

# AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

May 2022

## Commander



May is about over as is my time as the Post 193 Commander. It has been a privilege and an honor for me to serve each of you and I am excited about the direction our Post is headed. I will continue to remain active in all facets of our post and will do all I can to assist our soon-to-be Commander Mark Harvey. I am certain that Mark will do a great job and that he is the right person at the right time to serve as the Commander of this great Post.

Post elections were held during our May meeting and congratulations are in order for each of the Legionnaires listed below who will be installed and assume leadership positions during our meeting in June.

Cdr., Mark Harvey; 1st Vice Cdr., Tom Yeoman; 2nd Vice Cdr., Jim Schafer; 3rd Vice Cdr., Susan Reynolds; Adjutant, Steve Goulet; Finance Officer, George Donnelly; Facility Manager, Dave Schimsa; Service Officer, Moses Cohen; Historian, Linda Warren; Chaplain, Jude Peck; JAG Officer, David Knight and Sgt at Arms, William Truesdale. Thank you to all of our officers from the current year who stayed on and to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cdr. Heidi Donnelly and Post Adjutant Bill Mosier for their work and leadership during the past year. They have served our post well and I am certain that their experience, knowledge and expertise will be invaluable to our newly elected leadership. They have done a fantastic job for all of us and I am more than thankful for their support and contributions over the last year.

Our dedication ceremony this past Saturday went very well and was also well attended. I cannot **thank** everyone enough for all of their hard work, not just in setting up and executing the ceremony but for all they have done getting us to where we are today. Dave Schimsa has done a fantastic job leading the New Building Committee and keeping all things related to getting our new Post Home built moving in the right direction. We will one day have a new Post Home that will support the current and future needs of the Chapin veteran community. These are exciting times in our Post and every little bit each of you contribute to reaching our goal is significant. I am certain "We Can Build It"

This Monday at 10:00 a.m. Chapin Post 193 will co-host the Chapin Memorial Day Ceremony at the Town Hall. Our Auxiliary Unit 193 will be overseeing the reception and will also be on hand to distribute Poppies. I hope that each of you will be on hand as we remember and honor those Servicemen and Servicewomen who paid the ultimate price for the freedom that all American enjoy each and every day.

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

## Adjutant



To all my fellow post members, I'd like to thank you for making my time as Adjutant fun and for the most part easy. We have accomplished quite a bit over the past 7 years that I have had the pleasure of being on the Executive Committee. Many, many folks have stepped forward in countless ways to put 193 on the map as the best post in the state. Our members always come through for whatever event we plan. Our legionnaires lead the way in community service, town festivities, parades, ceremonies, entertainment and a whole lot more. I'd like to thank the Executive Committee members for helping me along the way as an Adjutant. Post 193's leadership is second to none. Thank you from the Commander all the

way across the board to the Sgt. of Arms. These men and woman have taken our post to new heights. Pretty soon we will have a new building, a bi weekly bingo, bar and food available weekly, entertainment possibilities and much more. All due in part to our officer's insight, determination and foresight. But truly the driving force is our membership, you ladies and gentlemen make it a pleasure to promote 193. What a great bunch of people to be associated with. I'd like to especially thank the Auxiliary, these women do so much of the behind the scene work. They are many times, the first in and last out. We should all be proud of the organization that you have built, it is built on a foundation of honor, hard work and friendship. I feel blessed to be a small part of such a wonderful group of people

James Pepper/For God and Country

### **ALR Chapter Director**



This will be my final newsletter as Chapter 193 Director. It was a great honor and privilege to serve this great organization, but it's time to pass the baton to another set of great Legionnaires and Riders. The Chapter had some outstanding individuals step up to serve as officers. Elections were held at our May meeting. And the new slate of officers was elected by unanimous voice acclamation. The new officers are Wes Moore, Director; Marcus Reeves, Asst. Director; Tom Yeoman, Secretary; Paul Holiday, Treasurer; William Glenn Truesdale, Sgt. At Arms; Rich Chamberlain, Ride Coordinator; and Richard Mullinax, Chaplain. Congratulations to this fine team of officers. They will be sworn in and assume their positions at our June meeting.

ALRSC will hold its convention on May 28. We will be adding a new Rider Chapter to our ranks, Chapter 151 in Central, SC. ALRSC continues to grow, as more interest is shown in Posts throughout South Carolina. In my term as ALRSC State Director (2021-2022), we have added three new chapters to our ranks. I hope you all have a safe Memorial Day weekend and that you take time to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend the freedom we have in this great country. May God bless each of you.

John Siemers /For God and Country/In the Wind

### **Facility Manager/NBC Chair**

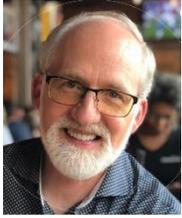


The Post remains active with various Legion, Riders, and Auxiliary meetings and events. We also hosted the American Red Cross Blood Drive, a Post member's grandson's graduation reception, the Chapin Women in Service meeting, and the Chapin Community Theater wrapped up their spring performance. We are averaging 55 - 65 veterans for the Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast. Almost every week we are signing up a new Chapin area veteran. A reminder we will not be serving breakfast Memorial Day as many of us will be engaged in the Chapin Memorial Day celebration at the Town Hall that morning. We have a lift for a motorized scooter for the back of a pickup truck if someone can use it. Contact me at (803) 960-8708.

