

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

February 2025



Happy St Patrick's Day.

We are busy every Monday morning with breakfast. We continue to sign up new members most weeks. Join us and invite other veterans to come with you. Thanks to Tom Yeoman and those that took the time to call local veterans for a Buddy Check. We were able to make phone contact with 161 veterans, voice messages with 175 veterans, and email contact with 45 for a total of 381 of 426 members. We have to follow up with a few. This is one of our most important activities. If you know of a veteran, member or not, that may need assistance please let us know.

Bingo is being well attended at the Town Hall. See 2nd Vice section.

We have two new Legion Cruises to consider. First is March 8-15, 2026 to the Southern Caribbean sailing out of Puerto Rico. Second is September 19-25, 2026 to New England/Canada sailing out of New York. Both are discounted for Veterans/Spouses. Public are welcome (w/o veteran discount). There is an additional discount if reservations made by 28 February (this month). We had 16 people interested at the first information meeting. Call Betty Barrett, 803-618-6011 for more information.

Thank you for all you do.

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

Adjutant



Greeting to all! We seem to be doing pretty well at retaining and recruiting new members to our Post! Our membership currently stands at 384 or 92.31% of our 2025 membership goal of 416. It is also noteworthy that we currently have an 88%-member renewal rate, it is not 100% but it is still very good. For those that have yet to renew, rejoin the team and continue to be a part this great Veteran Service Organization. "There is strength in numbers". [Membership Renewal Quick Pay \(mylegion.org\)](#), mail your check to PO Box 897 Chapin SC 29036, come to breakfast Monday morning, attend one of our meetings or activities.

Post elections are in May, at our March meeting we will select our nominating committee made up of no less than three members in good standing one will serve as the Committee Chairman. If you would like to serve as the Chairman or be one of the nominating committee members let one of our Post Officers know. If you desire to fill one of the elected positions in the Post, please let it be known, do not let the fact that the incumbent desires to remain in the position keep you from running. In a perfect scenario we would have three or four members running for each position. We are a growing Post and there is plenty of talent out there to serve in all our elected positions or one of our committees.

The 2025 American Legion Department of South Carolina annual Convention will be held May 15, 2025 – May 18, 2025, at the Doubletree by Hilton in Columbia.

Currently Post 193 is authorized 18 delegates to the Convention. The Post will pay the \$35.00 registration fee for all authorized delegates. Detailed Information pertaining to the Convention can be found by clicking the following link. -- [2025 Call to Convention updated.pdf](#)

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

First Vice Commander



The award program notifications for this year's American Legion Department of South Carolina Awards for Law Enforcement and Firefighters were submitted in January and the Teacher of the year and Post Awards due in February will be turned in before the 20th of February. Congratulations to Tom Yeoman for his selection as this year's Legionnaire of the Year.

We can always use more personnel to participate in the Membership Drive/Rifle Raffle Outreach. **We set up this last month at Boland's on a Friday and sold 13 Raffle tickets and had \$56 donations.** The next day, Saturday, we went to Mission BBQ and sold 12 tickets and had \$5 in donations. Total: 25 tickets and \$61 donations. Every little bit helps to get our new building constructed. We will put out more information for our next event in March.

Be the One Calling, our "Buddy Check", was conducted after breakfast on 17 February. If you did not receive a call or email, let the Adjutant know and verify the contact information that we have on file.

We have also begun planning for the Memorial Ceremony. A request has been sent to recruit a speaker for Memorial Day.

We have started planning for the Christmas Party and if everyone agrees we can look at the same location and caterer that we used this year. The first Saturday of December 2025 is **6 December and that is the date we are looking at for this year's party. 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

Second Vice Commander

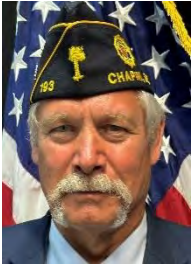


As the month of February comes to a close, we must look back at the accomplishments we have made. First is the recruitment of new legion members which will improve our ranks and add innovative ideas for our future projects. Thank you all for Joining Post #193.

Our future home is slowly progressing to a finish if we can get some pleasant **weather to help. Our "Be The One" program is going great with the volunteers Tom Yeomen has put together.** February Bingo was a success in that it was a new venue for us, and we set a record for attendance ,174 players. Boys State forms delivered to schools and looking forward to seeing these young men attend that project.

Floyd Rogers / For God and Country

Third Vice Commander / Quartermaster/ Blood Drive Monitor



Happy St Paddys Day!! There will be a Blood drive May 19, 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 30 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 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

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

Steve Tucker
Charles Case
Chad Eisenhower **Facility Manager:**
Thomas Brancher
Ken Moulton
Philip Sobeeek
Bobby Havird
Les Carroll
Erika Easler
Robert George

Please come and pick these up !!!!!!!.

Jerry Lebar/For God and Country

Facility Manager



We are looking for two additions to our Monday Morning Breakfast Crew. Please see me or anyone else on the Breakfast Crew if you would like to volunteer. Thanks to Doug Abramson for constructing and installing a new bulletin board in the open bay area.

New Building Committee:

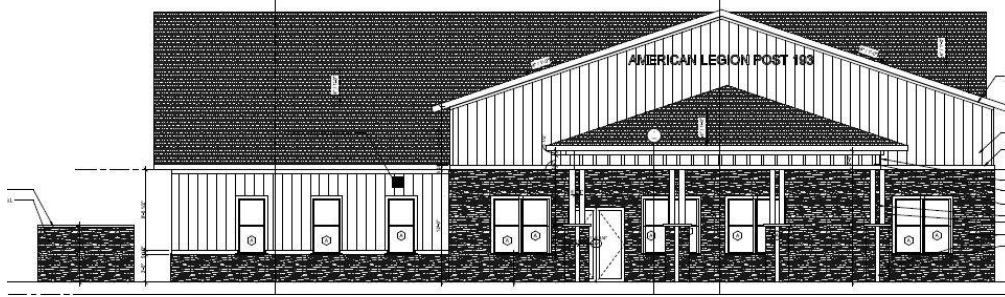
Construction continues at our new Post site. Plumbing is being roughed in and the pad will be poured this week. The PFC Gerald & Pearl White Multipurpose Room fund is at just over \$91,000. We are very close to the \$100,000 goal.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this very special space.

David W. Schimsa / For God and Country

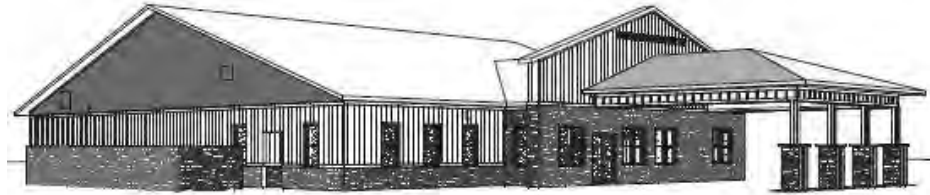


EVERY DAY WE ARE GETTING CLOSER TO HAVING OUR NEW POST HOME BECOME A REALITY



THE FUNDRAISING FOR OUR NEW POST HOME IS ONGOING.

AS I RECALL THE NAMING RIGHTS FOR THE KITCHEN ARE STILL AVAILABLE. SEE DAVE S. FOR THE DETAILS.



ALR Director



Kevin Reynolds has resigned as the Rider Director so I will be taking his place until the elections in June. We passed the budget for the year at this past Riders meeting. Anne Richardson has the specifics if you want to see them. There are various rids coming up so check the calendar for the latest.

Gerard G. Lebar / For God and Country/Safety First

Chaplain's Corner



We are so busy and that is a good thing! We should never be too busy to stop and help a brother or sister in need. I remember the Bible story of the Good Samaritan, he probably had a plan for his day but he saw a hurting person that needed help- he put his plans on hold and helped. I remember the story of Peter and John on their way into the Temple to pray but got stopped by a man in need. They put their plans on hold and helped. I'm reminded of Jesus as he was walking through the crowd of people when he felt someone tug at the hem of his garment, He changed his plans. His disciples didn't want Him to stop, they had places to be and things to do but Jesus stopped and changed the woman's life.

I observed our post in action last Monday morning. Most of us had other plans but we stopped and helped Tom with the Buddy check. I wonder how that change of plans may have changed someone's life? I saw others that had other business to attend to but they stopped and helped Floyd with the packing party and I wondered how this may impact people's lives. I knew someone that needed a comfort animal to lay in the recliner with them, I don't have time for that , I don't know anything about that, but I asked and someone stopped their plan for just a few minutes to help me . Then I was able to pass the help along. I'm anxious to see how this will impact the life of the wounded warrior?

Following the command of Jesus to love one another, it's the things that interrupt our plans as we hustle through our busy day that impact the lives of others. We have our jobs, our goals and our plans but we still have time to stop along the way to love that person before us.

Comrade Care List:

As you pray, remember those listed on our Comrade Care List.
Remember our Post family. Betsy Harvey as she works with some health issues.
John Graham is recovering and should be back in action soon
Ed Abston is recovering from back surgery and will take a little while to be out and about
Chris Christopher is in rehab
Buddy Miller with lung cancer near his heart
Jack Hulet as he battles cancer.
Richard Royer as he recovers from the motorcycle accident and his battle with cancer.
Remember John and Dale Siemers as they face the loss of Dale's brother Collins Mullinax.

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

Chaplain Richard Mullinax/For God and Country

Auxiliary



Our Unit hosted a meeting for SC ALA District 15 at the Post on Sat., Feb. 1. It was well-attended and we appreciated Legionnaires who helped with set-up and especially Rich who welcomed our guests. The meeting was followed by a delicious chili and salad lunch which was prepared and served by Auxiliary members. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this event so successful! Within the next few weeks we will deliver items collected for Veterans residing at CM Tucker Nurse Care Center. Any last-minute donations (new clothing or items such as deodorant, toothpaste, lotion, etc.) should be put in labeled bags and brought to the Post by March 3.

Concessions sales at the new BINGO location far exceeded previous records, so additional volunteers are needed now more than ever! Auxiliary members are encouraged to volunteer at **least once yearly. An additional FUNdraiser, "Painting with a Purpose", will be held on Sun., April 13, at 2:00pm at "Painting with a Twist", an art studio on Harbison Blvd. All proceeds will be** donated to the Gerald and Pearl White Room in the new building. This event has limited seating and is open to the public, so interested **persons should register early on the studio's website.**

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

Post Activities and Events

- 28 Feb: Free Legal Clinic 0900-1500 Free, 605 West Main St, Lexington, 803-785-8400 for appointment (required)
- 3 Mar: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 5 Mar: National Commander meeting, 0900-1100 @Post 6, 200 Pickens St. Columbia SC.
- 4 Mar: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
- 6 Mar: BINGO 1730-2200, Chapin Town Hall, 157 Columbia Ave, Chapin. POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play. Setup starts at 4pm.
- 10 Mar: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 14 Mar: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meeting, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet
- 15 Mar: Happy 106th Birthday American Legion!
- 17 Mar: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 18 Mar: ALR Meeting, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Jerry Lebar
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800. POC: Jerry LeBar
- 20-22 Mar: Veterans experience Action Center. SCARNG Armory, 1328 Old Dairy Dr.
- 22 Mar: Boys State Interviews, 1000-1600, Post Building. POC: Floyd Rogers
- 24 Mar: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 29 Mar: Boys State Interviews, (makeup) 1000-1600, Post Building. POC: Floyd Rogers
- 31 Mar: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 5 April: **ALR breakfast at Zorba's** 0800- 10: 30, POC: Jim Schafer

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](https://www.facebook.com/Chapin-American-Legion-Post-193-1016284111111111)

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



On Saturday 1 February Chapin Auxiliary Unit 193 hosted the South Carolina American Legion Auxiliary District 15 Meeting. 1st Vice Commander Richard Nielen was on hand to welcome the District members to our Post Home.



Here and There



Director Reynolds presenting ALR Rider of the Year Certificate of Appreciation to Legionnaire Richard Royer who was selected as the ALR Chapter 193 Rider of the year



Work out at our future Post Home continues!

Chapin American Legion Post 193 BINGO!!



Our first BINGO at the Chapin Town Hall was fantastic!
Who doesn't love BINGO?
Come out on Thursday 6 March 2025 and have some fun.



Post 193 Oratorical competition Chairman Bill la Rochelle presenting the winner of this year's competition Preston Kunkle with a Certificate of Appreciation. Preston will also receive a \$200.00 Scholarship