

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

March 2022

Commander



It is finally spring! I am ready for some better weather and more opportunities to be outside enjoying a little sun and for the next couple of months some very pleasant temperatures. Speaking of being outside we now have a pretty nice place out on our new property that we can all go and hang out at. There is still some work to be done cleaning up the site (work day coming soon) but the pavilion is done, there is electricity and water and soon we should have some picnic tables out there as well. If you have not stopped out there to look around I would encourage you to do so.

It was good to see a fairly decent crowd at our March meeting, in fact we had two of our members, Ron Saxton and Sean Rogan attend their first meeting. I am hoping that one day we will be able to have more members attend the Post meetings than we have attend our Monday morning veteran breakfast. Not sure what to do to make that a reality but if you have any ideas I am open to your suggestions. The next couple months it will be very important to have a good number of members attend since we will need to have a quorum in order to conduct any business.

Our 1st Vice Floyd Rogers has informed me that they received eight applications for Boys State and that they would be holding interviews this Saturday. The Post has provided the funding for six young men and I was told that we have two Post members that have donated the funds to sponsor two additional delegates to attend Boys State. I am certain each of the delegates that we send to Boys State will appreciate the opportunity to attend and will have a greater appreciation for the complex workings of our system of government when they return. We have sent applications for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Cadet Academy out to our local schools and we are planning to send two young men or women to this exceptional program as well. These two programs are excellent programs run by the American Legion and without your support we would not be able to provide these opportunities to the youth in our community.

Our Memorial Day Committee has been working with the Mayor and his staff to put together this years Memorial Day program. I am certain that our partnering with the Town of Chapin is going to bring more resources and a greater community awareness of the sacrifices that members of our community, state and nation have paid for the freedom we all enjoy each and every day. Z. Krompecher has put out a call for pictures of our fallen heroes, if you have pictures or you have friends that have pictures please get them to Z.

We have have selected the Post elections nominating committee who has the task of getting together a slate of nominees to fill various leadership positions in the Post for the coming year. Thank you to Dave Schimsa who has accepted the position as Chairman, Bill Szala and Zoltan Krompecher for volunteering to serve as Committee members. I am certain they will be able to gather together a slate of nominees that will do a fantastic job of leading our Post in the coming year. If you would like to fill one of the officer positions please let one of these committee members know, if you are contacted and asked to fill a position please seriously consider taking on the position. We are a growing Post and we must get more of our members involved in the operations and functioning of our Post.

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

Adjutant



Congratulations ladies and gentleman, Post 193 went over 100% in membership on St. Paddy's Day. You had another outstanding year recruiting, thanks to Dave Schimsa's breakfast team we had a strong new member recruitment. This year we had 40 new members join. That is 3rd best in the state, only two other posts recruited more new members, and they are two of the largest posts in the state, with 780, and 1500 members. Our members are what makes people want to join, we have a close knit group, and we always try our best to look after each other. We submitted four Department Awards in March, I simply don't see how we shouldn't be in the running for winning all of them. We consistently lead the state in a number of categories, I know we are well known for our success in many areas. Win, lose or draw in any of those awards, rest assured Post 193 is leading the way in many, many aspects of American Legion leadership..

James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



Chapter 193 has had a productive March. We have been busy selling tickets for our annual breakfast fundraiser. If you haven't gotten your tickets, you will be missing a great all-you-can-eat buffet breakfast. See me or Steve Goulet to get your tickets and enjoy a good meal and fellowship on April 2nd from 0730 to 1030 at Zorba's of Chapin.

Chapin Riders hosted the ALRSC Spring meeting at our Post on March 19th. Final plans were made for the 2022 ALRSC Legacy Ride to be held on 23rd and 24th of April. We ride to raise money for The American Legion Scholarship Fund, which gives need-based scholarships to children of military members who are killed or 50% or more disabled on active duty since 9/11. Riders pay all of their expenses for this ride so that 100% of all money received thru sponsorship and donations goes to The Legacy Fund. Please sponsor or make a donation to a 193 Rider who is participating in this event.

On March 26th Chapter 193 will be supporting Chapter 71 in N. Augusta with a fundraiser ride. A few of us along with some Post members will also be selling rifle raffle tickets, recruiting new members and selling breakfast tickets at Harley Haven that same day.

Please remember that as the weather warms up more motorcycles will be on the highways. Watch out for these Riders, keep your eyes on the road and don't text and drive.

John Siemers /For God and Country/In the Wind

Chaplains Corner



Victory and Strength

You're not you when you're hungry." That was the tagline of a successful series of commercials run by Snickers. The commercials featured people who were not at their best when they were hungry. Their hunger had transformed them into crabby versions of themselves. They would yell at people and behave in ways that were rude and selfish until someone would give them a Snickers candy bar. Then they would suddenly become themselves again.

As funny as those commercials were, they illustrate something we all experience: we are not at our best when we are hungry, or our needs are not met. Think of what you are like on a bad day or when things don't go as planned: we lash out at people at work or school; we complain about minor things; we get short-tempered with the kids and sarcastic with the spouse, we may even threaten worse behavior. The devil has a way of kicking us when we are down. He knows when we are not at our best, and he moves in for the kill. All too often he succeeds in leading us into temptation when we are not at our best.

