

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

July 2023

Commander



Thank you to the Executive Committee for running the Post while I was on vacation for 6 weeks. All activities continued and planning has started for the fall items starting with Labor Day. This week alone, we had a Recognition Ceremony for the young men and women and their families that attended Palmetto Boys and Girls State and the Law Cadet Academy, buried 5 unclaimed Veterans, and held a fundraiser at Groucho's Deli. Please pay attention to your email and look at the website <https://www.americanlegionpost193.com/>, Events Calendar link, for upcoming activities, and plan on attending as many as you are able. The next big event is the yard sale on Aug 4th & 5th. 2nd Vice Commander Donna Tsukayama will need help.

Mark Harvey/For God and Country/In Service

Veteran Help Line: **Dial 988, option 1**

Activities: (see "Events Calendar" on <https://www.americanlegionpost193.com/>)

24 Jul: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

31 Jul: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

31 Jul – 3 Aug: **Set up for Post Yard Sale** 0930-1500, Post Building. POC: Donna Tsukayama

3 Aug: **Post Executive Committee Meeting** 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet

4-5 Aug: **Post Yard Sale** 0800-1600, Post Building. POC: Donna Tsukayama

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

8 Aug: **BINGO** 1730-2200, Ole Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Rd, Little Mountain. POC: Floyd Rogers

9 Aug: **ALR Riders Executive Committee Meeting** 1800-1900, Post Building. POC: Walt Richardson

Labor Day Planning Meeting 1800-1900, Post Building. POC: Rich Neilen

10 Aug: **Post 193/Aux Meetings with Dinner** 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet

10-12 Aug: **Veteran Experience Action Center (VEAC)** 0900-1500, SCNG Armory, 301 N. Campus Rd, Spartanburg, SC. POC: Carroll Owings (864) 451-3057

11 Aug: **ALR Blue Ridge Ride** KSU 0700 at Bill & Fran's Restaurant, Rt 34 (Exit 74), Newberry, SC. POC: Jim Schafer

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

15 Aug: **Congressman Joe Wilson Visit** 0930-1030, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet

Pledge of Allegiance 1800, Chapin Town Hall, POC: Moses Cohen

ALR Dinner and Meeting, 1800-2030, Post Building, POC: Wes Moore

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

26 Aug: **ALR State Meet & Greet** All Day Event, Post 151 in Central, SC. POC: Walt Richardson

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

30 Aug: **Labor Day Planning Meeting** 1800-1900, Post Building. POC: Rich Neilen

Future: 3-4 Sep: **Labor Day Event** Times to be Determined, Post Building, POC: Rich Neilen

Activities: <https://www.americanlegionpost193.com/site/eventscalendar.php>

The Post is **Open M, W, F 1000-1400**. Thank you Doug for opening the Post when I'm out of town. Looking for others to assist.

Adjutant



Our July meeting went well, we had some good chow (thank you, Moses!), a guest speaker that provided us with some useful information, we had a couple of new members join, and we were able to share information on current and upcoming events. It was a bit disappointing that we did not have enough members present to make a quorum however, historically our attendance numbers during our summer meetings are low. Summer is the time when the kids and grandkids are out of school, we schedule our vacations and recharge ourselves. Some Legion Posts do not even hold meetings during July or August.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer doing what they enjoy most and not being deterred by this heat and humidity! Speaking about doing what you enjoy, we had a record crowd at BINGO in July. I believe we had 139 folks attend and play. Our Post BINGO game at the Ole Oak Barn is a family affair and very popular in the community. Thank You to our BINGO Team!!

Membership renewal for the 2024 membership year has begun! Our first goal is to have at least 50% of our members renewed by September 13, 2023, which I believe we can easily meet. Thank you to everyone that has either mailed in their dues, paid online, or paid in person. The earlier you pay the sooner you will quit receiving those annoying notices from National HQs. Please consider paying your annual dues online @ [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. If you pay online and want to have your card laminated just bring it in when George is at the Post, and I am sure he will take care of you as always.

