

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

July 2024



We met our goal for the new building! Unfortunately, inflation has caused us to need to keep raising more funds. We expected this. We will be starting on the building soon but to finish all we have planned we will continue fundraising. Dave and the NBC are working to reduce the costs. If you have ideas on how to raise money or reduce costs, let Dave know.

AL Baseball team continues to do well. They are in the playoffs for State championship thru July 31st. Keep supporting them. Link to schedule in the **Activities** section.

How do you want to be supported? We plan events and activities that we think helps our veterans. If we need to add or modify things, please let me know your ideas.

Mark Harvey/For God and Country/In Service
Veteran Help Line: **Dial 988, option 1**

Adjutant



I hope everyone is enjoying their summer doing what they enjoy most and not being deterred by this heat and humidity! July and August are our slow months so I suspect everyone has an opportunity to spend time with family, relax, get away and visit with friends.

September starts a busy month for us as we get ready for the Chapin Labor Day Parade (Western theme) our annual post picnic, POW MIA and Post Everlasting ceremonies. On 13 September 2024 at 11:00 a.m. we will facilitate the interment of between 18 and 20 Previously Unclaimed Veterans at the Ft. Jackson National Cemetery. There will also be opportunities for members to travel to Washington DC to participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and wash the Korean War Memorial

Membership renewal for the 2025 membership year has begun! Our first goal is to have at least 50% of our members renewed by September 11, 2024, which I believe we can easily meet. Thank you to everyone that has either mailed in their dues, paid online or paid in person. The earlier you pay the sooner you will quit receiving those annoying notices from National HQs. 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; you only need your membership number and credit card. When renewing online with a credit card there is no service fee charged and I will mail you your card as soon as I see you have renewed. If you pay online and want to have your card laminated just bring it on in Monday morning when George is at the Post, and I am sure he will take care of you as he always does.

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

First Vice Commander



Our next Wreaths Across America (WAA) meeting will be 22 August at 1900 here at the Post or by Zoom. This meeting was originally scheduled for 6 August but was changed due to scheduling conflicts.

The Labor Day Parade and Festivities are approaching in September. I've selected some tentative dates for our planning meetings which are as follows: 24 July/1800; the 3rd and 22nd August/1800. These planning sessions will be held here at the post. More information to follow. We will need volunteers for the float decoration and to work the kitchen, concessions, Legion booths and clean up. We also need donations of candy (Wrapped) and soda/water. Please make the soda donations cans and not bottles, preferably Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Sprite and Mountain Dew. Donations can be dropped off at the Post either at breakfast on Monday mornings or with prior coordination.

We are also planning the Post Picnic and the Post Everlasting Ceremony for September, date TBD.

We conducted a planning session for the Post Christmas Party on Thursday, 18 July, and are moving forward with the effort. Tentative dates for the party are either the 7th or 14th of December.

Richard Nielen/For God and Country

Second Vice Commander



Another month gone by and it was a hot one. As we look forward to the summer reflect a little on what we have accomplished so far. The post has sent 16 young men to Palmetto Boys State because of your giving attitude to our community and young people that will have a part in ensuring the future of it. The following is a letter from a parent of one of those boys.

Good Morning!! I just wanted to let you know how grateful I am for the Boys State experience for my three sons. It has 100% changed their lives and continuing to be a part of Boys State is truly one of the most important things in their lives. This past summer, Lawson Davis was a second year Senior Counselor and Harrison Davis was a Junior Counselor and I truly believe you would be so proud of the way they have represented Post 193. Thank you so much for putting them on such a wonderful path. I was getting ready to frame Harrison's Certificate of Appreciation from his Citizen year and his other Palmetto Boys State Certificate/Diploma....and one of his siblings spilled the contents of their water bottle on them. I have tried drying them and then ironing them.... but I wasn't successful. Is there any way we could redo them? Thank you again for investing in my boys! Barbra Davis hunter

I have received others and talked with a few. they all have stories of the change in their child and a better understanding of how our system of government works. Thanks to all of the donors to this important function

Another adventure we have that everyone, hopefully, is aware of is our Bingo on the second Tuesday of every month. The past two months have been record breakers, 100 players in May and 141 players in June and 139 players in July. This has contributed to a good donation to our new and Future home at 230 Amicks Ferry Rd. The Bingo committee thanks all who have contributed in helping with the Packet parties, setup at the Ole Oak Barn and the workers who

contributed five or six hours every month working the game itself. We will be eternally grateful for all you do every month
Floyd Rogers/For God and Country

Third Vice Commander / Quartermaster



Good day to all. Still looking for a person to do the Pledge of Allegiance at the Chapin Town Hall on 17 December.

