

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

September 2023

Commander



Have you thought about what we will be able to do once the new building is complete? Sure, all our current activities should continue, but will they be the same? Give it some thought and share it with me as we begin planning. We continue to grow in numbers. We want to support all Vets, National Defense, Youth, and Americanism in a meaningful way in the Chapin area.

I encourage you to reach out to each other. We get to see the breakfast regulars often but not the rest of the membership. Give them a call. Ask how they are doing. Meet with them over coffee, at a local/school sports event, or watch football together. We don't know when our life number will be called, as we have seen recently losing two Post members in one month. Watch out for each other and let them know we are here.

No special events in October are scheduled unless you suggest one 😊. We start Softball planning this month. We will make known the Christmas party plans and start selling tickets. November has Lexington's Veterans Day Parade: Nov 6th, a Boot Drive and Veterans School ride: Nov 10th, and Thanksgiving: Nov 23rd. Again, if you would like other events, suggest them.

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>)

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

Cal Coy's Visitation and Funeral 1000-1200, Chapin Christian Community Church, 415 Lexington Ave, Chapin, SC. POC: Steve Goulet

ALR Memorial Escort KSU approximately 1200 hrs. from Chapin Christian Community Church, 415 Lexington Ave, Chapin SC to FT Jackson National Cemetery. POC: Walt Richardson

27 Sep: **Jail 'n Bail** 0800-1600, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

28 Sep-1 Oct: **SC Dept Fall Conference** 0800-1600, Marriott Downtown, 1200 Hampton St, Columbia, SC. POC: Steve Goulet

30 Sep: **ALR Session Fall Conference** 0800-1600, Marriott Downtown, 1200 Hampton St, Columbia, SC. POC: Walt Richardson

- 2 Oct: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 5 Oct: **Post Executive Committee Meeting** 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Mark Harvey
- 9 Oct: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
LFP Softball Meeting 1000-1100, Post Building. POC: Donna Tsukayama
BINGO Set Up 1630-1730, Post Building. POC: Matt Zambrano
- 10 Oct: **BINGO** 1730-2200, Ole Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Rd, Little Mountain. POC: Floyd Rogers
- 11 Oct: **ALR Riders Executive Committee Meeting** 1800-1900, Post Building. POC: Walt Richardson
- 12 Oct: **Post 193/Aux Meetings with Dinner** 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
- 16 Oct: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 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** 1900-2100. POC: Richard Mullinax
- 30 Oct: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 31 Oct: **Halloween**

Future:

- 10 Nov: **Veterans Day Boot Drive Fundraiser** 0700-1800, Post Building, POC: Steve Tucker
ALR School Parade 0800-1000, KSU from Boland's ACE Hardware parking lot. POC: Bill Wilson
- 11 Nov: **Chapin Veterans Day Parade** TBD. POC: Walt Richardson

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 from the Adjutant's office! Since 1 July 2023, when we began taking new memberships and renewals for the 2023 membership year, our Post has signed up 14 new members and renewed memberships for over 200 of our current members. Our membership renewals have slowed down a bit, however, we are still doing well as far as meeting our monthly membership goals. We have exceeded our membership target for October 18th which is 55% of our members renewed and are a bit short of our November 15th goal of 65%! We are doing well, and I am confident we will meet and exceed all our 2024 membership goals. We have a great Post that is active, and folks are proud to be members of it. Please continue to talk us up and invite Veterans you meet to our Monday morning Veterans breakfast and our Post functions.

If you ever wonder what other American Legion Posts around the Nation are up to, you can check out this link to Legion Town U.S.A [Legiontown U.S.A.](#) | There you will find a lot of good information that may be of interest to you.

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

First Vice Commander



The Labor Day Parade and Festivities went extremely well over the holiday weekend. A well-earned thank you to all those who donated, worked, and participated in this year's event. I don't have the final numbers yet but we brought in approximately \$3,400 to \$3,500 and expenses look to be less than \$700 for a net profit of \$2,700 to \$2,800. Once again, this is due to the numerous people who donated soda, water, candy, etc. Thank you to the Auxiliary, the American Legion Riders, and the members of American Legion Post 193.

The Post Picnic was held on Thursday, 14 September, from 1800 to 2000, at the pavilion on the new post site. This year we had approximately 115 members and their families participate. To say the least, there was plenty of food! The evening began with the POW/MIA Ceremony, followed by the Post-Everlasting Ceremony and the playing of Taps. We said goodbye this year to the following members: Charles Amick, Joseph M. Cole, Calvin L. Coy, James H. Haack, Donald E. Konkell, William F. Peters, Larry L. Stout, and Richard B. Weldon. Please keep them and their family members in your prayers and thoughts. Hope to see even more of our members and their families at next year's picnic as we get closer to building our new permanent post at the site.

Richard Nielen/For God and Country

Third Vice Commander



Moses Cohen is the Legionnaire conducting the Chapin Town Hall Pledge of Allegiance on October 17th 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

Chaplain's Corner



There is no place like this place anywhere near this place so this must be the place.

Joseph down in the well was probably asking himself, what am I doing here?

Daniel in the lion's den was probably asking, what am I doing in here?

Young David picking up stones out of the brook about to confront the giant was probably wondering, what am I doing here?

Moses before the burning bush, what am I doing here?

We know the rest of the stories. They each determined that this is the place that God has called me to serve Him. Wherever you find yourself if you can

overcome your fears, you will find an opportunity to honor God by serving your fellow man.

Jesus made it so simple; He said to give a cup of water or a listening ear.

A couple of weeks ago we buried an old friend. At a time when I was struggling through that deep dark valley that the Psalmist speaks about in the 23 Psalm this friend called me and said come see me, I need to talk with you. He turned out to be an Angel from the Lord to walk with me through that dark place in my life.

What was he doing there? He was responding to God's call to reach out to me.

Don't wait for God to burn a bush before you put yourself in a lion's den or place yourself before a giant, listen to that still small voice of God calling you to a place of service.

Our Post has many places of opportunity for you to reach out to touch someone who is hurting.

Richard Mullinax/For God and Country

Auxiliary



The Labor Day gift card baskets will continue to be sold until our October meeting on 10/12. The winners will be drawn at the meeting. Tickets are one for \$10.00 and three for \$20.00. Thanks to Marthalyn, Deb Amar, and Kathy for going to the businesses in Chapin and soliciting gift cards for the baskets. Thank you to everyone who donated gift cards, worked the tent, sold, and bought tickets to make this fundraiser successful.

The Department meeting is on 9/29 and 9/30 at the Marriott in Columbia. If you would like to attend, please let me know. Bingo concessions can always use some additional help. Please consider volunteering. It is about 3 hours of your time on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Thanks to all members who helped with the setup, cleanup, and placement of food at the dinner meeting at the Yeoman-Bernard Pavilion. Our members are selfless when it comes to volunteering. The Auxiliary will be featured in the Chapin Neighbors magazine along with the Legion. We need to take a group picture; the date will be sent out via email.

Carmen Goulet/President

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION:

Jail & Bail 2023

The Post is having another Jail & Bail and several local celebrities including the Mayor of Chapin and the Town Administrator, and our very own Gerald White, are seeking donations to help fund their "bail." To donate:

<https://www.venmo.com/u/Americanlegionpost193>

https://paypal.me/Post193BuildingFund?country.x=US&locale.x=en_US

<https://square.link/u/0a6c6v0Q>

Or mail your donation to: Chapin American Legion Post 193, ATTN: (name of the jailbird), P.O. Box 897, Chapin, SC 29036. POC: Dave Schimsa

Cookbook

Last call for Recipes for the Cookbook Fundraiser! Betsy Harvey is still gathering your recipes for inclusion in the first Chapin American Legion Post 193 cookbook. You can send your yummiest recipes to her via email at glassalley@gmail.com POC: Betsy Harvey

CRUISE

The Post is also 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!

For more information and to book your cabin, please contact Betty Barrett at Dream Vacations via email at barrett@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.

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 term Semper Fidelis, Latin for “always faithful,” was adopted by the United States Marine Corps as its motto in what year?

- a. 1880
- b. 1873
- c. 1893
- d. 1883

** Answer is on page 8

PHOTOS



MarthaLynn Schimsa and Carmen Goulet were busy selling raffle tickets over Labor Day for the Auxiliary's Gift Card Basket raffle.



Legionnaire Mike Murray talks with Ft Jackson Basic Trainees about his experiences in the military.

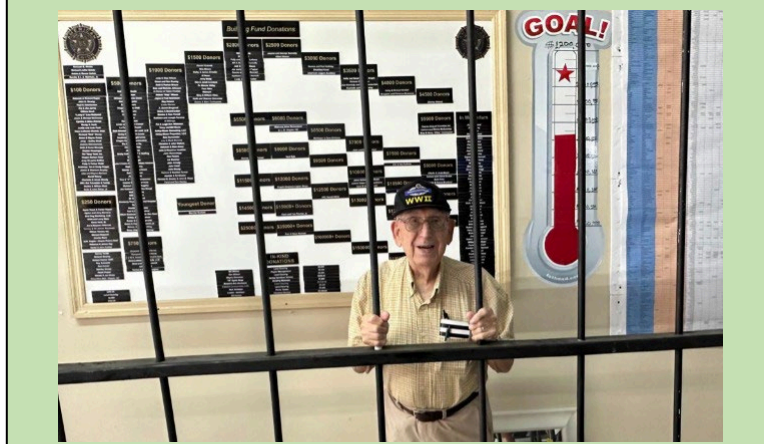


Chapin Women in Service presented a check for over \$12,000 to the New Building Coordinator, David Schimsa for the New Building Fund.

A great turnout of members, family, and friends contributed to another fun Labor Day celebration in Chapin. Members of the Chapin Chapter of the AL Riders led the local parade, and the Post had its float decorated as a pirate ship. Thanks to all who contributed in making this year an unqualified success!



WWII Veteran, Gerald White, is behind bars while awaiting donations for his bail in the 2023 Jail & Bail Fundraiser.



**Trivia Answer: d. 1883

Chapin Post 193 American Legion Riders, Patriot Guard Riders, and others escorted Past Commander Cal Coy to his final resting place at Fort Jackson National Cemetery on September 25th, with assistance from Richland County Sheriff's Office.



Chapin ALR members went to Washington, DC to “Wash the Wall” on September 17th.

