



The American Legion

Chapin Post 193 Inc.

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Commanders Corner



Well it is now November and 2019 is winding down. Everyone has been working hard at recruiting new members and getting current members to renew their membership. Please continue your efforts as it is very important for our Post as well as the American Legion to grow our membership. The last couple of months have been busy and I want to **thank you** for all of your hard work and efforts. Bingo is doing very well and will hopefully in the future continue to thrive and provide us with a recurring income stream. Our First Vice Commander Tom Yeoman has been putting a great deal of energy and effort into finding ways to grow our building fund. Please take a little time to review the enclosed memo that he has written with his plan for reaching our goal of having our own building. There are many events on our calendar between now and the end of the year. During this time of the year everyone is busy with family and friends, getting ready for Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. If you are available to attend or participate in any of our events, please do so I am sure you will be glad you did. I hope to see you at the Christmas Party.

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

Adjutant



How do you want to help? Post 193 has so many opportunities for members to plug in. None to terribly taxing, mostly all that is required is showing up. Dave Schimsa's Veterans Breakfast every Monday, Post meetings, We Care food pickups (Tues @ Thurs). Bingo monthly, parades, Boys State committees, Oratorical Contest, Quilts of Valor ceremonies, Recruiting outings, numerous committees (Membership, Home Team, Finance, Bingo, Election and Officer nominating) just to name a few. We have a great team, but every team needs new blood and ideas. Get off the sidelines, strap on your helmet and get in the game, we don't care if you're an every down lineman in the mud or a special teams player who sees the field 3 times a game. We have something for you, just ask.

James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



The Chapter had a busy November with Veterans Parades in Lexington, Newberry and Chapin. The Riders canceled annual Community Appreciation Hot Dog Cookout that was rescheduled at Boland's Ace Hardware on 23 November after having it rained out on the 16th. December is shaping up to be another busy month as well. The Blue Knights Toys For Tots Ride starts things off on 1 December at 1100 at Bluff Road National Guard Armory. Next up will be the Veterans Ride to Dorn VA Hospital on 8 December at 1400 at Carolina Honda on Buckner road. Wreaths Across America escort to Ft. Jackson National Cemetery is on 13 December. The Riders will meet at the Hardee's in Ballentine at 0700 a.m. and proceed to Lowe's on US Hwy 1 in W. Columbia and then to G&P Trucking in Gaston to start the escort to Ft. Jackson. On 14 December we will participate and lead the Toy Run for The Newberry Boys Farm. This ride will be videoed and made into a national promotion for Ace Hardware. The Chapter will form up at Boland's Ace Hardware at 1200.

The 193 Riders look forward to bringing some joy to both children and veterans during the Holiday Season. Chapter 193 would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

Post Historian



Do you ever think about history, other than to remember the classes you were required to take in school? Have you ever considered that YOU are a part of history every day? We all know that we are statistics on many levels, from living on or off the grid to the color of our hair and what kind of car we drive. But, if you think about it, we are constantly making history. It does not have to be momentous at the time but consider that momentous events are a compilation of individual decisions and actions that may, or may not, seem significant.

That is how we can look at the history of the American Legion and, specifically, Post 193. Everything starts with an idea from at least one person that is vocalized and shared with others. That is how the American Legion was born in 1919. After World War I, a group of 20 officers from the American Expeditionary Force was told by Headquarters to come up with ideas to improve morale. They were in France, had just finished fighting on foreign ground for years, did not know exactly when they would be home (no flights home!) and the Soldiers had plenty of time to think about home and their own futures. Morale was an issue. While others may have had the same idea, LTC Theodore Roosevelt Jr., proposed an organization of veterans. From that single proposition to a group of like-minded individuals, the American Legion has grown to a force of nearly 2 million members with a community and political voice. Membership is open to any American citizen who served at least one day on federal active duty during a qualifying period and has a discharge other than dishonorable. The two qualifying periods cover World War I and then the period beginning with December 7, 1941 through present day.

How did this help morale, then and now? Life with a purpose is important in the American culture. The Four Pillars of the American Legion give us all a purpose in our communities, and on the national level. The four pillars of the American Legion are Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.

