



The American Legion

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Chapin Post 193 Inc.
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Commanders Corner



Busy, busy, busy, yes the last couple months our Post has been busy doing many things to support the community, Veteran's and our Nation. I certainly appreciate all that everyone does and I also understand that no one person can be everywhere and participate in everything. I only ask that you look at what you can do and when you can do it and then step in and do it. Over the past year we have not done a very good job at tooting our own horn by getting articles in the newspaper or posted on FaceBook. If we had someone who would just attend one of our events shoot a couple pictures and write a one paragraph article for the local newspaper it would be a tremendous help. At our May meeting we will be voting on our new leadership. If you desire to serve there is no shortage of positions available and our Adjutant would love to hear from you. Attendance at our meeting in March was very low, less than 30 members (including EC members) were present for our Post awards ceremony and business meeting. I cannot help but wonder why attendance was so low and am concerned. If you know why attendance has been low or you know of a way to increase attendance, please contact me or one of the Post Officers and share your ideas and or concerns.

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

Adjutant



April and May mark the American Legion Post officer nomination and election period. Currently we have 237 members at Post 193. Our By-Laws allow for 12 elected positions on the Executive Committee. They are as follows: Commander, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, 3rd Vice [optional], Adjutant, Treasurer, Sgt of Arms, Chaplain, Historian, Service Officer, Building Coordinator (ALR Director appointed by Riders, JAG appointed by Commander). Withstanding a challenge of ascension for John Siemers to Commander, (which then we will accept nominations for Commander) all the other positions are open for nominations. The Post is only as strong as its members, which directly affects how strong our leadership is. We cannot function and grow if we cannot fill officer positions. Six of the current board members are returning for service this year, some because we simply could not fill their positions and they returned out of a sense of loyalty to the Post. I often hear and am guilty as well of complaining about aspects of the Post culture. Well here's your chance to have your say and try to change things for the better. Talk with your fellow Legionnaires, nominate someone who you believe will be an asset to our Post.

James Pepper/For God and Country

1st Vice Commander



Elections are coming up in May. The Post is still looking for members to step up and fill some vacant positions. You are needed to keep this Post continuing to be strong and growing. I have been a member of several organizations that have died because no one wanted to be in any office to keep it running. It means more to being a member of the American Legion than just carrying a card. To keep a Post going and growing means all members must work together. Please think about how you can best serve this Post, because we need every member putting forth an effort so that we can continue to serve our fellow veterans, youth, and community. Help is needed on 28 April at the Freedom and Hope foundation to assist wounded warriors with a fishing tournament. The Post will also be recruiting and selling Labor Day raffle tickets at Boland's from 0900 to 1300 that same day. Please try to help out at one of these events. Next Post Family Night will be a pot luck supper on 17 May at 1830.

John Sieimers/For God and Country

ALR Chapter Director



The Riders had a very successful State Legacy Ride, if you pledged please get your donations in as soon as possible. Some of the Riders are preparing to ride to Washington, DC for the annual Rolling Thunder event held on Memorial Day weekend.

John Siemers/For God and Country

Chaplain



There's no place like this place anywhere near this place so this must be the place. We sometimes think that we are just strolling along with no particular purpose in mind but God has a plan for you. I don't believe in coincidence! You are where you are supposed to be so bloom or look around for a tool and begin planting, watering or cultivating. Jesus said "by this shall all men know that you are my disciple, that you love one another." Ways to love others: Pray for them, call or visit, or offer an encouraging word. Send someone else if you aren't ready to go visiting. We are all looking for someone to follow, take a leadership position. A good starting place is to assist someone else in their project. As a last option, ask our Commander for a project or task or ... call me.

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, Claire Fincher, Merle Manis, Frank Singleton (Coach) Pearl White and Jim Schafer – prayers please

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

Facility Manager



The coffee cup rack is up. Thanks to Chaplain Richard Mullinax for constructing it and attaching it to the wall in the kitchen area. Thanks to Doug Abramson for staining it and for constructing and staining our unit insignia/patch display board. We already have a number of patches to adhere to the display board but we need more. Bring in your old patches from your outfits and we'll get them displayed. PFC Gerald White is leading the way - he brought in his 2nd Infantry (Indian head) Division patch from WWII.

A big thanks to Bill Wilson for his great job on getting the outside of our Post looking sharp for the Legacy Riders who visited our Post for lunch during the last day of the ride. The entire Post looked great. Thanks, Bill!

Our Monday morning breakfast continues to grow. We are averaging a new member joining our Post every two weeks. Great fellowship with our Brothers and a decent breakfast to start off the week. A big thanks to Tom Yeoman for all his help with food prep and KP duties. Also thanks to the early arrivals for helping get the tables set up and condiments out. Coffee on by 0745 and chow at 0900.

Get involved. Bring in old military uniforms & equipment, get your coffee cup on the wall, and bring your old unit/ship patches in. We have so much talent in our Post. If everyone did a little we will be able to do great things. For God & Country.

Dave Schimsa/Facility Manager

Ladies Auxiliary



The Auxiliary has held the luncheon for the last leg of the Legacy Ride. Thanks to Kathy Smith, Jodi, Jean and Carol for helping to organize and serve the lunch. Thanks to Bill Wilson for cooking the pork loin for us as well as getting the doors opened etc. The monies raised will go back to the Legacy Ride Scholarship fund. If anyone is interested the position of president will be open in June. We can not run an Auxiliary without a president. The 98th Annual Convention is June 1 and 2 and is being held at the Marriott, in Columbia. Ladies, I would like you to attend and represent our Post if you have time. Cost is \$20.00 and we must have

our money in by May 2nd. We are working on our Clemson, Carolina and Americana baskets to raffle off on Labor Day. Please bring items in to our May meeting. Tickets will be \$5.00. The Girls State Luncheon will be held on May 19th. Please plan to attend and to meet our delegates for Girls State.

Carmen Goulet/President

Calendar Events

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| May 7 th | Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 pm |
| May 10 th | Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 pm, dinner 6:15 pm
Nominations will be closed and elections will be held. |
| May 15 th | ALR Chapter meeting 7:00 pm Dinner 6:15 pm |
| May 17 th | Post 193 Family night / Pot Luck 6:30 pm |
| May 21 – 29 | Exact time and date TBD Convention Delegate meeting @ Post |
| May 24 th | Walk through/ rehearsal for Memorial Day ceremony 6:00 pm |

May 28th Memorial Day Ceremony and reception at Chapin Town Hall (10:00am)
June 1-3 Department Convention
June 11th Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 pm
June 14th Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 pm, dinner 6:15 pm
Installation of newly elected Post Officers

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 Monday morning from 0900-1200. Come on by and have some coffee, breakfast and a little comradery

Highlights



Legacy Ride participants getting ready to go!



Working to make the Post better



Community Service day



2017 Persons of the Year awardees