

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

August 2023

Commander



Summer is flying by! The heat has many staying indoors. We are looking forward to a cooler fall and hope it starts soon. We will have plenty of opportunities from the Chapin Labor Day Festival & Parade on September 4th, our Fall Picnic and Post Everlasting/POW MIA ceremony on September 14th, and then on to Veterans Day in November and Christmas Party in December. We continue to add to our roster new members brought in by your invitation and by the mission activities we perform in the community supporting our Veterans, National Security, Americanism, and our Youth.

Our reception for Palmetto Boys and Girls State and Nathan Wolfe Law Cadet participants and their families was a great example. Those who attended were encouraged by the student reports and enthusiasm. The families were very appreciative of the Legion giving them the opportunity.

We also continue to help Veterans, inside and outside the Post, with VA filing, visits, physical help when needed, and friendship. You are the reason we are here, and the means by which we help our fellow Veterans.

We are also getting closer to starting our new Legion Community Center with fundraising activities and donations being received. The yard sale raised over \$7400 toward our goal thanks to the work of several Post and Auxiliary members. As we request businesses to support our efforts, I ask that you please donate to the fund, especially if you haven't given in the past. The amount matters but what matters more is that we show the businesses supporting us that you believe in our mission and will support the building once complete. With over 365 members, even small donations make a big difference.

We are making changes to how we work internally as well.

- We have a quartermaster, Jerry Lebar, to handle our "store". There are many items available through the Legion Store. Jerry can help with ordering. As a benefit, we get credit for what we order.
- With George stepping down, we need a treasurer to handle bank account transactions. This gives us accountability by separating the finance office duties from the money handling duties. George is expected to stay an active member of the post but after 5 years of dedicated financial service, we hope he can recharge doing other things. See me, Steve, or Dave Shealy to discuss.
- Bingo committee needs more volunteers to help out. Floyd and Carol have done a marvelous job running the program and they will still lead the planning. We need volunteers to learn each position so that the program may continue successfully.

As always, we can only move forward with your support and effort. We have a core of people that volunteer to lead most activities but they can't do it on their own. We need YOU! Please step forward to assist when you see or hear things need help. Many hands make light work.

None of us are required to do what we do. Again, we only succeed in supporting each other and our mission with help from you.

In Service, Mark Harvey, "For God and Country"

Veteran Help Line: Dial 988, option 1

Activities (see Post Calendar on www.americanlegionpost193.com website)

August 25 – 31, American Legion National Convention, Charlotte NC,
<https://www.legion.org/convention>

28 Aug: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

30 Aug: Labor Day Planning Mtg, 1800-1900, Post Building. POC: Richard Nielen

11 Sep: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

4 Sep: Labor Day Parade, 0800, Post Building. POC: Richard Nielen

Labor Day Festival, 0900-1600, Post Building. POC: Richard Nielen

7 Sep: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet

11 Sep: BINGO setup. 1630-1730. Post Building. POC: Matt Zambrano

12 Sep: BINGO 1730-2200, Ole Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Rd, Little Mountain.
POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play.

13 Sep: ALR Executive Committee Mtg 1800-1900, Post Building. POC: Walt Richardson

14 Sep: Post Everlasting/POW-MIA Ceremony and Picnic. 1800-2000, Post Pavilion, 230 Amicks
Ferry Rd. POC: Steve Goulet

16-18 Sep: ALR Wash the Wall, Vietnam Veterans Memorial. POC: Walt Richardson

18 Sep: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

19 Sep: ALR Meeting and Dinner, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Walt Richardson
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800. POC: Jim Schafer

25 Sep: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

29 Sep-1 Oct: SC Dept Fall Conference, Columbia Marriott, 1200 Hampton St 0800-1600.
POC: Mark Harvey. Find the agenda and classes available at:

<https://scarolinalegion.org/page/content/members/conventions--meetings>



Adjutant



I want to thank each of you that have already renewed your membership for 2024. We are currently at 53.91% of our membership goal for 2024 which exceeds our September 13th target goal of 50%. Would appreciate everyone renewing their dues as soon as possible but no worries if you do not, as your 2023 membership is good until December 31, 2023. If you want to pay your annual dues online visit @ [Renew my membership NOW!](#). Just hold down the Ctrl key, hover over the link and right click. You will be taken to the site to renew; you only need your membership number and credit card. When renewing online with a credit card there is no service fee charged and I will mail you your card as soon as I see you have renewed.

