



# The American Legion

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October 2018

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

## Commanders Corner



We made it through storm number two and I hope none of you had any major damage. The Post annual picnic was held with only a small turn out. The food was excellent and those present had a great time. The Post has been busy serving the community. We cooked hotdogs and hamburgers at Chapin Elementary School on 19 October and again at Crooked Creek Park on 26 October. We can always use your help, so please get involved with what the Post is doing. On 24 October we supported The Chapin Screaming Eagles with their All-Star Game. Thanksgiving and Christmas will soon be here. The Post is again

sponsoring children from We Care to make sure that they have a good Christmas. We are taking on 20 children and Carmen Goulet has the lead on this. She will be putting out more information as she receives it from We Care. Please remember the less fortunate this Holiday Season and sponsor a child or children. The Post-Christmas party will held at Timberlake Country Club on Tuesday 11 December at 6:00. The cost is \$20.00 per person, please bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl to be donated to USMC Toys for Tots. The deadline for payment to George Donnelly is 30 November. Don't miss out on this fun event. The 9th Annual Chapin Veterans Day parade to Chapin Elementary School will be on Friday 9 November. We will form up at Boland's Ace Hardware no later than 0800 with Law Enforcement escort starting at 0810. If you can't make the start of the parade be at the school before 0900 for their Veterans program. I end on a sad note by reporting the passing of Keith Alverson. Keith served his country for over 20 years in the Air Force and continued to serve by being an active member of the American Legion and this Post. He will be missed. May God bless and keep him. Please keep Keith's family in your prayers.

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

## Adjutant



The end of October and the beginning of November brings all the holiday events. This year's Christmas party we will be collecting gifts for Toys for Tots. I have run a rather large toy drive over the past 10 years with the Justin Pepper Foundation and one important thing we learned is that you always get more than enough toys for little children. Which is to be expected, the name itself infers TOY DRIVE. That being said, there are many kids in the 12-18, year old range who get left out during toy drives. I encourage you to shop for these kids which we call Tweens and Teens. The girls are always happy with hair and makeup accessories, the boys

love sport clothing, electric razors. Other ideas are music CD's, PG movies, E rated X Box games, and you can never go wrong with a simple \$10 gift card from Target, Walmart, or McDonalds. Please support the many kids who are sometimes forgotten at Christmas. On a personal note, I'd like to extend an invitation to all Post members to attend the Justin Pepper Tweens and Teens Christmas Drive being hosted at Lake Murray Presbyterian Church, Saturday 12/1/18 from 8-11:00 am. We will have a free pancake breakfast, all we ask for is a gift for kids which we bring to Newberry Boys Farm and Thornwell Children's Home in Clinton.

James Pepper/For God and Country

## ALR Chapter Director



ALR Chapter 193 has been busy helping with the Post's community cookouts and supporting the Chapin Screaming Eagles. We look forward to the 9th annual Chapin Veterans Day Parade, which will be held on 9 November. The Riders will also participate in the Newberry Veterans Parade on 10 November. We will be doing our annual community appreciation day hotdog lunch at Boland's Ace Hardware on 17 November. This is FREE to the Chapin community to thank them for the support that they give us. Come and join us and have a hotdog on us.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

## Chaplain



### Can you walk on water?

Philippians 4: 13 tells us "I can do all things through Him that strengtheneth me"

The answer is almost always "No". We all feel limited and quickly answer no. Sure you can walk on water and I'm going to tell you three way that you can do something that you told me you couldn't do.

1. Did you know that all Canadians can walk on water? At some point all water in Canada is frozen solid. Surely you can walk on ice!

2. If you had ask I would have told you that the water was only 1/8" deep. Surely you can walk on 1/8" deep water!

3. Matthew's Gospel Chapter 14 verse 29 Jesus said to Peter "Come" and Peter walked with Jesus on the water.

Don't sell yourself short, stand on the promises of God's Word. Throw "I CAN'T" out of your vocabulary. "I CAN do all things through him that strengtheneth me"

When opportunity knocks don't say "I can't" God doesn't give you a call without providing all that you need to answer that call except.. possibly courage and knowledge of His promises.

## 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.

Ernie Massaro – recovering from a motorcycle accident

Jake Kizer – recovering from double back surgery

Lorraine Szala – recovering from back surgery

John Graham – recovering from back surgery

Dave Creed – Hernia surgery recovery

Joe Keilb – Jim Pepper's brother-in-law

Joyce Mustard, Past Commander, Claire Fincher, Merle Manis, Hal Morrison, Jim Morris, Roy Nelson, Coach Frank Singleton, Ed Betts, Richard Daves and Pearl White.

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

## Ladies Auxiliary



The October meeting was our postponed Post Picnic. We had a great time during the Picnic. The auxiliary had the 1<sup>st</sup> Meat Bundle Raffle and it was a success! Michele bought the meat and we made a profit of \$205 on the raffle. This will help ensure we can meet our volunteer needs as an auxiliary. The Women's Self Defense Course was held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Thirteen people participated and we really appreciate Deputy Molly Nations and Deputy Davis who ran the class. I think we all learned a lot and had a good time as well. The auxiliary also helped the Post run the food concession at the Fall Carnival for the Chapin Elementary PTO. We had challenges with the grill but managed to get the food cooked. I think

we all agreed it is time to buy a new grill for the Post to use. We will plan on having another 'MEAT BUNDLE' raffle at the next Post/Unit meeting. I hope it will be as successful as before. We will sell tickets at \$5 per ticket or \$20 for 7 tickets this time. This will be for the same 'Bundle of Meat' (5 lbs of hamburger, 5 lbs of chicken, 5 lbs of Chops, 5 lbs of Sausage and 10 steaks). The membership drive for the 2019 membership year continues, dues this year are \$35. Please plan on paying your dues as soon as possible.

