



# The American Legion

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## Chapin Post 193 Inc.

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

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### Commanders Corner



Fellow Legionnaires I hope that you all are doing well and staying healthy. It appears that things are not improving as quickly as we would like as it pertains to our battle against this COVID-19 virus. In light of the current COVID-19 situation and the fact that our meeting participation during the summer months is usually low we will not have a meeting, Veteran breakfast nor will we hold Bingo during the month of July. A decision will be made late July early August as to whether or not we will have Bingo, Veterans breakfast or a meeting in August.

Our June meeting went very well, we were able to get some business accomplished and a little fellowship. Department Commander Walt Richardson was on hand to present awards to the Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Jeanne Culver-Edwards and the Boy Scout of the Year John (Jack) Krompecher. As you all are aware Richard Mullinax was selected as the Department Legionnaire of the Year and will receive his award at the Department Conference. I believe that it is pretty amazing that our Post received three Department level awards in the same year. We now have the 2021 membership cards in hand! I know we just finished collecting money for the 2020 membership year and here we are again asking for you to sign up for 2021. If you are able to sign up now 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>

Our 1st Vice Commander Tom Yeoman is heading up our drive to raise money for our new Post Home. We need a Home to call our own and we will never have one without the help and commitment of our members. Please help to make a New Post Home a reality.

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander



#### **From the undisclosed location of the First Vice Commander**

Fellow brothers and sisters of Chapin American Legion Post 193, I write this to bring you up to date on our “We Can Build It” initiative.

As you know, our Post had our formative gatherings and meetings at Chapin’s Crooked Creek Park. We were then able to acquire and utilize the old Chapin Firehouse as our home. While the Firehouse is a step-up from Crooked Creek, it has multiple drawbacks as a permanent “home” for our growing Post.

Quick personal thoughts that long term, our growing Post goals/needs in a permanent “home” that can accommodate both our current and future

needs;

- A site of three to five acres to accommodate meeting parking, on site activities and a suitable building.
- A building that can accommodate simultaneous meetings of our American Legion Post, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion.
- A building that can provide sufficient administrative space for our Post leadership.
- A building that possesses an “industrial kitchen” for our Veteran breakfasts, meals for our meetings, services to Veteran’s and “banquet” hall rentals.
- A building that we are able to utilize for our Bingo and other fundraising activities.
- A building that can be “rented out”, to provide sustainment funding for building operational and maintenance funding.

- A Veteran "home place" where we can better serve all Veterans.
- A place where Americanism is both on display, and where we can share Americanism, in an educational environment with our community.

### **Initial objectives for our "We Can Build It" campaign;**

In order to actually locate and create our Legion's "new home", there are several "first steps" that MUST occur.

1. Create a reliable and predictable "cash flow" deposited into our "We Can Build It" Account. We must show to any commercial lender that we have a sustainable income of a level to repay any commercial loan. This demonstration of cash flow would not be considered by a commercial lender until it has been "running" for a minimum period of twelve (12) months.
2. In addition to the required "cash flow", a significant down payment will be required to secure a commercial loan.

Your "WE CAN BUILD IT" Team and Post Finance Committee, to meet these objectives, has developed a "bank mechanism" which sets up what we Veterans would recognize as a "monthly allotment" to allow our Legionnaire's to participate in our future, instructions, a bank form and methods for participation will follow.

Basically, an Edward Jones "allotment" form, payable to our new Edward Jones "We Can Build It" account has been created. Post members would complete the form for the monthly allotment and take it to their bank or financial institution. The monthly allotment would then be drawn from the members personal checking or savings account. This allotment operation will only be successful with significant Post membership participation.

Currently our Post membership is about 275. Again, to be successful, we need a substantial percentage of our membership participating. The best metric available to demonstrate that our Post Membership embraces our creating a new home in support of our Four Pillars will be the Post participation rate.

For a simple example:

If, working together, can encourage 200 of our membership, (which is about 75%) to participate, at an AVERAGE of \$25/month, we would deliver a "reliable and predictable" cash flow of \$5000/month. A \$5000/month income should be more than adequate for us to achieve our building objectives.

