

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

August 2025



Legionnaires, August has been another busy month for our post. Bingo had **another stellar night and a big "Thank you" to everyone that helped and made it a success. Speaking of success, if you haven't been by the new post lately you will see great progress as the building takes shape and moves along to completion.** If the weather cooperates, we may be in it before you know it. We have also conducted the first rounds of training for the bar workers with the kitchen training scheduled for early next month. 2nd Vice Will Truesdale and I had the pleasure of presenting Letters of Recognition to two Eagle Scouts this month. A great

achievement. The Recognition Ceremony for Palmetto Boys' State, Palmetto Girls' State and the Nathan M. Wolfe Law Cadet attendees was also conducted on the 17th of August and went well. Our Riders and members of the post had the honor of conducting and participating in the Unclaimed Veterans Ceremony at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery on the 22nd. Our riders also completed a couple of rides during the month to local destinations. Planning for the Labor Day Parade and festivities have been ongoing through the month and we are always looking for people to help out **Labor Day. It's a very busy day but everyone usually has a great time. If you would like to help contact the 1st Vice Jerry LeBar.** August was a very busy month and September should keep us all **busy. Hope to see everyone at our events and don't forget our Monday morning Veterans' breakfasts.** Due to Labor Day being on a Monday and with all the events that day there will not be a breakfast on Monday the 1st of September.

Richard Nielen/ "For God and Country"

Veteran Help Line: Dial 988, option 1

Adjutant



Our August meeting went well, we had some good chow, thank you to Harriet and Bill Wilson, for preparing the baked beans, mac and cheese, to my wife Carmen for helping me get the pork chops cooked on time, to Kathy Smith for the deviled eggs, to Moses Cohen for assisting with set up serving and cleaning up after the meal. It can be tough when we need to serve the chow and clean up the area in such a short period of time so the Auxiliary get prepared for their meeting. I appreciate everyones help in getting everything done in a timely and efficient manner

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have already held our first Wreaths Across America meeting for 2025. We (Chapin Post 193) sponsor 11 churches/cemeteries in the Chapin Community. We facillitate the Chapin Community, Wreaths Across America ceremony at Chapin Christian Community Church. Last year we had a wonderful ceremony and we were able to have enough wreaths purchased/donated to cover the Veteran graves in all of the cemeteries we

sponsored. Your support is critical to the success of all Post 193 endeavors and greatly appreciated. As of the time I am writing this we have a need for one person to serve as the liason **for the St. Jacob's Lutheran Church if you can join our WAA team** and fill this need we would be thankful and and appreciative

Our Post membership continues to grow! Please continue to speak with Veterans you meet and ask them to join our Post, to join the American Legion. All of you know the benefits of being a member of the Legion and of Post 193, share your thoughts and rationale with them they just might sign up. We have a great Post and new members with new ideas and ambition will help to make it even better. Membership renewal has slowed down a bit, of the 449 members on the books 259 have renewed the 2026 membership year. 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, all you need is your membership number and credit card. When renewing online with a credit card there is no service fee charged. I will mail you your card as soon as I see you have renewed, or you can pick it up from George during breakfast or at the Post meeting.

Our September dinner meal will be handled by our Post Service Officer Jacque Kendall. She may be out looking for some assistance with setting up, preparing, serving and cleaning up after the meal so if you can help let her know. The menu for the meal is going to be spaghetti and meatballs, salad and garlic bread. Please be sure to rsvp for our Post monthly dinner meal as we do not want to run out of food. [RSVP Dinner Meal 11 Sept](#)

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

First Vice Commander



Still need volunteers for LABOR DAY. We need to fill 2 shifts: 7 - 12 and 11 - 4 put up and take down. Just show up. I'd prefer if you call me with your desired work times (803-873-2076 Jerry Lebar). We will be decorating the float on Sunday afternoon from 2pm (1400), until we are finished. The more people that show up the quicker it gets done. We also need people to ride the float on Labor Day, Sept 1st. Last year there were only 4 people riding the float. Lets fill it up I think it holds 30.

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

Facility Manager/NBC



Post clean up day, Thursday, 28 September, 0900 - 1400. Come help clean up the Post and perform some routine maintenance. Join us for Veterans Breakfast every Monday morning. NOTE: We will not have breakfast Monday, 1 September due to all of our Labor Day activities.

New Building Committee:

The roof is shingled, the HVAC has been roughed in, and the plumber and electrician will be roughing in their items over the next few weeks. We are obtaining the required bond for the state DOT entrance work. Thanks to Mike Rowley for setting up required training for bar and kitchen workers certification. We have three different financial institutions vying for our

construction loan business - **thanks to Dave's, our Finance Officer, hard work.** Thanks to everyone who continues to donate and raise money for the Building Fund. Your hard work is evident as we build a Post of which we can all be proud!

David W. Schimsa / For God and Country

ALR Director



From the saddle of my Goldwing

Your Legion Riders have been supporting multiple Legion activities this past month. **Laurens Post 25 Riders hosted South Carolina's annual "Meet & Greet".** The Meet & Greet brings Riders from all over South Carolina for fellowship, information sharing and planning for future Rider activities.

In preparation for this Friday's Interment of Previously Unclaimed Veteran's, your riders made three rides to provide "dignified transfer of Veteran remains". On the 11th six Riders rode to the Winnsboro **Coroner's** Office to bring remains to our post in Columbia. On the 12th, weather prevented riding our bikes, so in multiple "cages" (trucks/cars) rode to Blackville to meet Riders from Goose Creek Post 166 to make the transfer of remains from the North Charleston Coroner. On the 14th a ride was made to the transfer of remains from to the Spartanburg Coroner's Office.

This Friday, August 22nd, your Riders will be joined by multiple Legion posts, VFW's, and other Veteran supporting organizations to ensure that these Previously Unclaimed Veterans are "claimed" by their fellow Veterans at their "final formation" a funeral service led by your Riders of Post 193.



The Riders have introduced a "new" way to communicate with our Riders and EC. We'll be utilizing an "app" called "STACK TEAM" which is being very successfully used in many Legion Rider Units. All Rider's emails have been entered into the Chapin American Legion Post 193 STACK TEAM web page. We request that you download the app to your smart phone. The correct app is a white shield with a red "T" in the center of the shield. The app will (should) direct you how to join the Chapin American Legion Post 193 site.

Tom Yeoman/For God and Country/Safety First, People Always

Chaplain's Corner



Memories are a wonderful thing. Sometimes!

I remember so many good times serving in the US NAVY, I didn't have many regrets. But when I wake up in the night, I find myself wishing that I could relieve some of those experiences and begin to think of how I would do things differently. Living in the past robs us of the restful peace of the night and leaves us short on the needed energy of the coming day.

Jesus teaches us to "cast all of our cares on him" He will handle all of our shortcomings and liberate us to face the opportunities of the new day.

I do remember some of the best times of my past was when I was helping others as a team member, encouraging them or assisting with a task. Spending time with others always trumps fretting over past missed opportunities. I'm convinced that time spent with another Veteran is more medicinal than anything that comes out of a medicine bottle from Dorn VA.

Does your religion work, does it provide you with peace, power and purpose for living? Cast all your cares on Jesus and let Him handle them and you focus on the opportunities of service today. I bet you'll sleep better tonight!

Comrade Care List:

As you pray, remember those listed on our Comrade Care List. Remember our Post family. Bill Szala, pray for George and Carol Smith, George is at home under hospice care. Betsy Harvey, Larry Archer, Buddy Miller with lung cancer near his heart, Richard Royer as he battles with cancer, Walt Richardson, Bob Dilworth fell and has several broken bones, Jack Hulet, Ed Abston, Dan Berglund, Willie Nix's daughter needs our prayers, James Blackwell is in the hospital having his L-5 cemented, Alvin Shrum's wife fell and is bruised up, thankfully no broken bones, Steve Kelly's wife, Becky, Doug Abramson's wife, Florence with a broken ankle and recovery from surgery, Keith Ostrander's wife, Sharron has a serious eye condition. I was given a couple requests for prayer, but they did not want to be identified. Remember them also. 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



August started off very well with another profitable evening in the BINGO concession stand and a great turnout at our monthly meeting the following week. The Palmetto Boys/Girls State Recognition Ceremony on Sunday, August 17th, was a successful event and all six of our 2025 Girls State Delegates were able to attend this year. During the ceremony Nancy Graham was recognized for serving ten years as the ALA Chairperson of the PGS Committee and Chapin Women in Service were thanked for their donation in support of PGS this year.

Ladies, please plan to attend the Chapin Women in Service Fall Fashion Show featuring local businesses on Sunday, Sept. 28th, at 2:00 p.m. at Chapin Town Hall. Tickets are **\$20 each and all proceeds will be donated to the Post 193 New Building Fund. Let's show our support for this organization who so faithfully supports us!**

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

Post Activities and Events

- 1 Sep Labor Day (No Veterans Breakfast)
- 2 Sep Executive Committee Meeting 6: 15 PM
- 4 Sep BINGO 1730-2200, Chapin Town Hall, 157 Columbia Ave, Chapin. POC: Floyd Rogers
Come help or play. Setup starts at 4: 30 p.m.
- 4-7 Sep ALR Weekend in the Mountains. POC Tom Yeoman
- 8 Sep Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 9 Sep ALR Executive Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
Chapin Post 193 Amateur Radio Club Meeting 6:00 – 9:00 PM
- 11 Sep Post 193 and Auxiliary Meeting,
Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet/Marthalyn Schimsa
- 15 Sep Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 16 Sep Town Council Pledge of Allegiance 6:00 PM, POC: Russ Taylor
ALR Meeting, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
- 18-21 Sep ALR Wash The Wall, Washington D.C., POC: Tom Yeoman
Chapin Post 193 Amateur Radio Club Meeting 6:00 – 9:00 PM
- 22 Sep Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 29 Sep Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building, POC: Dave Schimsa

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 or on our Facebook page [Chapin American Legion Post 193 | Chapin SC | Facebook](#)

THIS AND THAT HERE AND THERE



After Monday morning breakfast our Team of volunteers gathered to make a few "Be The One" calls to check on our fellow veterans!



The construction of Our Future Post Home continues to progress





Our Post and Auxiliary Unit 193 held a very nice recognition ceremony and reception for our 2025 attendees to the Nathan Wolfe law Enforcement Academy, Palmetto Boys State and Palmetto Girls State.



Palmetto Girls State Chairperson Nancy Graham completed 10 years as the PGS Chairperson and was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses

“YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN”



1100, 22 August 2025 at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery Chapin American Legion Post 193 held a Service for Five Previously Unclaimed Veterans. May they now RIP



Previously Unclaimed Veterans

SP/4 Nolan Dugas Jr.

United States Army
Service dates
June 14, 1972 – March 9, 1982

SP4 (T) William J. Faircloth

United States Army
Service dates
April 1, 1969 – February 1, 1971

PV2 Everette L. Boice

United States Army
Service dates
November 1, 1968 – November 1, 1970

PVT Scott T. Plonski

United States Army
Service dates
June 1, 1972 – August 1, 1972

A1C Kathleen (Harlach) Hodge

United States Air Force
Service dates
July 1, 1983 – July 1, 1989

