



# The American Legion

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## Chapin American Legion Post 193

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

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### Commanders Corner



April is almost over and we are headed full steam into May. Post 193 has been busy and it looks like May will be no different. It is incredible how much we here in Post 193 are involved in and what we as an organization have been able to accomplish. Have you heard this quote before? "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller. This is so true, just take a moment and reflect on the last year or go back through the newsletters or our Facebook pages and review what we as a Post have done over the last twelve months, all in spite of the pandemic. I for one am proud of what we have accomplished

and I am looking forward to all we will accomplish in the next twelve months.

The Jail and Bail Fundraiser which is being sponsored by the Chapin Women in Service seems to be going really well and I believe it will turn out to be a fun time for everyone. The 5th of May is the day folks will be arrested and placed in jail if they do not have adequate bail money. Volunteers are needed to support this portion of the fundraiser you may serve as a judge, bailiff, guard, lawyer etc. Contact Dave Schimsa, [arindave@yahoo.com](mailto:arindave@yahoo.com) /803-960-8708 if you would like to volunteer.

**A BIG Thank YOU** to everyone that has contributed to my bail, your donations have put me over the amount I thought I needed to remain free. Dave announced at the meeting that my bail had been increased from 500 to 1K. I am not sure if he has the authority to increase my bail so I may need to appear before the judge to get that worked out. I am continuing to raise funds in the event the judge agrees that my bail should be increased. Either way I cannot think of a better place for the bail money to go than our building fund.

Our Bingo Committee continues to run a first-class Bingo operation and attendance at the games continues to go up. Floyd and Carol recently went up to American Legion Post 25 in Laurens S.C. to help them get their Bingo operation going and they were very appreciative of the assistance provided. Members of Post 25 also came and visited our April Bingo Game in order to get a firsthand look at how Bingo should be run. We are still in need of additional volunteers to help run the games, if you can help please contact 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Floyd Rogers.

Our Memorial Day ceremony will once again be held at the Chapin Town Hall, this year we will not have a reception but will have bottled water available before during and after the ceremony. Thank you to 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Zoltan Krompecher for coordinating BG Jeff Jones the Deputy Adjutant General for South Carolina to serve as our guest speaker for the ceremony.

I want to remind everyone that nominations for any of our Post Leadership positions are still being accepted and will continue to be open until our May meeting. As the slate stands right now, either the incumbent is willing to stay on for another year or someone else has volunteered to run for the position. If you are interested in serving, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairman John Siemers to have your name added to the slate.

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

## Adjutant



Not much news from the Adjutant office this month, membership is closing for the 2021 year. As most of you know, we hit 100% well over a month ago. That's the good news, now for the not so good. Starting this summer, you will be receiving countless reminders from National about 2022 renewal. In June we will be working towards our 2022 membership year which means you can get your new card any time after 6/1 for the very reasonable price of \$45.00. Or you can wait and be subject to renewal letters from National. So beat the mail and come in and pick up your new card, you'll be happier, the postman will be happy, and your 2022 Commander and Adjutant will be happy.

James Pepper /For God and Country

## ALR Chapter Director



The Chapter rode to Edgefield to present a plaque and coins to SC National Guard troops, who surveyed the Post property at no cost to us. This saved the Post over \$3,000.00. We will be escorting unclaimed veterans on their final ride to Ft. Jackson National Cemetery on April 30th. The Riders are getting ready to assist with Jail and Bail, which will be held May 5th. This is a big fund raiser being put on by Chapin Women In Service with the goal of raising funds to help Post 193 with our building fund. Chapter 193 will be holding elections of officers in May and some will attend ALRSC convention on May 29th. We are looking forward to warmer weather and more riding time as a group.

John Siemers /For God and Country/In the Wind

## Facility Manager



Our Post Engineer, Doug Abramson, has been busy with the upgraded construction items we needed to increase our capacity for the Lexington County Fire Marshal. Work is almost completed! Thanks to Doug and also to Ed Abston, Chaplain Mullinax, Allan Amir, Richard Royer, and Keith Ostrander for their help with the project. It's been great to see some of the old faces back at the Veterans Breakfast Monday mornings. Plenty of coffee and a pastry of some sort by 0800. Chow served at 0900.

On the New Building front - we are looking forward to the Jail and Bail on 5 May. We'll need as many volunteers as we can get for support to the effort by the Chapin Women in Service. The fun starts at 1000 and will run through 1900. I know many of you cannot be there all day, but come whenever you can to lend a hand. John Siemers will need plenty of ALRs with bikes as well for "prisoner escort". This is a huge fund-raising effort for our Building Fund. Please come and contribute your time to assist in our efforts. I understand our Commander, Steve Goulet, is still a few hundred dollars short of his \$1000 bail. If nothing else, come see him sit in the cell until he raises his bail. As for construction, we are still waiting on the City of Columbia to approve our water tap. Once that is approved, we have a host of items that will fall in place: permits, fees, silt fence construction, and land clearing. Looking forward to seeing everyone 5 May!

