

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

October 2023

Commander



We received a wonderful thank you card from Deb Stout for the support she and Larry received from you, our members. Keep up the good work of taking care of each other! I encourage you to reach out to each other as we move into the holiday season. We have several members who lost loved ones this year. Others are away from relatives. They need our continued encouragement and involvement.

On the same note, we have our semi-annual Buddy Check on October 28th, 9-Noon. Tom Yeoman is leading the effort. Please come and help reach out to all 360+ veterans, members, and former members.

We had our 2024 budget presented this month. We are in good shape for the coming year if we continue the efforts in our fundraising for the operational budget. We had good questions and made one modification. I will send the budget out next week for your review. We will vote to approve the budget at the next meeting after further discussion. Building plans will be discussed in November and December (special meeting just for Building Plans).

We Care has asked for our help to provide gifts for local children again this year. Please contact me if you can buy gifts for a child or provide a gift certificate. I need to tell them how many children there are so they can give us their lists. Thanks for your concern in helping.

Please get and stay involved. We are doing our Veterans and the community good when we are active.

Mark Harvey/For God and Country/In Service

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

Please check out the new website at <https://www.americanlegionpost193.com>.

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

- 17 Oct: **Pledge of Allegiance** 1800, Chapin Town Hall, POC: Moses Cohen
- ALR Dinner and Meeting** 1800-2030, Post Building, POC: Walt Richardson
- 23 Oct: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 26 Oct: **Quilt of Valor Ceremony** 1800-2100. POC: Richard Mullinax
- 30 Oct: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 31 Oct: **Halloween**

- 2 Nov: **Executive Committee Meeting**, 1815, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet
- 5 Nov: **Lexington Veterans Day Parade**, Rally Point – Shell station @ North Lake and James Landing KSU 1330. Parade staging 1400. Parade starts at 1500. Rain date Nov 12) POC: Jim Shafer
- 6 Nov: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building, POC: Dave Schimsa
- 7 Nov: **Election Day**
Flag Folding, 1130, Post Building, POC: Donna Tsukayama
- 8 Nov: **ALR Executive Committee Meeting** 1800, Post Building, POC: Walt Richardson
ALR ROMP Zoom Meeting
- 9 Nov: **Put out Flags around Chapin**, 1130, Post Building, POC: Donna Tsukayama
Post 193 and Auxiliary Meeting and Dinner, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet
- 9-12 Nov: **The Wall that Heals**, Spartanburg, ALR Chapter ride Nov 9 (Rain date Nov 12)
- 10 Nov: **Veterans Day Boot Drive Fundraiser** 0700-1800, Post Building, POC: Steve Tucker
ALR Chapter 193 Veterans Day School Parade 0800-1000, KSU from Boland's ACE Hardware parking lot. POC: Bill Wilson
USMC Birthday – 248 years young!
- 11 Nov: **Newberry Veterans Day Parade** KSU from Post 0830, Parade staging at 0900 @ 1700 block Johnstone St, Parade at 1000, Samsung lunch at Piedmont Tech following the parade. POC: Walt Richardson
- 13Nov: **Veteran Breakfast**, 0800-1030, Post Building, POC: Dave Schimsa
- 14 Nov: **ALR Riders Meeting and Dinner**, Dinner at 1800, Meeting at 1900, Post Building, POC: Walt Richardson
BINGO, 1700-2200, Ole Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Rd, Little Mountain, POC: Floyd Rogers
- 20 Nov: **Veterans Breakfast**, 0800-1030, Post Building, POC: Dave Schimsa
- 23 Nov: **Thanksgiving Day**

Future: 9 Dec: **Post Christmas Party**, 1730-2200, Chapin Town Hall, Tickets are \$25 pp PLUS an unwrapped Teen/Tween gift (ages 10-18), POC: Donna Tsukayama or Sue Reynolds

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



Greetings, Legionnaires. I was able to attend the Department Conference this year and I must say I found it to be very informative and a great opportunity for me to meet other Legionnaires from across the state. During the conference, our Post was awarded 1st Place Category III Community Service Award, a Certificate of Meritorious Service for Category III Community Service Program, and a Certificate of Meritorious Service as the Most Outstanding Post for Children and Youth. Our Post is very active in our community and making a difference.

