

Chapin Take A Bow

By Susie Taffoni, local resident

The wonderful Chapin community once again bonded together. This time it was to help American Legion Post 193. The American Legion receives no federal money and relies on donations and fundraisers to support the many projects they are involved in. They are actively raising money to build a new home that will serve as their meeting place and an event venue.

Chapin Women in Service unanimously decided to help in their fundraising effort. We wanted to Paint Chapin Red, White, and Blue. We came up with the idea of making beautiful red, white, and blue bows that could be placed on mailboxes, doors, boats, patios, or any chosen location. We gathered together at the American Legion but also in the homes of members. Many hours were spent making bows, but the time went by quickly as we enjoyed getting together and were amazed some days by how many we had made. Some made bows, and others helped to sell them. It was truly a group effort. We also must thank the incredible generosity of Boland's Ace Hardware for allowing us to sell our bows at their store during May and June, as well as Wessinger Barn on Old Lexington Highway for having us there in May. Most of all, we want to thank the Chapin community for your generosity and support.

We heard many heartwarming stories from not only veterans but also from family members. A 97-year-old veteran of World War II sat with two of our members while they sold bows. We had our best day of sales, and so appreciated his time. We attended the Chapin Memorial Day Ceremony hosted by Chapin Mayor Al Koon and Post 193 Commander Mark Harvey. Many dignitaries and veterans were there, along with Navy JROTC from Chapin High School, Girl and Boy Scouts, Gold Star Families, the American Legion Auxiliary, and guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel Sarah Whitten, whose brother Captain Daniel Whitten was killed in action in Afghanistan on his third deployment in four years. State Senator Ronnie Cromer stated that American Legion Post 193 is one of the hardest working and most devoted Legions in the state.

It has been our honor to have helped this wonderful group of men and women who have served our country and who continue to provide their time for so many projects. So Chapin- Please Take a Bow for helping us achieve success in this fundraiser. We hope you enjoy the bows and what they represent as much as we enjoyed making them.





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We would love to include more stories of organizations and residents who help to support our Chapin community. Submit your information to aprilrobinson@bestversionmedia.com

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