The Department Fall Conference is scheduled for Friday, September 29, 2023, to Sunday October 1, 2023, at the Columbia Marriott. If you are planning to attend, please get your money in (\$35.00) to our Finance Officer before 1 September 2023. The Department Conference agenda has been published and can be found at [Summer-fall 2023.pub \(scarolinalegion.org\)](#)

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

First Vice Commander



Labor Day is almost here! Our commitment to participate in the Chapin events is rapidly approaching and we are continuing to ask for donations in the following areas: sodas (Coke, Diet Coke, Diet Pepsi, Sprite and Mountain Dew), water (16.9 oz bottles) and wrapped hard candy for the float. We've had our first two planning sessions on the 19th of July and 9th of August. Our final planning session is scheduled for the 30th of August at 1800 in the post. We really need as much participation as possible to make this event a success. Many members who have helped out at the event and run the various teams in the past have stepped up to assist again this year, but we are still looking for others to volunteer. We need people to volunteer for the following teams:

- A.** Float Decoration Team, **B.** Booth Set-Up Team **C.** Concessions Team
- D.** Kitchen Team **E.** Cooking Team

If anyone would like to help out in any of the areas above, please contact me at PH: 781-290-7154, or email: 1stvicecdr@americanlegionpost193.org

Richard Neilen/For God and Country

Third Vice Commander



The Legionnaire for the Chapin Town Hall Pledge of Allegiance for September 19th is Jim Schafer. The Town Hall already has your biography. The October 12th Pledge of Allegiance Legionnaire is Moses Cohen. Thank you both for volunteering to help!

Speaking of volunteers, I'd like to personally thank the following people for all their hard work and assistance in preparing for and running this year's yard sale. Donna and I couldn't have done it without you! A huge Thank You to Jean Kennedy, Christie Keschinger, Dianne Fulmer, Debra Aimar, Maria Hernandez, Carmen Goulet, Kathy Smith, Janet Nielen, John Graham, Mike Simmons, Matt Zambrano, Allen Aimar, John Nesbitt, Dave Schimsa, Kevin Reynolds, Steve Goulet, Sal Hernandez, Mark Harvey, Marc Tsukayama, Boyd Fulmer, William Dock, Mike Williams, and Rich Nielen. If I missed anyone, I apologize.

I'd also like to give a shout-out to our two kitchen helpers, Bella and Ryleigh, who sold hot dogs, chips, and soda to raise funds for the Post Christmas party. Great job, girls!

All the hard work resulted in over \$7,400 in sales and donations for the Building Fund! We still have three items that will be sold online, so this number will grow.

Finally, a huge thank you to Steve Goulet for doing this month's newsletter while I am otherwise committed. I appreciate your assistance!

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

Facility Manager/NBC



Thanks again for all of the hard work over the past few months culminating in over \$7,300 being contributed to the Post Building Fund from our Yard Sale. We had MANY helpers but a special thanks to Donna Tsukayama, Susan Reynolds, and Allen Aimar for heading this effort up. Big thanks to Jean, John N, Matt, Christy, Mike W, Fred, Mark, Mrs. Fulmer, Deb, Cathy, William, Mike S, John G, Carmen, and MANY others. You all are the BEST.

We need some help with maintaining the Post so that it looks good and remains functional.

