



The American Legion

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

October 2021

Commanders Corner



Our October meeting went well with the exception of member attendance. For our meeting we had 29 members present and in order to conduct business we must have at least 30 members present in order to have a quorum. I cannot stress enough the importance of our members being in attendance at our Post meetings. Currently our Post is involved in a lot of significant projects that require our memberships approval or input. In one calendar year we have 12 Post meetings, February is our Valentines Dinner, September is our Post Picnic and December is our Christmas Party which leaves nine business meetings each meeting last one to one and a half hours each. I am asking for your support in accomplishing the goals and activities of Chapin Post 193.

Thank you to our Post Chaplain Jude Peck who coordinated the meal for our October meeting which was provided by the Halcyon Hospice of Columbia. Ms. Wendy Ricker of Halcyon Hospice took a little time and spoke with the members present about Hospice care in general and answered questions. A big **"thank you"** to Wendy for the meal and for taking time to come and speak with us about a very important and useful program. Next month Ms. Candice Lively the Deputy Solicitor for Chester County will be speaking with us about a Veteran mentoring program for at risk Veterans.

I want to thank everyone for their support of the Chapin Post 193 Blood Drive. Linda Tucker has taken this project on and has done an amazing job, exceeding goals and expectations each and every time. During the blood drive on 27th of September they collected a total of 32 blood products from 31 donors. The Quilt of Valor program hosted by our Post went exceptionally well and in large part due to Comrade Mullinax who coordinated the event and our Auxiliary Unit who once again put on a wonderful reception for all in attendance.

I recently sent out information on the We Care Christmas child sponsorship program and for donations to purchase wreaths for the Wreaths across America Program. If you are able support these great programs it would certainly be a blessing to someone and greatly appreciated. If you want to sponsor one or more children send me an email and let me know. If you want to sponsor a child and do not want to do the shopping, then Carmen has said she would do the shopping for you. There is also an option this year to purchase \$25.00 gift cards rather than sponsoring a child. Last year as we will again this year our members turned their contributions for gift cards into the Finance Officer and he purchased all of the gift cards. Our Finance Officer George is still accepting money for Wreaths Across America. If you want to contribute, please contact him or send your check to our PO Box. If you desire to have the wreath purchased in honor or memory of someone, please let George know so that he can ensure the Wreaths Across America program manager has that information.

Our calendar of events for next month is filled with activities you may be interested in. If you are able to attend it would be appreciated and I am certain you will be glad you did.

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

ALR Chapter Director



Chapter 193 had a busy October and looks like November will be just as busy. Some members went on our annual fall mountain retreat, while other members participated in the 2021 ALRSC Legacy Fund Ride. On October 24th Riders from 193 partnered with Texas RoadHouse to conduct the 18th Annual Home For Our Troops (HFOT) Ride. We had the largest participation that we have ever had since we started doing this event. A great day was had by all and alot money was raised for HFOT. ALRSC is holding its Fall Conference meeting on the 30th of October.

November is starting off with Riders participating in Chapter 101 event at the Pelion Peanut Party on the 6th and then the Lexington County Veterans Parade on the 7th.

On November 11, Chapter 193 will have its annual Veterans Ride thru Chapin and surrounding schools. We have also been requested to do a ride thru at Oak Point Elementary in Irmo. A short presentation at the Veterans Memorial in front of the Chapin Library will kick off the day with Post 193's very own Green Beret Col. Zoltan Krompecher as speaker.

The drawing for the motorcycle raffle will be held at this time and the winner announced. Chapter 193 hopes everyone will have very happy Thanksgiving to start the holiday season. Remember to give thanks for our military that have helped make our country great and continue to protect us.

John Siemers /For God and Country/In the Wind

Facility Manager/NBC CHAIR

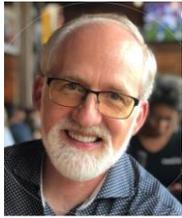


The Post is busier than ever with our regularly scheduled meetings, Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast, Chapin Women in Service meetings, Chapin Volunteer Emergency Team meetings, and the Chapin Community Theater. We are averaging over 40 members for breakfast Monday mornings. Its great to see the comradeship of our fellow Brothers and Sisters. Breakfast would not be possible without the help of the folks in the kitchen (Mike Rowley & Mark Stevens), Gunny with the coffee, and the servers and clean up volunteers. Come join us if you can - the food is OK too.

