

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

July 2026



Well Legionnaires July has been another busy month and August isn't going to slow down. Our Post Meeting went very well this month and I appreciate everyone that participated. The finishing of the new building requires a lot of decisions and it is very beneficial to have our post members and their input. Bingo went very well with approximately 160 players. We will do the August Bingo at the Chapin Townhall and start Bingo in the new building in September. We will also begin having Bingo 2X per month starting in September with the dates to be determined. We had an impressive turnout for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on the 18th. The estimates are that we had between 250 and 350 people attend. Between our members, family members and our Chapin supporters it was an exceptional day for our post. Thanks to everyone that participated and to everyone that helped to make it a very special day. We are getting closer to receiving the Certificate of Occupancy. Once we receive the document we will begin the move from the current post to our new facility. We will let everyone know when that movement begins. Let's make this move as smooth as possible and get all hands on deck (for you Navy and Coast Guard types).

Richard Nielen / For God and Country / In Service

Veteran Help Line: Dial 988, option 1

Adjutant



July has been busy and hot! I like many of you am ready to get established in our New Post Home and begin a new chapter in the history of Chapin American legion Post 193.

Exciting times are ahead for our Post! We are growing and now we have a first-class facility that allows us to do so much more for our members and our community. With growth comes the need for additional resources not just physical resources but human resources. As we move forward, consider sharing your time talents and expertise assisting in or leading one of the many projects or committees. We would not be where we are today without the many dedicated members that have consistently volunteered their time and talents.

The District One quarterly meeting will be held at our Post on August 8, 2026 at 10:00. Post Commanders from the District will gather to discuss past/upcoming events and share information that may be useful to members of our District. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

We have started taking 2027 membership dues and I want to thank everyone that has already renewed for the coming year. Please consider paying your annual dues online @ [Renew my membership NOW!](#)

Our Sergeant at Arms Richard Royer is responsible for the August dinner meal. The meal is going to be Fried Chicken and other sides to be determined. Please be sure to rsvp as we want to ensure that we do not run out of food. [RSVP Dinner meal 20 Aug 26](#) .

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

First Vice Commander / Quartermaster



Now that the ribbon cutting ceremony is over its time to return to normal. We will be doing the recruitment and cash drawing ticket sales from Bolands Hardware this weekend Friday July 24 and Saturday July 25. Anyone that wants to come and help are gladly welcome.

Also, the next Red Cross blood drive is coming up on Monday September 21, 2026. It should be at our new Legion Building barring any unseen problems. That's it for now. Take care and stay out of the heat. Drink plenty of water and check on your buddy.

Jerry Lebar / For God and Country

Third Vice Commander



A Big Thanks, to everyone who facilitated the Ribbon Cutting ceremony and making it another successful event! There are numerous opportunities to volunteer and represent the post. These activities are important to sustain the post and foster community relations. Always Looking for Town Hall Pledge Volunteers.

Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering.

Russ Taylor / For God and Country

New Building Committee / Facility Manager:



Thank you to everyone who made the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony a huge success. The grounds crew, inside clean-up crew, SAL, and the Auxiliary all made that special day an awesome experience. Thank you!!

We are putting the final touches on the new Post in anticipation of soon receiving our Certificate of Occupancy (CO). We still have some grounds maintenance to complete and our Food & Beverage Manager (Mike Rowley) is working hard to get the kitchen and bar menus established. We always need volunteers for the grounds crew and anyone who wants to work in the kitchen or bar (training required). We'll continue to serve breakfast at the old Post until

further notice. But it won't be for long!!

David W. Schimsa / For God and Country

ALR Director



From the saddle of my Goldwing

From the Saddle of my Gold Wing

June and July were again very active months for the Riders of Post 193. The annual ROMP (Riding on Military Pride) was held in Elizabethtown, KY. We had a wonderful ride to Elizabethtown, utilizing the secondary roads, and visiting the Calhoun Falls State Park on our inbound journey. The scheduled adventure rides were cancelled due to biblical levels of rain for our time at the ROMP site. Our nine Riders whiled away the hours in our hotel by initiating an "Uno" marathon. The rains finally abated for our ride home.

So far in July the Riders, with so many Post members, "turned to", preparing and rehearsing for our new Post home "Ribbon Cutting and Dedication". Thanks to all who put in many hours of preparation efforts to allow us to showcase our new home.

Your Riders, along with the SCPGR stood a flag line for "Captain Mike's" Troops Appreciation Foundation's annual "Honoring State Troopers Fishing" event at the Lake Murray Sailing Club.

To help support our Post's Bingo events, the Riders are moving our Rider meeting night from the third Tuesday of the month to the third Monday of the month. The Monday Rider meetings will begin in August (8/17, 1700-1900). This gives the Bingo Team the ability to execute their Bingo events twice a month, on a Thursday and a Tuesday. The Riders will also operate the concessions at the Tuesday Bingo events.