Once again, this year I am assisting with setting the wreaths in place for the Wreaths Across America Program at Ft. Jackson National Cemetery. The ceremony will be conducted on the 16th of December, and the ALR Chapter will once again escort the wreaths to the ceremony then volunteers will unload the trucks and place the wreaths at the beginning of each row. A difference this year is that all volunteers must register to participate. We will meet in the Blue Cross parking lot and be bussed to the work site. If you wish to participate in the escort and/or assist with unloading the trucks and staging the wreaths prior to the ceremony, please let me know so I can submit our group list.

Membership renewals have slowed down a bit, but they continue to trickle in as do new memberships. If you have not renewed yet my recommendation is that you renew online at [Renew \(mylegion.org\)](https://mylegion.org). If you do not feel comfortable renewing online, I will be more than happy to take your renewal fee by check, or cash, or work with George to use a credit card as payment. Our current membership for 2024 stands at 246 of our target goal of 371 which is 66.31%. We are doing very well!

Steve Goulet /" Veterans Strengthening America"/" We Can Build It"

First Vice Commander



Now that the Labor Day Parade and Post Picnic have been completed, the next calendar events in 1st Vice's area are the Post Christmas Party and the various awards both at the Post level and at the Department level.

I will be sending out the information and instructions for the various awards to the participating organizations around the beginning of November. The suspense dates for their return will be sometime in the first or second week of January 2024.

The Christmas Party for the Post is scheduled for the 9th of December and will be held at the Chapin Town Hall. More information to follow and many thanks to the 2nd and 3rd Vices and the various members that developed and organized this year's party. It seems to be very well planned and should be a wonderful and fun evening.

We will be conducting a membership drive on Saturday, 21 October, from 1000 – 1400 at Boland's ACE Hardware. They have agreed to do other events, we just need to let

Boland's know of any other additional dates. I intend to investigate other locations to try to increase our outreach to the pool of future members.

Richard Nielen/For God and Country

Second Vice Commander



This year has flown by, can you believe Christmas is right around the corner? We are placing flags around town for Veterans Day, 9 Nov at 1130. If you can attend, it usually takes about 30 minutes. I am also requesting assistance to fold and retire flags on 7 Nov at 1130. We currently have around 300 flags to retire. This usually takes about an hour and a half.

The Post Christmas party will be on Saturday, 9 December at the Chapin Town Hall from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Cocktails are at 5:30 p.m. A catered dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person PLUS an unwrapped gift for a teen/tween (ages 10-18). Tickets will be available at Monday breakfasts, and

November's meeting. The last day of ticket sales is 27 Nov. For more information, please see Sue Reynolds (3rd Vice) or me. Vegetarian and gluten-free dishes will be available.

Donna Tsukayama/For God and Country/"Semper Fidelis"

Third Vice Commander



Donna Tsukayama is the Legionnaire conducting the Chapin Town Hall Pledge of Allegiance on November 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

I am now looking for volunteers to conduct the Pledge of Allegiance for the Chapin Town Council meetings in 2024. 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.americanlegionpost193.com>. I am actively looking for businesses and individuals who want to purchase website advertising space. This is a way to cover the annual cost of the website and 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



Please take a moment and review the Activities list above for upcoming ALR events to include the REC meeting, ALR Meeting and Dinner, various Veterans Day rides including our Chapter 193 Veterans Day School Parade ride on November 10th.

Future events include the ALR Christmas Party in December, the Legacy Fund Pre-Ride on February 24-25, 2024, the Legacy Ride on April 27-28, 2024, and the Annual ROMP being held in Little River, SC @ Post 186 on June 20-23, 2024. We will also be making the Rider of the Year selection.

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

Walt Richardson/For God and Country

Chaplain's Corner



I'm excited to be a part of a growing Post. There are quite a few struggling posts across our state. I feel that they have lost their way. Possibly forgotten what the Legion is all about. We were founded as an organization of Veterans taking care of veterans. There is more to looking after one another than just our physical needs. Our four pillars are the ways that we accomplish our missions.

1. **Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation:** The VA and most of our benefits are a direct result of the American Legion. Then we at the Post level must look after the needs of our comrades. Their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.
2. **National Security:** Our soapbox is one of the first opportunities that we have to work on National security and support our leadership.
3. **Americanism:** Our schools are failing to teach our younger generation about the cost of freedom and the horrors of war and oppression. We must fill in the gap with local programs to teach our convictions.
4. **Children and Youth:** Shaping our leaders of tomorrow begins early and right now it looks like the internet, peer pressure, and social media have taken the lead in shaping our children's thought process. Our programs are designed to teach them real values. Integrity, loyalty, honor, dignity, and all the things that build character.

Jesus summed this all up differently, He said "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you have love for one another." I hope that as you are working during all of our Post activities you identify that you are doing this because you love the people that Jesus loves.

Richard Mullinax/For God and Country

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION:

CRUISE

The Post is selling cabins on a cruise to the Western Caribbean from **12-24 November 2024!** The **8-day, 7-night cruise is on the Norwegian Joy** roundtrip from Miami, FL. Stops include Roatan, Honduras, Harvest Caye, Belize, Cozumel, Mexico, and Costa Maya, Mexico.

Included in the cost are the following amenities:

Premium Beverage Package (covers all drinks up to \$15 per), plus
Ultimate Dining Package (2 meals at Specialty Restaurants onboard), plus
\$50 Shore Excursion Credit (per cabin, per port), plus
Internet Package (150 minutes per person for email, Facebook, etc.), plus
Pre-paid Gratuities
Travel Insurance (this waives the Pre-Existing Conditions clause)

2 for 1 Economy Airfare is Columbia, SC, and includes transfers from the airport to the cruise port upon arrival and from the cruise port to the airport for departure.

PLUS, Norwegian offers a 10% Veteran discount!

Non-Post members can also book into this cruise, so bring your friends and family members!

For more information and to book your cabin, please contact Betty Barrett at Dream Vacations via email at babarrett@dreamvacations.com or call her at (803) 618-6011.

VETERANS DAY BOOT DRIVE

Steve Tucker is looking for volunteers with boots to help with the Veterans Day Boot Drive Fundraiser for the New Building Fund to be held on Friday, November 10th. Slots are typically 2 hours in duration and safety vests are provided. Please contact Steve Tucker to volunteer!

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

General of the Armies is the highest military rank in the United States. It was first awarded to John J. Pershing in 1919 for his command of the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I. Who is the only other person to be awarded this rank? Hint: The honor was bestowed posthumously during the 1976 Bicentennial celebrations.

- a. Dwight David Eisenhower
- b. George Washington
- c. Henry "Hap" Arnold
- d. Omar Bradley

** Answer is on page 8

PHOTOS



Kegs at the Chattooga Belle Farm Distillery during an ALR ride. Yum!



We had a strange player at Bingo!



ALR Ride Captain Rich Chamberlain shows off his good side during a ride to Chattooga River Campground and Tavern on October 7, 2023.

A poster for a 'Family Farm Day' event. At the top left is a logo featuring a rooster on a post, a house, and a field. The text on the poster includes:

HONORING OUR VETERANS
NOVEMBER 11, 2023 2-6 PM
HOMEPLACE MINISTRIES
1065 US HIGHWAY 76
LITTLE MOUNTAIN, SC 29075

FAMILY FARM DAY
FISHING | LIVE MUSIC | FOOD
CAMPFIRES | S'MORES
NATURE EXPLORATION
KIDS CRAFTS | RTV RIDES
INVITE A VETERAN TO SHARE
THIS EXPERIENCE WITH

** Trivia answer: b. George Washington