New Building Committee Chairman - What a wonderful time to celebrate the hard work of many of our members and the generosity of Diane and Tom Yeoman as we dedicated our flagpole and the Yeoman - Bernard Pavilion at the site of our new Post on Amicks Ferry Road. Thank you to everyone who has donated time and money to our efforts. A big THANK YOU to Air Force Veteran and Post 193 Past Commander, Joyce Mustard, for her foresight and generosity which allowed us to begin our quest for a new Post home. We are less than \$10,000 away from our halfway mark of our initial goal of \$1,200,000. We appreciate everyone's commitment to the Building Fund. Think of all the great things we can do to support the Four Pillars of the American Legion once we get our new facility.

Dave Schimsa /For God and Country

## Chaplains Corner



### "Memorial Day – A Day to Honor Life

"To some, it's merely the beginning of summer and to others, it's a solemn day to remember those who have passed from this life. However, to the war veteran and to the families of fallen soldiers, Memorial Day carries significance so deep that words cannot express their hearts.

When we look into the eyes of those who still mourn these once vibrant men and women, we often sense their loneliness and pain. We hear them choke back tears as they simply say the ranks and names of their military brothers and sisters at a Memorial Day service. White gloves, dress uniforms, rigid posture, and perfectly precisioned salutes represent the reverence and respect flowing from within. Those who have been personally affected by war understand and appreciate this day of remembrance.

What should we say to those who sincerely honor this day? "Happy Memorial Day" doesn't seem fitting. "I'm sorry for your loss" may be closer to appropriate. What would the fallen soldier want from their comrades and the rest of the country on this day?

Their sacrifice follows the example of Jesus Christ laying down His life for our freedom. It's selfless love for others – not so others can mourn forever, but live!

"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So, we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16.

Notice that in scripture and in military service, the willingness to give up one's life is not dependent on the worthiness of the people who benefit from the honorable act. In a perfect world, all who receive freedom and grace would be worthy of such a sacrifice and full of gratitude. But that's not the way it is anywhere on Earth or in Heaven.

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8

We are blessed to be living in a free society. May we honor our American soldiers for the liberty we have in this country. May we also give thanks to Almighty God for the freedom we have to spend eternity with Him because of His gift of forgiveness through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ." by Beth Patch CBN.

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.

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

James Blackwell – recovering from a Sept stroke & Feb T.I.A. (wife Tammy)

Bill Blackburn – whose wife passed away in March

Joseph Ferreira – recovered well from April heart stint

Dan Goldston – recovery from a broken leg and foot

Carmen Goulet – gratitude for no serious injury from recent car accident

Friend Erin (Clark) Goshea – cancer has returned and she is undergoing chemo again

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)

Daniel Kictarek – whose wife Norma died on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>; May 15<sup>th</sup> reception

Zoltan Krompecher – whose mother Susan is on hospice care and whose father-in-law Dominic was buried this month (Tina's father)

Richard Mullinax – April 28 heart bypass surgery with 3 months of recovery

Joyce Mustard – at Generations – Irmo as of May 20th  
Dominic (Army vet) and Diane Gallo – Tina Krompecher’s parents, Zoltan’s in-laws  
Marcus Reeves – recovering from March 10<sup>th</sup> neck surgery  
John Siemers – left foot healing and Dale’s right foot healing  
Larry Spotts – died March 3<sup>rd</sup> (wife Linda)  
Larry Stout – back home recovering  
Peter Prim’s - friend John Fisher struggling with Parkinson’s (his wife DeDe)  
John Awtrej – WWII Veteran and Post member passed away May 13<sup>th</sup>

Continue to remember our bereaved families from the loss of loved ones.

## Auxiliary



We are happy to announce that we are at 102% membership. This is the first time we have achieved over 100% and ladies we need to congratulate ourselves. National Poppy Day is May 27 and Michele and Carol Johns-Rogers will be collecting donations for poppies at Bolands from 10:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Please join them if you have time. Join us at the Chapin Town Hall on Monday, May 30 for the Memorial Day Ceremony. The June meeting will begin with the installation of officers. Our unit was awarded the Mission in Action Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 which we will use for branding Unit 193. Congratulations to Diane Yeoman on the successful submission of the grant.

Carmen Goulet/President

## Calendar of Events

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| May 27-30 | Department of SC Annual Convention   |
| May 31    | Memorial Day Ceremony at Chapin Town Hall 10:00 a.m. reception to follow in the Town Hall Community Room |
| June 2    | Executive Committee planning meeting 6:30 p.m.   |
| June 6    | Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.   |
| June 9    | Post meeting dinner 6:00 p.m., business meeting 7:00 p.m.  |
| June 14   | Bingo at Old Oak Barn 5:30 p.m. doors open games begin at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.               |
| June 21   | ALR Chapter meeting, dinner 6:00 p.m., business meeting 7:00 p.m.  |
| June 21   | Pledge of Allegiance 6:00 p.m. at Town Council meeting (Jim Schafer)                                     |

**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)

# Highlights



**We now have a flag pole!**



**It was great to have a large group of the Yeoman and Bernard family present for the dedication of our newly constructed Yeoman-Bernard Pavilion**



**Had a great time at the Ball game! Legion night at Segra Park with the Fireflies and some good Legionnaires**



**Giving the gift of life during our Post 193 Blood Drive.**