Finally, I wanted to express my gratitude to our Riders and our Post's "Unclaimed Veterans Burial Program, led by Steve Goulet. The immediate response to what would have been a truly unsatisfactory treatment of a veteran. On Tuesday morning, July 21st, a member of the Fort Jackson National Cemetery (FJNC) alerted Steve that a veteran had passed in an Orangeburg care facility, with no family to claim him. The funeral home, in ignorance, was going to take his remains, and just "drop him off" at FJNC for burial. This was totally unacceptable to both FJNC and we veterans. We were able to marshal our Riders, the PGR, and the Marine Corps for an Honor Team, all in just Tuesday afternoon. I am proud to say that this previously unclaimed veteran, a Marine Sergeant, will, at his "final formation" be treated with dignity and respect. "Veterans Strengthening America" in action.

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

Chaplain's Corner



Our ribbon cutting ceremony was a great day in the life of our Post! After many years of dreaming, planning and much hard work on the part of many people we passed a major milestone in the growth of our new Post Home. I think of all the members that have passed from our presence that were not present but were thought of and missed. I think of the challenge, the opportunity that is before us and the veterans that will be blessed as a result of the hard work of reaching this milestone.

The challenge now is to transform this new building into a home, a place of hope and a place that will provide a helping hand to all that enter our Post.

Which of the three basic needs do you plan to take ownership of and support programming to meet? HELP, HOPE and HOME

Comrade Care List:

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

Choose two or three and be mindful of those two or three for a couple days then choose another two or three others for a few days.

Remember our Post family:

- Ron Saxton
- Paul Holiday
- Bill Szala
- Paul Allen surgery
- Mike Mancari
- John Nesbitt surgery
- Barry Mullens Aorta repairs
- Betsy Harvey and her daughter
- Larry Archer
- Buddy Miller with lung cancer near his heart
- Walt Richardson shoulder surgery
- Jack Hulet
- Ed Abston
- Stephen Geer surgery coming up
- Kathy Smith
- Jack Simpson USN Corpsman- Jack Hulet's request
- Marcus Reeves Dad – Clarence Reeves
- Dennis and Annmarie Doucette

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

Chaplain Richard Mullinax / For God and Country

Auxiliary



The July meeting was well attended. Welcome our new members Patrick Cherry and Karen Beauchemin. We are in need of ideas for what we can sell at our booth for Labor Day and people for our Labor Day Committee. Nancy Graham will be the point of contact for this. Jodi talked about the next date for volunteering at the USO at the Columbia Airport. If interested please contact her for the date and time.

Several Auxiliary members helped to spruce up the new Post on July 10th as well as on July 14th. Thank you to all who participated.

Lucky's Burger Shack and the Topsy Toad helped sponsored the reception for the ribbon cutting which was held July 18th. Lucky's sponsored the food and Topsy Toad sponsored the cake. Mike Rowley was instrumental in helping with the sponsorship of the food from Luckys. Thank you to all who attended and helped with the reception, setup and clean up. The hard work and dedication from our members does not go unnoticed, thank you!

The Palmetto Girls State, Boys State and Law Cadet Recognition Ceremony will be held August 16 from 3:00 – 4:00. Please support this by attending the ceremony. The Auxiliary will host a light reception.

If you happen to go to Boland's Ace Hardware please thank them as they had a round up as the cash register to benefit the Auxiliary. A check will be presented in August.

Please note that Bingo will be August 13 at the Chapin Town Hall. The Auxiliary meeting will be August 20 2026

Carmen Goulet/President/ In the Spirit of Service, Not Self

Post Activities and Events

- 3 Aug: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 4 Aug: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
- 4 Aug: USCG Birthday – est. 1790
- 7 Aug: Purple Heart Day
- 8 Aug: AL District Meeting – 1000 - 1100
- 10 Aug: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
Be The One 0930 – 1030, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
- 11 Aug: ALR EC Meeting, 1800-1900, Post kitchen. POC: Tom Yeoman
- 11 Aug: Chapin Post 193 Amateur Radio Club Meeting 1800 – 1900, Dan Goldston
- 13 Aug: BINGO 1730-2200, Chapin Town Hall, 157 Columbia Ave, Chapin. POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play. Setup starts at 4pm.
- 16 Aug: American Legion Palmetto Boys State and Palmetto Girls Recognition Ceremony 1500-1600, Post Building. Steve Goulet
- 17 Aug: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 18 Aug: ALR Meeting, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800. POC: Russ Taylor
- 20 Aug: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meeting, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet
- 24 Aug: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 27 Aug: Newcomers Orientation 1830-1930, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
- 28 Aug: Previously Unclaimed Veterans Interment 1100-1200, Ft Jackson National Cemetery. POC Steve Goulet
- 30 Aug: Marine Forces Reserve Birthday
- 31 Aug: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

For a complete listing of Post 193 activities visit: [Events Calendar \(americanlegionpost193.com\)](http://EventsCalendar(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](#)