



The American Legion

Chapin Post 193

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

August 2020

Commanders Corner



Fellow Legionnaires it is hard to believe that August has already come to an end and that it will soon be Labor Day. In August we did not hold our normal monthly meeting instead we met out at Comrade Bill Wilson's place and held a flag retirement/disposal ceremony. I am not exactly sure how many flags we retired but I believe it was in excess of 800. Bill had a nice roaring fire that worked perfectly for burning some of our cotton flags and he dug a nice hole in which we were able to bury our nylon and polyester flags. We had a nice ceremony, some good fellowship and a wonderful meal of bbq, chips and coleslaw provided by Bill and his lovely wife Harriet. I must admit it was good to get together with everyone and fellowship a bit.

On Friday August 14th at 10:00 a.m. our Post held an interment ceremony for three Previously Unclaimed Veterans at the Ft. Jackson National Cemetery. After the ceremony we rushed back to Caughman Harman Funeral Home in Lexington for Past Commander Richard Strobel's visitation and service. Our ALR Chapter had the honor of escorting Comrade Strobel to his final resting place at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. Richard was my friend a longtime member of Post 193 and he will be missed by many.

We have resumed our Monday morning Veteran breakfast and all seems to be going well with that. For our September meeting we will conduct our POW MIA and Post Everlasting ceremonies and we will also have a business meeting. We must discuss and vote on actions that our building committee is needing to take action on. The building committee has been working hard and I believe everyone would be interested in finding out what they have been doing and where we are headed in our quest for a new Post Home. I do understand some folk's apprehension about mingling with others but if you are comfortable in being around others I encourage you to attend the meeting. On September the 14th our Post will be holding our second Blood Drive which is being headed up by Linda and Steve Tucker. There is a national shortage of blood if you can donate it would be appreciated.

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

Adjutant



Looks like we may be playing college football, well my team won't. But I'm glad others are, we are adjusting and taking precautions to move ahead with life. Post 193 is opening back as well. Just like sports teams, we need to be careful and access data on a daily basis and respond. So be respectful of your neighbors, fellow Legion members and do your part so we may have a successful fall at our Post.

James Pepper/For God and Country

Public Affairs Officer



Chapin American Legion members were out in force again helping those in need in our local community by volunteering for We Care. In case you've heard of our involvement with We Care but never really understood what it meant, We Care is a local food pantry that collects, sorts and distributes food to families in need. Many local churches and other organizations are involved, but the Chapin American Legion provides the "bulk" of the support and last year donated almost 37,000 lbs. of much-needed food. If you're interested in stretching your legs

and spending an hour or two with other veterans, meet at the Chapin Food Lion at 1015hrs (10:15 a.m. for Air Force) on Tuesday and Thursday morning. The folks at the grocery stores know us and welcome our help in getting food to those who need it most. We have 5 or 6 regulars but welcome newcomers.

State Commander Walt Richardson has a flag from an unclaimed veteran's funeral to give to local Boy Scout troop 411. Boy Scout troop 411 is ready to receive as soon as they start meeting again in person. They wondered if there are any veterans who would like to join Walt in talking about what it means to be a veteran, what the flag means to you and any other topics centering on community service and patriotism. If interested, contact 3rd Vice, "Z" Krompecher at zkrompecher@hotmail.com or (269) 370-3479.

Zoltan Krompecher

Facility Manager



The New Building Committee (NBC) has been hard at work and is actively seeking to purchase land for our new Post. The NBC will be briefing the Post membership at the next meeting so plan to attend to receive a full update and to voice your comments and opinions on the process. The NBC is comprised of Bill Wilson, Jim Pepper, Bill Moser, Gunny Kuhns, and Dave Schimsa. Feel free to reach out to anyone on the NBC for questions or suggestions - or if you would like a role on the committee. More to come on how each of us can work together to making this a reality.

The Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast starts back Monday morning, 24 August, from 0800 - 1100. All Vets will eat in the bay area to assist with social distancing. We will be following all CDC guidelines. Please bring a mask, and if you are not feeling well or have been exposed to someone tested positive for COVID, please stay at home. Chow served at 0900.

I request if you use any items at the Post you put everything back where you found it.

Dave Schimsa/ For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



Chapter 193 provided an escort and assisted in the burial of three unclaimed veterans on the morning of August 14th and later that afternoon provided escort to Ft. Jackson National Cemetery for the burial of Chapin Post 193 Past Commander Richard Strobel. Richard was a member of the Riders and leader of this Post. He was a good man with a big heart. He will be missed.

On August 15th several riders participated in the annual Homes For Our Troops Ride sponsored by Texas Roadhouse. We hope to have a Riders meeting on the 15th of September and are hopeful of getting back to near normal soon.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

Chaplains Corner



I was thrilled to get the email that we would be starting The Veteran's Breakfast. I will miss the first one because of work but I'm looking forward to laying an eyeball on you Comrades again. I've seen some of you from time to time but most of you it has been several months---way too long. The scriptures speak of forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, again it promises where two or three are gathered together HE would be with us. There is strength in numbers. Even though many of us do not have time to speak to each other every week, I am encouraged to be in the physical presence of you Post members and I can't help but believe that most of you feel the same way.

Uniform means to be alike. We can't all look alike but if we meet and share our thoughts, hopes and dreams we will begin to think alike. Thinking alike will motivate us to accomplish many great things. One of those great things that we need to get on the same page is a permanent home for our Post and continuing the things that we have going on. We have good leadership so with God's help and a little work on our part we can do anything that we set our hearts on.

This that we do we do for GOD and Country.

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 - recent fall bruised but nothing broken
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

Remember our active duty family members:

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

Richard Strobel, Past Commander departed this life, pray for his wife Kathy and the family Continue to remember our bereaved families: The Mustard, Haggard, Smith and Schimsa families.

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

Auxiliary



The Post is beginning to wake up from our COVID Coma. The numbers appear to be leveling off allowing us to begin to have more gatherings. This month the Executive Committee met to ensure we had all of our Auxiliary plans updated. Several members from the Post met at Harriet and Bill Wilson's for the flag retirement ceremony (Thanks Harriet). Three Unclaimed Veterans were laid to rest and several members attended. We had the sad duty to say Goodbye to one of our Past Commanders, Richard Strobel. His wife Kathy has been an active member of our Unit for many

years and we grieve with her. It is almost time for school to start. This Labor Day will be different from other Labor Days. There will not be a parade and community gathering this year. I know we will all miss the comradery that we shared. I hope we will have a chance to get together this month and see each other. Please keep in touch with your loved ones and don't allow isolation to conquer your hope. We miss our friends!

Anne Richardson/President

Calendar of Events

- Sept 7 Executive Committee meeting 6:15 p.m.
- Sept 10 Regular Membership meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sep 14 Post 193 Blood Drive - 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Sept 15 ALR Chapter meeting 7:00 p.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 Monday morning weekly Veteran Breakfast has resumed.

Highlights



The Post breakfast is back, all Veterans are welcome



ALR Chapter 193 participating in virtual Homes for Troops.



Auxiliary members Jodi Donnelly and Kathy Smith donated 4 boxes of men's clothing to CMTR



Three Previously Unclaimed Veterans being laid to rest at Ft. Jackson National Cemetery



Flag retirement/disposal ceremony at Bill & Harriet Wilsons property.



Auxiliary member Dale Siemers placing the wreath for the Previously Unclaimed Veterans ceremony