



The American Legion

April 2019

Chapin Post 193 Inc.
P.O. Box 897, Chapin, SC 29036-0897

Commanders Corner



April is behind us and Post elections are upon us. If you would like to serve as an officer of the Post, please let me or Keith Ostrander know. Please make every effort to attend our next Post meeting, 9 May for the election of officers. The Post will be selling rifle raffle tickets and recruiting on May 4th at Boland's Ace Hardware from 0900 until 1400. Come by and help out if you're able. Congratulations to the Post for achieving 100% membership. The SC Department of the American Legion Convention is May 31st and June 1st. The Post has 13 votes and we need at least 13 members to sign up to attend. The cost is \$25.00 to attend both days. We would also like to have as many members sign up to attend the meeting on Saturday, June 1st as possible, as one of our own (Walt Richardson) is scheduled to be elected as the new state commander for the coming year. Memorial Day is fast approaching, and help is needed for the Post Memorial Day Ceremony at Chapin Town Hall. Please volunteer to help if you're able. Contact Jim Pepper for more information.

John Siemers/For God and Country – “We Can Build It”

Adjutant



Please contact me to attend the State Convention on May 31 – June 1st. We still need a couple of delegates to fill our 13 slots. Walt Richardson will also be voted to ascend to State Commander, this is a tremendous honor for Walt, but also for our Post. We need to whole heartedly endorse Walt and support him by attending the convention and cheering him on. BINGO is moving ahead, our committee has met and is looking into several aspects of the operation and planning on the best way to move forward. On a personal note, my son's mission, the Justin Pepper House will be participating in Midlands Gives Day of Giving on May 7th. We will be hosting an ice-cream social at the Post from 1 -7 p.m. I invite all members to come on down, eat some ice cream and learn about our mission, and hopefully make a contribution to our cause.

James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



ALR Chapter 193 has several riders participating in ALRSC Legacy Ride and they are looking for sponsors. No donation is too small or too large. The riders pay for their gas and lodging. All money donated goes to the Legacy Fund none is used for expenses. The Riders will be preparing to attend the last Rolling Thunder to be held in Washington, DC. We will depart for Washington on May 24th. As the weather gets nicer more bikes will be on the road. Please watch out for those of us on 2 or 3 wheels. We ask that you put down your cell phone and watch the road. Don't text and drive.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

Chaplains Corner



In John's Gospel chapter 11 verse 35, the shortest verse in the Bible, reads "Jesus wept." Jesus wept because he knew the pain and suffering that Lazarus' sisters and friends were feeling. Jesus knew that he could call Lazarus out of the grave, but the family and friends had already experienced the great pain of Lazarus death and burial.

Jesus was weeping, not for their lack of faith but for their lack of understanding of who he was and what he could do. Today, we still lack full knowledge of who Jesus is and what he can do. Biblical scholar, J.B. Phillips writes, "How big is your GOD?" Phillips goes on to explain that God is no bigger than you will allow him to be in your life. As Christians we live so far below our privilege. We worry, we grieve and live as if our God is not big enough to full fill all of the promises that he has given us in the scriptures.

Two of our Legion Families have lost their Father's recently. The Morris and the Manis families. Let's weep with them now because they are hurting and in time, we can rejoice with them in the knowledge that there will be a resurrection day coming. A phone call, a letter or possibly a visit to express your concern and love for them may be appropriate. I can hear your fears now," I don't know what to say." Your show of love will transcend the need for words. Your act of love will speak volumes. This 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.

We lost another Post Member this month, Our comrade, our brother Dallas Manis has completed his pilgrimage through this old troubled world and made it home to that house not made with hands eternal in Heaven.

John Siemers – recovering from surgery
Past Commander Bob Haggard in at Lexington Medical Center, call me for room #
John Graham – recovering from surgery
Dave's stepfather in law – prayers for his heart condition
Marcus Reeves – knee surgery in May
Charlie Thorton – Benny Mellon's friend
Edward Abston's son – recovery from accident Joe Keilb - Jim Pepper's brother-in-law
Bob Johnson – foot surgery recovery
Rich Chamberlain, Ernie Massaro, Joyce Mustard, (Past Commander), Hal Morrison, Roy Nelson, Coach Frank Singleton, Pearl White, Bill Smith, and Richard Strobel (Past Commander).

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

Ladies Auxiliary



The Auxiliary this month donated \$220 to the Building Fund in Merle Manis's name. We sponsored the 2019 Palmetto Patriots Ball for \$250 which is the primary fundraiser of the Blue Star Mothers. We voted to donate \$500 to the Presidents Project which is the Christian's Hope for Vets and \$300 was donated to the ALR Legacy Scholarship Fund. Palmetto Girls State interviews were held and 6 excellent candidates were selected. Thanks to Nancy for running the interviews and for Carmen, Carol, Kathy Strobel and Jodi helping in the selection process. Nominations are open for all offices in our Unit. Please seriously consider running for an office or working on a committee. We will hold elections at

the May meeting.

Anne Richardson/President

Facility Manager



Our Post has been busy this month, besides our monthly Post & Riders meetings and our Monday morning Veterans breakfasts, our Post was used by the Red Cross for a blood drive, Boys & Girls State interviews, Post Oratorical competition, and for the Chapin TBI Support Group. On average our Post is used twelve days a month not counting when the theater is using the Post. We should all be proud of the support our Post provides our community by reinforcing the four pillars of the American Legion - Veterans, National Security, Americanism, and Youth.

A big thanks to our Post Engineer - Doug Abramson. Our coffee cup rack is full, so Brother Doug built and installed us another one. Our Veterans Monday morning breakfast continues to bring in new Chapin area Veterans, so we needed more space.

Dave Schimsa/Facility Manager - For God & Country

Calendar Events

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| May 6 | Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m. |
| May 9 | Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m., (dinner 6:15 p.m.)
Nominations will be closed and elections will be held |
| May 21 | ALR Chapter 193 meeting, 7:00 p.m., (dinner 6:15 p.m.) |
| May 21 – 29 | Exact time and date TBD Convention Delegate meeting @ Post |
| May 23 | Walk through/ rehearsal for Memorial Day ceremony 6:00 p.m. |
| May 27 | Memorial Day Ceremony and reception at Chapin Town Hall (10:00 a.m.) |
| May 31 - June 2 | Department Convention |
| June 10 | Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m. |
| June 13 | Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 pm, dinner 6:15 p.m.
Installation of newly elected Post Officers |

More calendar items can be seen on the Post webpage at www.americanlegionpost193.com
Join our Post 193 Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/americanlegionpost193/>

Reminder: Post 193 is open every from **Monday morning 0800-1100 a.m.**. Come on by and have some coffee, breakfast and a little comradery.

Highlights



Anne Richardson being presented a Certificate of Achievement for being selected as ALR Chapter 193 Rider of the Year



Eagle Scout of the Year Award being presented to Tyler Roy-Webb Hatchell



Members of ALR Chapter 193 participated in the 2019 Pete Johnson ALRSC Legacy Scholarship Ride and had a great time "Riding for God and Country." Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause.