

# AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

April 2022

## Commander



Like most months April has been pretty busy and I am certain that May will not be any different. Post 193 is an active Post and I am proud of the fact that we get a lot done in support of Veterans and our community.

We have eight Boys State delegates that we are sending to camp this year and I am sure each of these young men will gain a good deal of knowledge and experience from participating in this wonderful program. This year we sent applications for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Cadet Academy out to our local schools and for one reason or another we did not receive any applicants so the two individuals we are sending are from Blythewood High School. I am glad that we are able to provide these two young people an opportunity to attend this fantastic program and I hope next year we will receive more interest from our local schools. Perhaps next year we will get the information out to the schools sooner and maybe even provide an information paper to the guidance counselors a month or two before we start accepting applications.

Bingo is continuing to be a big deal and a great way to raise funds and interact with many folks in the community. Based on what I see each time that I attend the folks that come really have a good time playing the game. Those that win really like it but win or not everyone seems to have a great time. If you can volunteer to help out it would be greatly appreciated and if you cannot help out, just come out and play, you just might find that you also will have a good time. If you would like to be on the Bingo Committee our Bingo Chairman and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cdr. Floyd Rogers is the man to see.

We have a few events coming up this month and I would appreciate it if you would do what you can to be present and to participate. They are all listed in our calendar of events at the bottom of the newsletter and all are equally important. I do want to mention though that on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May we will be dedicating our picnic shelter/pavilion and flag pole. We will be marking a significant milestone in our goal of building our new Post Home and I am sure you will want to be there. We will be grilling up some food and when we are through, we have an opportunity to go out to a nice ball game at Segra Park. Mark your calendars I believe it will be a great time from start to finish.

In May we will hold our elections and as a reminder the nominations for positions are still open and will not close until right before we hold the election. I ask all of you to consider running for one of the leadership positions and most certainly need you to be present at our May meeting when we hold the election. During our June meeting the new leadership for the Post will be installed.

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

## Adjutant



Wow, things are truly moving fast around here, elections, Persons of the Year Awards, Bingo, Memorial Day, naming ceremonies at new building site, Ceremonial Honor Guard for Unclaimed Vets, Monday Vet breakfast, yard sales and a whole lot more. If you have not plugged into something at the post, you're missing out on a rewarding time, not only for you, but for many people who are blessed by the help your post is providing. Never a shortage of events to just simply show up for and say hey, I'm here to help anyway I can. I say it over and over, Post 193 is the best post in the state of South Carolina, until someone shows me different, I'll sing our praises. Keep up the good work, you're making a difference!

James Pepper/For God and Country

## ALR Chapter Director



April brought warmer temperatures and more rider activity. A few Riders and some Post members sold rifle raffle tickets and did recruiting at Boland's Ace Hardware on the 15th of April. 62 tickets were sold that day in a four-hour time frame. We are scheduled to be at Boland's once again on the 29th of April, so come join us in selling tickets and having some good fellowship.

Several chapter members participated in the annual ALRSC Legacy Ride on April 23rd and 24th. Over 100 Riders participated in the event, with 3 from National and one Rider from Wisconsin. It was a great ride with great weather and good friends. It's not too late to donate and sponsor one of the Riders, see me or one of the Riders that participated.

On the morning of April 29th, Post 193 will conduct an interment of 3 unclaimed veterans at Ft. Jackson National Cemetery, with escort of the cremains by Chapter 193. A slate of officer candidates for the upcoming year were presented at our April meeting and will be voted on at our May meeting.

As Post 193 and Chapter 193 grow, we look to have a bright future and be able to accomplish more for veterans and their families and our local community.

John Siemers /For God and Country/In the Wind

## Facility Manager/NBC Chair



The Post continues to stay busy with external users: The Chapin Community Theater, Chapin Women in Service, and Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association; and internal users: Riders, Auxiliary, Bingo packet party, and Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast. We are averaging 55 Veterans per Monday morning with 64 attending last week.

New Building Committee - A big thanks to Bill Wilson & Nick Al-Hasan for their donation of time and money with their tractor and skid steer as we continue to clean up the area around the Pavilion. Also thank you to all who helped with chain saws, clean up, and brush burning, too many to name individually. A huge thanks to Allen Aimar who procured \$3,500 donations worth of lumber & hardware for our ten picnic tables from Lowe's of Harbison; and to Doug Abramson and his team for constructing the tables. If you have not visited the pavilion yet, you should do so. We have also installed our 30' flagpole and will be dedicating that and the pavilion on Saturday, 21 May (stand by for details). We are approaching a total of \$590,000 in the Building Fund collected to date. Thanks to all who are regularly donating to the Building Fund. Please see the Finance Officer for different options available to everyone for donations.

