



# The American Legion

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

May 2021

## Commanders Corner



May is almost over, we will finish the month with our Memorial Day Ceremony at the Town Hall with reception to follow at the Post and jump right into June with our Executive Committee planning meeting and Post 193 Yard Sale.

During our May meeting we were able to complete a fair amount of business most importantly was our Post elections. Congratulations to each of the Legionnaires listed below who will be installed and assume leadership positions beginning at our meeting in June.

Cmdr., Steve Goulet; 1st Vice Cmdr., Tom Yeoman; 2nd Vice Cmdr., Floyd Rogers; 3rd Vice Cmdr., Heidi Donnelly; Adjutant, (back by popular demand) Jim Pepper; Finance Officer, George Donnelly; Facility Manager, Dave Schimsa; Service Officer, Moses Cohen; Historian, Linda Warren; Chaplain, Jude Peck; JAG Officer, Bill Moser and Sgt at Arms, Jim Schafer. All of our Officers from the current year stayed on with the exception of our 3rd Vice Zoltan Krompecher and Chaplain Richard Mullinax. Both of these Legionnaires will be serving in the American Legion Department of SC for the coming year and have promised they will remain active in helping the membership of Post 193 continue to thrive. They have done a fantastic job for all of us and I am more than thankful for their support and contributions over the last year.

The Jail and Bail Fundraiser sponsored by the Chapin Women in Service turned out to be very successful and a lot of fun. The amount of money that was raised has not been finalized yet since there is still money being collected but I am told the final amount may be more than 60k. The Chapin Community really turned out to support our Post, please be sure to visit these local businesses and thank them for their support.

Our Post meeting for June is scheduled for the 10th of June which is the day before our yard sale. I am projecting a huge turnout of support which means our Post Home will be packed with yard sale items and we will not have adequate space to hold our meeting. I have conferred with the Executive Committee and have decided that the Post 193 Membership meeting for June will be moved to the following Thursday which will be 17 June at 7:00 p.m.

Steve Goulet/For God and Country – “We Can Build It”

## Adjutant



As a kid I grew up in a town on Long Island that always celebrated Memorial Day with a big parade, I cannot remember a year when I wasn't marching with my Pee Wee Football team, baseball team or Elementary School. It was a much looked forward to event to begin summer. Even as a small child I had a small understanding of the importance of the day. You could feel the buzz in town a few days early as they set up began.

The parade always ended at Silver Laker Pond, which was just across the street from my home, the closing ceremony was held at three large stone monuments with names of service members lost during wars. Although I didn't understand and appreciate at the time the true significance of the day, I always knew that it was an important event and it celebrated heroes.

I'm proud that we as a Post do such a terrific job honoring Memorial Day. Thanks to all that come out and volunteer to make this such a wonderful ceremony. To the post leadership and Auxiliary who work tirelessly to organize and make sure everyone enjoys the ceremony

and reception. As for me, I'll be back in NY this Memorial Day, watching the small town parade in Bolton Landing NY waving my flag and walking down to Veteran's Memorial Park for the closing ceremony. God Bless SC, NY, and the entire United States of America, shall we never forget those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

James Pepper /For God and Country

### **ALR Chapter Director**



The Chapter had a great time participating in The Jail and Bail event and are thankful for all the money raised by The Chapin Women in Service. A BIG THANK YOU LADIES. Some of our Riders have been participating in various community fund raising events around the area. We held a recruitment and rifle raffle ticket sale at Boland's Ace Hardware on 21 May and the Chapter held their monthly ride up to Strawberry Hill on 22 May. As the weather warms, those of us who are free will be doing more rides during the middle of the week as well as the weekends. Chapter 193 held elections of officers at our May meeting. The following officers were elected. Director: John Siemers, Asst. Director: Jim Schafer, Treasurer: Richard Royer, Secretary: Tom Yeoman, Chaplain: Richard Mullinax, Sgt. at Arms: Bennie Mellon, and Ride Coordinator: Rich Chamberlain. ALRSC will hold its' convention on 29 May where new officers will be elected and the 2021 Legacy Ride will be discussed.

John Siemers /For God and Country/In the Wind

### **Facility Manager**



The Veterans Breakfast continues to be a great opportunity for Veterans of all eras to swap stories and reminisce about our time in service to our country. A big thanks to Michael Rowley, Mark Stevens, and Gunny Kuhns for their help Monday mornings. We are continuing to work with Lexington County to increase our capacity for numbers of people at the Post. The Post is staying busy with various Post and community activities - and a reminder on our yard sale 11 and 12 June.