Dave Schimsa /For God and Country

## Chaplains Corner



I'm In Matthew's Gospel chapter 13 verses 1 through 15, Jesus is speaking in parables and His disciples in verse 10 wanted to know why He was speaking in parables instead of speaking plainly to the people. In verse 13 Jesus said "because they seeing, see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand". We are given the privilege of lifting up Jesus in such a way that those who have never seen will see Him; those who have never heard in a meaningful way will hear about Him. Then those who have never understood will see in you and understand the mysteries of Salvation.

Many people are confused because they haven't seen the Gospel lived out before them. Do you love as Jesus loved. Do you want to hear and truly listen to the hurting people around you? Jesus wanted to hear the woman with the issue of blood, He wanted to hear the cry of the lepers, he wanted to listen to the Woman at the well with all her problems. Do you really want to hear the complaints of these old Veterans, would you want to listen to the homeless veteran talk about his struggles? These folks with problems can't see the hope of the scriptures unless you listen to them and explain the love of Jesus to them with your actions as well as your words. Many of them live so close to their situation that they can't see what is obvious to you. Find them, listen to them and help them to discover a way through their problems and to the hope of salvation. Help them to find a place of HELP, HOPE and HOME. Let them know that you will help and get others to help. Let them know that there is hope no matter what the situation appears to be. Let them feel that this is their home, that they belong in our family

## 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. If you are impressed with a need for one of these and you don't know what to do- call me. Together we will find a way to meet the need. Remember them daily as you go about your routine chores.

Ernie Massaro, Joyce Mustard, Past Commander, Hal Morrison, Joe Keilb, (Jim Pepper's brother-in-law), and Jerry Robbins.  
John Wayne Fulmer - brother of Eddie Fulmer in Saluda Rehab Center  
Tom Fincher -caring for his wife Clare - Alzheimer's  
David Kelly – tumor in neck (Bill Moser's father-in-law)  
Dianne Cook – (Linda Warren's friend)  
John Awtrey, WWII Veteran - ongoing UTI problem  
Dr. John Ferguson – pancreatic cancer  
Larry Stout – awaiting procedure at MUSC  
James Blackwell – sister in Atlanta  
Big John and Jakes boss back in their Airforce days  
Tommy Brown, Kathy Smith's cousin and Lodge brother to several of us  
Erin Clark – battling cancer  
Wes Moore – recovering surgery  
Jim Schafer – High PSA reading

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

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

## Auxiliary



The Girls State delegates attended our meeting this month to meet our members. We had 4 of the 5 delegates attend including one who came back from Spring break vacation at the beach to be at our meeting. The delegates are Sarah Daniels, Reece Mack, Sally Ouzts, Victoria Davis and Hallie Cohen. We really appreciated their respect for us. Memorial Day and National Poppy Day are coming up soon. We hope this year to be able to have a Memorial Day Service with a reception as well as a Poppy Day at Boland's. It will be nice to be back. We are electing officers next month. Please let us know if you are interested in a position or helping on a committee. We have a tentative slate of officers but are happy to hear from anyone who wants to run for an office. The State Convention for the Auxiliary will be held Friday May 28. If anyone wants to attend the convention, please let us know.

Anne Richardson/President

## Calendar of Events

- April 24<sup>th</sup> District meeting – Post 182 Columbia SC
- April 30<sup>th</sup> Unclaimed Veteran Burial FJNC – 11:00 a.m.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> American Legion Post 193 BLOOD DRIVE!! 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**COME SUPPORT AND GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!! @ (POST HOME )**
- May 4<sup>th</sup> Pledge of Allegiance @ Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> Jail & Bail – Fundraiser sponsored by Chapin Women In Service. At the end of the day we will rally at La Fogata for Cinco de Mayo festivities
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> ALR Chapter meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 28-30 May Department of SC Annual Convention – \$25.00 Money due ASAP
- May 31<sup>st</sup> Memorial Day Ceremony at Chapin Town Hall 10:00 a.m.

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. <https://www.legion.org/membership/renewals>

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

Reminder: Post 193 is open every **Monday morning 0800-1100** for our weekly **Veteran Breakfast**. Come on by and have some coffee, breakfast and enjoy a little comradery

## Highlights



Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!  
Our April games were well attended and exciting as always



ALR Chapter 193 members visited with the 122<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Bn. Terrain Team to recognize them for their outstanding support developing our Terrain analysis



ALR 193 Director John Siemers presenting ALR Rider of the Year award to Tom Yeoman



Breakfast at the Post continues to thrive. A great time to break bread together and enjoy a little comradery



Getting a little work in!  
Looks great