



The American Legion

**Chapin American Legion Post 193
P.O. Box 897, Chapin, SC 29036-0897**

November 2021

Commanders Corner



I hope all of you are doing well and enjoying this nice fall weather. Our November Post meeting went very well and I must say that I appreciate those of you that made the effort to be there. We had enough members present to have a quorum and we were able to get some important business taken care of.

The Veterans Day events for Post 193 were in my opinion better than ever. Our short ceremony at the library went very well and our Chapin Parade was a huge hit with the children at a couple of our local schools and one school not so local. It was really a great opportunity for the community to show their gratitude as well as for our Post members to be recognized for their service. The Veterans parades in Lexington and Newberry were both very good and we had members participate in both.

It is almost Thanksgiving and I like you am looking forward to a little break, an opportunity to spend time with my family, relax and reflect on the many things that I (we) have to be thankful for. After Thanksgiving, we will move full speed ahead into December where right off the bat, we have a couple of noteworthy events scheduled. One of my favorite events is our Christmas Drop in at the Post! This is an opportunity for me (you, us) to sing Christmas carols and wear my (our) favorite Christmas sports coat. We ask everyone to bring a food item to share and the Post will provide soft drinks, water, coffee, beer, and wine. All doors to the building will be open with a small fire pit and space heaters outdoors in the back. Please, park in the bank parking lot or the parking lot in the back of the building with the entrance off of Clark St. This will allow space for the fire pit and for folks to gather. As we do each year, we want everyone to bring a toy to donate for Toys for Tots. If you are not going to attend the drop-in, you can bring your toys in and drop them off Monday morning December 6th between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The toys you bring should be unwrapped and placed on the stage. We will need a headcount for the drop-in so if you are planning to attend the drop-in please RSVP to cgoulet08@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone that contributed gift cards or volunteered to sponsor a child for Chapin We Care Christmas gifts for the needy. Our Wreaths Across America donations have been very good this year I am almost certain enough money will be raised across the state to provide wreaths for all of the headstones at FJNC. The Annual Richard Strobel Wreaths across America escort to the cemetery by our ALR Chapter will take place on the 15th of December with an arrival time at the cemetery of 7:30 a.m. Volunteers will be needed again this year to unload the truck and store the wreaths. Please mark your calendars and plan to help with this very meaningful detail.

"Do Something Now. If not you, who? If not here, where? If not now, when?"
Theodore Roosevelt

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

Adjutant



At our last meeting, Jay Johnson, the Assistant Solicitor for Chester County visited us and explained how Veteran's Court worked in his district. Basically, it is a court designed for veterans who make mistakes with the law and go before a judge who weighs the issues and gives them some allowances due to the fact that they are veterans and may be dealing with issues that the ordinary citizen doesn't have to, such as TBI or PTSD, etc. While describing several cases, he used the term "Gooley". That is the second time I have heard that type of term used for situations involving dysfunctional people, or people in dysfunctional situations. I

have had many meetings with directors at Thornwell Children's Home, and they use the term "Messy". After hearing that term several times, I finally asked, "what exactly do you mean by Messy". They said that is the best way to describe situations and children that come to them. Many times children are brought to Thornwell in the middle of the night after being taken from dysfunctional and abusive homes. They are confused, scared, and hurt. I'm sure it is the same type of situation the Veteran's Court sees day in and day out. So why am I bringing all this up, well, if we as an organization want to truly support our mission of aiding veterans, we need to start getting our hands dirty? That means getting involved with situations that are "gooley and messy". Like helping men and women who really need a mentor, or simply just a friend that they can rely on. It's not an easy task but is one that must be undertaken if we are truly going to aid our comrades who need it the most. I run the Justin Pepper House, we work with families that come to us homeless because most of the time they have made poor decisions, it's hard work helping people from such low points, but it is rewarding when you can see a family get things back on track. I invite each and every one of you to pray and think about how we as a Post can reach out to these vets and truly make a difference. It will be a true test, and not an easy one, but sometimes if you want to make a difference in people's lives, you need to get your hands dirty. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and blessings for you and all your families.

James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



Chapter 193 has had a busy November with Veterans Rides on the 7th, 11th, and 13th. We also rode with the PGR for the funeral of Post 193 member Pat West on the 6th of November and conducted an escort for Post 193 past Vice Commander Bob Johnson's memorial service on November 20th. The Chapin Veterans Day ride was an outstanding event. Riders and Post Members had a brief ceremony at Chapin Library then rode to the new Piney Woods Elementary School then on to Chapin Baptist Pre-School and Chapin Intermediate and Elementary Schools. I

don't know who enjoyed it more, the children or our members. This year we also rode through the Lowman Home and by special request Oak Pointe Elementary in Irmo. On 17 December we will escort the Annual Richard Strobel Wreaths Across America trucks to Ft. Jackson National Cemetery and place the wreaths on each headstone. Chapin ALR Chapter 193 wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous Holiday Season. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

John Siemers /For God and Country/In the Wind

Facility Manager/NBC CHAIR



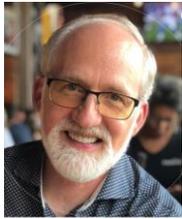
A big thanks to Richard Mullinax for replacing the bulb on our floodlight on the roof of the Post so our US Colors and POW flag are fully illuminated throughout the night. A continued thanks to our Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast crew - Mark Stevens, Mike Rowley, and Gunny Kuhns. We served over 175 breakfast meals over the past four weeks. Coffee is on by 0730. Pastries out by 0815. Breakfast served at 0900. Don't be late or you will miss chow.