- * If you drop something off at the Post, please put your name on it and the purpose, otherwise it may get tossed.
- * We have our Veterans Breakfast every Monday. The kitchen and the open bay area are set up to accommodate the kitchen crew and the 60 or so Vets who eat breakfast. It's OK to move the tables and chairs around for any meetings you may have, but please put everything back where you found it. Especially after Post and ALR meetings.
- * Do not leave food in the refrigerators after a function. Please take any leftovers home with you.
- * If you want to donate anything to the Post, please contact me or the Sergeant at Arms (William Dock) before dropping it off.
- * If you spill something, please clean it up.
- *Please do not put liquids or ice in the trash cans.

New Building Committee

We have raised over \$705,000 to date for the new Post. We are getting extremely close to accruing enough cash on hand to begin construction. Please keep your pledges up to date, and if you have not set up a monthly/quarterly/annual pledge, I urge you to do so. We need everyone's support. Our second Jail and Bail is set for Wednesday, 27 September. Our own PFC Gerald White has a warrant out for his arrest. His bail has been set for \$7,500. Contact a member of the New Building Committee or the Finance Officer to help pay his bail.

A huge thanks to John Fabian for keeping the grass cut at the new site. It looks great, John! Thanks for all you do. Breakfast is on the House!!

ALR Director



The Riders of Post 193 have had a real busy month. We had an Unclaimed Veterans funeral, that as always went off in a dignified way. These internments are becoming our Chapters signature event. Of course, it is our honor to be able to provide these veterans with a fitting "final Patrol". We had our pre-meeting meal at Groucho's that was well attended and produced somewhere around \$400.00 for the building fund. The Boys State Appreciation Drop In was well attended and we had some of our riders to attend the annual ROMP meeting in New York. We had a ride to Chester to eat breakfast a Genes and visited the oldest hardware store in the state, EZZELLS HARDWARE. Jim

Schafer led his annual Blue Ridge Parkway Ride and had a very good time.

Coming up, is quite possibly, our busiest time of the year. ALRSC has been selected to host the 2024 ROMP Meeting. We have a ride going to Post 186 in Little River on Wednesday, August 23. Anyone wishing to ride, just contact Rich, Steve, or me for details. In 2012, ALRSC started having an Annual Meet and Greet. This is a very enjoyable ride, and you will get to meet other riders from all over the state. A good time is sure to be had by all. We will leave the Post 193 at 0800 hours on Saturday, 26 August.

Labor Day in Chapin means two things, first is the Chapin Labor Day Parade and second is the Labor Day Festival. The Riders follow Sheriff Jay Koon and are the official flag bearers for the parade. We need two things to make this a success, the first is Riders. The parade is short, sweet, and to the point and we need Riders on their motorcycles to help make this a success. The kids really love to see and hear the bikes. The second is, they love the candy that is "tossed" to them. That means that we need candy, tons of candy. We have some but not nearly enough. We also need help putting the trash boxes together on Sunday afternoon, around 2:00 and picking up the trash after the festival is over. This usually takes place around 3:00.

On September 17, we will have a contingency of Riders ride to Washington, DC to Wash the Wall. This year we will be washing The Vietnam War Memorial. This is a very moving experience, and you will not regret going to Washington to take part in this event. On September 27, we have "Jail and Bail" to raise money for the Building Fund, and on Saturday, September 30, we will have our ALRSC Fall Conference at The Marriott in Columbia.

We have done a lot and still have more to do. A lot of hands make the work a lot easier, if you can help in any of these activities, just come on down.

Walt Richardson/For God and Country

Chaplain's Corner



In the first book of the Bible, Genesis, Chapter 4 verse 9 God ask Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" and Cain replied, "am I my brother's keeper?" Throughout the Bible it is taught that we are our brother's keeper. Jesus said, "by this shall all men know that you are my disciples that you have love one for another." That Is that we look after and care for one another. The American Legion was founded on the principle of veterans taking care of one another. It is not so much a duty as it is a privilege that we are given, to look after and take care of each other. Who is better able to understand a veteran than another veteran?

I'm encouraging each of you/us to be alert and look for every opportunity to encourage other veterans. See that the word gets out on all our Post activities, let them know that you missed them when they are absent. Sometimes a word from a fellow veteran will carry more encouragement than from the Post officers.

Chaplain Richard Mullinax/For God and Country

Comrade Care List:

I'm clearing the Comrade Care list and starting over. I will add names as you give them to me. I would ask of you to also let me know when to remove a name from our list.

Steve and Linda Tucker lost a grandson recently and are assisting their daughter with the adjustments.

Richard Royer is home recovering from a knee replacement.

Floyd Rogers is home recovering from his hospital stay and surgery and doing great.

Moses Cohen's father was in an accident and is the hospital in Augusta Ga.

Benny Mellon is continuing to seek answers with ongoing health issues.

Don Culver is working to restore his health and seeking answers.

Richard Mullinax had a cancer removed from his chest and the surgeon said he got it all.

Auxiliary



Please join me in welcoming our new members for 2023 – 2024, Janet Nielen, Marcia Huepenbecker and Mary Giles. We are currently taking membership renewals for 2023 – 2024, please submit your payments to Marthalyn Schimsa. I will be sending out an updated roster soon.

We will be selling tickets for our Labor Day basket(s) drawing and will not do the drawing until our business meeting in October. There is just no way we can successfully raise enough money (sell enough tickets) in less than two weeks before the Labor Day festivities. If you would like to ride on the float during the

Labor Day Parade, please let the Commander know. You must be there between 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Thank you to all Auxiliary members for helping the Post members with the garage sale. It was a huge undertaking and countless hours were spent before, during and after the sale to make this a success.

The recognition ceremony and reception for the Palmetto Girls State delegates, Palmetto Boys State Delegates and Nathan Wolfe Law Academy Cadets was a success. Congratulations to all the fine young people and their parents.

Please plan to attend the picnic meeting at the Yeoman Bernard Pavilion on September 14th. An email will go out so you can sign up to bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

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 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!

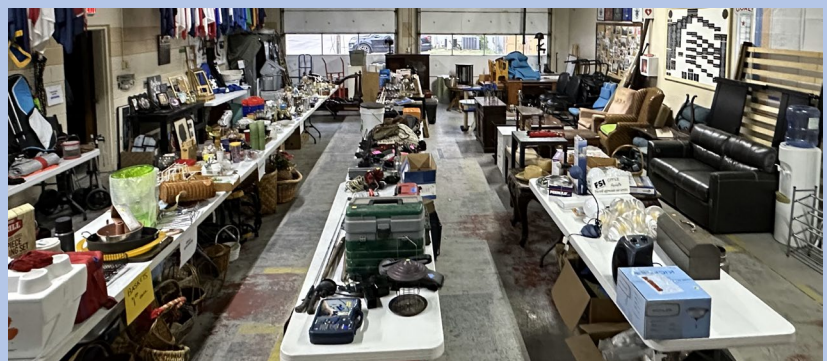
This and That – Here and There



BINGO – A packed house!! - BINGO



Post Historian Linda Warren receiving Department History Book award from Post 193 Commander Mark Harvey

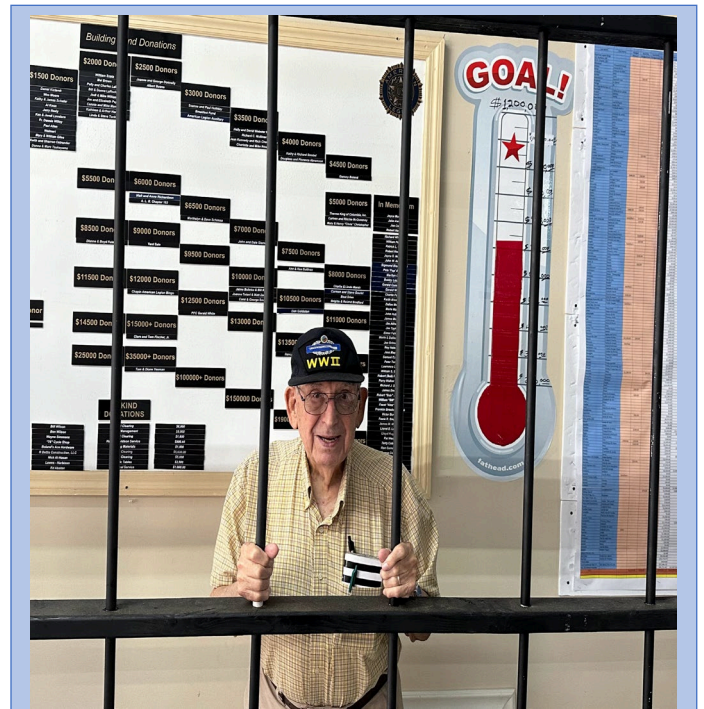


The Post Yard Sale was a huge success! Thanks to everyone that donated items and their time!

This and That - Here and There



Johnathan Clark (Army Veteran) owner of Lake Murray Event Rentals receiving a certificate of Achievement from Post 193 Commander Mark Harvey.



PFC Gerald White has agreed to participate in our 2023 Jail and Bail to raise money for our New Post Home. Bail has been set at \$7,500. Let's get the word out to family and friends. We cannot let a member of the Greatest Generation spend the night in jail.



Absolutely nobody in Chapin is above the law! Chapin Mayor Al Koon and Chapin Town Administrator Nicholle Burroughs were served Jail and Bail warrants today.

Thank You for your support of Chapin American Legion Post 193

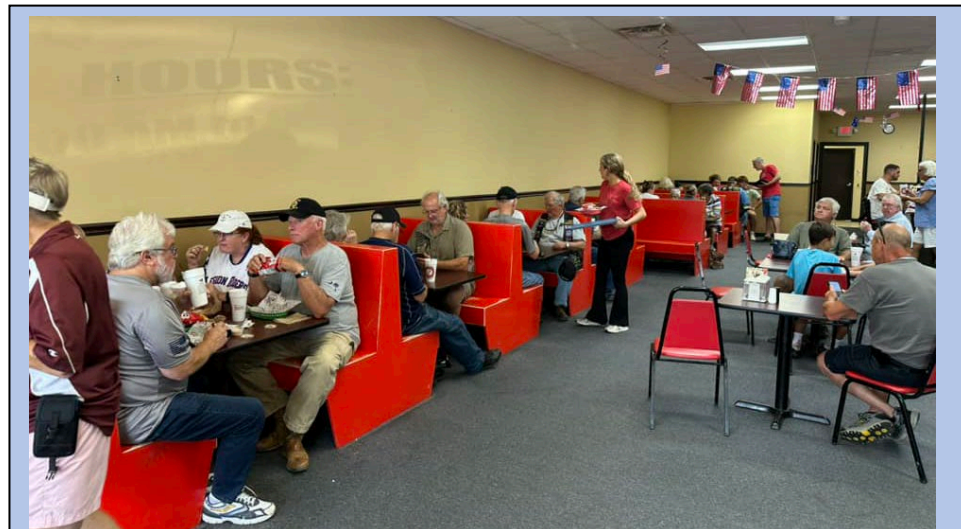
This and That - Here and There



George Donnelly presenting Crooked Creek Recreation Center Director Jason White with Post 193s Fall Sports Team contribution.



1st Vice Cdr. Richard Nielen receiving Post 100% membership plaque from Post 193 Commander Mark Harvey.



Thank you to the staff at Groucho's in Chapin for hosting a wonderful Fundraiser for Post 193! The food and service were excellent.