



The American Legion

Chapin Post 193 Inc.

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Commanders Corner



Fellow Legionnaires, this will be my last message as commander of Post 193. This year has flown by. It's been an interesting year. We had two hurricanes, our 1st Vice Commander was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident and missed most of the year, yet the Post carried on with the help of a lot of the members. I'm thankful for the officers' dedication to the advancement of the Post. I'm especially thankful for the help and guidance that was given me by Steve Goulet. I also am in awe of the growth of our Monday breakfast group. Dave Schimsa does wonders and has taken a lead in revitalizing the members and improving the facilities of the Post. We had a lot of our members to pass on to the Post Everlasting and they will be missed. The Post is adding new members to take their place and we seem to be growing at a good pace. I would like to see more of our members step up and help out with the many projects and causes that the Post undertakes. You have elected a great group of officers for next year and I see only good things for this Post now and in the future. I'm humbled and very thankful for the opportunity that you gave me to be you commander. I'll always be ready to help out any way that I can. I love this Post and everyone in our Legion Family. Please support Steve Goulet as your commander for the coming year and all of the officers of the Post. If we all work together, we can do anything. I hope everyone has a safe and peaceful Memorial Day. May God bless and keep you always.

John Siemers/For God and Country – “We Can Build It”

Adjutant

Memorial Day ceremony at Town Hall went well, all the politicians came out, including our very own Walt Richardson. He did a good job representing the American Legion and Post 193. Thanks to Jim Schafer for coordinating and all the participants. It was a little warm, and I will accept that as being why the turnout was a bit light. I challenge all our Post members to make a concentrated effort to invite family, neighbors and friends next year to YOUR Posts Memorial Day Ceremony. This is and should be our biggest celebration and turnout of the year for the American Legion. We live in a great state, wonderful community and have a very strong Post. Let's show the rest of the country how to do it right.



James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



The Chapter has had a great year. We are growing and now have 57 members. Several of the Riders will leave on Friday the 24th of May to ride to Washington, DC to participate in the last Rolling Thunder event to be held there. The members that aren't going will be helping out with the Post Memorial Day Service at Chapin town hall. I would like to thank everyone that contributed and sponsored to The Legacy Fund. We will be presenting our check at the State Convention. Please remember to look out for motorcycles as you drive, because as the weather gets warmer there will be more bikes on the road. I wish everyone a safe Memorial Day.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

Chaplain



What a wonderful day of remembering our HERO's. Even though we know that they are dead from this world, they will live forever in our hearts and in the hearts of our children and the hearts of our grandchildren and to all that will pause to hear us as we remember them. We march, we sing, we salute, we pledge, we parade in their memory and in every way that we can think of we honor them. Freedom is not free, they did their part and now it is our turn to do our part. Let's exercise the freedom that was purchased with the blood of our brothers and sisters that paid the ultimate price. We must always be diligent that our liberties aren't taken from us or stolen from us, legislated from us or voted away from us. The greatest lie being pushed upon us today is that we should not offend anyone with our Patriotism, our flag, our music, our Christianity, our rituals and traditions. On this Memorial Day I remember what war was all about, I remember the price so many paid in those past wars, I swore allegiance to the same constitution as they did and I will always protect those liberties and our freedoms with the same determination as they did. If my actions, rituals and traditions offend you...you have a problem. I'm a Christian. I'm a veteran. I'm very Patriotic. I believe in law and order. My beliefs are worth defending and if anyone is offended with my Americanism...THEY have a problem. This 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, Joyce Mustard, Past Commander, Hal Morrison, Roy Nelson, Coach Frank Singleton, Pearl White, Joe Keilb (Jim Pepper's brother-in-law), Richard Strobel, Past Commander, Bill Smith, Charley Thorton (Benny Melton's friend).

Bob Johnson - eye surgery

Past Commander Bob Haggard - at Lexington Medical Center, call for room number

Dave Schmisa - stepfather in law has heart condition

Marcus Reese - knee surgery

Ed Abston - son recovering from accident

Gerald White - outpatient treatment

Ed Gohn "Fingers" - accident recovery

Richard Mullinax Sr./Post Chaplain - For God and Country, If you believe it you'll be recruiting for it.

Ladies Auxiliary



The Auxiliary hosted the PGS delegates on May 19 for a meet and greet. All 6 delegates were present along with 2 of last years' delegates. Once again this get together provided the new delegates with the information and confidence that they need to be successful at Girls State. New officers were elected for the 2019/2020 year: President - Anne Richardson, VP - Carol Rogers, Secretary - Carmen Goulet, Sgt At Arms - Kathy Smith, Treasurer - Sharron Ostrander, Chaplain - Jodi Donnelly, Historian - Carmen Goulet. Committee Chairpersons are: PGS - Nancy Graham, National Security - Kathy Smith, Poppy - Michele Johnson. Please join me in congratulating these officers and committee chairs. The installation will be conducted at June meeting by Christie Rucker - District 5 President.

Anne Richardson/President

Calendar Events

- June 9 Boys State American Legion Night, Anderson University – Reception – 6:00 p.m. @ Ross Anderson Student Center, opening ceremony @ Henderson Auditorium 7:30 pm.
- June 10 Executive Committee meeting 6:15 p.m.
- June 13 Regular Membership meeting 7:00 p.m., dinner 6:15 p.m.
Installation of newly elected Post Officers.
- June 18 ALR Chapter meeting 7:00 p.m., dinner 6:15 p.m.
- June 19 Executive Committee planning meeting 7:00 p.m..
- July 8 Executive Committee meeting 6:15 p.m.
- July 11 Regular Membership meeting 7:00 p.m., dinner 6:15 p.m.

More calendar items can be seen on the Post webpage at www.americanlegionpost193.com
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Reminder: Post 193 is open every from **Monday morning 0800-1100**. Come on by and have some coffee, breakfast and a little comradery.

Highlights



Armed Forces Day at the Toad, running a booth at benefit for Hidden Wounds



Raffle ticket sales and membership drive at Boland's



Commander Siemers, Legionnaires Richardson, Pepper and Lindsay receiving a check from The Central Carolina Community Foundation