



The American Legion

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

February 2022

Commanders Corner



February has been a very good month for Chapin American Legion Post 193. We held our annual Valentines Day Drop in/Party that turned out to be a fantastic event which everyone seemed to enjoy. Cannot thank our 3rd Vice Commander Heidi Donnelly enough for all the hard work and energy she put into coordinating and organizing everything and especially for getting the Band Heaven Sent to donate their talents. I also must thank those that made all the delicious and plentiful food, set up, cleaned up, took pictures, handed out tickets etc etc. It was an awesome event and made possible by many good folks chipping in. On the 19th of February our Post 193 Oratorical competition winner Ms. Carlynn Rychener was selected as the Quadrant Two Oratorical Competition winner and she will move on to compete at the Department level on the 12th of March 2022.

Our New Building Committee has been busy making things happen out on our Post property. If you have been by there lately you have seen a newly constructed pavilion, a newly tapped well and a temporary electric pole. You can soon expect a request for assistance in cleaning things up out there, constructing picnic tables and to assist in getting the place ready for a ribbon cutting/dedication ceremony. "We Can Build It" Our current Post Home is continuing to provide us with a nice place to operate out of as we continue to raise money for our New Post Home. In case you didn't know, based on the construction and electrical work recently completed in our building we now have an occupancy level of 169 from the previous number of 49! All of the work was planned and completed by members of our Post and the majority of the materials were donated.

The Legion membership numbers from the Department show Post 193 at 94.75% of our 2022 goal of 305. The report shows we have had 35 new members join our Post during the 2022 membership year and three HQ transfers. When you have such a high number of new veterans signing up then you must believe we are doing something right. What I do not understand is why we have such a high number of members that have not renewed their membership. We have more than 50 veterans on our list who paid their 2021 dues and have not yet renewed for 2022. If you happen to be one of the 50 or so members that have not renewed I would ask you to renew your membership and continue to support the American Legion mission of taking care of veterans. 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.

In March we will select our nominating committee who will have the task of getting together a slate of nominees to fill various leadership positions in the Post for the coming year. If you would like to fill one of the Officer positions please let it be known. Some of you may be contacted and asked to fill a position and if that is the case I ask that you seriously consider taking on the position. We are a growing Post and we must get more of our members involved in the operations and functioning of our Post.

"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 our Post for qualifying for all the State Department awards that each post can attain. We will submit the Roy E. Stone Legionnaire of the Year Award for Bill Szala, Commanders Post Achievement Award, Post Adjutant Achievement Award, Post Commander Achievement Award, and Post Historian Award. Everyone should be proud of what your post is accomplishing, we have had a good year. Not all posts meet the requirements to submit these awards to the American Legion Department of South Carolina. We have sent in several Persons of the Year Award applications as well, including Eagle Scout of Year, our very own Jack Krompecher, Richard Chamberlain Rider of Year, and Teacher and Firefighter

of Year. We have a great record in the Department for selecting quality applicants and have had our applicants selected quite a few times as State Award winners. This is a true sign of a strong, motivated post. We have some very devout and motivated folks here at Post 193.

James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



Spring and warmer weather are just around the corner and Chapter 193 is getting ready to take a more active role in support of veterans and our community. The last weekend in February some riders participated in the ALRSC Legacy Pre-Ride, in order to work out the bugs and also be able to lead a group on the actual Legacy Ride. The Annual ALRSC Legacy Ride is back on track, after being cancelled in 2020 and moved to the fall of 2021. Riders that will be participating in the event will be seeking donations for the miles they ride (600 miles) around South Carolina.

100% of all moneys raised goes to the American Legion Legacy Fund, which helps pay to educate the children of military members who were killed or 50% disabled in the line of duty since 9-11. The Legacy Ride will be held on April 23rd and 24th. Chapter 193 will host the Spring ALRSC Executive Committee Meeting on Saturday the 19th of March. The Riders annual breakfast fundraiser will be held at Zorba's of Chapin on the 2nd of April. Tickets are \$10.00 for an all you can eat breakfast buffet. Please see a Rider to get your tickets and come join us for good food and fellowship.

