

# AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

## Commander

April 2025



Thank you for continuing as active members of Post 193. We can do more to help Veterans and our community because of you. Post Elections will happen at the May Post Meeting. Nominations for all positions are being accepted by the Nomination Committee consisting of Bill Moser, John Siemer, and Moses Cohen. Nominations will be accepted up until the election. Next major events are our Boot Drive (23 May) and Memorial Day Remembrance (26 May). See Steve Tucker or Gene Powell to volunteer for the boot drive or sign up at the Post. Thank you for all you do.

**Mark Harvey/ In Service**  
**Veteran Help Line: Dial 988, option 1**

## Adjutant



Our Post membership currently stands at 419 paid members for the 2025 membership year! Congratulations to each of you for your part in helping to recruit and retain members in our Post and exceeding our 2025 membership goal of 416 members. When I joined Post 193 in 2010, we had 169 members, and since that time we have added 250 additional members to our roster. How many new members will we add in the next 10 years? As we continue to grow, we should expect change, new members bring new ideas, new activities and events, new challenges and new ways of thinking. I for one believe we need to look at ways to get our younger veterans and their families involved. How? I am not sure but am open to ideas that anyone may have, especially the ideas of our younger veteran population.

Our elections are next month during our meeting on 8 May. It is very important that we have enough members in attendance so that we will be able to conduct business. During our April meeting we had 42 members present which was exactly enough people for a Quorum. We need you.

In June we will not have a business meeting. We will have our dinner starting at 1800 which will be provided by the members of the Home Place Church. Dinner that evening is free to all however we are asking everyone to bring food or other items needed for the local We Care Program as we are conducting our First Annual, We Care Food Drive. After dinner we will conduct the Installation of our Post Officers, ALR Chapter 193 Officers and Auxiliary Unit 193 Officers. This is an important event for our Post, and we want maximum participation as we recognize the commitment that each of these volunteers are making to lead our Post, Chapter and Auxiliary.

Thank you for all that you do and will do as we move forward. I am sure the future of our Post will continue to be busy and relevant in the community. I encourage you to look for opportunities to contribute to the goals of the Post regardless of how small or simple that contribution might be. Every little bit helps.

## **Steven Goulet/" We Can Build It"/" Veterans Strengthening America"**

### **First Vice Commander**



Our next Membership Drive/Rifle Raffle Outreach will be Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April at Bolland's ACE Hardware from 1200-1600 and Saturday, 26 April, from 0900 to approximately 1500. Every little bit helps to get our new building constructed. Last month at Boland's was very productive. All are welcome and requested to wear Legion attire.

Planning for the Memorial Ceremony on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May at the Chapin Town Hall is continuing. The final planning meeting will be 15 May at the Town Hall at 1300. The rehearsal will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May at the Town Hall at 1600. We will load up the required equipment after the rehearsal at the Post with set up Monday morning of the event. More information regarding set up times will be sent out by email.

Our "Meet and Mingle" event at Chapin Elementary School on 4 April from 1700 – 1900 went very well and was well attended by members of our Post and the Post Auxiliary 193. The event was led by Fidelis Family Retreat. This is an annual event and helps to show the local community that we are actively involved with the schools and children of the Chapin community. Special thanks to everyone that participated in the event and especially to those that helped move the equipment and accomplished the set-up and breakdown.

Planning for the Christmas Party the first Saturday of December, 2025, which is 6 December continues. Profits from the monthly 50/50 at the Post Meeting will go to the Post Christmas Party and Building Fund.

### **Richard Nielen/For God and Country**

### **Third Vice Commander / Quartermaster / Blood Drive Monitor**



There will be a blood drive on May 12 2025 starting at 10 am and finishing about 4 pm.. For any that can donate it would be appreciated plus it adds to our total units given. Sign up will be on the Red Cross website. We will also need help taking down and setting up the chairs and tables.

I have approximately 36 name tags for people that have ordered them or they were ordered when they joined the Post. Please come see me on Monday during

breakfast, at the regular post meeting or call me and we can meet and exchange the name tags  
The following people have name tags that were ordered:

Frank D. Graham  
Ragan Newell  
Charles Hurd  
Cheryl Hill  
Jeremy Coulter  
Ryan Smith  
Phil Keener  
Jonathan Maness  
Tonya Ridgeway  
Travis Holdorf

Michael Roderick  
Mark Campbell  
Dan Goldston  
Donald Holster  
Russell Lynam  
Marc Stanley  
Gary Green  
Doug Thrailkill  
Damon Gordon  
David Copoely

Michael Swain  
Charles Case  
Chad Eisenhower  
Thomas Brancher  
Ken Moulton  
Philip Sobek  
Bobby Havird  
Les Carroll  
Steve Sidewell  
Robert George

Plus several more that were just ordered. Please come get these !!!!!!!.

**Jerry Lebar/For God and Country 803-873-2076**

### **Facility Manager/NBC**



Breakfast is averaging 75 Veterans every Monday morning. Come out and join us for a pretty darn good breakfast for \$6 - which includes Steve Goulet's award winning & amazing hash browns. Coffee on by 0700. (A big shout out to Allen Aimar who arrives by 0530 each Monday and brews over 250 cups of coffee. Thanks, Allen!) Breakfast served from 0830 - 0900. A reminder we will not be serving breakfast Memorial Day, Monday 26 May. A big Thank You! to our volunteer KPs. The kitchen staff appreciates you very much.

A reminder to contact me if you need to reserve the Post for a meeting or event so I can make sure to get you on the calendar. Thanks to Steve Turner for coordinating the collection and proper disposal of unserviceable US flags.

### **New Building Committee:**

We have two fund raisers coming up. We'll once again stand our posts and conduct our semiannual Boot Drive on Friday, 23 May at the two main intersections in Chapin. We look to collect over \$14,000 in just one day. Thanks to Steve Tucker & Gene Powell for heading up this effort. See Steve or Gene to reserve your time slot. There is a signup sheet on a clipboard in the Post bay area. We will be announcing our long term Brick Paver fund raiser details in the next few weeks. The pavers will be available for \$100 each. Thanks to the subcommittee chairman, Allen Aimar, and his subcommittee members for heading up this effort.

We have received the DRAFT contract for Phase II. It is being reviewed by staff and should be executed in the next few weeks. With the exception of a little grading Phase I is complete. Phase II will dry in the building and install sufficient HVAC for proper ventilation and humidity control until we begin Phase III

**David W. Schimsa / For God and Country**

## ALR Director



There are several rides coming up in the near future:

**ALR Legacy Ride is scheduled for Saturday 26 April 2025** KSU from the Post will be 0830, lunch will be at Gilligan's Seafood Restaurant- At the Dock, 582 Dock Rd, Moncks Corner, SC 2946, then on to Florence, spend the night and on Sunday morning head to the Statehouse for the closing ceremony which starts at 1300.

We will finish up the Saturday portion of the ride to Florence at Blackjack Harley Davidson rather than Redbone Alley as previously planned. There are numerous places we can get dinner within walking distance to our hotel

### Route information ( Saturday)

102 Lexington Ave to Hampton Inn & Suites Florence Center on Google Maps

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/fH9HVdSKC96mP2rRA>

### Route information (Sunday)

American Legion Fred H Sexton to Quaker Steak & Lube on Google Maps

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/SuWSc7pjj2YCWFi58>

We will depart with LEO escort from Quaker Steak and Lube at 1230

Some Riders may want to just ride to the lunch spot and then return to Chapin, then link up with all ALRSC at the Quaker Lube and Tune Sunday morning. If you come on Sunday morning plan to arrive around 1200 as we will depart at 1230.

**9 May 2025 @ 1100, Unclaimed Veteran** Burial at Ft. Jackson National Cemetery. Currently we have three Previously Unclaimed Veterans from the Spartanburg, Richland and Lexington County Coroner's Office.

Arrive at the Post starting at 0830. Depart at 1010

**Sassafras Mountain Ride 10 May.** Depart from the Post at 0800, ride to the mountain (about 3.45 hours). After we depart the mountain, we will head to Harriet and Bill Wilsons place 326 Silver Shoals Rd. Marietta SC for lunch.

**ROMP 2025 Sunrise Beach Mo.** – May 30 – June 1, 2025, in Missouri. How many are planning to participate?

T. Yeoman, S. Goulet, M. Reeves, Dale and J. Siemers, R and D Royer.

**ALRSC Meet and Greet 9 August** 1300 Chapter 25 Laurens SC. \$10.00 per plate

**Chapter 193 Fall trip to the mountains.** Johnson City Tn.

Dates: 4-7 Sept – hotel information Hampton Inn 508 North state of Franklin Road Johnson City Tn. 423-929-8000 Veteran price \$110.00 plus tax [Rides – The Southern Dozen](#)

Bingo will be on Thursday night 4 Sept. so some Riders will be going up on Friday rather than Thursday.

**Wash the Wall 18-21 September**, Events are being planned for Friday the 19th and on 20 September we will wash the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

Hotel is the Comfort Inn of Dumfries ALRSC Wash the Wall Hotel

Guests can call the hotel directly at 703.445.8070 and ask to book under the "American Legion Riders" Block or they can follow the link below and book online.

Elections are upon us as we pick new officers for the Riders. There are 8 position open for the coming year, Director, Asst Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt at Arms, Ride Coordinator, Chaplain, and Communications officer. Walt Richardson, John Siemers and Keith Ostrander serve as the Election Committee.

**Jerry Lebar/For God and Country/Safety First, People Always**

## Chaplain's Corner



Many people question the validity of a "death bed" conversion.

They comment, but he didn't have a chance to ever witness or share his new birth experience.

With Easter just a few days behind us, what about that thief that said to Jesus "remember me when you come into your kingdom". Did he ever have a chance to serve our Lord? For about 2000 years he has been teaching the simplicity of salvation. Sometimes we make salvation complicated.

Confess in a certain way, I've done too many bad things, be baptized, join or at least go to church, pay your tithes and the list goes on. What about the veteran with PTSD so bad that he sees himself as hopeless, I've done too many bad things or I'm not sure I can survive in a church crowd, or how can I ever give a tithe when I don't have enough to even survive? We can make salvation out of reach to the helpless, hopeless or to those that have been misled. The thief said "Master remember me"... Jesus said "this day you will be with me" When you are with Jesus you become aware of the promises of God. His Power, His presence, His peace, His provisions, His comfort and again the list goes on. With Jesus in your life you'll have more to say, you'll have more time to serve, you'll have more to give. You will want to follow our Lord in baptism. First things first "Master remember me"

## Comrade Care List:

As you pray, remember those listed on our Comrade Care List.

Remember our Post family. Remember our Post family.

Remember the Ron Finney family in the passing of Ron recently. Remember Chris Christopher's family, pray for George and Carol Smith, George is at home under hospice care.

Betsy Harvey as she works with some health issues, Larry Archer, Buddy Miller with lung cancer near his heart, Richard Royer as he recovers from the motorcycle accident and his battle with cancer, Walt Richardson, Bob Dilworth fell and has several broken bones, Jack Hulet, Ed Abston, John Graham, Dan Berglund, Peter Prim having surgery on his wrist

If you would like a contact number or details that I have , please call me or text me.

## Chaplain Richard Mullinax/For God and Country


### Auxiliary



The first few weeks of April were busy for the Auxiliary! In addition to our monthly meeting and BINGO, we had a very enjoyable and successful fundraiser, "Painting with a Purpose", on May 13. We appreciate all Auxiliary members who supported this event (especially Deborah R. and Carmen for organizing) and the many community members who attended as well, including Chapin Women in Service. Many thanks go out to a great group of Auxiliary members who provided refreshments following the Quilts of Valor Ceremony on May 17 ~ it was lovely and well received. We are now looking ahead to May: BINGO (May 1), May Meeting/Election of Officers (May 8), SC ALA Convention (May 15-18), National Poppy Day at Boland's Ace Hardware (May 23), and the Memorial Day Ceremony/Reception (May 26).

### Marthalyn Schimsa/President/In the Spirit of Service, Not Self

**We Care Pantry Needs**  
**Donations of all food items are appreciated.**  
Listed below are some of the things that are in constant need.



- Peanut butter/ Jelly
- Chili, Soup
- Dried Beans
- Grits, Rice
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Tuna/Salmon
- Pork & Beans
- Spam
- Canned Chicken
- Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce
- Turnip/Collard Greens
- Laundry Detergent
- Personal Hygiene Items, ie Toothbrushes, Toothpaste

**Thank You for all you give!**

June we will conduct our food and item drive in support of our Chapin We Care Program.

<https://www.chapinwecare.org/how-we-help/>

# Post Activities and Events

- 28 Apr: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 1 May: BINGO 1730-2200, Chapin Town Hall, 157 Columbia Ave, Chapin. POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play. Setup starts at 4pm.
- 5 May: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 6 May: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
- 8 May: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meeting, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet
- 9 May: Unclaimed Veteran Interment, 1100-1200, Ft Jackson Veteran Cemetery, POC: Steve Goulet (Escort, 0900-1100, Post Building)
- 10 May: ALR Ride to Sassafras Mountain, 0800-1600, Post Building, POC: Bill Wilson
- 12 May: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 20 May: ALR Meeting, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Jerry LeBar  
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800. POC: Gerry LeBar
- 19 May: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 22 May: Place flags in the Town center, 0900 POC: Rich Nielen
- 23 May: Boot Drive, 0700-1800, Post Building, POC: Steve Tucker, Gene Powell
- 26 May: Memorial Day Ceremony, 0900-1400, Town Hall, POC: Rich Nielen  
No Veteran Breakfast
- 27 May: Recover flags in the Town center, 0900 POC: Rich Nielen

For a complete listing of Post 193 activities visit: [Events Calendar \(americanlegionpost193.com\)](http://americanlegionpost193.com)  
For info on our Chapin Newberry Baseball Team visit, [South Carolina American Legion Baseball Home Page \(scalb.org\)](http://scalb.org). 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](#)



Commander Harvey and ALR Director Lebar presented Legacy Ride Plaques to a couple of top Fundraisers/Donors to the 2024 American Legion Legacy Fund. Picture up and to the right 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Rich Nielen and ALR Director Lebar presented Mike Rowley his Legacy Fund Plaque



Commander Harvey announced the selection of Legionnaire Yeoman as the 2024 E. Roy Stone Department of SC Legionnaire of the year



We had a great time visiting Chapin Elementary School and participating in the meet and mingle event

# American Legion AUX, Unit 193

Auxiliary Unit 193 hosted a wonderful reception for our Post 193 Quilts of Valor Ceremony



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