

# AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

April 2023

## Commander



I hope you are doing well. There is a lot going on around the Post and we want you all to be part of it and enjoy all that is happening. I'm asking for your ideas to help meet your needs and those of our community. We enjoy a great reputation in Chapin and across the State American Legion. We can make it even better by engaging with our neighbors to promote Veterans, Americanism, and Youth. Here are a few things underway...

We are holding elections this month. Come support the volunteers helping to run the Post or join them with your ideas and energy. Post Meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please be there.

Chapin Navy JROTC Pass in Review is 27 April, 1 PM; NJROTC Awards Banquet is 13 May. Don't forget Mother's Day on 14 May. The State Convention is 19-21 May – come see and hear what is happening. Chapin Memorial Day celebration is on 28 May 1000. See Steve to help set up. Ask and listen for opportunities to participate.

Ladies' Softball tryouts are on 21 May. We will start the games on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please talk to Susan, Donna, Steve, or Brian to help with the games, concessions, etc. It looks like an exciting season ahead.

Lastly, fundraising is how we can afford to make a difference in our neighborhood. The Rifle Raffle sales events are ongoing through mid-May. This is a major fundraising event for our Post and the State. Also, the Post Building Boot fundraiser will happen on 25-26 May. Sign up with Steve Tucker for a couple of hours to help.

Mark Harvey/For God and Country/In Service Help Line: **Dial 988, option 1**

### **Activities (see Post Calendar on [www.americanlegionpost193.com](http://www.americanlegionpost193.com) website)**

01 May: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

04 May: **Post and ALR Executive Committee meeting**, 1815-1930

Chapin Theater final dress rehearsal, 1915, Free to Legion Members/Family

8 May: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

**Convention Delegation Meeting**, 1000, Post Building POC: Walt Richardson

9 May: **Bingo** 1730-2200, Old Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Rd, Little Mountain.

POC: Floyd Rogers

11 May: **Legion/AUX Dinner/Meetings**, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Mark Harvey

14 May: Happy Mother's Day

15 May: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

15 May: **Blood Drive** 1100-1600, Post Building. POC: Linda Tucker

16 May: **Pledge of Allegiance** 1800, Chapin Town Hall, POC: Sue Reynolds  
**ALR Dinner and Meeting**, 1800-2030, Post Building, POC: Wes Moore

19-21 May: **SC Dept Convention**, 0800-1600 daily, Doubletree by Hilton, 2100 Bush River Road, Columbia. POCV: Walt Richardson/Steve Goulet

20-21 May: **SCALR Summer Convention**, Doubletree by Hilton, 2100 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC. POC: Wes Moore/Steve Goulet

21 May: **Post 193 LFPSB Try Outs**, 1300-1600, Field 2, Crooked Creek Park, Chapin. POC: Donna Tsukayama/Brian Ortman

22 May: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

25 May: **Memorial Day Rehearsal**, 1600, Town Hall, Chapin POC: Steve Goulet

26-27 May: Pass the Boot Fundraiser, 0800-1800 daily. POC: Steve Tucker 803-569-9364

29 May: **Memorial Day Celebration**, 1000 – 1200, Chapin Town POC: Steve Goulet

In addition, the Post is **Open M, W, F 1000-1400**. Thank you Doug for opening the Post when I'm out of town.

## Adjutant



Our current Post membership is 357 members which is 19 members above our 2023 membership goal. We have done very well recruiting new members to our Post and I am certain we will continue to grow as we move forward. We will continue to renew members for the 2023 membership year and in July we will receive the new 2024 membership cards. What? Yes, and you will also receive a renewal notice from National somewhere around mid-July. NOTE: We have a change to our dues for the 2024 membership year, since back in January we (Post membership) voted to raise our Post dues from \$45.00 to \$60.00. Still great value at \$5.00 a month!

At our May meeting our nominating committee Chairman Walt Richardson will present the current slate of Officers nominated for election to Post positions and additional nominations will be taken from the floor. Once nominations are closed, we will vote for our new leadership. If you have the desire to fill one of our elected positions in the Post, please let it be known.