Anne Richardson/President

## Membership Team



I want to thank everyone that has already renewed for the 2019 membership year, we are on our way to 100%! As of October, we had 151 paid members for the 2019 membership year which puts us at about 61.38%, our next target date is 9 Nov 18 with a target of 65%. We still have a way to go to reach our membership goal of 246 which is just one member above what we had last year but I am sure we can get there. Coming soon is a new system for processing membership which I think will be much improved over the current system. I am told that it will greatly reduce the number of "Pay your Dues notices" we will receive in the future, only time will tell. For all that have not paid your 2019 dues I ask that you consider paying them early rather than waiting until later. This will help the Commander and the membership committee to determine how to focus their efforts in recruiting and retention of members. In addition to paying our dues we need to continue to recruit new members. We have a great Post filled with a wonderful group of Veterans that most people would love to associate themselves with. We just need to let them know we want them and ask them to join. You can pay your dues on line, something I have found to be very easy and quick @ <https://www.legion.org/renew> or mail them to the Post at PO Box 897 Chapin SC 29036, bring them to breakfast on Monday morning or to the next Post meeting.

Steve Goulet/Membership Team/"We Can Build it"

## Finance Information

At the Chapin Elementary School Carnival, we grossed \$550.00, expenses were \$202.30, leaving us with a net of \$347.70. It was great seeing the young families have fun and the excitement on the little one's faces. The General Fund account is holding its' own at a comfortable amount as we began the year with \$9,484.52 and had income of \$41,136.34 and expenses in the amount of \$37,390.09 leaving the General Fund with a balance of \$13,230.77 as of October 23, 2018. We look forward to selling raffle tickets for the upcoming American Legion Department of South Carolina Rifle Raffle in November. This is a great opportunity for us to increase our revenue. The Building Fund is slowly increasing and in need of a new campaign as we are open to ideas. We need 100% participation to have a home of our own within our lifetime and sooner. As of right now we only have 12% participation. "We Can Build It, A Home of Our Own." we just have to come together with our ideas! We need your input on how we can increase participation. The Building Fund has income this year of \$9,570.48 which means we take in roughly \$1,000.00 a month. We will need to increase that many times if we want to have a place of our own in our lifetime or sooner. The ending balance right now is \$65,562.95. The Ernie Massaro Medical Fund has a balance of \$2,925.00 raised through our Post to date.

George A. Donnelly, Finance Officer

## Christmas Party Information

This year our Christmas party will be on 11 Dec. 6:00 p.m. at Timberlake Country Club. Cost is \$20.00 per person plus one gift per person gifts to be donated to Toys for Tots, a small price for a great meal and priceless fellowship. The meal will be steam ship round and herb roasted chicken. You can pay for the Christmas party by bringing cash or check to the Post on Monday morning between 8 and 11, by paying one of the post officers or by mailing your check (no cash) to PO Box 897 Chapin SC. 29036. Please let us know how many guests you are bringing and include their name(s) so that we can make nametags.

**Payment must be made no later than 30 November 2018.**

# Calendar Events

- October 26 Halloween at the Park – Crooked Creek Park 6:30 p.m.
- November 5 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m. ALR Executive Committee Meeting 7:30pm
- November 7 Chapin High School Veterans Day breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m.
- November 8 DJJ Veterans Day Program 1:30 p.m. Meet at the entrance to DJJ at 1:15 p.m. to be escorted to ceremony site.
- November 8 Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 pm, (dinner 6:15 p.m. John Siemers).
- November 9 Chapin Veterans Day Parade. Meet up at Boland's @ 8:00 a.m. depart at 8:10 a.m. for the library for a short ceremony then to the parade at Chapin Elementary to arrive NLT 8:45 a.m.
- November 9 Chapin Elementary Veterans Day program starts at 9:00 a.m.
- November 10 Newberry Veterans Day Parade. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. Line up starts at 9:00 a.m.
- November 17 Community Appreciation lunch at Boland's Ace Hardware at 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. everyone is welcome
- November 20 ALR Chapter meeting
- December 11 Post 193 Christmas Party 6:00 p.m. - \$20.00 per person + donated toy for Toys for Tots. – **money turned in NLT 30 November 2018**

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 from **Monday morning 0800-1100**. Come on by and have some coffee, breakfast and a little comradery.

## Highlights



ALR Chapter 193 Director and Finance Officer presenting a check to Ed Lundeen for the Columbia Fisher House



Post 193 and Auxiliary Unit 193 members supporting the CES Fall Festival



**Legionnaire Dave Schimsa accompanied by Fellow Legionnaire Roy Nelson presented American Legion Eagle Scout certificate of Achievement to Roy's Great Grandson Eagle Scout Tyler Roy-Webb Hatchell**



**Legion Post 193 and Unit 193 members served as judges for the annual costume contest. No doubt a stressful duty!**