



# The American Legion

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February 2018

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

## Commanders Corner



Although we did not have a meeting in February our Post and our members have been busy. Our annual Valentines Dinner was exceptional and well attended. We conducted an interment and honored the service and sacrifice of three previously unclaimed veterans, our American Legion Riders Chapter held their annual fundraiser buffet breakfast at Zorba's this past Saturday and on top of everything we reached 100% membership. I just cannot adequately express how proud I am of all that Post 193 is able to accomplish for Veterans and our community. In the coming months there are

programs and areas that we need our members to get behind and support. Information has gone out pertaining to Boys State donations, the Legacy Scholarship Ride our ALR Chapter is participating in, the Department Centennial Celebration coins/shirts and the upcoming National Commanders visit. If you can assist in any way possible to the success of any Post event or function it would be appreciated. We have had some new members sign up for the 20 Buck a month club but the number of members participating is still very low. Our building committee is still in need of a chairman but they continue to move forward. We now have a conceptual picture of our building based on input from many of you, please take a look and make comments as appropriate. This month we will establish our nominating committee and they will begin looking to produce our slate of officers for the coming year. They will need to fill positions for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Service Officer, Historian and Finance Officer. I would ask everyone to take a minute and consider serving in one of these very important positions. Lastly, I just want to **Thank You** for your role in making our Post thrive. It could be that you just click the like or share an event on Facebook, or you talk about what we do to your neighbors or church friends, leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the Town council meetings or you could be cooking breakfast for everyone on Monday mornings. Every little bit helps and is equally important to our success!

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

## Adjutant



Well We made it! 100% membership in the first week of February. Not only did we make our goal, but we increased by 14 from last year. I have to admit, I was a bit skeptical going into this year, our goal number increased due to all the Post 172 National Revitalization transfers last spring. Usually each Post has an increase of one or two for their goal. We went from 217 last year to 231 this year. I kept telling Commander Goulet it was going to be a task. To his credit he always states, "don't worry about we're going to do it." Thanks to your renewals and recruiting we will put in for a few awards next month. As always, if you see the white Dodge truck out front, the door is open, stop in.

James Pepper/For God and Country

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander



A great time was had by all who attended the Post Valentine dinner. The food was excellent and the fellowship was wonderful. Thanks to all who had a hand in preparing this event Dave and Marthalyn Schimsa, Richard and Alice Mullinax, Ernie and Palma Massaro for preparing the meal and all those who helped with drinks, ice and desserts. If you didn't make you missed a great time. The next Post family night is scheduled for March 15th at 1830. This will be a pot luck dinner with ice and drinks provided by the Post. Legionnaires, election time is approaching fast and several positions will be vacant. Please consider stepping up and running. We need to continue with the strong leadership for this Post to grow and prosper.

John Sieimers/For God and Country

## ALR Chapter Director



Our chapter has had a busy month. We assisted our Post with the internment of three unclaimed Veterans. The Post had a huge response from the public and I hope that they finally realize what we do and have been doing for our fellow veterans. Post 193 and ALR Chapter 193 have been doing this for several years and have given approximately 50 Veterans the honors and dignified funeral they deserved. I'm proud to be a member of Post 193 and ALR Chapter 193. The Riders just had their annual breakfast fund raiser at Zorba's of Chapin and are now gearing up for the annual ALRSC

state legacy ride to raise funds for the American Legion Legacy Fund. Please help us by donating or sponsoring a rider for this event. 100% of the money collected goes to the Legacy Fund

John Siemers/For God and Country

## Chaplain



It is hard to know just who has had a big influence on your life. I'm thinking of Billy Graham. My first year of television was watching a young Billy Graham and Howdy Doody. A neighbor had a tv and she would let the neighborhood kids come in and watch The Howdy Doody show but we had to watch Billy Graham preach also. Dr. Graham has been an anchor in my life since about 1951. There have been others, my Scout Master Cliff Jonas. John Hunter, my High School principal. Marion Jonas, my coach, and Porky Collum my pastor. I could go on and on. We all know that Billy Graham had

no idea that he marked my life. I doubt that all the others that shaped and molded me had no idea that they were a significant influence in my life, but they did. I doubt that you have any idea of who you are shaping and molding into the likeness of Christ or into a Patriotic well-adjusted American. Dr. Graham did not do what he did for results that he could see, he labored that the results would show themselves in time to come. I hope that you are working toward the same goal. Our good deeds and works will reveal themselves in time to come, I trust that God will be lifted up and that Patriotism will be instilled in the heart of our people through your faithful commitment to God and Country.

Richard Mullinax Sr - If you believe in it you'll be recruiting for it

## 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.

Past Commander Joyce Mustard, Keith Alverson, Roy Nelson, Ed Betts, Hal Morrison, Jim Morris, Jim Allison, Robert Barber – prayers please

Walt Richardson - flu  
John Siemers - sickness

Richard Mullinax Sr./Post Chaplain – For God and Country

## Ladies Auxiliary



The ladies are starting to grow. Let's keep it that way. Dale and I attended the District Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January at the district office. I am happy to report that our small unit does big things and we gave a robust report of all of our activities for the year. We presented a \$500.00 donation to the presidents project which is the Charleston Fischer House to Department President, Judy Hennis. At the March meeting Nancy Graham will be looking for volunteers to be on the Girls State Committee. We will be holding interviews for the delegates mid-March. If anyone is interested, the position of president will be open in June. We can not run an Auxiliary without a president. The other Executive Committee members would like to continue in their positions. If you would like to nominate yourself or anyone else for any of the positions please let me know.

Carmen Goulet/President

## Calendar Events

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| March 4 <sup>th</sup>                     | Welcome Reception for National Commander - Post 6, 2:00-4:00 pm  |
| March 5 <sup>th</sup>                     | Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 pm  |
| March 6 <sup>th</sup>                     | All Hands meeting with National Commander at Downtown Marriott @ 9:00 am / National CDR attends Joint Session at State House @ 1200                              |
| March 8 <sup>th</sup>                     | Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 pm, (dinner 6:15 pm) Quilt of Valor presentations, Bill Dukes speaking about Fisher House, Columbia                              |
| March 20 <sup>th</sup>                    | ALR Chapter 193 meeting  |
| April 9 <sup>th</sup>                     | Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 pm  |
| April 12 <sup>th</sup>                    | Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 pm, (dinner 6:15 pm) Persons of the Year Awards presentations  |
| April 21 <sup>st</sup>                    | District meeting Irmo American Legion Post 174 10:00 am  |
| April 21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> | ALRSC Legacy Scholarship Ride. Auxiliary Unit 193 will serve lunch for all riders on Sunday the 22 <sup>nd</sup> . Come welcome the Riders from across the state |

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

Reminder: Post 193 is open every Monday morning from 0900-1200. Come on by and have some coffee, breakfast and a little comradery

**The meal for our February meeting will be fried chicken, rice and gravy, green beans, potato salad and desserts—provided by Richard and Alice Mullinax. If you are planning to have additional guests eat with us please let us know asap.**

# Highlights



ALR breakfast buffet was a great success.



Flag being presented during Interment at Ft. Jackson National Cemetery 23 Feb 2018.



Valentines Dinner at Post 193 was FANTASTIC.



Post cleanup day was a success!  
Enhanced by the donation of a tool kit by Post member Doug Abramson.