We are a growing and very busy Post and there are numerous opportunities for members to serve on a committee or to be a Committee Chairman. In the last couple of months, we have had a few of our members step up to serve on the Boys State Committee, Oratorical Committee, and Bingo Committee and we now have a Quartermaster and an Assistant Facility Manager. These additional team members not only help to spread the workload but bring new ideas and energy to the team. When you have a committee that can focus its efforts on the requirements of a single task or activity, it can be more thorough in its planning and preparation resulting in a better outcome. Think of what a fundraising committee might be able to do. One team to put together our fundraising plan and focus their efforts on raising the

money needed to build our new home and keep our Post funded to operate and manage our programs. Please consider volunteering to serve.

The commander sent out the eight proposed amendments to our Constitution and Bylaws and they have been posted on the bulletin board at the Post since our last meeting. Please be sure to review them, ask any questions you may have, or request clarification on any of them between now and our May meeting. This should help to reduce the amount of time we will spend discussing each of the amendments and speed up the reading of the amendments and voting process.

Lastly, I encourage all of you to be at our Post meeting Thursday, May 11, 2023. We will be voting for our new Post Officers and on amendments that will change our Constitution and Bylaws. We must have a quorum which is 36 members but more importantly, we want you to be part of the process.

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

## Second Vice Commander



There is so much going on in the next few months!

Volunteers are requested on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 1130 to assist in placing flags around Chapin for Memorial Day. This usually takes under an hour if we have six to ten volunteers.

Post 193's Ladies Fast Pitch softball is in full swing. A huge thank you to everyone involved, for donations, and volunteers to get this program operational. Tryouts will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1300 for girls ages 14 to 19, at Field 2 in Crooked Creek Park here in Chapin. The home games begin on 6 June in Chapin. Home games are June 6, 15, 20, 29, and July 6. Division playoffs will begin afterward. If you wish to assist with this, please let me know.

The Chapin/Newberry boy's baseball is beginning, more information to follow.

Just an FYI... The Legion Yard Sale will be held on Aug 4 and 5. Assistance will be needed with set-up, pricing, selling, and removing unsold items. Sign-up sheets will be forthcoming. We are NOT accepting electronics (unless they are new in the box), pianos, armoires, clothing (other than baby clothes to size 5T), shoes, or glassware (think vases, individual dishes, and glasses). We WILL accept complete sets of dishes and complete sets of silverware. If you have any items for donation and require pickup, please let me or Sue Reynolds know.

Donna Tsukayama/For God and Country

## Third Vice Commander



Marc Tsukayama is the Legionnaire conducting the Chapin Town Hall Pledge of Allegiance on May 16th.

Betsy Harvey is working on a Cookbook Fundraiser! The cookbook will include recipes from our Breakfast Crew's Veterans Breakfast; Betsy would like to collect YOUR favorite family recipes for inclusion. The target date for completion is before Christmas to enable Christmas gift-giving. She is also looking for sponsorship ideas. See Betsy Harvey for more information and to give her your recipes.

Please check out the new website at <https://www.americanlegionpost193.com>. Bear in mind, it is still a work in progress. If you have any suggestions for additions or changes, please let me or one of the other Executive Committee members know, and we will take it under advisement.

Susan Reynolds/"Vires In Arduis"/For God and Country

## Facility Manager/New Building Committee Chairman



The Post has been busy with hosting multiple events the past month. The Chapin Women in Service organization has been using our Post for making patriotic ribbons they are selling to raise money for our Building Fund. Please support them by buying a ribbon or two (\$10 each). They sold ribbons at our last Bingo game, and they will be selling them at next month's Bingo game as well. The Columbia chapter of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association also used our facility for a monthly meeting. There are a few rentals and other organizations scheduled to use the Post for the next few months, so check the calendar if you need to reserve any dates. We continue to add new members to our Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast. We host 60 – 70 Veterans every Monday. \$6 gets you a pretty good breakfast. Excuse the dust and a little noise as we look at the possibility of adding an additional latrine to the Post. If we can tie into existing plumbing, we will construct a fully approved ADA-compliant restroom.

Thank you to the crew who came out for a cleanup day at our new Post site. We cut grass, trimmed up around the trees, sign, and Y-B Pavilion, policed up some trash and deadfall, and cleaned up the pavilion area. We had a good group of 12 members, so the work went quickly. Our first major Building Fund Raiser of the year will be conducted over the Memorial Day weekend (Friday and Saturday) as we execute a "Boot Drive" to solicit donations. See Steve Tucker (OIC) or Steve Goulet to sign up on the roster for a two-hour stint to collect money at the two major intersections in Chapin. Thanks to everyone for their continued donations to the Building Fund. We have raised over \$665,000 to date. We are right at \$200,000 short of breaking ground! Appreciate everyone's support.