The requests for permits to Lexington County and the City of Columbia have been submitted for land disturbance and water. We are making steady progress - let's all do our part. Check out the Building Fund board at the Post - we are over \$300,000 in donations.

Dave Schimsa /For God and Country

### **Chaplains Corner**



I feel honored that several years ago you voted me in as your Chaplain. Time moves on and it was time for a change and I'm so glad that there was a Chaplain waiting for the opportunity to serve. I will not be leaving the Post family, I'll still be Chaplain for the Riders and the Department Chaplain. I'm asking that you give Chaplain Jude Peck the same love and support that you gave me. Allow him to minister to you and your families. Encourage him in his work and let him know that together we are a team looking after each other. I look forward to years of working together to meet the needs of our Chapin area comrades. This is a very exciting time in the life of our Post. We have some great leadership and I ask that you give your support to all that they ask of you, keep up the good work.

### **Comrade Care List**

As we remember our Comrades before the Lord, have you noticed that there is never a busy signal on God's line? Pray for these listed here on our care list. If you are impressed with a need for one of these and you don't know what to do- call me. Together we will find a way to meet the need. Remember them daily as you go about your routine chores.

Ernie Massaro, Joyce Mustard, Past Commander, Hal Morrison, Joe Keilb, (Jim Pepper's brother-in-law), and Jerry Robbins.  
John Wayne Fulmer - brother of Eddie Fulmer in Saluda Rehab Center

Tom Fincher -caring for his wife Clare - Alzheimer's  
 David Kelly – tumor in neck (Bill Moser's father-in-law)  
 Dianne Cook – (Linda Warren's friend)  
 John Awtrey, WWII Veteran - ongoing UTI problem  
 Dr. John Ferguson – pancreatic cancer  
 Larry Stout – awaiting procedure at MUSC  
 James Blackwell – sister in Atlanta  
 Harvey Club - Big John and Jakes boss back in their Airforce days  
 Tommy Brown, Kathy Smith's cousin and Lodge brother to several of us  
 Erin Clark – battling cancer  
 Wes Moore – recovering surgery  
 Padro Krompecher – cancer  
 Jim Schafer – high PSA

Continue to remember our bereaved families: The Johnson's, Smith, Strobel, Mustard, Haggard, Ciani, Richardson, Schimsa, Singleton, Wilson and White families.

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

## Auxiliary



The State Convention is May 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. We have one member attending and we have 4 votes for any item that needs to be voted on. The elections were held in April and our new officers are: President: Carmen Goulet, Vice President: Carol Johns Rogers, Secretary: Anne Richardson, Sgt. At Arms: Kathy Smith. We would love to have a Chaplain but at this time have not had a commitment. Our committee members are Michelle Johnson, Poppies and Nancy Graham (Girls State). We would love to have you involved so please look over the job descriptions we sent out in early May and if you have some time please let us know what you can commit to. Carol would like to see a few of you show up and take an active role in

the Bingo Committee. You can come on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of your choice starting at 5:30. Concessions could also need some help occasionally and we also start at the same time. We have a bake sale at the Kwik Way on June 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and we need people to bake. Call Carmen at 803.556.3653 and let her know what you will be willing to bring. Also need 2 more people to help sell.

Anne Richardson/President

## Calendar of Events

May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Memorial Day Ceremony at Chapin Town Hall 10:00 a.m. reception to follow at Post
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Post Executive Committee planning meeting 7:00 p.m.
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pledge of Allegiance @ Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo @ Ole Oak Barn 7:00 p.m. doors open at 5:30 p.m.
June 9 – 10	Yard Sale items delivered to Post
June 11- 12	Post 193 Yard Sale
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	ALR Chapter meeting 7:00 p.m.
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.

More calendar items can be seen on the Post webpage at [www.americanlegionpost193.com](http://www.americanlegionpost193.com)

Reminder: Post 193 is open every **Monday morning 0800-1100** for our weekly **Veteran Breakfast**. Come on by and have some coffee, breakfast and enjoy a little comradery.  
**NOTE there will NOT be a Veteran Breakfast on Memorial Day Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>**

## Highlights



The Judge had the best time of all locking everyone up



This crew really enjoyed watching everyone get put in jail



Chapin Women in Service did a fantastic job with the jail and Bail Fundraiser. It was a great time for everyone. Thank You Ladies!



Who doesn't love Baseball!



The Post 193 Blood Drive went great. Big Thank You to Linda Tucker for leading the charge and to all volunteers and donors