



The American Legion

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

September 2021

Commanders Corner



This September has been a busy time for our Post and I for one am glad that it is about over. We started the month with the Chapin Labor Day Parade and festivities which went very well. We led the parade with our ALR Chapter, Gerald White being chauffeured in an old Army jeep and our Legion float with a number of our Post members waving to the crowd along the street. We ran a very successful concession stand and once again this year we sold out all of our BBQ sandwiches. Our information booth was well attended and we were also able to sell a few of our motorcycle raffle tickets. We finished off the day picking up all of the trash receptacles and taking the trash to the dump which is another fundraiser our post has been doing for at least the last 10 years. It was a very long day and a very successful day in many ways.

The day after Labor Day we hosted our Jail and Bail Thank You Reception. This was a wonderful event well attended by many of our members and a good deal of the folks that made donations or were sponsors of the Chapin Women in Service Jail and Bail fundraiser. Our Post did a very nice job putting this event together as well as executing the event. I cannot express just how grateful we are for the exceptional work of the Chapin Women in Service. They not only raised a huge amount of money for our building fund but they also helped with decorating the reception and getting tablecloths for the event. The event was catered by the Blue Marlin and our Post Auxiliary Unit 193 took care of the desserts. The food was very good and the desserts provided by the Auxiliary were fantastic as they always are. I often wonder what we would do without such an active and supportive Auxiliary Unit.

This month we held our Post picnic instead of our monthly meeting. Before our picnic began, we took time to hold our POW-MIA remembrance and Post Everlasting ceremonies. The ceremonies went well and gave us an opportunity to remember those Service members still missing and our fellow comrades who passed away during the last year. The food was very good and plentiful. The annual gathering was a good opportunity for all of us to catch up and socialize without having to conduct any business.

We closed out the month with an unclaimed Veteran burial on the 24th of September where we interred three previously unclaimed Veterans. The ceremony was well attended and the previously unclaimed Veterans were interred with the dignity, respect and honor they earned and deserve.

Thank you to everyone for your support of our Post activities, events and agenda items.

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

Adjutant



Fellow Legionnaire's, thank you for your overwhelming support in membership renewals for the 2022 year. If you have renewed and have not received your card yet in the mail, don't fret, it's on its way. The ADJ office is a bit back logged with membership, but I promise to have them out in the next week or so. We have had over half our membership renew, and that's a lot of letters and envelopes to address. Besides that, all is well. Enjoyed the Post Picnic and Post Everlasting was a somber, but very important ceremony remembering our fellow Post members who have passed this past year. Bingo is doing very well, come out October

12th and see how fun it is.

James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



Several Riders did a ride to Shanksville, PA and visited the Flight 93 National 9-11 memorial and then toured Gettysburg Battlefield on the way home. On 18 September a few members attended the ALRSC Meet and Greet at Goose Creek Chapter 166, where I had the pleasure to present the charter to ALRSC's newest chapter Dalzell 175. We also had the opportunity to welcome National ALR Southeast Committee Representative Jim Day from Florida. Jim told me he plans to return to participate in ALRSC's Legacy Ride. On 24 September the Chapter acted as escort for the interment of unclaimed veterans at Ft. Jackson National Cemetery. There are still tickets available for the motorcycle raffle, see any Rider to get yours. All funds raised will go to the Post Building Fund. Several members will be participating in the Legacy Ride the second weekend in October, while others will be attending the annual Chapter 193 mountain retreat the same weekend. Also, on 24 October Chapter 193 will be assisting Texas Roadhouse with the annual Homes For Our Troops Ride.

John Siemers /For God and Country/In the Wind

Facility Manager



The Post remains a busy place. Our Post is continuously being used for Legion and community activities. Labor Day was busy with selling BBQ and drinks and hosting the Columbia Model RR club, we hosted the Chapin Volunteer Emergency Team, Chapin Women in Service, Chapin Theater rental, and a Red Cross Blood drive among our other Legion and Riders activities along with the Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast. We have purchased a drink vending machine for the Post. Let me know what your drink recommendations are for us to stock the machine. Cost will be 75 cents per drink (drinks will still be provided with Post and Riders meals). We have also obtained a mailbox to replace our old and unserviceable US flag disposal box for the front of our Post. This is another tremendous service we provide for our community - we dispose of more than 500 flags per quarter. A big thanks to Doug Abramson for installing a key lock on the box. We will need a couple of volunteers to regularly empty the box and transport the unserviceable flags to the flag disposal location - please see me if you would like to assist. A continued big thanks to Mark Stevens, Mike Rowley, and Gunny Kuhns for their help with Monday Mornings Vets Breakfast. We are serving an average of 45 Veterans breakfast every Monday morning and it could not be done without their help.

Update on the New Building Committee - The Jail & Bail fund raiser was a outstanding success. The Chapin Women in Service organization raised \$72,000 towards our Building Fund. Airborne!! We have now raised a total of \$374,739.72 for the Building Fund - fantastic job by everyone. If you have not contributed - either monthly or annually, please think about it and get with the Finance Officer to set up your contributions for our new Post home. We have worked with the Town to get the speed limit in front of our new Post property reduced from 50 mph to 35 mph. This will assist greatly in our egress from the property. The updated civil engineer drawings are displayed in the bay area of the Post. These final drawings will be submitted to the county for our Land Disturbance Permit. More to follow. Stay tuned! We can build it!

Dave Schimsa /For God and Country

Chaplains Corner



Truly realizing God Himself is the Great Satisfier of our Soul is something God Himself must reveal to us. If this is our desire, to believe He's our Highest Joy, He will awaken our hearts to a deeper and deeper understanding and lead us into days of sustained Joy in Him. Paul prays that the eyes of the Ephesians' hearts would be enlightened to the marvelous spiritual truths of the gospel.

God Himself is our Great Reward. *Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward Genesis 15:1b (NIV).*

Joy is fully experienced in the presence of God. *In Your presence is fullness of joy; Psalm 16:11b (NASB).*

Jesus satisfies our deep hunger and thirst. *I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger and he who believes in me will never thirst (John 6:35 NASB).*

If any man is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water' (John 7:37b-38 NASB).

Chew on these and other truths from Scripture which tell us God Himself will fill us to overflowing with lasting satisfaction. Ask Him to make these words come alive in your heart so that they will progressively govern how you live every moment.

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).

John Wayne Fulmer - brother of member Eddie Fulmer in Saluda Rehab Center

Harvey Club - at NHC from Post 139 member & Big John and Jakes boss back in their Air Force days; NHC now limits visitors

Friend Erin Clark - battling cancer

Floyd Rogers - at home and continues to slowly improve (Carol is wife)

Joe Whetstine - recovering from a 7/26 serious bicycle accident. Now walking 4 miles a day (Heidi is his wife)

Dan Berglund - knee surgery

John Graham - was hospitalized on 9/7 for COVID-19, currently in rehab center on 3 liters of oxygen and is in good spirits

Steve Tucker - recovering from recent heart attack, good to see him back at breakfast Mon.

Bill Larochele - back at home after getting a couple of stints 9/20 at Lexington Medical Center

James Blackwell - had a stroke and is now recovering (Tammy is his wife)

Ed Betz - wife Linda had a stroke is now recovering at Lexington Medical Center

Friend Dr. John Ferguson passed away

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

Auxiliary



The gift card arrangement raffle fundraiser at the Labor Day Festival was successful and we made over \$1,000.00. Thanks to all who donated the gift cards. We appreciate you. Ann Richardson and Debra Stout were the winners. The ladies brought a lot of baked goodies to the Jail and Bail reception on Sept 7, thanks for always being willing to do what is needed for our Post. The September picnic was fun and the ladies cooked an enormous amount of great food. The Post Everlasting ceremonies honored Bob Johnson (spouse of Michele Johnson) and Lionel Lester (Ann Richardson's father) and both Auxiliary members were in attendance. It is time for

membership renewal, and we would love to have new members join. Past Commander, Joyce Mustard gave us a donation of \$500.00. We thank her for all she does for us.

Carmen Goulet/President

Calendar of Events

- October 5th Pledge of Allegiance @ Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- October 11th Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- October 12th Bingo at Ole Oak Barn 7:00 p.m. doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bratwurst and pretzels will be served for Octoberfest
- October 13th Post 193 Quilt of Valor presentation 7:00 p.m.
- October 14th Post meeting 6:00 p.m. dinner, business meeting 7:00 p.m.
- October 19th ALR Chapter meeting Dinner 6:00 p.m., business meeting 7:00 p.m.
- October 29th-31st Department Fall Conference

More calendar items can be seen on the Post webpage at www.americanlegionpost193.com
Be sure to visit our Post website at www.chapinamericanlegionpost193.com

Highlights



"You are not Forgotten"



Laying our previously unclaimed Brothers to rest



Unit 193 Auxiliary selling tickets for the gift card arrangements.



Labor Day 2021



What a great day this was! Did you ever think you would be part of a fundraiser that can raise this much money?

"We can Build it"