David Schimsa/For God and Country

ALR



Hello to all! The latest is that the Legacy pre-ride went well, even with the rainy cold weather. All had a good time and Steve did a very good job leading.

Dave, Richard, Deborah, Christy, and I rode to Daytona for Bike Week and had a great time. Dave had some observations on Bike Week:

Bike Week observations:

- There are no male bartenders in Daytona Beach.
- There are zero basement dummy supporters at Bike Week.
- Everyone is very respectful of each other.
- All trash goes in the trash cans.
- There are scantily clad women who shouldn't be.
- Great grandma should not wear fishnets and red platform boots.
- People will wear just about anything on a T-shirt.

Many thanks to all who attended Z's retirement ceremony and after-party. I believe all had a good time (I know Z did).

In April, the ALR breakfast at Zorba's was an unqualified success. It raised over \$4000 for us. Thanks to all who participated. We all had a great time and saw some old friends.

The Summer Convention is coming up in May. I am looking forward to it. Look for a report in next month's newsletter.

Wes Moore/For God and Country

### Chaplain's Corner



***I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.***

**Isaiah 42:16**

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### Turning Darkness Into Light

The dark isn't so bad if you are familiar with your surroundings. In your own home, not much light is needed to navigate as you know where the steps are and how to avoid running into any furniture.

However, if you are in a strange place, the dark can be paralyzing. If you are not sure what hazards may be in front of you, it's important to grab a flashlight or flip on a light so you can see where you are going.

God says that he will do a double miracle by leading the blind "by ways they have not known along unfamiliar paths." He also says that "he will turn the darkness into light" and "make the rough places smooth."

God did this in the days of Isaiah the prophet as he led those who had been blinded by disobedience and idolatry into captivity and then seventy years later, leading a new generation back to their homes they had never seen. He then did a double miracle by using this captivity and return to "turn their darkness into light" and called the people back from disobedience and idolatry.

God does the same double miracle today. He leads you even when you find yourself in strange and unfamiliar places. Though you may be anxious and uncertain, God is there to guide you with his Word, the Bible, though the path may be unfamiliar. As if that were not enough, God gives light to this dark world by showing us that all our sins are forgiven, and that heaven is ours. The good news of his salvation shines a beacon of hope in an otherwise dark world and creates peace and purpose in our lives.

Like being in an unfamiliar place in the dark, this world can be frightening. However, God promises a double miracle to guide us in the dark and give light to our path.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of guidance and the gift of light. Amen

Chaplain Jude Peck/For God and Country

## **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. Remember them daily as you go about your routine chores.

Friend Erin (Clark) Goshea - her cancer has returned, and she is undergoing Chemo again.

Peter Prim's - friend John Fisher is struggling with Parkinson's (his wife DeDe).

Claire Fincher- Past Commander Tom Fincher's wife with long-term health needs.

Wes Moore's- veteran friend Gary Adams was at Augusta's burn center with a 4th-degree burn.

Rick Gibson- District 13's commander's wife was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Zoltan Krompecher's - stepfather Steve in Cincinnati died in March of cancer.

Larry Stouts'- health issues per his wife Debbie.

George Donnelly's- wife Jodi is recovering from Feb 8<sup>th</sup> ankle surgery.

Moses Cohen's- son in Infantry training at Fort Benning.

Grant Wells- was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in January.

Kathy Smith- was injured in a fall and injured her elbow and shoulder.

Ken Mostiler - fell on March 7<sup>th</sup> and broke his femur with surgery to follow

Philip Jeneen's- wife Margaret had a March surgery.

Larry Ware- had a successful March colon tumor removed; his wife is Hilda.

John Siemers -recovering from April's back muscle incident.

Richard Mullinax - whose wife Pat's brother Lee Hold died on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Holliday - was at Dorn on April 13<sup>th</sup> for a planned cardioversion.

Wes Moore - had a successful procedure on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ron Saxton's - wife Carol underwent a Watchman cardiology procedure on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Gerald White - recovering well from a fall in the second week of April.

