



# The American Legion

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

January 2022

## Commanders Corner



Our January Post meeting went very well. I appreciate everyone showing up and being active participants. Our Post continues to grow and I cannot overemphasize the importance of having all of us actively engaged in the business of our current and future Post operations. By leveraging our collective talents, skills, knowledge and abilities we will be better able to utilize and plan the use of our resources. There is never a shortage of things that need to get done or a need for a little assistance here and there.

Our membership is continuing to grow. At our January meeting we had two new members in attendance Tommy Bell and Sandra Metzdorf. Sandra even showed up for her first meeting wearing a brand new blue legionaires cap! If you see them around at one of our functions or meetings please be sure to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. I am sure they will be great members of our Post. If you have not paid your 2022 dues then you are delinquent. If you are planning to continue your membership please send in your dues, see the finance officer or renew on line. If you have decided to drop your American Legion membership or transfer out of Post 193 please, just take a minute and send me an email to let me know. Your membership is important. The American Legion is the largest Veteran Service Organization in the nation and as you know there is strength in numbers.

Our New Building Committee Chairman Dave Schimsa provided us with a good deal of information on what is going on out on our property and what some of the immediate and future plans are for our picnic shelter, well drilling, electricity hook up and flag poles. The information was very informative and I believe generated a little excitement. The New Building committee has been working hard on a Capital Campaign plan to raise the money needed to build our new Post Home. We will need everyone on board to raise this money and get our new Post Home built, "We Can Build It." Two years ago did you think that we would have almost 6 acres of land in a prime location out on Amicks Ferry road? Did you think we would have raised almost \$500,000.00 dollars for our building fund? Would you have thought a local non profit would have set up and run a fundraiser for us which would raise over \$78,000.00 for the building fund? It all happened and "We Can Build It."

In February instead of our normal monthly meeting we will once again have our annual Valentine's Day Dinner/Pot luck. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Heidi Donnelly is heading this up and is looking for volunteers to help out and is requesting that everyone RSVP to [heidijdonnely@yahoo.com](mailto:heidijdonnely@yahoo.com). Heidi has already secured a band to play at our gathering and is getting everything together to make the event an enjoyable success.

During our next business meeting in March we will select our nominating committee who will have the responsibility for nominating a slate of officers for the coming year. Do not think you are not needed or wanted as an officer in this Post. I encourage each of you to strongly consider taking on more responsibility in the Post and putting your name in the hat to serve as one of our Post Officers. If not an officer of the Post consider serving as a Committee Chairman such as Boys State, Oratorical, Finance Committee, Memorial Day Committee etc.

"Do Something Now. If not you, who? If not here, where? If not now, when?"

Theodore Roosevelt

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

## Adjutant



Congratulations to Bill Szala on winning 2022 legionnaire of the Year Award. Bill has been married to Lorraine for 50 years, and has two grown children. Bill served in the USMC as a radioman, and spent 21 months in Vietnam, then as an instructor at Marine Corps Base Quantico to train officer candidates. He has 50 years of continuous years of service to the American Legion. During those years he has served as Commander of his first post in the Bronx, NY. Held positions at Post 193 as the We Care Chairman, Boys State committee, Bingo volunteer, Labor Day food sales, and volunteered for just about every situation that has come up at the

post. Along side of his post duties he has faithfully served SC United FC Soccer for 25 years running the concession stand. If you've been to a Post 193 function you have seen Bill Szala in some capacity, if you haven't seen Bill, well then you haven't been around the post much. If the latter is the case, I invite you to come out to any post function and get to know Bill, we all need to strive to have such a servant's heart.

James Pepper/For God and Country

## ALR Chapter Director



Chapter 193 is currently assisting with selling rifle raffle tickets to help raise money for the Post Building Fund. Our annual breakfast at Zorba's is scheduled for the 2nd of April. Tickets and more information will be coming soon. Chapter 193 will be hosting the next ALRSC EC meeting on March 19th. At the January meeting, Rich Chamberlain was selected as our chapter Rider of the Year. On March 26th we will be riding to support N. Augusta Chapter 71 with their fundraising ride. The Riders look forward to another great year of helping veterans, youth and the

community.

John Siemers /For God and Country/In the Wind

## Facility Manager/NBC Chair



We served 46 Veterans breakfast this past Monday morning, and are averaging 170 breakfasts a month. As a reminder the Monday morning breakfasts are for Veterans only. We are scheduling a "all hands" brunch for all Post members and family on Saturday, 5 March - times and menu TBA. If we get enough positive feedback we will make this a once a quarter event. A big thanks to Mark Stevens, Mike Rowley, Gunny Kuhns, and Allen Amir for their help on Monday mornings. They not only help prepare and serve the food but also spend a significant amount of time cleaning up after breakfast is served. A big thanks to our Post Engineer, Doug

Abramson for building a storage closet for our Bingo Committee - it will greatly assist the Bingo Committee in securing and storing all of the equipment used to run bingo. The Post continues to support the community and other Veterans groups. This past month the Post was used for a Quilts of Valor presentation, a Eagle Scout ceremony (to include Z's & Tina's son, Jack), the Chapin Women in Service Christmas luncheon, the Chapin Theater, and, of course, our awesome Christmas party.

**New Building report:** The permits for Land Disturbance, the Picnic Shelter, and the temporary power pole for the new site have all been approved. Work on the picnic shelter will begin this coming week and we have sufficient parking for everyone to enjoy the picnic shelter as soon as it warms up a bit. We'll have some work days coming up to burn a few brush piles and create a path from the parking area to the picnic shelter. Stand by for work party details. However, what we need now are additional construction funds. We don't want to start clearing the site before we can start construction, and we can't start construction until we add approximately another \$400,000 in construction funds. The New Building Committee is working hard to execute the Capital Campaign Plan, but a significant portion of our projected income are donations by our members. We would collect nearly half of the dollars we need to begin construction if every member donated just \$50 per month for 2022. Look for more information to come your way, but get with the Finance Officer now and secure your pledge to help us get the new Post built.

Dave Schimsa /For God and Country

## Chaplains Corner



### Flight 2022 Instructions

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022. We are preparing to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your positive attitude and gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position.

All self-destructive habits and devices including pride, pity, anger, selfishness, and resentment should be turned off at this time. All unforgiveness, living in the past, negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be stowed away.

Should you lose your positive attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith.

There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.

God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off. Destination – Greatness.

Wishing you a New year filled with new hope, new joy, and new beginnings!

Go forth and make this year count for God and country!

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.

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Ernie Massaro, Joyce Mustard, Past Commander, Hal Morrison, Jerry Robbins, and Joe Keilb, (Jim Pepper's brother-in-law).

Warren Alexander – who is recovering from a December respiratory infection

Ed Betz - wife Linda recovering at home from a Sept stroke

James Blackwell – recovering from a Sept stroke; home Nov 2nd (wife Tammy)

Rich Chamberlain – pending results from Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> endoscopy and Jan 11th PET scan

Friend Erin (Clark) Goshea – as of Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, she is now cancer free for now

Harvey Club – at home now; 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 15<sup>th</sup> recovering;(wife Nancy)

Jack Hulett – January 24<sup>th</sup> heart procedure pending

Bill Larochelle – back home – outpatient rehab after stints (wife Donna)

Joyce Mustard – recovery from Dec 24<sup>th</sup> back surgery

Wayne Davis - a Korean War Marine is at VA hospital in Durham, Donna Tsukayama's friend

Dominic (Army vet) and Diane Gallo – Tina Krompecher's parents, Zoltan's in-laws

Kenneth (Skipper) Sullivan – awaiting hemoglobin test results

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

## Auxiliary



During our meeting we reviewed a few of the activities we participated in during December. Jean, Kathy, Seanne and Barbara (Kathy's sister) made 11 neck pillows which were to be given to deploying National Guard troops in January. Between our members and Francis Bissett's group over 1000 bags of cookies, fudge and snack mix were given to the troops who were held over at Ft. Jackson during Christmas break. Thanks to all who donated and made cookies, fudge and snack mix. Thank you to all who participated in the We Care Christmas gift program. Items were taken to the Central Midlands Transitional Retreat. Thanks to those who donated. Our

membership is now up to 32 members and we hope to keep growing. Please rsvp to Heidi Donnelly for the Valentines Dinner/Potluck, her contact information is below in the events. We need volunteers for Bingo concessions, please volunteer to come out and help at a bingo game at least one time this year. From start to finish you can count on spending just three hours. Palmetto Girls State interviews will come up in mid-March and we need at least 6 ladies to help with interviews. Please ask Nancy or Carmen about what it is you will need to do to help us pick our candidates.

Carmen Goulet/President

## Calendar of Events

February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 p.m. at Town Council meeting (Tony McCall)
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo at Old Oak Barn 5:30 p.m. doors open games begin at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Post 193 Valentine's Day Party/Pot Luck 6:00 p.m. at our Post Home
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	District #1 Meeting at Post 193, 10:00 a.m. (members welcome)
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	ALR Chapter meeting, dinner 6:00 p.m., business meeting 7:00 p.m.
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 p.m. @ Town Council meeting (Dan Goldston)
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Chapin Post 193 Family Brunch 10:00 a.m. – RSVP required

**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](http://www.americanlegionpost193.com)



**RSVP for Valentines Drop in / Pot Luck**  
**Heidi Donnelly - [heidijdonnaelly@yahoo.com](mailto:heidijdonnaelly@yahoo.com)**  
**[\(2\) Chapin Post 193 Valentine's Banquet | Facebook](#)**

# Highlights



**Mr. William Lynch location Manager for Thompson Funeral Homes stopped in to present a check for \$750.00 for the Post 193 Building Fund.**



**Congratulations to Legionnaire Rich Chamberlain who was selected as our 2021 ALR Chapter 193 Rider of the Year.**



**Congratulations to Legionnaire William (Bill) Szala who was selected as our 2021 Legionnaire of the Year.**



**Thank You Chapin High School for the invitation to the CHS Military Duals Wrestling Tournament.**