Tom Yeoman

### **ALR Chapter Director**



The chapter did a ride to bring cheer to residents of Palmettos of Parklane assisted living home. The home contains a large population of veterans. After visiting the home we rode to Shealy's BBQ for lunch and then on to Monetta to visit Peaches N Such for homemade peach ice cream. The Riders tried to have their first meeting since February but only ten members attended. We did present Richard Mullinax with his Rider of The Year Award and a great meal was served by Carol and Floyd Rogers. Due to rising Covid-19 numbers we won't be having a meeting July. On a sad note, we mourn the passing of one of our longtime members William (Bill) Smith. Please keep Kathy and family in your prayers.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

### **Facility Manager**



We continue to cancel the Monday morning Veterans Breakfast until we gain further fidelity on COVID. We look forward to opening the Post as soon as we feel we will not endanger our fellow Brothers and Sisters. The Post is still being used for smaller meetings, Lake Murray Preferred, and we recently hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive. The Post has been sanitized on numerous occasions and is ready for use if it meets the guidance by the Governor and gains approval by the Commander and the Executive Committee. We also look forward to initiating a Capital Campaign to raise the necessary funds to build our own Post. The monthly fundraising program Tom Yeoman is working is a piece of our Capital Campaign. We will also be

soliciting additional streams of donations and other revenue through insurance policies, estate planning, deferred giving, and memorial requests. We look forward to opening the Post back up and seeing everyone.

Dave Schimsa

## Chaplains Corner



I miss the fellowship and the Comradery of our Post activities. I'm sure all of you do also. I'm reminded of the thought, "this too shall pass". We keep hoping that we are close to the end of this Pandemic but it keeps dragging us along. Do not despair! I buddy check just a few of our Post members and assume that all of you are buddy checking a few members also. It is comforting to get a call or a card from friends when you are struggling with issues. Pray for our Post leadership, our District leadership and our Department Leadership as they navigate us through these troubling times.

For the best of leaders to be successful it takes a good backing of followers and determined workers. Recall and remember the good times and the successful programs of the past and let's be ready to hit the road running when we get the go-ahead. Remember the promises of God. I'm reminded of the Apostle Paul on his way to Rome when their boat encountered a storm and the situation looked grim, Paul stepped forward and proclaimed "wherefore sirs be of good cheer for I believe God that it will be even as He told me". God had told him that he would go to Rome, not halfway. I too, believe the promises of God and I believe that there is blessings and success just ahead. Let's pray up and prepare for what is next after this storm.

## 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. Doug Abramson's son has been activated and is deployed, James and Tammy Blackwell's son, Paul Collingsworth in Air Force, and Moses Cohen's daughter Sharini Cohen, is deployed to Saudi Arabia In the Air Force.

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

Gerald White - outpatient treatment

Pearl White - recent fall bruised but nothing broken

Tom Yeoman - mother in Hospice

Clare Fincher - Alzheimer's

Robert Ashmore - surgery recovery (Chuck's son)

David Kelly - tumor in neck (Bill Moser's father-in-law)

Dianne Cook - (Linda Warren's friend)

Bob Haggard, Past Commander - recovering at home with therapy for his recent hip replacement

Richard Strobel, Past Commander - continued prayers for healing

John Awtrey, WWII Veteran - ongoing UTI problem

John Wayne Sandel and his wife Dianne - John is at home continuing his recovery

Bill Mustard departed this life to enter into the promises of our Lord pray for Joyce and the family

Bill Smith went home to join his Heavenly family, pray for Kathy and the family

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

## Calendar of Events

- July 16 Executive Committee meeting 6:15 p.m.
- July TBD Finance Committee budget meeting 7:00 p.m.
- August 8 District Meeting 10:00 a.m. Cayce Post 130.
- August 10 Executive Committee meeting 6:15 p.m.
- August 13 Regular Membership meeting 7:00 p.m.

More calendar items can be seen on the Post webpage at [www.americanlegionpost193.com](http://www.americanlegionpost193.com)  
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## Highlights



**Department Commander Walt Richardson during our June meeting presented the Department of South Carolina Boy Scout of the Year Award to John (Jack) Krompecher. Congratulations Jack!**



**Department Commander Walt Richardson during our June meeting presented the Department of South Carolina Teacher of the Year Award to Jeanne Culver-Edwards. Congratulations Jeanne!!**



**Chapter 193 and Metro City Slingers pose for group photo before parading through a local senior assisted living facility.**