We have continued to raise funds for our new Post. We are just shy of \$450,000 raised to

date. Please bring your pledges up to date and consider a sizable donation to the Building Fund for your year's end tax deductions. The Post membership approved funds to build a picnic shelter, dig a well, clear and gravel a small parking area, and erect a 35' flagpole. You should see progress before Christmas. Thanks to all who have donated to the Building Fund. Without your help we would be unable to move forward.

Dave Schimsa /For God and Country

Chaplains Corner



Hebrews 2:11 - Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. Real Men Love Jesus. The slogan appears on t-shirts, hoodies, coffee cups, and drink coasters. But why sell such items? Who would purchase them?

It's a bit of a reaction to an unfortunate trend. Christians are often pressured to feel ashamed of Jesus and to hide their faith in Jesus. The Real Men Love Jesus slogan is a marketing strategy designed to reverse that trend. It's time for Christians to let their light shine, not hide it. Don't be ashamed of Jesus!

But have you ever wondered, "Could Jesus be ashamed of us?" After all, we are part of a human race that seems so self-absorbed. There's so much chaos and disharmony in our communities. News outlets run stories about riots, wars, assaults, and trafficking. Could Jesus love a world like this?

On a more personal note, I have a good deal of chaos and disharmony in my own heart. I'm supposed to love Jesus above all else. In reality, I've set my heart on so many other things. I'm supposed to trust Jesus. Instead, I stress myself out with worry or try to take matters into my own hands. I'm supposed to honor Jesus by the things I think, say, and do. Oh, how I've failed! Could Jesus love a person like me?

He could. In fact, he does! John 3:16 reminds us that God loved the world so much, he sent Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus didn't walk away from our self-absorbed humanity but willingly came running to our rescue. He took all the selfishness, sin, dishonor, and chaos of our hearts and communities—he took it all to the cross. And there on the cross, he suffered and died and made a perfect payment.

The result? The sins of the world have been paid for by Jesus! On a more personal note, the sins of my past have been taken away. The times I've dishonored or distrusted my God—those have been forgiven. Jesus, my Savior, has washed me clean.

What a way to start or end your day, knowing that Jesus loves you, has paid for all your sins, and isn't ashamed to call you his brother or sister!

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.

Ernie Massaro, Joyce Mustard, Past Commander, Hal Morrison, Jerry Robbins, and Joe Keilb, (Jim Pepper's brother-in-law).

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

James Blackwell - recovering from a Sept stroke; home Nov 2nd (wife Tammy); handicap ramp to be installed by Chapin Baptist Church & Boland Ace Hardware

Friend Erin Clark - battling cancer & liver pain; back in hospital on 10/23

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)

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

Floyd Rogers - continues to improve (wife Carol)

Steve Tucker – it was good to have him back in our midst at breakfast on 9/27
Joe Whetstine – recovering from a bicycle accident. Now walking 4 miles/day (wife Heidi)
Ralph Lewis – his sister, Johanna (Cookie) Schaekel passed away on November 6, 2021
Keith Ostrander – his mother-in-law, Fe Swittenberg passed away on October 25, 2021
Donna Tsukayama's friend Wayne Davis, a Korean War Marine is at VA hospital in Durham
Pat West – passed away on October 23, 2021 (1st Sgt Army) (wife Margret)
Dominic (Army vet) and Diane Gallo – Tina Krompecher's parents, Zoltan's in-laws

Donna Tsukayama's mother passed away on October 27, 2021
Terry Cotney, post member passed away on November 2, 2021

Continue to remember our bereaved families: The Ciani, John Ferguson, Haggard, Johnson's, Krompecher, Mustard, John Nesbitt, Ostrander, Rowley, Richardson, Schimsa, Singleton Smith, Strobel, Patrice West, Wilson, and White families.

Auxiliary

Our delegates that attended the Palmetto Girls State gave us an overview of their experiences. Although it was virtual the young ladies did tell us the experience was worth it. One of them even made a decision to study law at Wofford based on her experience. We will be participating in making neck pillows for soldiers, baking cookies for the holdovers at Ft. Jackson, holding a reception for Quilt of Valor recipients as well as enjoying the Post Christmas drop-in. Please check your email for details as well as the calendar below or call me at 803.556.3653. Please renew your membership by December 7th if at all possible so we get credit for 100% at the district level. See you at the January meeting.



Carmen Goulet/President

Calendar of Events

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| December 6 th | Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m. |
| December 7 th | Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 p.m. at Town Council meeting |
| December 7 th | Post 193 Quilt of Valor presentation 7:00 p.m. |
| December 9 th | Post 193 Christmas Party/drop-in 6:00 p.m. at our Post Home – bring one unwrapped Toy per person for Toys for Tots |
| December 11 th | Newberry Boys Farm and area children Toy Drive 2:00 p.m. Line up Boland's starting at 12:00 p.m. |
| December 14 th | Bingo at Old Oak Barn 5:30 p.m. doors open games begin at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there. |
| December 15 | Wreaths Across America escort and unloading of wreaths at the Ft. Jackson Cemetery. 7:30 a.m. at the cemetery to unload (bring gloves) |
| December 16 th | ALR Chapter Christmas party 7:00 p.m., @ Dave and Marthaly'n's |

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

Highlights



2021 Chapin Veterans Day Parade! We had motorcycles, trucks and even cool cars



Chapin Baptist Church men's ramp ministry built a beautiful wheelchair ramp for Comrade James Blackwell. The wood to build the ramp was donated by Boland's Ace Hardware



A great crowd here at Piney Woods Elementary School greeting our Post members being led by PFC White and Comrade Schimsa



Children from Oak Pointe Elementary were ready when our convoy arrived.