On March 26th we will be supporting Chapter 71 in N. Augusta for their Spring Thaw Ride fundraiser. Some Chapter members will also be at Harley Haven on the 26th selling breakfast tickets and rifle raffle tickets and any members of the Post are invited to come and join us. At our Rider meeting on February 15th, Chapter 193 presented a check for \$1,000.00 to the Post Building Fund. On behalf of all members of Chapter 193, I would like to thank all members of the Chapin Post 193 Family for their continued support of our ALR Chapter. May God bless all of you.

John Siemers /For God and Country/In the Wind

Chaplains Corner



Four Chaplain Day – Feb 3rd

February 3rd marked the 79th anniversary of the sinking of the United States Army Transport Dorchester and the selfless acts of four Army chaplains aboard. Early on Feb. 3, 1943, an enemy torpedo struck the Army transport Dorchester, killing 672 as it carried 902 officers and enlisted men, Navy armed guard, merchant seamen and civilian workers in the North Atlantic. The Coast Guard cutter escorts Comanche and Escanaba rescued 230 men. As Dorchester took on water, four Army chaplains: Lt. George L. Fox (Methodist), Lt. Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), Lt. John P. Washington (Roman Catholic) and Lt. Clark V. Poling (Dutch Reformed) calmed frightened soldiers, aided the wounded and guided the disoriented toward safety. On deck, they opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. When there were no more available, the chaplains removed their life jackets and gave them to four young men. "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven," said John Ladd, a survivor. As the ship went down, men in rafts saw the four chaplains, arms linked and braced against the slanting deck, singing hymns and praying. Many of those survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership exhibited by four chaplains of different faiths, who, in sacrificing their lives, created a unique legacy of brotherhood.

American Legion posts nationwide remember Four Chaplains Day to pay tribute to the courageous chaplains and the brave young men who lost their lives on that fateful night.

Chaplain Jude Peck/For God and Country

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.

Comrade Care List

Chuck Ashmore – his son Rob died Feb 6, 2022 (wife Janet)

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

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

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

Floyd Rogers – continued slow recovery & kidney infection (wife Carol)

Dan Goldston – recovery from a broken leg and foot

Friend Erin (Clark) Goshea – as of Jan 21st, 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 15th recovering;(wife Nancy)

Mark Harvey – recovery from his successful Feb 22nd A-fib procedure

Jack Hulett – grateful for successful January 24th heart procedure

Daniel Kictarek – whose wife Norma Dickenson died Feb 21st

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

Joyce Mustard – recovery from Dec 24th back surgery

Donna Tsukayama's friend Wayne Davis, a Korean War Marine died Jan 2022

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

John Siemers – right foot healing

Kenneth (Skipper) Sullivan – awaiting hemoglobin test results

Peter Prim's - friend John Fisher struggling with Parkinson's (his wife DeDe)

Continue to remember our bereaved families

Auxiliary



Palmetto Girls State interviews are March 3rd and 4th at the Post. We have 19 candidates total. We will only be able to send 5. This year it will be an in person session at Presbyterian College June 12 – 18th. Thanks to our ladies who stepped in to help Nancy. 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. Membership for us is great this year with 3 new members coming on board. Keep recruiting! Please keep in mind that we will also need to fill positions within the Auxiliary for our new year which will start in June. I will be meeting with the Executive Committee to see what openings we have. Hopefully you will take an active role with whatever you can do. Also if you are ill or sick please make sure you let us know. We can't help you if we do not know there is a need.

Carmen Goulet/President

Calendar of Events

- March 5th Post 193 Family Brunch at the Post – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Please RSVP to Dave @ arindave@yahoo.com
- March 7th Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- March 8th Bingo at Old Oak Barn 5:30 p.m. doors open games begin at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.
- March 10th Post meeting Dinner 6:00 p.m., business meeting 7:00 p.m.
- March 15th ALR Chapter meeting, Dinner 6:00 p.m., business meeting 7:00 p.m.
- March 15th Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 p.m. at Town Council meeting
- March 31st American Legion Department of SC Reconnect at Ft. Jackson – RSVP
NLT 18 March 2022

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

Highlights



Congratulations to Ms. Carlynn Rychener who won the Quadrant Oratorical Competition and will move on to compete at the Department level.



BINGO is a game of concentration! Post members pictured here having a good time at socializing and trying to win a little cash.



ALR Chapter members ventured out for a nice ride to Santee and a quick bite to eat.



Our Valentines Day party was a good time and the decorations and food were great