Briefly, out of these four pillars have come many programs and activities. Developing from the pillar of Veterans Affairs has come: Access to VA Care; Better Funding Formula; Support for Veterans with Special Needs; Career Opportunities; the GI Bill; Employment and Business; Heroes to Hometowns; Volunteering; Final Respects. From National Security, we have support for a Strong National Defense; interest in the Military Quality of Life; Homeland Security; Foreign Relations; insistence on a Full Accounting of POW/MIAs; and Operation Comfort Warriors. Americanism leads us to concerns for Flag Protection; Illegal Immigration; Voter Registration and Participation; Boy Scouts; The Pledge of Allegiance; and Establishment-Clause Lawsuits. And finally, the pillar of Children & Youth has led us to issues of Catastrophic Illness; Intellectual Disabilities; Immunization; Family Integrity; Media Violence; Drug Abuse; and Child Sexual Exploitation.

So, how does Post 193, our American Legion Riders, and our Auxiliary fit into this picture of service to our country depicted by the Four Pillars? Even though individually we do not always realize what is happening, we are highly involved in the community on many levels. We support and/or raise money for We Care, American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Girls State (Auxiliary), pediatric cancer research and care, Unaccompanied Veteran funerals, and community support activities such as a free hotdog lunch at a local business, and events like Halloween at the Park at Crooked Creek, just to name a few. We participate in patriotic events for public and home school children and offer breakfast every Monday morning at the American Legion Building.

Linda Warren

Chaplains Corner

Remember, all these activities and opportunities to support our community and nation evolved from one idea from one person. One idea from one person can make a difference and can make history. YOU are a part of history.



Little things make a big difference. We often don't follow through with the thoughts of action that come to us because we think that it is so small and insignificant that it would not make a difference. When I started sending out cards to the folks on our Comrades Care List I was thinking, a little ole card is not going to make a difference. I was wrong! I got quite a lot of expressions of thanks for the cards. Little things do make a big difference. I recently heard a story of a veteran that had planned his suicide but before his day to do it, he was awarded a Quilt of Valor and it touched him so deeply that he changed his plan. To make it personal I recently had surgery and it surprised me how comforting it was to receive a text, a call or hug just an expression of caring. So many shared that not only they were praying for me, but they had requested their friends to pray for me. Thank you to all of you. There are so many ways to reach out and touch someone and you never know that your "touch" may be a turning point in someone else's life. Never underestimate the power of your touch if GOD is reaching through your heart to minister to someone. Jesus said that just a cup of water if passed from HIM through your hands to those that are thirsty could be a life changing gift. Think small, act small, look for small opportunities then ask GOD to amplify and magnify your acts of love and make them sufficient for the need.

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 Robinson, and Past Commander, Bill Haggard.

Doug Abramson's son activated and in preparation for deployment

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

Gerald White – outpatient treatment

Joe Grimaud – in hospice care

Tom Yeoman – mother in hospice care

Sam Ezell – therapy at Heritage Lowman

Ken King – knee surgery

Richard Mullinax - thyroid removal surgery

Claire Fincher – broken arm

Bill Moser – granddaughter

Benny Mellon – knee replacement recovery

Ken Sullivan – stroke recovery

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

Auxiliary



Membership is now at 28 and our goal is to have 30 members. This will be the first time in years we have obtained our goal. It is exciting to have new ladies join our Unit. The Auxiliary members will be donating cookies to the troops at Ft. Jackson for Exodus. If you would like to donate cookies, they need to be packaged 6 per bag and dropped off on December 18 at 5:00 at the Post. We are also collecting items for the Central Midlands Transitional Retreat which provides transitional housing for Veterans. A flier is attached. You can drop off items at the Monday breakfast or email cgoulet08@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

Anne Richardson/President

Calendar of Events

- December 3 Chapin Theatre presentation of Bah Humbug a Christmas Story. All Post 193 members invited to attend final full dress rehearsal. Please be seated by 7:15 p.m.
- December 14 Newberry Boys Farm Toy Drive 2:00 p.m. Line up Boland's starting at 12:00 p.m.
- December 9 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m. ALR Executive Committee Meeting 7:30p.m.
- December 10 Post 193 Christmas Party 6:00 p.m. - \$20.00 per person bring unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.
- December 13 Wreaths Across America **escort and unloading** of wreaths at the Ft. Jackson Cemetery. 10:00 a.m. at cemetery to unload (bring gloves)
- December 14 Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Ft. Jackson National Cemetery, 12:00 p.m. at cemetery to unload (bring gloves)
- December 18 ALR Chapter meeting

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



Gerald White and Paul Holliday taking a break after a nice meal at the conclusion of the Newberry Veterans Day Parade.



Post 193 members took a little time on Veterans Day to educate a class of homeschooled children about Veterans and Service.



Post 193 members listening to Chaplain Mullinax as he speaks during Post Veterans Day Ceremony at the Chapin library



Halloween at the Park was once again a great success! Great job by everyone involved.