The New Building Committee met and made some recommendations to the Executive Committee. I will brief in detail at our next meeting, but the highlights are: We currently have approximately \$220,000 with which to work. Our Construction Manager recommends we do not clear the entire building and parking lot footprint at this time due to potential topsoil run off and associated DEHEC requirements. We have some additional architectural work which needs completion before the mechanical, electrical, plumber, and HVAC folks can provide their input; however, since we are probably two years away from construction, we should not proceed with any of those plans at this time due to the potential for building code changes between now and then. It was the NBC's recommendations to start immediately on some of those items which we can use now and will eventually need to be completed anyway. The four major recommendations are to dig a well (we will need one eventually for irrigation so we aren't using tap water for watering grass and plants - and as you recall, the City of Columbia will not be running a line in front of our property for at least two years), build the picnic shelter, clear a limited space in the eventual building footprint for temporary parking, and erect a large lighted flagpole. We are compiling costs now, but estimates are about \$110,000. Joyce Mustard sent in a check to us last week for \$7,000 and said dig the _____ well. Feel free to call me at (803) 960-8708 or email me at arindave@yahoo.com with questions and/or comments.

Dave Schimsa /For God and Country

Chaplains Corner



Next time you barbecue, after the coals are nice and red-hot, take about six of them out and set them aside. Then set one aside by itself and watch what happens.

The "family" of six coals will stay hot awhile but not as long as the big gathering. And the poor coal that is "living on his own" – off at college or working – will cool very quickly apart from the other coals.

If you want to stay red hot in your walk with God stay connected to the big pile of coals. Keep your little family tied into the pit. As often as possible gather with the other coals where you can draw heat from them and help others by sharing your heat.

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24 & 25)
spiritual truths of the gospel.

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; due home Nov 2nd (wife Tammy)

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

Harvey Club – at NHC room 312; 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 bicycle accident. Now walking 4 miles/day (wife Heidi)

Ralph Lewis – sister Johanne Schaekel in hospice care

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

Auxiliary



Membership continues to grow. You ladies are making a difference in the community and with the support you give our Veterans. All officers need to turn in their midyear reports by the 15th of November. We have done a lot of work and I don't want it to go unnoticed by the department. This year for those who would like We Care is again doing their Christmas Angels as well as gift cards. If you would like to sponsor a child please let me know. We will save our last gift card tree and use it for our Labor Day Fundraiser in 2022. We will do presales early and we hope to have our educational items for our booth by then as well. Thanks for all you do!

Carmen Goulet/President

Calendar of Events

- November 7th Lexington Veterans Day parade. Meet up starting at 1:15 p.m. at the Shell station highway 6 North Lake Dr. next to Wings and Ale. We will depart from there at 1:45 p.m.
- November 8th Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- November 9th Pledge of Allegiance @ Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. (Boyd Fulmer)
- November 9th Bingo at Old Oak Barn 5:30 p.m. doors open and games begin at 7:00 p.m.
- November 11 Chapin Veterans Day parade. Meet up, 8:00 a.m. at Boland's Ace Hardware will depart from there at 8:15 a.m.
- November 11th Post meeting 6:00 p.m. dinner, business meeting 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker, Candice Lively Deputy Solicitor Chester County
- November 16th ALR Chapter meeting Dinner 6:00 p.m., business meeting 7:00 p.m.
- November 20th Memorial Service for Past Finance Officer Comrade Robert (Bob) Johnson. 11:00 a.m. New Life Baptist Church 2825 Ashland Rd. Columbia SC 29210
- December 7th Post 193 Quilt of Valor presentation
- December 9th Post 193 Christmas Party / drop in 6:00 p.m. at our Post Home – one unwrapped Toy per person for Toys for Tots

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





ALR Chapter 193 led the ride for more than 130 motorcycles during the 18th Texas Roadhouse HFOT



Members of Chapter 193 along with ALRSC Director John Siemers and Department Commander Ron Price visited Aiken Post 26 and presented them with their ALR Chapter Charter.



Our ALR Chapter seems to always know where to go to have a good time.



Ms. Wendy Ricker of Halcyon Hospice speaking with Post members at Post meeting