



The American Legion

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Chapin Post 193 Inc.
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Commanders Corner



Fellow Legionnaires I hope that this newsletter reaches each of you in good health and in good spirits. These days we are all traveling in uncharted waters and we must remain open minded and flexible as we try to figure out how best to move forward. Due to the situation caused by COVID -19 the American Legion at the national and state level have voted on and approved for all current officers to remain in their position for the 2020 – 2021 membership year. In the best interest of our Post the Post 193 Executive Committee has voted on and unanimously approved that the current officers will remain in place for the 2020 – 2021 membership year. I am thankful that all our officers were willing to stay on for an additional year and I believe it will greatly benefit our membership. Our state leaders are slowly opening our state back up for business and we are slowly but surely headed towards what is going to be our new normal. Based on the current COVID-19 situation in our state, Post 193 will not hold any events other than our blood drive scheduled for the 11th of May 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hopefully in June we will have a good handle on this terrible virus and we will be able to gather again.

The past couple of months have been filled with many challenges, trials and tribulations for some of our Post and community members. I am thankful that we have members within our Post and auxiliary who are willing to help and provide assistance where and when needed. Just the smallest gesture could mean the world to that one person that is faced with what could be the toughest time in their life. Thank you to all of you that are reaching out and being that ray of hope and providing a little joy to those in need.

As we move into the new membership year, I would like every member of our Post to consider joining one of our committees. We need to have more committees that can take the lead on the numerous programs and functions that we host and or participate in each year. A couple examples would be the Membership Committee, Building Committee, Christmas Party Committee, Boys State, Ways and Means, Baseball, Finance and numerous others. If you are talented with social media or web pages you may want to take the lead on keeping our webpage up to date and or keeping our Facebook page filled with relevant and informative information. We have a great Post and we get a lot done but we could be so much better if we could leverage more of the talent and skills that are out there amongst our members. All this being said I do understand that we have many members that are still working, have family obligations, travel often or are heavily involved in other organizations and may not be able to devote a great deal of time. I just ask that if you can help or assist please do.

Please be safe out there and if you need assistance with anything let myself or one of our Post Officers know and we will do all we can to assist.

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

Adjutant



Greetings from the Adjutant's desk. While everything has come to a halt in our American Legion family, now is the time to think about how we want to come together in the future and build our post even stronger. One way to is to lead by example, seek out ways to volunteer and make our entire community stronger while we fix our economy, heal our community, state and nation. We can lead by example, and our members have been doing just that. Our "We Care" pick up team has been working through the Covid-19 issues and continues to pick up at grocery stores and deliver food to the food bank. We have been helping our former

Commander deal with her spouse's health and some problems around in and in her house. I just attended an ALR event for post member Joe Grimaud's funeral, we did a drive through at the funeral home around the corner. I'm sure during this time of confinement it meant the world to his family to see those bikes pay respect to Joe. Please keep safe and adhere to social distancing guidelines. We have been spared greatly compared to other areas in the country and world. But this virus is still affecting us here in Chapin, 22 residents at Lowman Home have been diagnosed with the virus, so be vigilant, respect the guidelines and continue to help your neighbors the best way you know how.

James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



Hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. The stay at home order has curtailed all of the chapter's activities. We still have rifle raffle tickets for sale. The drawing will be held 30 May. 1st prize is an AR-10 rifle and 2nd prize is a S&W 45 pistol. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 or 7 for \$20.00. Contact me or any rider for tickets. All proceeds from the sale of the tickets will go to The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. Be safe, maintain distance and wash your hands. We will get through this together.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

Chaplains Corner



Trust, who do you trust? I trust God and I trust God's **WORD**. When I fail to understand God's **WORD** I don't question God's **WORD**, I question my lack of knowledge and understanding of God's **WORD**. But, in troubling times as these that we are going through now, who can you trust? I trust good, good leaders that we elect at all levels of our society and organizations. Men and women that have proven themselves competent and trustworthy. When I find myself in disagreement with our leader's I'm reminded that they have available to them facts that I am unaware of. At

the national level, our president has some of the most brilliant minds, some of the most dedicated people, and the best experts in our nation to advise him. Then there are those that think that they know better than him even though they have no knowledge of the subject matter nor do they have competent advisors. At all levels of leadership, you will be defeated if you let criticism stop you. This past Saturday I was privileged to be on the Department Executive Committee and observe our Executive Committee in action. There were several decisions that were made that would have been inconceivable just a couple months ago. I was very impressed to see the dedication to our comrades and their families in making hard decisions to protect our people. We are operating in uncharted waters right now, normally we would follow rules and regulations, or we would fall back on past rituals and traditions but there are no past rituals or traditions, we've never face situation like this virus before. Our Post is facing different challenges than we had planned for. We've had to cancel several programs that are very important to us. We don't know when this situation will allow us to get back to a more normal time. I'm thankful that we have leaders in our post that we can trust to do the right thing for our membership. When our post leaders make decisions that you don't understand I trust that you will remember that they probably have access to facts that are not available to you. I trust that you will consider their past decisions and remember that they have led us in the right direction. In these trying times lets demand good leaders and also determine that we will be good followers of those

competent leaders that we chose to lead us. Our leaders are trying to lead us to carry out our commitment to represent God and teach our community to honor Him and to lead our community to be patriotic and loyal to our oath.

All 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, Past Commander, Joyce Mustard, , Hal Morrison, Coach Frank Singleton, Pearl White, Joe Keilb (Jim Pepper's brother-in-law), Past Commander, Richard Strobel, Bill Smith, Jerry Robbins, and Past Commander, Bob Haggard.

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

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

Gerald White – outpatient treatment

Tom Yeoman – Foot surgery recovery and mother in hospice

Ken King – knee surgery recovery

Clare Fincher – Alzheimer's

Benny Mellon – knee replacement recovery

Ken Sullivan – stroke recovery

Bill Mustard – in Prisma hospital

Bill Moser's - grand daughter

Walt Richardson, Dept. Commander – recovery from knee replacement, Floyd Rogers – shoulder surgery recovery, Gunny Kuhns – hip replacement surgery recovery

Robert Ashmore – surgery recovery (Chuck Ashmore's son)

David Kelly – tumor in neck (Bill Moser's father-in-law)

Diane Cook – (Linda Warren's friend)

John Wayne Sandel and wife Diane

Joe Grimaud – Keep his family in prayer as they celebrate his homegoing

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

Auxiliary



As everyone knows the COVID-19 virus has suspended normal operations for almost everything. We were not able to have our April meeting.

Palmetto Girls State has also been suspended for the 2020 encampment.

The ALA National Convention that is held in August as well as the ALA State Convention that is held in May have been suspended as well. These are unprecedented times and I know it is difficult for all of us. We are continuing to look for officers for the 2020/2021 year and would love to have some new people decide to help us run the Auxiliary. We will be happy to train anyone that is interested. Please get in touch with Anne, Carmen or Linda if you are interested. We will be putting out a slate of

officers very soon. The most important thing is for each of us to stay safe and take care of your family and each other.

Anne Richardson/President

Calendar of Events

May 11 American Legion Post 193 BLOOD DRIVE!! 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
COME SUPPORT AND GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!! @ (POST HOME)

May 25 Memorial Day

- June 8 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m. - ALR Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- June 11 Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m., (dinner 6:15 p.m.)
- June 14 Army Birthday/Flag day
- June 16 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/>

Highlights



Throwback from April 2012 Community Service Day – Looks like hot dogs for everyone!



Chapter 193 Riders had an opportunity to get in a little wind therapy while maintaining social distancing