



The American Legion

November 2018

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

Commanders Corner



I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. It's hard to believe that 2018 is almost over. The Post membership drive is in full force and we are adding new members. We need to keep focused on getting our current members to renew their dues for 2019 and also seek out qualified veterans to join our Post. If you haven't paid your dues for 2019, please renew as soon as you are able. If you need help in paying your dues don't be afraid or ashamed to ask for help. You can contact me and it will be held in strict confidence. The Post Christmas party will be held at Timberlake Country Club on 11 December starting at 1800. The cost is \$20.00 per person and each person is asked to bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. The deadline to pay for the party is 30 November. Please get your money in ASAP. I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season. Please take time to give thanks for our brothers and sisters currently serving in the Armed Forces, especially those in harm's way, for their sacrifice to defend our freedoms and way of life. Help those who are less fortunate, especially Veterans and their families. Take time to love one another and try to understand everyone's point of view for we are a nation of many different backgrounds. Merry Christmas and may God bless everyone.

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

Adjutant



Giving thanks for all the members of Post 193, you men and women have made our Post the most exceptional one in the state. We continue to get recognized for our leadership in the American Legion. Post 193 has garnered Post Excellence Awards, Commanders Awards, Community Service Awards, Legionnaire of Year Awards, ALR Awards all in the past several years. Our membership is increasing at a very good pace, Post We Care Team continues to do the hard work day in and day out of collecting food for hungry families, ALR services our entire community from Unclaimed Vets to dropping off Toys for Tots. I'm proud of being a member of such a fine organization and give thanks to each and every one of you for your service and continued service through the American Legion.

James Pepper/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



ALR Chapter 193 had a good November. Although the Chapin Veterans Parade had to be cancelled because of rain we still visited Chapin Elementary School on 9 November for their Veterans program. On 10 November some of the chapter participated in the Newberry Veterans Parade. The chapter had to cancel the annual hotdog appreciation cookout for the greater Chapin community on 17 November due to a death in the Boland's family. We will reschedule the cookout in January or March time frame. December will be another busy month. Some of us will be participating in various charity rides. The first ride will be The Blue Knights Toy Run on 2 December. Next is the Toy Run for Newberry

Boys Farm on 8 December and on 9 December the VA Hospital Christmas ride. The Wreaths Across America escort to Ft. Jackson National Cemetery will be on Friday December 14th. ALR Chapter 193 wishes everyone Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas..

John Siemers/For God and Country/In the Wind

Chaplain



Someone said that idle hands are the devil's workshop, We at Post 193 wouldn't know! We stay busy. Dave's breakfast club was full house this week. Texas Roadhouse Fundraising program, Wreaths Across America project, our Christmas Party. We built a ramp last month and are in the process of building two more. Veterans day parades this month and Christmas parades coming up. We have a working Post and there is always more opportunities than we have time to do, so choose what you can do and do it well. Don't beat yourself for not being able to do everything. Let's be thankful this year for all that we have been able to accomplish. For our growth in the Post and for the bond of comradeship that is building in our Post. Take inventory in your own life and see if you haven't had a good year this year. Be sure to count the little things that have been a blessing to you. Thanksgiving is more than just eating a big meal. There has been some sorrow and grief at the loss of our comrades and their family members and our heart goes out to them. If you think of them, give them a call and remind them of a good memory that you carry of the loved one that is no longer here with us.

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 – Is back with us and looking good, thank the Lord for answered prayers
Dallas Manis – battling stomach issues and needs our prayers
Lorraine Szala – 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, 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 Auxiliary meeting began with a visit by 2 of our Palmetto Girls State Delegates. Abigail Kibler and Amanda Murray discussed how the experience broadened their knowledge of leadership and running the government. The Auxiliary did a 2nd Meat Bundle Raffle and it was also a success! Kathy bought the meat for us and a profit of \$205 was made. The Auxiliary helped the Post run the food concession at the Crooked Creek Halloween Carnival. Once again, we had a fun night. We also discussed and planned for our 'Cookies for the Troops'. Members signed up for cooking dozens of cookies that will be given to the soldiers during the Ft Jackson exodus. Jodi brought in a bag of crocheted hats (from one of her friends) that we decided to give to the Lexington County Veterans Homeless Shelter. Karen also brought us scarves that she made that we can take to them. Thanks to both Jodi and Karen for these gifts. We voted to send a donation of \$125 to the Dorn VA Christmas Shop. We also voted to give \$100 to help defray the cost of the new grill the post bought. The check for the National Emergency Fund for the year was also written and we rounded up the amount we had collected to \$200 to send to the Department. The membership drive for the 2019 membership year continues. We have 18 paid members. Dues are \$35. We had a guest at the meeting Debbie Kyzer (a friend of Dale and John) who is considering joining us. December 3rd we will meet at the Post to

complete our midwinter reports to send to the state. The meeting in December is the Post Christmas Party at Timberlake Country Club, December 11.

Anne Richardson/President

Facility Manager



Improvements continue to be made at the Post. Special thanks to Doug Abramson, Steve Goulet, and Chaplain Mullinax for their work with Post maintenance and improvement projects. Doug and Richard repaired the back door and improved electrical and plumbing issues in the Post. Steve wired speakers in the bay that now allow us to use a wireless mic and play music from a computer or various wireless devices. A continued thanks to Bill LaRochelle for his work in collecting and packing unserviceable US flags to be recycled - over 500 flags this year!

Monday morning fellowship over breakfast is going strong. We average 25 - 28 comrades for a full breakfast and coffee. Thanks to those who assist with food prep and clean up - Moses, Tom, Richard, and Dan. Coffee is on by 0745 and breakfast is served at 0900.

We continue to make head way on our Building Fund. We Have a long way to go, but I'd like to recognize our top donors to our Building Fund. \$2000 donors - Alice & Richard Mullinax, Nancy & John Graham, Dianne & Boyd Fulmer, and Carmen & Steve Goulet; \$2500 donors - Anne & Walt Richardson, Dale & John Siemers, and Ann & Ken Sullivan; \$3500 donors - Kathy and Richard Strobel; and \$4500 donor - Dan Goldston.

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 you and your guest will have a nametag. **Payment must be made no later than 30 November 2018.**

Calendar Events

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| November 28 | Chapin Theatre presentation of Charlie Brown Christmas. All Post 193 members invited to attend final full-dress rehearsal. Please be seated by 7:15 p.m. |
| December 8 | Newberry Boys Farm Toy Drive 12:00 p.m. |
| December 11 | Post 193 Christmas Party, Timberlake Country Club - 6:00 p.m. - \$20.00 per person + donated toy for Toys for Tots. |
| December 13 | Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 pm, (dinner 6:15 p.m.) |
| December 14 | Wreaths Across America escort and unloading of wreaths at the Ft. Jackson Cemetery. 1000 at cemetery to unload (bring gloves) |
| December 15 | Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Ft. Jackson National Cemetery. 12:00 p.m. at cemetery to unload (bring gloves) |
| December 18 | ALR Chapter meeting |

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.

We Care Christmas Child Sponsorship

For those of you whom have been kind enough to sponsor a child or children we thank you. Gifts need to be returned to We Care unwrapped and in a plastic bag with the Angel tag securely attached.

Return dates to We Care are:

Friday December 14 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 16 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Highlights



"FUN" DRAISING

Let's raise a little Dough!!!

Raise money for your local American Legion Post 193 while getting some holiday shopping done!

Purchase an American Legion **themed or a regular** Texas Roadhouse **gift card** and Chapin Post 193 will receive 15% of the total!

It's a quick easy way to do some holiday shopping and support your American Legion at the same time. The gift cards are good at any of our over 500 locations!

Get all orders and money in by 7 Dec 18



Help us with this fundraiser by either buying gift cards or selling them to your friends. Gift cards make great Christmas gifts.





ALR Chapter 193 members with Lindsay Graham before the Newberry Veterans Day Parade



Legion Post 193 and Post 7 member Bob O Kelley during the Department of Juvenile Justice Veterans Day program