

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

December 2025



December has been a very busy month, and we still have a way to go. The breakfasts have been going very well as we have been averaging over 100 people. Our new post is coming along and many of you have been assisting Dave with all the painting, sanding and dusting that was required. Each day's work that we do gets us that much closer to being in our new home. Bingo went well with about 150 players, and we had a good number of our people that made the event run very smoothly. The Chapin Garden Club attended an Arbor Day Ceremony and donated three Willow Oak trees for the new post, so a big thank you to their organization and their people. Our Christmas Party on the 6th went very well and everyone seemed to have a great time. We conducted a ceremony for Unclaimed Veterans on the 12th with the Riders escorting the cremated remains to the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. There was a very good turnout for the event as we laid four of our fellow veterans to rest. Our Wreaths Across America Ceremony on the 13th was well attended. This year we had 13 churches participating and we placed over 600 wreaths on graves of our local veterans. I'm still working on our SOP for the operations of our new post and should be able to send it out to post members by mid-January. I hope that this holiday season with Hanukkah and Christmas brings joy and happiness to you and your loved ones and all the blessings of the season to your family.

Richard Nielen/For God and Country/In Service

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

Adjutant



What a busy year it has been. I for one am very proud of the many accomplishments our Post has made and the positive impact we have had in the Chapin Community. I look forward to next year and continuing to impact the Chapin Community and support Veterans in a positive and productive way.

Our Future Post Home is coming along in fine fashion. Many of our members have contributed much of their time and talent, sanding, taping, painting, working to get us over the finish line. The work they have done is invaluable and greatly appreciated. This time next year we will be well into our new Post Home and more likely than not still trying to figure out how to function in such a nice facility. Dave and the new Building Committee have done a fantastic job, let's all continue to lean forward and get "er" done.

On December 12, 2025 at the Ft. Jackson National Cemetery, we laid Four Previously Unclaimed Veterans to rest. The four had been abandoned or had no family to take care of their final arrangements. They served honorably in our military for 20 years and ranged in age from 56 to 76 years old at the time of their passing. Thank you to everyone that had a hand in this honorable activity, whether you participated in the dignified transfers in Florence and Blackville,

printed the programs, folded the flags, led the escort etc. your part was critical. I was reminded of this passage by a fellow Post member recently, Matt 25: 40 "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me". Well done!

Our membership year ends December 31, 2025 and as always there is a grace period that extends out to May. To renew online follow this link @[Renew my membership NOW!](#). Since we started accepting members for the year 2026 membership year we have signed on 24 new members! That is amazing, now we must ensure that they find value added in being a member of our great Post. We must be welcoming and make them and their families all feel they are valued members of the Team. New members bring new energy, new ideas and new activities. Exciting times lie ahead for Chapin Post 193.

For me 2025 has been a good year in both my personal life and in my volunteer work here in the Post. I did not get everything that I would have liked to accomplish done, but I am pleased with what I was able to get completed. (I will try harder in 2026)

May you and your families have a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year

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

Third Vice Commander



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!!! There will be a Blood drive in January 12, 2026 starting at 10 a.m. and finishing about 4 p.m. For those of you that can donate, please consider taking time out of your schedule to support this event. All units contributed add to the Post's 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.

We still have a number of name tags for people that have ordered them or were ordered when they joined the Post. Please see Jerry LeBar on Monday during breakfast or at the regular post meeting. The following people have ordered name tags:

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

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 Sobeek
Bobby Havird
Les Carroll
Erika Easler
Robert George

Please come and pick yours up !!!!!!!

Russ Taylor/For God and Country

Facility Manager/NBC



Reminder, no Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast on 29 December. A big thanks to our Breakfast Crew & KP volunteers. Without them we would not be able to pull the breakfast off. If you haven't been to breakfast you are missing out on some great chow, coffee, and Veteran fellowship.

New Building Committee:

Construction continues with installation of the ceiling grid, HVAC systems, and electrical panels. Our volunteers have done a great job with interior and exterior painting. We will be finishing up exterior painting this week and will continue interior painting and trim work throughout the holidays. Our DOT permit was approved so we'll start to see our driveway cut in and some final grading completed in preparation for the asphalt parking area. Thanks to everyone in support of our fundraising efforts - Boot Drive, Bingo, individual donations, raffles, etc. We have raised over \$61,000 since October 1, 2025.

David W. Schimsa / For God and Country



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ALR Director



From the saddle of my Goldwing

2025 is in our rear-view mirrors. For the Riders, the "op tempo" has been high.

We've completed multiple charity rides, participated in multiple parades, several dignified transfer of remains and "too many" final formations.

In addition, Riders have been engaged in activities at our "old" Post building. Recently Riders have "turned to" on finishing efforts at our new Post building. It has been an honor to be a member of our Post and a Legion Rider.

From the saddle of my Gold Wing, have a blessed Christmas, a happy Hanukkah and a happy and healthy New Year.

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

Chaplain's Corner



Jesus spoke of us becoming as a little child. What a wonderful thought of becoming a little child at Christmas time? No problems, no worries and no anxieties just Joy, excitement and thrills galore. There were several Christmas parades, Church parties and family parties and no one fussing about candy being harmful for you. School was out so visiting friends and staying up late, except for Christmas Eve, looking for more light displays. Children get to really enjoy the receiving of Christmas but we adults find the joy of Christmas for us is more about giving. Never pass up an opportunity to give an encouraging word, share your joy and excitement as if you were a child again.

Our Post members have been working very hard on our new post home and on so many of our programs that support our Four Pillars. We take care of our fallen/unclaimed veterans', our Wreaths across America that helps our community to remember the cost of our liberties and freedoms.

The list goes on and on of the work/ activities that we are involved in. The more needs that we discover, we find time, resources and ways to meet those needs.

My prayer for you is that your heart will be filled with Joy and excitement as you give your love to all that you come in contact with this Christmas.

Comrade Care List:

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

Remember our Post family:

- James Blackwell is in hospice care at Richland Memorial Hospital
- Richard Royer's brother Bob Royer is going through some difficult times and needs our prayers.
- Charles Smith, Auxiliary member, Laura Smith's husband passed recently
- Paul Holiday is back home from his treatment in Jacksonville, Florida
- Bill Szala
- George and Carol Smith; George is at home under hospice care.
- Betsey Harvey and her daughter
- John Siemens
- Larry Archer
- Buddy Miller with lung cancer near his heart
- Richard Royer as he battles with cancer
- Walt Richardson
- Bob Dilworth's wife
- Jack Hulet
- Ed Abston
- Rejoice with Dan Berglund in victory over cancer
- Willie Nix's daughter needs our prayers
- Alvin Shrum's Wife fell and is bruised up, she also re-injured her back
- 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

Forward your request for this list to me at rcmullinax@gmail.com

Chaplain Richard Mullinax/For God and Country

Auxiliary



It's been a wonderful holiday season so far with a very enjoyable Post Christmas Party followed by a successful Wreaths Across America Ceremony! Many thanks to all of you who were able to attend and especially to those who assisted with setup, serving, and/or cleanup. Our last project for December is collecting Cookies for Soldiers which is going well. This group can always be counted on to provide delicious homemade treats for our troops at Fort Jackson, and they are always so appreciative.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our first Auxiliary Meeting of 2026 on Thursday, January 8th. Until then I hope you enjoy the rest of this very special time of year: Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

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



*Ho Ho Ho Merry
Christmas and a Happy
New Year to all!*





Post Activities and Events

- 14 Dec: Happy Hanukkah! (thru Dec 22nd)
- 22 Dec: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 25 Dec: Merry Christmas!
- 29 Dec: **There will not be a Veteran Breakfast served today. POC: Dave Schimsa**
- 1 Jan: Happy New Year!
- 5 Jan: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 6 Jan: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
ALR Executive Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
- 8 Jan: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meeting, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building,
POC: Steve Goulet
- 11 Jan: Auxiliary District Meeting, Post Building, POC: Marthalyn Schimsa
- 12 Jan: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
Red Cross Blood Drive 1000-1600. Post Building.
- 13 Jan: Chapin Post 193 Amateur Radio Club Meeting 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 15 Jan: BINGO 1730-2200, Chapin Town Hall, 157 Columbia Ave, Chapin. POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play. Setup starts at 4:30 p.m.
- 19 Jan: Martin Luther King Day
Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 20 Jan: ALR Meeting, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800. POC: Russ Taylor
- 24 Jan: Oratorical Contest. 1000-1400. Post Building. POC: Bill LaRoche
- 26 Jan: 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://SouthCarolinaAmericanLegionBaseballHomePage(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](https://www.facebook.com/ChapinAmericanLegionPost193)