But he did not succeed with Jesus. Even after not eating for 40 days, Jesus was not led astray. He fought temptation. He resisted the devil's attacks. He did not take out his frustrations on others or behave in a way that was less than godly. And he did this all for us. We are saved by the perfect obedience of Jesus. His life and death has saved us from our sins. Even when he was physically weak, he was still strong enough to defeat temptation for us and to win our salvation.

So, when you are not at your best, look to Jesus. Look to the One who has saved you. Find victory and strength in Christ.

Dear Jesus, when we are weak, you are strong. Help us to look to you and find strength in your victory for us.

Chaplain Jude Peck/For God and Country

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. Remember them daily as you go about your routine chores.

Chuck Ashmore – his son Rob died Feb 6, 2022 (wife Janet)

Ed Betz - wife Linda recovering at home from a Sept stroke

James Blackwell – recovering from a Sept stroke & Feb T.I.A. (wife Tammy)

Bill Blackburn – wife passed away March

Dan Goldston – recovery from a broken leg and foot

Friend Erin (Clark) Goshea – as of Jan 21st, she is now cancer-free for now

Harvey Club – at home now; Big John and Jakes boss back in their Air Force days

John (Wayne) Fulmer - brother of member Eddie Fulmer moved to White Oak in Newberry

John Graham – home on Oct 15th recovering;(wife Nancy)

Daniel Kictarek – whose wife Norma died on Feb 21st

Bill Larochelle – back home – outpatient rehab after stints (wife Donna)

Joyce Mustard – recovery from Dec 24th back surgery

Donna Tsukayama's friend Wayne Davis, a Korean War Marine died Jan 2022

Dominic (Army vet) and Diane Gallo – Tina Krompecher's parents, Zoltan's in-laws

Marcus Reeves – recovering from March 10th neck surgery

John Siemers –left foot healing

Larry Spotts – died March 3rd (wife Linda)

Kenneth (Skipper) Sullivan – awaiting hemoglobin test results

Peter Prim's - friend John Fisher struggling with Parkinson's (his wife DeDe)

Gerald White – Is now at home and accepting visitor Lowman Home

Continue to remember our bereaved families from the loss of loved ones.

Auxiliary



Unit 193 members, Jodi Donnelly, Tina Krompecher, Marthalyn Schimsa, Jean Kennedy, Carmen Goulet and chairperson Nancy Gramh held interviews on March 3 and 4 at the Post. We had 19 applicants and selected the following five ladies as our delegates: Ava Grimand, Emma Ciesielski, Hannah Carson, Molly Todd, and Lexi Becker. This year Girls State will be an in person session at Presbyterian College June 12th – 18th.

Diane Yeoman submitted a grant to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. If we get the grant monies it will be used for branded items for our Unit such as a canopy, table covers, pop up display stands all of which will let the community know who we are and what we do. Thanks for all the hard work Diane.

The position of Secretary is open for 2022 – 2023 please consider taking this position as Anne is working hard with the bingo accounting. You will just need to transcribe and take

minutes one time each month starting in June. Please contact me at cgoulet08@scha.org. We also have a few chairperson positions open and I will be sending those out via email. Thanks for helping us recruit new members as well as paying your memberships. Membership does matter and although a lot of you can't attend it does help keep the Auxiliary strong. We will be helping host the reception at the Memorial Day Ceremony and I will also be sending out the details of what areas need to be covered. Please help if you can.

Carmen Goulet/President

Calendar of Events

March 25 th	CWP Class (Veterans) Post 193 Home – Michael Mancari
March 30 th	Chapin Theatre show <i>Clue</i> Full Dress Final Rehearsal 8:00 p.m. All Post members are invited to attend free of charge.
March 31 st	American Legion Department of SC Reconnect at Ft. Jackson – RSVP NLT 18 March 2022
April 11 th	Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
April 9 th	Community Service Breakfast @ Chapin Town Hall 8:00 a.m.
April 12 th	Bingo at Old Oak Barn 5:30 p.m. doors open games begin at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.
April 14 th	Post meeting Dinner 6:00 p.m., business meeting 7:00 p.m.
April 19 th	ALR Chapter meeting, Dinner 6:00 p.m., business meeting 7:00 p.m.
April 19 th	Pledge of Allegiance 6:00 p.m. at Town Council meeting (Sandra Metzdorf)
April 29 th	Unclaimed Veteran interment @ Ft. Jackson National Cemetery 11:00 a.m. Service will be held for three Previously Unclaimed Veterans.

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



Synopsis: It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well ... dead. So whodunnit? Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock and Mustard as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, Clue is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist.

Highlights



Palmetto Girls State 2022 delegates and Chairperson Nancy Graham the Unit 193 Girls State Chairperson



Our first ever Family Brunch turned out to be a big hit. The food was great and the opportunity to spend time socializing was excellent! Thank You to the breakfast crew for this great event. We are all looking forward to the next Family Brunch.



BINGO continues to grow. In March we had over 80 folks in attendance. Everyone had a great time.



Legionnaire Dave Schimsa attended an Eagle Scout ceremony for Eagle Scout Wyatt Morris from Troop 411 and presented him with the American Legion Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition