

# AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

March 2023

## Commander



There are many opportunities to participate in the events and we need all your support. Read this newsletter with the intent of finding out where you would like to help.

ALR Breakfast fundraiser at Zorba's Chapin. Tickets are still available. See Wes M. or Steve G.

**Post elections** are coming. The nomination committee will present its slate of officers at the April meeting and ask for other nominations. Please consider accepting the nomination or nominating yourself. All positions are open for the election. Some current officers are running again but if you would like to join us, run.

The **Veteran Experience Action Center (VEAC)** event was a success with over 700 veteran questions answered. Thank you to the Riders coordinating the parking and those volunteers who helped direct people inside the event.

## Looking forward...

Rifle raffle sales events are ongoing **thru May**, NJROTC Awards Banquet on **13 May**, Law Cadet Program, Boot Drive fundraiser on **25-26 May**, Memorial Day **28 May**, Jail 'n Bail **Jun/Jul**, and The State Convention **19-21 May**. Don't forget Mother's Day **14 May**. Ask and listen for opportunities to participate.

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)

31 Mar: **Z's Retirement Ceremony**, 1400, State Armory, 1 National Guard Blvd, Columbia.

**Z's Retirement Party**, 1830-?, at the Post

01 Apr: **ALR Breakfast Fundraiser**, 0730-1030, Zorba's Chapin. POC: Wes Moore

**ALR Ride to Post 6**, KSU193 Approx. 1100 for ALRSC Chapter 6 Fall Festival at Post 6/  
1100 - 1600/Band-Food Trucks-Drawings-Several \$5.00 entry events- Modified Poker Run

03 Apr: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

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

10 Apr: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

**National Commander Visit** 0820-1000, Post Building, POC: Mark Harvey

11 Apr: **Bingo** 1730-2200, Old Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Rd, Little Mountain. POC: Floyd Rogers

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

17 Apr: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

18 Apr: **Pledge of Allegiance** 1800, Chapin Town Hall, POC: Sue Reynolds

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

22 Apr: **Chapin Day of Service**, 0800-1600, breakfast served at the Town Hall

22-23 Apr: **ALR Legacy Ride**, KSU 0800 at Post

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

25 Apr: **Post Family Breakfast**, 0830-1030, Post Building, POC: Dave Schimsa

In addition, the Post is **Open M, W, F 1000-1400**

## Adjutant



Congratulations to all of YOU on an outstanding job of retaining and recruiting new members to our Post! Our membership currently stands at 343 or 101.48% of our 2023 membership goal. We have about 43 members that have not renewed, a few of them have contacted me and told me why they are not renewing, and none have indicated dissatisfaction with our Post. For those that have yet to renew, rejoin the team and continue to be a part of this great Veteran Service Organization. There is strength in numbers. [Membership Renewal Quick Pay \(mylegion.org\)](https://mylegion.org), mail your check to PO Box 897 Chapin SC 29036 or come to breakfast Monday morning, and attend one of the Post meetings or activities.

At our April meeting our nominating committee Chairman Walt Richardson will present the current slate of recommended Officers for election to the Post and nominations will remain open until our May meeting. If you have the desire to fill one of our elected positions in the Post, please let it be known, do not let the fact that the incumbent desires to remain in the position keep you from running for that position. If you do not want to jump right in at this time and be one of our elected members then perhaps you would consider serving as a committee chairperson or committee member. We are a growing Post and have plenty of opportunities for just about everyone. On that note Thank You to all those members that have stepped up to fill some very important spaces, you are making a huge difference.

The 2023 American Legion Department of South Carolina Annual Convention will be held May 18 -May 21, at the Doubletree by Hilton in Columbia. Information pertaining to the Convention can be found by clicking on this link --> [Microsoft Word - 2023 Call to Convention \(scarolinalegion.org\)](https://scarolinalegion.org). Attending the Annual Convention is a great way to see all that the American Legion in South Carolina is accomplishing and is planning to do.

Currently, Post 193 has only six of the 18 delegates we are authorized to have at the convention. If you are available at a minimum on Friday, May 19, I encourage you to attend as a delegate. We only have a say if we vote.

If you are not receiving communications from the Commander at least on weekly basis please check your spam folder, if that is not the problem let me know and I will do what I can to resolve the issue. Communication is critical we all must be up on the net. 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](https://www.facebook.com/ChapinAmericanLegionPost193) If you are on Facebook please be sure to like and follow our page!

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

**First Vice Commander**



## Be the One, Update

As of today, March 13<sup>th</sup>, we have eleven of our members who have agreed to be a part of our Post's outreach to all of our members. As we all know, our American Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.

Obviously, our Post's "Be the One/Buddy Check" initiative is designed to support our Veterans by contacting every member of our Post, some 330+/- and those whose membership has recently lapsed, asking each of them, "how's it going"? The calls will be "scripted" to deliver a common message:

- Thank them for their service,
- Ask how things are going for them and their family,
- Inquire if there is anything that their American Legion Family can assist them with,
- Remind them of our Monday morning "Veteran's Breakfast",
- Tell them about our efforts to build our new Post building, and to
- Remind them that their American Legion Post is "there" for them.
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Our team will all have completed the QPR Institutes Gatekeeper® training and our Post's/American Legion's "Be the One" orientation session. This will ensure all members of the Call team are familiar with Veteran Resources, and the new National Suicide Prevention, which has a specific "line" for Veterans, the Veterans Crisis Line.

This is truly an important effort/outreach by our Post to our membership. While one is too many, estimates are that we lose between 17 and 44 Veterans each day to suicide.

We hope to augment our current team with about four more "callers". If you are interested in joining our team, please let me know by sending me (Tom Yeoman) an email: at [try3sc@gmail.com](mailto:try3sc@gmail.com) with your name, email, and phone number. Thank you!

Thomas Yeoman/For God and Country

## Third Vice Commander



Matt Zambrano is the Legionnaire conducting the Chapin Town Hall Pledge of Allegiance on April 18th.

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



A record of over 80 Veterans at breakfast on 6 March with the National Commander. Thanks to the kitchen staff of Mike Rowley, Mark Stevens, Lynne McCallum, Allen Aimar, Steve Goulet, and Fred Beauchemin for putting on the usual outstanding meal. AIRBORNE! If you are missing the Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast, you are missing a fantastic meal and outstanding fellowship with fellow Veterans. The cost for breakfast is only \$6 and is for Veterans only. Coffee is on by 0700 and breakfast is served from 0830 – 0915. This a reminder to please contact me (803-960-8708) if you need to use the Post for an official function or for routine work at the Post. We want to make sure we deconflict the calendar in case it’s already scheduled for use.

We have received an offer from Mechanical Design, Inc for a heavily discounted price for plumbing and HVAC work at the new Post. Thanks to Ben Wilson (Bill’s son) for making that happen. The architect has submitted their recommendations for the finishes (paint, flooring, etc.) for the new Post. The finishes board is in the bay area should you want to see how they look. Thanks to everyone who contributes to the Building Fund. Every week we get closer to our goal of realizing our new Post home. We have developed a template for you to use to send letters to friends, family, or acquaintances to request donations to the Building Fund. The letter is two-sided with the back page listing everything we do as a Post within the community. It is an extremely impressive list. There is also an attachment listing the naming rights amounts should you have a high-dollar contributor in mind. These range from \$100,000 to \$25,000. Please contact me if you would like for me to send it to you.

David Schimsa/For God and Country

**Chaplain’s Corner**



*But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”  
He answered, “I heard you in the garden,  
and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”  
Genesis 3:9,10*

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**Hide and Seek**

Do you remember playing hide and seek? Many parents and grandparents have loved playing that simple game with young children. Dad or mom would often hide in obvious places, but the toddlers were so happy to find the parent that they would giggle with delight. They were so cute when they played that game.

It is not so cute when we play hide and seek with God. He is always calling out to us in his Word, but we tend to hide, even as adults. Maybe we feel guilty for not being in God’s house more often. Maybe we don’t want to address our own life choices that we know aren’t God-pleasing. Maybe we are angry at God or one of his representatives. And so, we hide. And like when our parents hid from us as toddlers, we hide from God in rather obvious places: places like work, Netflix, excuses, and even kids’ sports. While we think we are conveniently unable to make time for God, it is all painfully obvious to him that we are trying to hide. He knows exactly where we are and what we are thinking.

And by a miracle of his grace, he still seeks us. He still comes to find us even though he knows all our sins and all our guilt. In love, he seeks to find and save us. That is exactly why he sent Jesus into this world to be our Savior. A Savior who was willing to suffer and die to pay for all of our sins. A Savior who would pay for and remove all our sin, guilt, and shame so that we could now have a right relationship with God. Because of Jesus and his work for us, there is no reason to hide. No reason to fear coming back to God.

So maybe it is time to stop hiding. Come out, come out, wherever you are! Find free grace and forgiveness from God through Jesus.

Dear Jesus, forgive us for the times when we hide from you and your Word. Thank you for taking our sins away. Enable us to come back to you every day. 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).

Jim Schafer - is dealing with hip and knee issues, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> prostate biopsy.

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

Wes Moore - whose 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.

Jude Peck - recently discovered his prostate cancer.

Bob Shearer - fell and fractured his pelvis in two places in early January. His wife is Sherri.

Bill Moser - had Jan 11th abdominal surgery and is now at home recovering.

Ron Saxton - recovering from Jan 11 back surgery.

Zoltan Krompecher - stepfather Steve in Cincinnati with cancer.

Larry Stouts - health issues per his wife Debbie.

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

Moses Cohen's - son started his infantry training at Fort Benning.

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

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

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

Philip Jeneen - wife Margaret with a March surgery.

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

John Siemer - recovery from hand surgery.

## Auxiliary



National Auxiliary President Vickie Koutz visited SC and visited City Hall and the Fischer House as well as various other locations. The tour of Fisher House is something that all members should try and visit once it officially opens. We should be very proud that our Veterans' families have such a nice place to stay, free of charge, while their Veteran is receiving care at Dorn VA. Nancy Graham, Palmetto Girls State Chairperson completed the Palmetto Girls State interviews on March 15 and 16. Five delegates have been selected to represent our Auxiliary Unit. Thanks to Marthaly, Tina, Jean, Harriett, and Carmen for helping Nancy to choose the delegates. Linda Tucker will be sponsoring several blood drives at the Post starting May 15. If you can donate, please sign up on the Red Cross website for an appointment. There will be an increase in dues starting

June 2023 for the 2023 - 2024 membership year. National has raised its dues to \$36.00 and, unfortunately, we will have to increase ours as well. The dues increase amount will be announced via email and again at our April meeting. An election slate will be discussed at the April meeting. There are several positions that need to be filled. Please step up if you can. We will teach you what you need to do. An email has been sent out with position descriptions.

**PHOTOS**



Moses Cohen and Gerald White meet with BCT Soldiers at Fort Jackson



First Vice Commander, Tom Yeoman, presents Teacher of the Year Award to Brian Mincel of Piney Woods Elementary School in Chapin



Barry won the first game at March Bingo!



Commander Mark Harvey and ALR Chapter 193 member Steve Goulet were presented ALR Chapter 193 Legacy Ride Medallion from the AL National Commander Jim Troiola



ALR Chapter 193 Director Wes Moore presenting National Commander pins to Chapter members for their participation in the National Commanders escort



National Commander Jim Troiola getting the lowdown on breakfast operations.



Chapter Director and Chapter members presenting a check to Troop Appreciation Foundation President Mike Glover



ALR Chapter 193 members along with Chapter members from across the State participated in an escort for National Commander Jim Troiola





**National Auxiliary President Vickie Koutz,  
Mayor Rickenmann and Department Officers at City Hall**



**Unit 5 District President, Carmen Goulet  
at Fisher House tour**