



The American Legion

September 2018

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

Commanders Corner



I hope everyone came through the storm with minor or no damage. Pray for those in the Pee Dee region and in North Carolina. I made the tough decision, with the concurrence of the Post Executive Council, to cancel the September meeting. This was done based on the information that we had at the time. The Post family picnic has been rescheduled for our October meeting. The Post will provide fried chicken and drinks. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert. The Post had a good turnout for the Chapin Labor Day Festival. A big thanks to all who helped and participated. A special thanks to Bill Wilson for building the trailer that was used as our float. It was easy to get on and off. We didn't make as much as we have in past years. The Post may have to cut back on things that we support. I think it's a shame that more of our members don't help or contribute to our fundraising efforts. Please get involved in your Post activities and fund raising. Being a member of the Legion is like stocking your refrigerator, the more you put in it the more you get out of it. You can get started by attending the Chapin Screaming Eagles All Star game on 10 October and helping out at Crooked Creek Park Halloween event on 26 October.

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

Adjutant



For as long as I have been on the Executive Committee (and I'm sure many years prior), the subject of Post fundraising has been an issue. We have done well selling raffle tickets and other smaller events with food, auctions etc. These endeavors have allowed us to fund local organizations each year but have not significantly increased our building fund for our new Post home. For over a year we have discussed BINGO, we are moving forward with establishing a BINGO operation for Post 193. Currently we are in preliminary talks with the Town of Chapin to see if we can hold BINGO at the Town Hall. Our Post building is not large enough to seat over 49. This being said, it will require a substantial effort by our members to make this successful. Other Posts have had great success, and I see no reason why we could not as well. You will be hearing more about this in the months to come. Like everything else, this will require YOUR commitment to take root and flourish.

James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



The Riders had our state wide ALRSC meet and greet cancelled due to the storm and it will not be rescheduled this year. We will be in Maggie Valley, NC on the 21-23 September for our annual retreat. Membership continues to grow as riders from other chapters are transferring to 193. This is due in part to the things we do and causes we support. We are a very active chapter and the word is spreading around the state. You, as members of Chapin American Legion Post 193, can be proud of your ALR chapter. Join us on some of our rides (you can come in a car) and experience the fun we have.

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

Chaplain



At anyone point in time, some are suffering, some are in great pain, some are mourning, some are celebrating, some are very confused, some are oblivious to the condition of people around them and I could go on. We serve the same God and He is aware of our different situations in life. The scriptures tell us that it rains on the just and the unjust alike. We all get too tired of too much rain, too much wind, too much cold, too much heat, etc. I'm so glad the we have the promise that God will never forsake us or leave us. He is in control of all aspects of our life. He is with us in all the struggles and joys of life. Knowing all of this is still not enough sometimes, we need a friend to share our joys with. We need a friend to comfort us in our pain and suffering. When grieving the loss of a love one nothing is more comforting than to feel the hand of God through the arms of a friend as they reach out and hug you. The American Legion is all about Veterans taking care of Veterans and all that we do is important to meeting the Four Pillars. But the greatest of these is touch another Veteran with your heart and your hand and your presence in all the different situation of life. We have so many of you that do this so wonderfully in our POST. I encourage you to not be distracted by the political turmoil around us, this too shall pass.

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

Nancy Graham – recovering from back surgery

Wes Moore – in the passing of his wife Elaine

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

Joyce Mustard, Past Commander, Keith Alverson, Claire Fincher, Merle Manis, Hal Morrison, Jim Morris, Roy Nelson, Coach Frank Singleton and Pearl White

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

Facility Manager



This past month has been busy at the Post. Thanks to Doug Abramson, Bill LaRochelle, and Dan Goldston for helping to take our old signs down and putting our new ones up. If anyone would like to have the old signs (the big 4' x 8' sign) or the smaller sign from the front door with our posted hours of operations, please let me know. A big thanks to Bill LaRochelle and our Finance Officer, George Donnelly, for ensuring our unserviceable US flags are disposed of properly. It takes a lot of work to gather the flags, fold them, and get the boxes to the folks who recycle the material. We appreciate any donations of items for the kitchen. However, please get with me first. We are always in need of several items, but some items get donated which we do not need. Our Post is available for rental. We have the capacity for 49 people for receptions, parties, or other events. Don't forget to bring in your unit/ship patches to add to the display case.

Dave Schimsa/Facility Manager - For God & Country

Ladies Auxiliary



All ladies are invited to participate in the Richland County Sheriff's Department Self Defense class. Invite your daughters as well (must be 16) Please RSVP to Kathy Smith 803.364.3649 by October 5th. This is a 4 hour class and will be held on October 21 at the Post from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Auxiliary will be doing a **'MEAT BUNDLE' raffle** at the Post Picnic. We will sell tickets at \$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. This will give you a chance to win a 'Bundle of Meat' (5 lbs of hamburger, 5 lbs of chicken, 5 lbs of chops, 5 lbs of sausage and 10 steaks). Someone will go home with **A LOT** of meat. The membership drive for the 2019 membership year continues. Dues this year are \$35. Please pay your

dues as soon as possible.

Anne Richardson/President

Finance Officer

Labor Day was a success breaking our goal of \$4,000.00 with a net total of \$4,508.95. There was more competition against the raffle sales this year since there were more vendors than in previous years. On a positive note we came out ahead of our goal. The general fund account is holding its' own with a comfortable amount as we look forward to selling raffle tickets for the upcoming American Legion Department of SC rifle raffle in November. Ticket sales will continue through June 2019 at which time a rifle will be raffled off weekly for 52 weeks. Tickets are \$25.00 each and \$10.00 of each ticket sold goes to our post. This is a great opportunity for us to increase our revenue. The building fund is slowing increasing and new campaign is needed as we are open to ideas to move forward and see a new Post 193 building materialize. "We can build it," we just need to come together with our ideas, we need your input. The Ernie Massaro Medical fund has raised \$2,600 through our Post.

George Donnelly, Finance Officer

Calendar Events

- September 28 & 29 SC American Legion Fall Conference, Marriott, Columbia
- October 1 Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- October 1 Rider Executive Committee Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- October 10 Chapin Screaming Eagles All Star Game 6:00 p.m. Chapin High Softball field everyone is invited to come and support this.
- October 11 Regular Membership meeting (**Annual Post picnic at 6:30 p.m.** at the post). Fried chicken and drinks provided, please bring a dish to share.
- October 15 Riders meeting 7:00 p.m. and dinner 6:15 p.m.
- October 19 Chapin Elementary PTO Fall Carnival – concessions support 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- October 21 Ladies Self Defense Course 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please call Kathy Smith to reserve your spot. 803.364.3649
- October 26 Halloween at the Park – concessions support 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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**. Come on by and have some coffee, breakfast and a little comradery.

Highlights



ALR Chapter 193 Served as the Honor Guard for the 2018 Chapin Labor Day parade



Post 193 and Unit 193 members enjoyed waving and greeting the crowds



Lone Unit 193 member, Michele Johnson holding down the booth while other members participate in the parade



Chapter 193 members prepare to lead the parade



Bill and Boyd getting it done in the kitchen !!