Dave Schimsa /For God and Country

## Chaplains Corner



### Victory and Strength

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

A father and his two sons were driving down the road one day when a bee found its way inside the car through an open window. The younger son was terrified of bees. He was allergic and being stung was one of the worst things that could happen to him. When he saw the bee in the car, he started to panic. At once, his older brother trapped the bee between his hands. He held it there for a few moments and then opened up his hands. The bee started buzzing around again, and the younger boy again began to panic. But his older brother said, "Calm down! Don't be afraid! The bee can't hurt you anymore. Look at my hand." And there, in the older brother's hand, was the stinger.

As you and I travel down the path of life, there's one thing that terrifies all people by nature—death. You could say we're all allergic to death. We do whatever we can to avoid it. Yet, because of sin, death is inevitable for all of us. But just like in the story, we have a brother who travels with us. We have a brother who was willing to take the sting of death, the sins of the whole world.

Jesus took the sting of death in our place, and he died on the cross to take away all of those sins. With sins forgiven, with sins removed, death has lost its sting. Jesus says to each one of us, "Don't be afraid. Death can't hurt you anymore. Look at my hands, look at my feet. I've taken the sting of death for you!" And because of this marvelous truth, death is not a defeat but a victory! Death is now the doorway to life everlasting with Jesus. That is our Easter hope!

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.

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)

Bill Blackburn – wife passed away in March

Joseph Ferreira – recovered well from April heart stint

Dan Goldston – recovery from a broken leg and foot

Friend Erin (Clark) Goshea – as of Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, she is now cancer-free

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>

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

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

Joyce Mustard – recovery from Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 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

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 – April relocation to Rice Estate Rehab for stroke

Kenneth (Skipper) Sullivan – awaiting hemoglobin test results

Peter Prim's friend - John Fisher struggling with Parkinson's (his wife DeDe)  
Gerald White – back home with his daughter and at our April 11<sup>th</sup> breakfast

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

## Auxiliary



At the April meeting Anne informed us that we met our membership goal and are now at 100%. We have had 5 new members join us. We will be participating in the Memorial Day Ceremony at town hall and will be hosting the reception and Michele and Carol Johns-Rogers will be collecting donations for poppies. National Poppy Day is the 27<sup>th</sup> of May and we plan to collect donations and educate the community on what National Poppy day stands for. We need volunteers (3) to help Michele that day. It will be from 10:00 -1:00 at Bolands. I am pleased to say that you ladies stepped up and we now have a full slate of officers. Nominations will be presented at the May meeting for approval. Bingo concession sales are doing well and we have a few new ladies that will be helping us soon.

Carmen Goulet/President

## Calendar of Events

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| April 29 <sup>th</sup> | Unclaimed Veteran interment @ Ft. Jackson National Cemetery 11:00 a.m. Service will be held for three Previously Unclaimed Veterans. |
| May 9 <sup>th</sup>    | Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.                                                                                           |
| May 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Bingo at Old Oak Barn 5:30 p.m. doors open games begin at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.                                           |
| May 12 <sup>th</sup>   | Post meeting Dinner 6:00 p.m., business meeting 7:00 p.m.                                                                            |
| May 16 <sup>th</sup>   | American Legion Post 193 Blood Drive!! 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.                                                                        |
| May 17 <sup>th</sup>   | ALR Chapter meeting, dinner 6:00 p.m., business meeting 7:00 p.m.                                                                    |
| May 17 <sup>th</sup>   | Pledge of Allegiance 6:00 p.m. at Town Council meeting (Tony McCall)                                                                 |
| May 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Post 193 Picnic Shelter/Pavilion and Flag Pole dedication and picnic!! 11:00 a.m.                                                    |
| May 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Legion Night at Segra Park 6:00 p.m. Tickets \$10.00                                                                                 |
| May 27-30              | Department of SC Annual Convention - \$25.00 due nlt. 5 May 22                                                                       |
| May 31 <sup>st</sup>   | Memorial Day Ceremony at Chapin Town Hall 10:00 a.m. reception to follow in the Town Hall Community Room                             |

**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!  
Dedication is 21 May 22**



**Our First Vice commander Tom Yeoman presenting an American Legion Certificate of Recognition for Post 193 Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer to Richland County Sheriff Deputy Kelly Griffith**



**Post 193 members supporting the Chapin Community Service Day breakfast.  
Good chow, good times**



**Legionnaire Dave Schimsa attended an Eagle Scout ceremony for Eagle Scout Adam Hevia from Troop 870 and presented him with the American legion Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition**