



The American Legion

Chapin Post 193 Inc.

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

February 2020

Commanders Corner



Our building fund continues to grow! On the 26th of February our Adjutant Jim Pepper was presented a check for the Post Building fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 from Past Commander Joyce Mustard and her husband Bill.

Joyce and Bill truly believe in the American Legion mission, Post 193 and they have a desire for Post 193 to have a Post Home of our own sooner rather than later. A **BIG THANK YOU** to them for their generous donation. Our Post is fortunate to have our current Post home but it is not ours and it is not big enough to support our current or future needs. I ask each of

you to consider what you as a Veteran and a member of Post 193 can do in order to get our Post closer to owning our own Post home. We must all chip in and think out of the box. One example of this is: when Legionnaire Tom Fincher had authored the book "No Ordinary Lives" about the life and times of WWII Veterans in the Chapin area he designated that after expenses for the book were paid all proceeds from the book would be donated to the Post. Tom was able to author a very informative book and at the same time was able to provide the Post with a much-needed monetary benefit. Maybe you know someone that has land they want to donate or you have a talent that we need to get our building committee moving full steam ahead. Whatever it is you can do I ask you to step up and help to make our own Post home a reality. In February we took a break from our regularly scheduled monthly meeting and held our annual Valentines Dinner. The meal and the activities planned and organized by Bill and Harriet Wilson were fantastic and appreciated by all who attended. A **BIG THANK YOU** to them and the other volunteers for their efforts. The Quadrant and Department Oratorical competition was also held in February and again this year Bill LaRoche did a great job heading up that committee. Paige Maylath who represented our Post did a great job winning the Quadrant and placed in the department competition received a \$500.00 scholarship. The updated Constitution and By Laws was emailed out and we will vote for approval at our March meeting. The changes that we discussed at the January meeting have been updated in this copy and are highlighted. Post elections are in May and we need a nomination committee of three members in good standing to develop the proposed slate of officers for the next membership year. This nomination committee must be selected in March, they will then have the remainder of March up until our Post meeting in May to develop the slate. If you would like to serve as an Officer in the Post in the coming year please let it be known, I am pretty certain you will be welcomed with open arms. We have a new venue for BINGO!! "The Ole Oak Barn" great job by Floyd and Carol Rogers finding this location. Mark your calendars for March 24th and plan to attend. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Riders Chapter breakfast at Zorba's on the 29th of February. As always it will be a great breakfast and wonderful time to shoot the breeze.

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

Adjutant



Thanks to all our hardworking Post 193 recruiters, our Monday morning breakfast crew and all you do in the eyes of the community, we are only THREE renewals or new members from hitting our goal of 262. It is a testimony to your post how well we have done these last several years in recruiting and meeting goals. Besides 2018, this year was the quickest we have reached 100% membership. Things are moving fast, Bingo has a new home, we are actively pursuing options for a building fund and site for a

home. Baseball, Boys State, Law Cadet will be upon us soon. Continue to show up, support and work for our Post, great things are coming!

James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



Chapter 193 is still selling tickets for our breakfast fund raiser at Zorba's on the 29th of February. This is our main fund raiser of the year. The State Legacy Ride is rapidly approaching and the Riders are looking for sponsors to pledge money for the American Legion Legacy Fund. 100% of donations will go to the Legacy Fund and is tax deductible. The Legacy Fund provides college scholarships on a needs basis to children of military members who were killed or disabled 50% or more while on active duty since 9-11. Riders pay for all expenses occurred on the ride, so that any donation goes directly to the fund. We are in the planning stages for a couple of more events in the future. Stay tuned. The American Legion Riders of South Carolina are selling raffle tickets with a first prize of an AR-10 rifle and second prize of a 45 pistol. The drawing will be held at the State Convention. The tickets are \$5.00 each, 3 tickets for \$10.00 or 7 tickets for \$20.00. See a Rider to purchase your tickets. 100% of ticket sales will go to the Legacy Fund.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

Facility Manager



Big thanks to Dan Goldston, Doug Abrams, and Chaplain Mullinax for assisting with the Veterans Monday Morning Breakfast while I was out last month. Much appreciated, Gentlemen! A continued big thanks to Moses Cohen, Tom (Crash) Yeoman, Chaplain Mullinax, & Doug Abrams for assisting every Monday morning. We are now feeding between 30-40 Veterans breakfast every Monday morning. It could not be done without the help of these fellow Comrades and others. Thank you! Thanks to Doug and Tom for installing a TV in the bay area. We can run photos, information pages, and videos during mealtimes. Our Post has stayed busy this year. We have secured rent from the Theater & Lake Murry Preferred, used the Post to host riders before internment of unclaimed Veterans, hosted the Post & Quadrant Oratorical contest, and reserved the Post for the CERT and Coast Guard Auxiliary. Think how much more we could do with our own Post. Please put prayerful thought in putting Post 193 in your estate planning.

Chaplains Corner



Fear is a big enemy of God's children. Fear robs us of all the promises that God gives us in the scriptures. What are you afraid of in your day to day life? Did you know that almost all fears are unfounded and will never happen. As we get older, we begin to fear the future, our world is falling fast, and we are too old to fight the battles to keep her on course. Recently I had the privilege of hearing three high school students give speeches on our Constitution at our Post. This past Saturday we heard four students, at the Department, give speeches again on our Constitution. They were fabulous. Their performance gave me great assurance that there are young people preparing and training to very soon stand up and fill in the ranks of leadership that our country needs. So many citizens do not know the details of our constitution and they are afraid that it is old and outdated and want to change it. The Constitution is just as valid as it was when our forefathers put it together. These students are candidates in the Legion Oratorical Contest that is going on nationwide. This gives me great hope for the future of this wonderful free nation that we old veterans fought for. I feel confident that we have a continuous string of young people that will prepare, train and fill in the gap and makeup a protective hedge around our way of life. Our fears are unfounded!

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, Pearl White, Joe Keilb (Jim Pepper's brother-in-law), Richard Strobel, Past Commander, Bill Smith, Jerry Robbins, and Past Commander, Bill Haggard.

Doug Abramson's son activated and in preparation for deployment, James and Tammy Blackwell's son, Paul Collingsworth in Air Force boot camp, Moses Cohen daughter Sharini Cohen deployed Saudi Arabia in the Air Force

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

Gerald White – outpatient treatment

Joe Grimaud – in hospice care

Tom Yeoman – Foot surgery and mother in hospice

Ken King – knee surgery

Clare Fincher – Alzheimer's

Benny Mellon – knee replacement recovery

Ken Sullivan – stroke recovery

Bill Mustard – hip surgery recovery

Bill Moser's - grand daughter

Walt Richardson, Dept. Commander – recovery from knee replacement

Floyd Rogers – shoulder surgery recovery

Gunny Kuhns – hip replacement surgery recovery

Tom Yeoman – foot surgery

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

Auxiliary



There was not a February meeting and we were lucky to have a wonderful dinner provided by Bill and Harriet Wilson for our Valentines. Thanks so much to them for being willing to sign up to do this. Thanks also to the volunteers that helped them. Palmetto Girls State interviews will be held on March 18 and March 19. Nancy will need a few members to help interview and select our delegates. Please contact Nancy if you are interested. It is also time to begin consideration of who our officers will be for the 2020-2021 year. We would love to see new members step up and be willing to help lead the Auxiliary for the next year.

Anne Richardson/President

Calendar of Events

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| February 29 | ALR Chapter 193 Breakfast at Zorba's \$10.00 per person (See any Rider for tickets) 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. |
| March 4 | All Hands meeting with National Commander at Springhill Suites, Columbia, 511 Lady St., Columbia 9:00 a.m./National CDR attends Joint Session at State House @12:00 p.m. – All Legions welcome |
| March 4 | Homecoming Dinner for Department Commander and Past Post 193 Commander Walt Richardson 6:00 p.m. at Chapin Town Hall |
| March 9 | Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m. ALR Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. |
| March 12 | Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m. (dinner 6:15 p.m.) |
| March 17 | ALR Chapter Meeting 7:00 p.m. (dinner 6:15 p.m.) |

March 24 Bingo at the Ole Oak Barn 115 Holy Trinity Rd. Little Mountain, doors open 5:30 p.m. and games begin at 7:00 p.m.

April 6 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m., ALR Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

More calendar items can be seen on the Post webpage at www.americanlegionpost193.com
Join our Post 193 Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/americanlegionpost193/>

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



**Bill and Kathy Smith
(Love Birds)**



**Had a very nice gathering for the Post
Annual Valentines Dinner**



**Robert and Cynthia Cook two
of our newest Post and
Auxiliary members**



**Post Chaplain Mullinax watches on as the U.S.
Navy Honors Team folds the flag and conducts
Military Honors for three previously Unclaimed
Veterans laid to rest by Chapin Post 193**