, we are still working out whether or not we will hold a reception after the ceremony. Thank you to 3rd Vice Zoltan Krompecher for coordinating BG Jeff Jones the Deputy Adjutant General for South Carolina to serve as our guest speaker for the ceremony.

There is plenty going on in Post 193 and at times I must admit it is difficult for me to keep up with everything that is taking place. Thank you to everyone for all you are doing to make our Post an organization that Veterans want to be a part of and does so much for Veterans and or the community.

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

Adjutant



Congratulations Post 193, we are now over 100% in the 2021 membership year. It is a testament to how strong our post is that we year in and year out get too and exceed 100% membership. Lots of good things happening this spring, be sure to be a part of one or two functions. Please let me know if you are interested in attending the State Department Convention in May, with a renewed hope.

James Pepper /For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



Chapter 193 had a busy March. We escorted a WWII veteran and founding member of Post 193 Lionel Lester (Anne Richardson's father) to his final resting place at Ft. Jackson National Cemetery on the 2nd of March. Some of the riders rode to Post 71 in N. Augusta to support their fundraiser ride on March 6th. The Riders sold Rifle Raffle tickets at Boland's Ace Hardware on March 12th and did some recruiting with the help of PFC Gerald White and George Donnelly. Our annual Riders Breakfast fundraiser was held on the 20th of March and was a big success. Some riders are going to Laurens to support new Riders Chapter 25 on a fundraising ride on the 27th of March. The weather is getting warmer and the days are staying light longer so PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR MOTORCYCLES!

John Siemers /For God and Country/In the Wind

Facility Manager



We had 42 members for breakfast last week with two new members joining the Post. A big thanks to Michael Rowley, Mark Stevens, Gunny Kuhns, Chaplain Mullinax, and Z Krompecher for their help Monday mornings with cooking and/or cleanup. We could not pull the Monday Morning Veterans Breakfasts off without their help. Thanks also to others who help with cleanup, making coffee, etc. All Veterans are welcomed to attend, all you need to bring is a coffee cup and your comradeship.

After working with the Lexington County Fire Marshall and our architect (the one we have retained for our new Post building) we have identified the modifications we need to make our current Post safer and able to handle larger crowds. For the next few weeks, you may see some construction as we modify some door hardware, install exit signs & lighting, and build a small alcove to meet the fire code requirements. A huge thanks to our Post Engineer, Doug Abramson, and to our resident electricians' mate, Chaplain Mullinax for procuring the supplies and completing the work. Also, a big thanks to the Town of Chapin for agreeing to pay for all of the building supplies required for the modifications.

Our new Post building is rolling along. We have received the land use permit from the Town of Chapin. We should have the completed civil engineering plans by the end of this week. This will allow us to apply for land disturbance and building permits from Lexington County and for the water tap from the City of Columbia. Once we receive the permits, we will need a silt fence installed and a detention pond completed before we can start the full land clearing and grading. We also have a parallel effort ongoing to build a picnic shelter. A big thanks to Dan Goldston, Doug Abramson, Padre Mullinax, and new member Allen Aimar. I don't want to lean too forward into the foxhole, but we should have a picnic shelter built by summer. Stay tuned!

If you have not already done so, please get with the Post Finance Officer and get your Building Fund pledges in. We need your help.

Dave Schimsa /For God and Country

Chaplains Corner



I'm so excited! I see signs of spring all around us. We seem to be breaking free of the fear of the Coronavirus. Our new Post home site is looking good and folks are talking about it. We are updating our current Post home. The Jail and Bail is looking very promising for our Building fund. We are attracting new members weekly. Veterans Breakfast is back up to before Corona virus levels and growing. Rich is planning some great Rider trips. Bingo is looking much better. Somebody is going to have to dream some bigger dreams, we are about to reach the limits of our planning and hopes.

In the famous words of the comedian, Jerry Clowers, "Ain't God Good"!

In my childhood we sang the song, "The darkest hour is just before dawn". We have passed through a very dark time and just when it appeared that it would get worse, we are breaking into a new brighter day. Let's encourage everybody that we come into contact with to see and experience our hope, our joy and excitement of how God is blessing our Post and Post Family. Many will not get "The Word" unless you share it with them. home.

Comrade Care List

As we remember our Comrades before the Lord, have you noticed that there is never a busy signal on God's line? Pray for these listed here on our care list. If you are impressed with a need for one of these and you don't know what to do- call me. Together we will find a way to meet the need. Remember them daily as you go about your routine chores.

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
Tom Fincher -caring for his wife Clare - 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
Larry Stout – awaiting procedure at MUSC
James Blackwell – sister in Atlanta
Big John and Jakes boss back in their Air force days
Tommy Brown, Kathy Smith's cousin and Lodge brother to several of us
Erin Clark – battling cancer
Wes Moore – recovering from surgery

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

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

Auxiliary



Nancy announced at the March meeting that we had 5 Girls State applicants and that we would accept all of them to attend the Virtual Palmetto Girls State in July. They will attend the April meeting so that we can meet them. Nominations were made for the next year of Officers for 2021 – 2022. If you would like to participate in any role, please contact Anne. We can always use your help. Jean Kennedy and Lisa McDaniel raised \$750.00 and purchased 17 wheeled carts and donated them to the VA to help Veterans who can't get up the stairs with their purchases. 28 crocheted caps made by Kevin a KwikWay coworker of Lisa's were donated to the VA. Lisa and Jean would like to see if we

want to do a bake sale at the Kwikway. Please let them know if you want to help bake and sell. The next meeting is April 8th at 7:00 p.m. Thanks to Jean and Lisa for always looking for ways to help our Veterans and for the hard work of collecting donations.

Anne Richardson/President

Calendar of Events

- April 5th Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- April 6th Pledge of Allegiance @ Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- April 8th Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- April 20th ALR Chapter meeting
- April 24th District meeting – Post 182 Columbia SC
- April 30th Unclaimed Veteran Burial FJNC – 12:00 p.m.
- May 3rd American Legion Post 193 BLOOD DRIVE!! 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
COME SUPPORT AND GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!! @ (POST HOME)
- May 5th Jail & Bail – Fundraiser sponsored by Chapin Women In Service. At the end of the day we will rally at La Fogata for Cinco de Mayo festivities
- 28-30 May Department of SC Annual Convention – \$25.00 Money due ASAP
- May 31st Memorial Day Ceremony at Chapin Town Hall 10:00 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 comradre

Highlights



Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!



Auxiliary members Jean and Lisa donating 3 wheeled carts to the VA



Gerald White and Rich Chamberlain during ALR Breakfast at Zorbas



New member Jude Peck enjoying breakfast with Department Commander Walt Richardson and Post 193 members



Mayor Knight ready to chow down during ALR Breakfast at Zorba's



American Legion Auxiliary #193

Jean and Lisa donating 3 wheeled carts to the VA



Jail and Bail!
Chapin Women in Service
President Linda Marsh speaking to Post members