## Auxiliary



The Auxiliary has been very busy. Carol Johns-Rogers headed the Nominating Committee and presented the slate of officers. The only change that is being made to the slate of officers is that she will become Vice President. Ladies, I hope that next year we can have new members to head the Auxiliary. If you want change, you need to be willing to step up for one of the Executive Committee positions. The Palmetto Girls State delegates are Meredith Gore (C), Taylor Bulwinkle (C), Destany Doby (SH), Cora Diimmeler (C), Morgan Kinder (SH), and Katelyn Hill (C). The PGS Chairman Sabra Denny offered us more slots so the Alternate delegates that will also be attending are Abby

Edwards (C), Katelyn Elasser (SH), and Laura Perla (C). Carol Johns-Rogers, Poppy Chairperson, is going to be at Boland's on May 26 for National Poppy Day. Please stop by and help us if you can. The Auxiliary will be hosting the reception at the Town Hall on Memorial Day, May 29, right after the ceremony. We can always use some extra hands that day so, please let Ann Richardson know if you are able to help. Dues for 2023 – 2024 will be \$45.00. The membership voted to give donations to Freedom and Hope Foundation, the Post Ladies Softball team, Troop Appreciation Foundation, the We Care Food Bank, and the Post Building Fund. Thanks, ladies, for helping to make our fundraising successful enough that we can give back. We can't do any of our initiatives without you.

Carmen Goulet/President

If you are not receiving communications from the Commander at least on a weekly basis please check your spam folder and if that is not the problem let the Adjutant know so the problem can be resolved. You can find a great deal of info on our Post website at [www.americanlegionpost193.com](http://www.americanlegionpost193.com) or on our Facebook page [Chapin American Legion Post 193 | Chapin SC | Facebook](#) If you are on Facebook please be sure to like and follow our page.

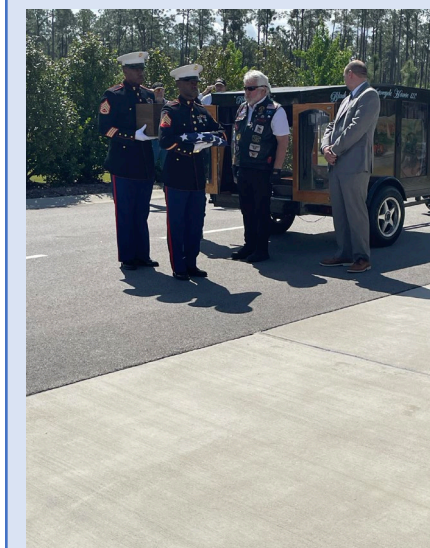
## PHOTOS



**Palmetto Girls State (PGS) Delegates (pictured from L-R) Laura Perla, McEwen Gore, Abby Edwards, Katelyn Hill, Taylor Bulwinkle, Destany Doby, Morgan Kinder, Cora Diimmler and PGS Chairperson Nancy Graham. Not pictured is Katelyn Elasser.**

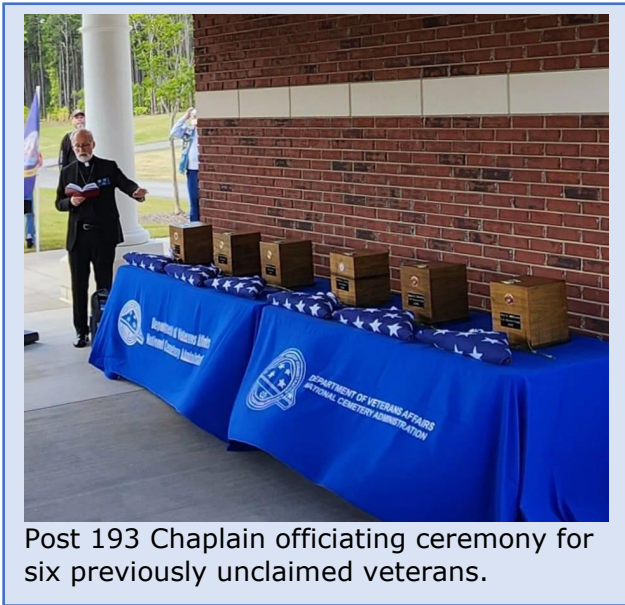


**Another successful breakfast at Zorba's!**



**ALR 193 Ride Coordinator, Rich Chamberlain presents the remains of previously unclaimed veteran LCPL Clymore to USMC Honor Guard**





Post 193 Chaplain officiating ceremony for six previously unclaimed veterans.



Post 193 member and Bagpiper Ed Wilkes being presented the flag of previously unclaimed veteran LCPL Clymore.