The Department Fall Conference is scheduled for *Friday, September 29, 2023, to Sunday, October 1, 2023, at the Columbia Marriott. The Department Conference agenda has been published and can be found at [Summer-fall 2023.pub \(scarolinalegion.org\)](#)* The cost for this year's conference is \$35.00 and must be paid prior to September 6, 2023, after that date, the cost will be \$40.00. Attending the Annual Conference is a good way for Legionnaires to increase

their knowledge about our organization, meet other Legionnaires from throughout the state, and share ideas. I have attended just about every year and have found it to be very informative and enlightening.

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

First Vice Commander



Just a quick reminder that our Labor Day Parade commitment to participate in the Chapin events is rapidly approaching. Summer goes by extremely quickly and Labor Day will be here before you know it. We had our first planning session on the 19th of July and have follow-on-progress meetings scheduled for the 9th and 30th of August. We really need as much participation as possible to make this event a success. Especially by members who have helped at the event and run the various teams in the past and have the experience and knowledge to make the process run better than before. We need people to volunteer for the following teams:

- Parade Lead Coordinators
- Float Decoration Team
- Booth Set-Up Team
- Concessions Team
- Kitchen Team
- Cooking Team
- Trash Team

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

On another note, last month's newsletter had a discussion on our Member Participation Rate (MPR) for the number of people that have contributed to the Post Building Fund. Currently, we are running slightly above 25%. As Tom Yeoman explained, that number needs to be increased significantly if we are going to solicit contributions from outside sources. Keep in mind that every bit helps and let's see if we can start to get that number up around the 90% mark.

Richard Nielen/For God and Country

Second Vice Commander



Hi all, hopefully, everyone has had an enjoyable summer.

Our next project, the Legion yard sale is Aug 4th and 5th, 0800 to 1500. We start accepting items after breakfast on Monday 31st July. Please ensure items donated are clean and sellable. Volunteers are needed for pickup and delivery on Monday. Pricing, labeling, and sorting Tues through Thursday from 0800 to 1500. Volunteers are requested during the sale on Friday and Saturday from

0800 to 1500. If you are interested in assisting, or have items to donate, please contact me at tsukdon@gmail.com.

On the 27th of July, three hundred and three flags were folded and retired at Thompson Funeral Home. The retired flags are added before cremation with local Veterans. The next flag folding is scheduled at the Post on 17 Aug at 1130.

Donna Tsukayama/For God and Country

Third Vice Commander



Moses Cohen is the Legionnaire conducting the Chapin Town Hall Pledge of Allegiance on August 15th at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

I am still looking for 2 volunteers to conduct the Pledge of Allegiance for the Chapin Town Council meetings in November, and December. This takes just 15 minutes and is a great way for the Post to get noticed by the public and town leaders. It really should be done by Chapin residents because it's such a brief commitment of time that those living outside the area would spend more time driving than performing the Pledge. Please contact me at 603-496-3330 with the month you can help.

Please check out the new website at <https://www.americanlegionpo193.com>. The Events Calendar is up to date, and I have posted several pictures of items we have collected for the Yard Sale. If you see something you would like to purchase, please let either me or Donna Tsukayama know.

The contract for advertising on the website has been reviewed and accepted by the Executive Committee. I am now looking for businesses and individuals who want to purchase website advertising space. This is a way in which to cover the annual cost of the website and to help fund some of our other programs. If you own a business or know someone who does, and would like more information, please contact me at (603) 496-3340.

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

ALR Director



The American Legion Riders are the fastest-growing program of TAL. The growth of the Riders has been a surprise to everyone. The Riders are rapidly becoming an integral part of the Legion family that can be counted on when asked.

ALRSC Chapter 193 is a program of American Legion Post 193 Chapin. As a program of the Post, we are here to support the Post in its efforts to carry out the goals of TAL: Defense of our country, Veterans (the care for all veterans), Americanism, and Children and Youth.

Jim Schafer's Blue Ridge Parkway Ride is going to be on Friday, 11 August, and on August 24 - 27, we are working to host a booth at the Prosperity Festival.

Our annual ALRSC Meet and Greet will be held on Saturday, 26 August. This event will be hosted by Post 151 in Liberty. Ride Coordinator Rich Chamberlain has planned a good ride through the country there and back with only a very short time on the Interstate. The Meet and Greet is our annual event where we get to socialize with other Riders from across the state. A fun time is to be had by all who attend.

September 4, Labor Day is the big event in the town of Chapin. This is also known as the kickoff for the political season here in South Carolina. Once again, the Riders will act as flag bearers for the parade with our float following close behind and the people on our float tossing candy to the children along the parade route. After the parade, the Riders will be allowed to come back to the Post to assist with the activities of the Post during the Festival.

Washington, DC, on Sunday, 17 September. Riders from Chapter 193 along with other Riders from ALRSC will be in Washington to "Wash the Wall". Each year ALRSC travels to Washington to assist the National Park Service in maintaining our monuments. This year we will have the honor of washing The Viet Nam War Memorial.

The ALRSC Fall Conference will take place on Saturday, 30 September, at The Marriott on Hampton Street in Downtown Columbia. Classes are open to all members of the Legion on Friday and Saturday. If you wish to attend, you need to pre-register.

If you are interested in joining the Riders, please contact the Post and someone will help you.

Walt Richardson/For God and Country

Auxiliary



Ladies, membership renewal for 2023-2024 has begun. Membership is \$45.00. Labor Day is approaching quickly and if you are going to donate gift cards for the baskets or solicit gift cards from businesses you frequent, please have them to us by August 10. We need to sell tickets for the gift cards before the Labor Day event and the baskets must be put together. If it rains this fundraiser will not be successful. Mission in Action Grants has ended. This grant submission was headed by Diane Yeoman and allowed us to purchase all our branded items, including a tent, table covers, and pop-up banners. The American Legion Auxiliary Foundation will offer Veteran Projects Fund grants, Veterans Creative Arts Festival grants, and sub-granting opportunities. We will investigate what those grants entail. Bingo concessions continue to go well, please let me know when you can volunteer. Hours to volunteer are 5-8 p.m.

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!

TRIVIA

The Air Force is the same age (and shares a birthday with) what other governmental organization?

- A. DEA
- B. CIA
- C. ATF
- D. NSA

**See the answer on page 9

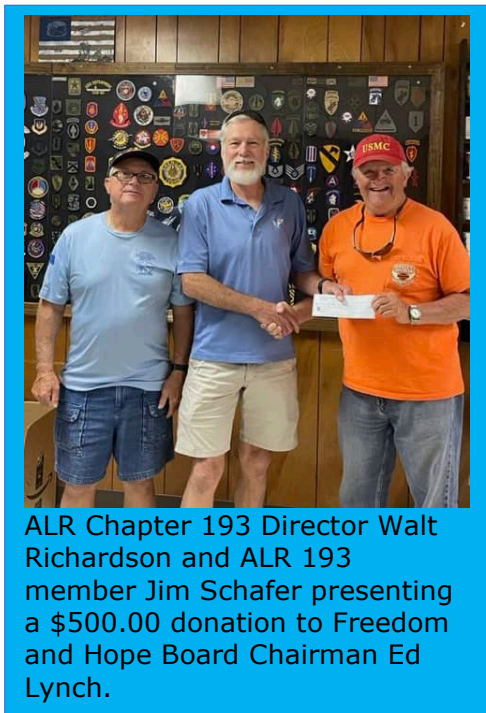
PHOTOS



BINGO – A packed house!! - BINGO



ALR Chapter 193 Assistant Director Marcus Reeves delivered the Nation of Patriots Flag to Riders at Low Country Harley Davidson in Charleston.



ALR Chapter 193 Director Walt Richardson and ALR 193 member Jim Schafer presenting a \$500.00 donation to Freedom and Hope Board Chairman Ed Lynch.



ALR 193 Members visited with our Law Cadets Connor Dennis and Jacob Thruene on their first day at Camp McGrady.

Post 193 held a Recognition Ceremony for Palmetto Boys State, Palmetto Girls State, and Nathan M. Wolfe Law Enforcement Cadet Academy participants on July 20, 2023.



Ryleigh Allen (Legionnaires Marc and Donna Tsukayama's granddaughter) displays the first flag she ever folded!



Chapin Post 193 with ALR Chapter 193 escorted 5 unclaimed Veterans to their final resting place in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery on July 21, 2023.



**Trivia Answer: B. September 18, 1947