

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

June 2023



Happy Independence Day.

I've been out of town since our meeting but the Post continues to accomplish much daily. There are lots of activities happening and being planned. Flag Day, Bingo, Army Birthday, and Monday Vet Breakfasts.

Our Memorial Day service raised visibility on our post and our building program as well as honoring our lost comrades. We are going to host a congressional delegation during the Congressional summer break. More to come...

The "Be the One" event was a success with many lessons as well. Thank you to those that took the time to call over 400 members and former members just to check on them. This is what we do... we are there for each other.

July brings Independence Day, summer trips, and our Law Cadet, Boys and Girls State Reception.

If you have an idea for activities to honor each other and our community, please bring it up. I'm always looking for ways to enhance our four pillars (Veteran Rehabilitation, National Security, Youth, and Community).

Mark Harvey/For God and Country/In Service

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

Activities:

- 26 Jun:** **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
Bingo Packet Party 0930-1030, Post Building, POC: Floyd Rogers
- 27 Jun:** **Free Bingo Game**, 1900-2100, Post Building, POC: Floyd Rogers members/family
- 29 Jun:** **Put out Flags in Chapin**, 1130, Post Building, POC: Donna Tsukayama
- 03 Jul:** **There will be no Veteran Breakfast** POC: Dave Schimsa
- 04 Jul:** **Independence Day**
- 06 Jul:** **Bring in Flags in Chapin**, 1130, Post Building, POC: Donna Tsukayama
Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1930, Post Building, POC: Richard Nielen
- 10 Jul:** **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 11 Jul:** **BINGO**, 1730-2200, Ole Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Rd, Little Mountain.
POC: Floyd Rogers
- 13 Jul:** **Legion/AUX Dinner/Meetings**, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Richard Nielen
- 17 Jul:** **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 18 Jul:** **Pledge of Allegiance** 1800, Chapin Town Hall, POC: George Donnelly
ALR Dinner and Meeting, 1800-2030, Post Building, POC: Walt Richardson

Groucho's Deli Fundraiser 1600- 2000 % of all sales to Post 193!

20 July: **Law Cadet, Boys State, and Girls State Reception**, 1900-2100, Post Building.
POC: Walt Richardson/Floyd Rogers/Carmen Goulet

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

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

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

For a complete listing of Post activities visit our website event calendar at:
<https://www.americanlegionpost193.com>

Adjutant



Thank you to everyone that had a hand in planning and executing this years Memorial Day Ceremony. There were a few hiccups but overall a job well done. Our Auxiliary Unit once again set the standard and provided a first class reception for the community. Support from the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Chapin NJROTC was exceptional and greatly appreciated. This year we were able to get additional support from Lake Murray Event Rentals, Sign Gypsies and Janney Montgomery Scott LLC. The support of these organizations greatly enhanced our event and we look forward to their continued support.

This month during our Post meeting we held our Installation of Post Officers. The following Officers will be moving on: George Donnelly, Tom Yeoman Jude Peck and Wil Truesdale. Each of these Legionnaires have done an outstanding job and will be greatly missed. I am certain they will not fade away but will continue as contributing members of our Post. I am thankful for the addition of Richard Nielen as First Vice Cmdr, David Shealy as Finance Officer, Richard Mullinax as Post Chaplain and William Dock as Sgt-at-Arms. They each bring new energy and new ideas that will help to improve and move our Post forward.

We will begin taking 2024 membership dues starting the 1st week in July. 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 will just 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 on in when George is at the Post and I am sure he will take care of you as always. By the way I got good news the other day when George told me he would like to continue to take care of processing our Post memberships. A win for everyone!

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

First Vice Commander



As our Post continues to be engaged in various fund-raising activities/events, progress towards our goal of 1.2 million dollars is being made. Your Post leadership, over the past two years has been "professionalizing" our finances and finance reporting systems. This has been necessary because as we have grown both our membership and monies, as such our financial and reporting protocols, are necessarily becoming more robust.

Other than IRS and IRS charitable requirements, any large company from whom we will be soliciting significant funding (100K - 200K) will want to review our "financials". They will do this to ensure that we are and will be good stewards of any monies donated.

In addition to wanting to see our (professional level reporting) financials and how we have met our missions of our "Four Pillars", there is one other area where a company will show interest in our Post, when considering making a significant donation.

All potential "large" donors will want to know what our Membership Participation Rate (**MPR**) is, as far as making contribution(s) to the building fund. Our **MPR** is simply our recorded individual membership contributions to the building fund divided by our total membership, say **90** recorded donations divided by **350**, this gives you our MPR, in this case $90 \div 350 = .25$ or **25%**

This **90** is the number of members who have made (even a single) contribution to the Post's Building Fund. Any donation that was made into our "building fund jar", where said donation was not recorded and credited to the member is not credited as a "member participation" donation. We are now taking steps to record all such donations, at our breakfasts and elsewhere, to more accurately capture our **MPR**.

You might wonder why documented membership donations are important? Besides being a metric by which we can view our fundraising progress, it will be important to every "large donor" we will be soliciting. All potential "large" donors will ask our membership participation rate. Their reasoning will be that the **MPR** is a gauge of our Post membership's interest, buy-in and our "skin in the game".

Our goal is to have an MPR at 90% or greater, as soon as possible. To accomplish this, **we need every member to donate to our building fund**. The amount is less important than a designated building fund donation. Any and all membership donations are needed.

When, not if, a potential donor asks; "What is your **MPR**?" If our answer is 25%, 35%, 45% or something along those lines, the donor's response is likely to be, "If your membership is not that interested in this building, why should my organization be supportive"?

It all about our showing our level of "Skin in the game".

Thomas Yeoman/For God and Country

Facility Manager/New Building Committee Chairman



I had the honor to lead the Town Council in the pledge of Allegiance this month. Both the Mayor and Town Administrator commented on how much Chapin's American Legion Post 193 means to this community. We were also included in the Town Council Minutes for our successful execution of the Town's Memorial Day service and received accolades from several people in attendance.

Thanks to the breakfast crew for chipping in during my two-week absence. Our Veterans breakfast continues to be extremely successful with the addition of, on average, a new member each week. We recently added an additional fruit and a small yogurt bar to breakfast. Let me know if you would like to see anything else added. Thanks also to William Dock for helping with Facility Manager duties while I was away.

New Building Committee – the dollars continue to come in. We are over a total of \$670,000 donated to date. A big thanks to the Post's American Legion Riders for their additional \$1000 donation to the Building Fund. Also, a big **THANK YOU** to the Bingo committee who transferred \$5000 this past month to the Building Fund. We have three Building Fund fundraisers planned for the remainder of the year. Our Post Yard Sale is coming up on 4 & 5 August. See Susan R or Donna T for details and/or guidance on items to donate. We will also conduct a Jail & Bail in the fall (TBA), and another Boot Drive on Veterans Day.

David Schimsa/For God and Country

ALR Director



Hello to all! Well June has been a slow month with elections and Memorial Day. Memorial Day was a great success and we have received many compliments on how well it was put on. **Many Thanks** to all participants!

Rider's elections were held and a new Riders Director was elected. Congrats to Walt Richardson. Thank you to Andy Powell for visiting our Chapter to install our new Chapter Officers.

It has really been a **learning** experience for me the last year. I took this position knowing nothing about how to go about doing the job. I know I messed you up a lot but that is over now and I can do it, but I won't have to. I want to thank you all for putting up with me. You all were kind and I appreciate your support more than I can say. So, for now, I bid you all goodbye and I hope to see ya'll and **MORE** riders at the meetings and on the Chapter rides.

Wes Moore/For God and Country

Chaplain's Corner



And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.
1 Peter 5:10,11

Destination Restoration

Many of us can look back and laugh at family road trips we took as children or with our children. They were torturous for children and parents alike. The frequent bathroom breaks. The incessant questions. "Honey, do you know where you are going?" "Do I need to pull this car over?" "Are we there yet?" The road seemed to stretch on forever and the destination forever out of reach. But once you arrived, the glory of the destination often outweighed and outshined the frustration of the journey.

Suffering during our journey through this life as we head toward heaven can be just as torturous, indeed, more so. We do not tend to look back on tough times with humor. The road of suffering seems to go on forever. The end, forever out of reach. We break down frequently. We question God incessantly. "Lord, how is this good for me? Have you forgotten about me? Can you even put a stop to this?"

The apostle Peter assures us that God can. He is still in control. His ability to act on our behalf has not run dry. He will always have the power to deliver us. Therefore, we have no right or reason to squabble with God. Regardless of how much of our life is marked with suffering (even if it is every single day of our lives), God is always the same. He is always full of grace. Always giving all his mercy to all his children. He holds nothing back.

If you doubt it, look to Jesus. Because of Jesus, you have a share in God's eternal glory. Your days of suffering will end. And when they do, God will be there to greet you. The end of that road will reveal a destination that is extraordinary and unending in its splendor. Compared to the glories of eternal life, the sufferings of earthly life will seem little and light.

Are we there yet?

Lord Jesus, restore to us the joy of your salvation
and grant us a willing spirit to sustain us. AMEN

Let me take this time to thank my fellow veterans and their family for their support and encouragement of me in my role as your chaplain these last couple of years.

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's 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

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

Moses Cohen's son continuing infantry training at Fort Benning

Grant Wells was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma in January

Ed Keschinger's recovery from May quadruple heart surgery

William Dock's wife Hallie's June 1 rotator cuff surgery and her father Jimmy Snead's health

John Fischer's struggle with Parkinson's

Mike Rowley's loss of his mother-in-law in May

Gerald White's celebration of his 97th birthday on May 10th

Richard Mullinax's loss of his 95-year-old veteran cousin in May

Richard Mullinax May 27 fluid in lungs

Larry Stout's May 23 stroke and now is at the VA hospital per his wife Debra

Betsy Harvey struggling with respiratory and auto-immune issues

Chris Cox retired Army Lt Col. had a heart attack on May 29

Don Culver continuing health issues

Gerald White assessment results

John Graham fell on June 4 per his wife Nancy

Steve and Carmen Goulet – Carmen's parents in Fayetteville NC, (I.J. and Edith Elder) lost their home of 55 years to fire on May 19th

Auxiliary



Poppy Day at Boland's Ace and the Memorial Day Reception at the Chapin Town Hall were a success. A total of \$525.00 was collected for poppy donations which is a record for our Unit. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with these two events, Carol Johns-Rogers, Anne Richardson, Linda Tucker, Sharron Ostrander, Dale Siemers, Nancy Graham, Pat Mullinax, Seanne Holliday, Melissa Prim, Marthalyn Schimsa, Dianne Fulmer, Kathy Smith and Deb Aimar.

Our next project is for Labor Day, again this year we will be selling tickets for gift card baskets. Please donate gift cards you do not want as well as go to places that you frequent in Chapin and if you are comfortable ask them for a donation of a gift card to put into one of the baskets. We will need all donated gift cards to the Unit by the last week in July so that we can begin selling tickets.

The installation of Officers was done by Tamela Jett, Congaree Unit 90 President and District 15 President. Unit Officers installed are Carmen Goulet, President, Carol Johns Rogers, Vice President, Marthalyn Schimsa, Treasurer, Seanne Holliday, Secretary and Chaplin, and Kathy Smith, Sgt at Arms. July 20th at 7:00 p.m. we will co-host a recognition ceremony for American Legion Boys State, Girls State and Nathan Wolfe Law Academy graduates. Please plan to attend, small reception with light refreshments will follow.

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.

Memorial Day 2023



TEAM CHAPIN

Activities



National Poppy Day May 26, Boland's Ace. Gerald, Pat, Carol, Deb, Nancy and Carmen (not pictured). It was a nice cold, windy day but we did receive many donations.

**We are getting close.
Let's get it done!!**




Our "Be The One Team" Great work !



The Boot Drive was a huge success and we received many positive comments on the beautiful display of flags in the Town Center!!



The Memorial Day Reception was well planned and executed! Most of All everyone enjoyed it. Great Job Unit 193!!



GROUCHO'S DELI


GIVES BACK NIGHT

TUE
JULY
18

4 PM -
8 PM

TO SUPPORT CHAPIN
AMERICAN
LEGION POST 193

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138-B Armicks Ferry Road
grouchos.com/chapin
grouchos.com/givesback



*All food and beverages are sold for a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person. *All proceeds go to support the American Legion Post 193. *All proceeds go to support the American Legion Post 193.

Installation of Post 193, ALR Chapter 193 and Auxiliary Unit 193 Officers
Thank You for stepping up to serve



Past Department Commander Ron Price Conducting the Installation of Post 193 Officers.



Past Department Commander Ron Price presenting duties of the Office to Commander Harvey.



Installation of Auxiliary Unit 193 Officers by District 15 President Tamela Jett. Officers from L to R are: President, Carmen Goulet, Vice President, Carol Johns Rogers, Secretary/Chaplain, Seanne Holliday, Sgt. At Arms, Kathy Smith and Treasurer, Marthaly Schimsa.



ALRSC Director Andy Powell thanking outgoing Chapter 193 Director Wes Moore for his service as Chapter 193 Director.



ALRSC Director Andy Powell conducted the Installation of Chapter 193 Officers.