



# The American Legion

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## Chapin Post 193 Inc.

P.O. Box 897, Chapin, SC 29036-0897

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### Commanders Corner



March has certainly been an interesting month. When we finally kick this COVID -19 in the butt we will all have some very interesting stories to share about our experience. I do hope that all of you and your families are doing ok and that this terrible disease and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> order effects of it are not getting the best of you. This is no doubt a huge challenge for our country, but I am confident we will win this battle and in time get back to normal.

Given our current situation we will not have a meeting in April and our Monday morning Veteran breakfast will not be held until further notice. Please keep in mind that the Post Nominating Committee is still looking for Post members in good standing who would like to serve in one of the Post leadership positions. In accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws any member who desires can run for any position from the Commander on down. As the slate stands right now, either the incumbent is willing to stay on for another year or someone else has volunteered to fill the position. Between now and our meeting in May in order to keep everyone informed I will be sending out more emails than I normally do so please bear with me and if you have any questions please just reach out via email or by phone.

Our Bingo games have been cancelled until further notice, but our Bingo Committee is continuing to prepare for the day that we hold our first game in the new location. When that day comes, I ask that all of you make it a point to show up and support our BINGO program. Our Memorial Day ceremony will once again be held at the Chapin Town Hall with a reception to follow in the Community Room. Our Historian is working to get the Chapin NJROTC to assist us this year with the ceremony by serving as the Honor Guard to raise the Colors and Third Vice Zoltan Krompecher is working on getting us a guest speaker. After hearing Jodi and Heidi Donnelly and Ann Richardson sing at Walt's homecoming I am hoping that they will volunteer to sing the National Anthem at our Memorial Day ceremony as well. Stay well and be safe, if you need anything please do not hesitate to ask. I look forward to the next time we can get together and not have to worry about shaking each other's hand or dining at the same table.

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

### Adjutant



Wow, how fast things can change in the blink of an eye. Although we haven't felt the brunt of the virus here in SC, let's be responsible and make sure to look out for each other. Call your buddies at the Post and simply say hello. Ask if they need any food or supplies brought over. These are the times when we need camaraderie, be cautious and diligent, but remember your friends. We can get you a list of members if you'd like, just ask. Certainly, will miss eating Dave's gourmet breakfast for a bit, but looking forward to seeing all you soon.

James Pepper/For God and Country

## ALR Chapter Director



Chapter 193 had a very successful breakfast fund raiser. We were able to raise over \$2,000.00, which will be donated to the American Legion Legacy Fund. During this national emergency with the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, the Riders will be suspending most of the events that we participate in. Please pray for our nation and follow the instructions of our national, state, and local leaders in this time of crisis.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

## Chaplains Corner



You have all heard, "idle hands are the devils workshop" but our President has told us to shelter at home until this virus is contained or run it's course. Just because you are quarantined at home doesn't mean that you can't still stay very busy. The more that I do around the house, the more that I find that needs to be done. My phone has demanded more of my time than I would have ever thought. I've had some phone visits that have been very inspiring and I've called several people that I've wanted to chat with for some time. I hope that all of you are checking on comrades, family and friends to see that they have everything that they need. Sometimes the

greatest gift that you can give someone is a few minutes of your attention, a card or a phone call. Buddy check is a good way to verify that no one is sitting at home getting lonely and depressed. Just recently I was going through a few weeks of stress and I got a Buddy Check and I would find it very difficult to put a monetary value on what that meant to me. Call me if you need phone numbers to reach someone that God has laid on your heart to call. Be sure to pass any needs that you discover along to me or the Commander so that we can take action. With some free-time available this would be a great time to begin a time of meditation, start a Bible reading program or join an online Bible study. Don't sit by and let this time go to waste. Listen for that small still voice that is prompting you to action. 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, 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 Robbins, and Past Commander, Bill Haggard.

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

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

Gerald White – outpatient treatment

Joe Grimaud – in hospice care

Tom Yeoman – Foot surgery recovery and mother in hospice

Ken King – knee surgery

Clare Fincher – Alzheimer's

Benny Mellon – knee replacement recovery

Ken Sullivan – stroke recovery

Bill Mustard – hip surgery recovery

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)

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

## Auxiliary



Our March meeting was attended by 16 members and 3 new potential members. We discussed many of our projects for the upcoming months. Nancy reported that the Palmetto Girls State interviews would be held March 18 and March 19. We were not able to hold these interviews due to the cancellation of school and concerns over COVID-19. We have several projects that we hope we will be able to still participate in. Community Service Day is April 25<sup>th</sup> and we always support this with the post. The Memorial Day Ceremony is planned on May 25<sup>th</sup> and Poppy Day is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be supporting the Post and the veterans. The Post supported the Homecoming for the Department Commander. The Auxiliary handled decorations and food preparation. It was a great success. Thanks to everyone that helped and who was able to come to the celebration. Each month we will support the Midlands Transitional Institute in Lexington. The items for April are towels/washcloths and body wash. We will see how the Virus affects our events and projects for the rest of the spring. Let’s hope we are able to follow through. 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

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| May 11 <sup>th</sup> | Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m. ALR Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.  |
| May 11 <sup>th</sup> | American Legion Post 193 BLOOD DRIVE!! 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.<br><b><u>COME SUPPORT AND GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!! @ (POST HOME)</u></b> |
| May 14 <sup>th</sup> | Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m., (dinner 6:15 p.m.)  |
| May 19 <sup>th</sup> | ALR Chapter meeting   |
| May 25 <sup>th</sup> | Memorial Day Ceremony at Chapin Town Hall 10:00 a.m.  |
| 28-31 May            | Department of SC Annual Convention – \$25.00 <b>Money due ASAP</b>  |
| June 7 <sup>th</sup> | Boys State American Legion Night, Anderson University   |
| June 8 <sup>th</sup> | Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m. ALR Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.  |

More calendar items can be seen on the Post webpage at [www.americanlegionpost193.com](http://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



If you see these three, please be sure to make them feel welcome as they are three of our newest members! From (L to R) Steve Turner, Robert Cook and Heidi Donnelly. Each of them received their very own Chapin Post 193 ball cap. Welcome!



The Homecoming for Department Commander Walt Richardson was a great time of fellowship and comradery. Walt received several gifts, Bill Wilson put fire to a very tasty hog which delighted everyone and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Anne Richardson received a nice bouquet of roses. It was great welcoming Walt home and having the National Commander spend time visiting with our great Post members.



Back row from left to right: Vick Burrell, Alden Gainey, J.R. Hamill, John Siemers, Steve Goulet

Front row from left to right  
Cal Coy, William Chick, Joyce Mustard, Tom Fincher, Cletis Smith



Many thanks to Keith and Daniel for their continuing support of the Post 193 "We can Build It Fund" Both of them received their "We Can Build it Fund" coin during our March meeting.