The next Blood Drive will be on 16 September.

I will be ordering new T-Shirts shortly , they will be black with yellow lettering to go along with the black hat. If you have any input for the newsletter please try to have it to me NTL the 15 of the month, send to my private email Lebar5@twc.com
That's all for now, BE SAFE.

Jerry Lebar/For God and Country

Facility Manager/NBC



Join us for the Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast. You do not need to be a member of the post-breakfast is open to all Veterans. You must be a Veteran to attend breakfast. Coffee is ready by 0715 and breakfast is served at 0830. We are averaging 70 Veterans each Monday morning and we usually introduce one or two new visitors. Cost is \$6, or breakfast is free if you volunteer for KP duty. Thanks to Peter Prim for hauling our trash off Monday mornings and thanks to Fred Beauchemin for working headcount and collecting the money. We had two rentals this month bringing in \$525 in revenue. If you know of anyone looking for a local venue without outrageous rental fees, please send them to my

direction. Dave Schimsa - (803) 960-8708. Chapin Women in Service will be using the Post for their monthly meetings

New Building Chairman

We expect to start taking down trees and moving dirt within the next four weeks. We have met all the requirements for the Town of Chapin except for a outdoor lighting plan (external security lights and parking lot lighting). Our electrical engineer has to show on the plans where our lighting will not infringe on the residential area behind the Post. We expect that to be completed in the next two weeks. We have now raised a total of just over \$1.4 million towards our land and building. We still have a little way to go in order to complete the building, parking lot, and landscaping. Our current Fund Raiser is for the **PFC White Multipurpose Room**, in honor of Private First Class Gerald White, U.S. Army, and Mrs. Pearl White. We need to raise an additional \$65,000 to complete this portion of the campaign. Please mark your donations as payable to the PFC White Room. Additionally, we will be publishing a list of items we need donated to the Post. We'll have detailed specifications but we'll need 9 toilets, 8 vanity sinks, 3 urinals, plumbing hardware, door hardware, windows, doors, shingles, drywall, paint, etc. We will also post the list on our website/FB page. No checks have been written for the new Post this month.

David Schimsa/For God and Country

ALR Director



We installed the new officers at the June meeting: Director – Kevin Reynolds, Assistant Director – Jerry Lebar, Secretary –Seanne Holiday, Treasurer – Anne Richardson, Sergeant at Arms – Richard Royer, and Chaplain – Jim Schafer. I look forward to working with such a wonderful group of people!

On July 25th at 7 pm the Post will be holding a Boys State/Girls State & Law Cadet Recognition Ceremony at the Post. The attendees are allowed to share what they learned from attending these great programs. Please plan to attend.

On August 3rd, the annual Meet and Greet will be held at Post 15 (Sumter), ride and details TBD. September 2nd is the Annual Chapin Labor Day Celebration and Parade. The Riders will lead the parade and man our tent while selling Gun raffle tickets. Please consider volunteering for an hour or two in the tent. We have been asked to Wash the Wall in Washington, DC on September 18-21. This year we'll be washing the Korean War Memorial on Saturday, Sept 21, at 0600. More details TBA. Finally, October 6th is the Texas Roadhouse Homes For Our Troops ride. We will be helping with parking, the ceremony, and the ride. More details to come, but registration is already open for this ride. Ride defensively and be safe!

Kevin Reynolds/For God and Country/Safety First

Chaplain's Corner

I'm working with a man that is living in fear. It took me a while to realize just how much this fear is weighing on him. Fear robs us of our peace, our joy and our purpose. I am quite certain that his fear is unfounded. His greatest fear will never come about! But to him it is almost crippling. I can't document the fact but I'm certain that most all our fears are unfounded. Every big green monster that hovers over you in the night disappears when you turn the light on. What are you afraid of, what are your fears that rob you of rest and sleep in the night? Jesus said that we can cast all our cares(fears) on Him and He will carry them and free us to live above fear. Sometimes it is hard for us to find that light switch that illuminates our monsters, but I have found that prayer works to put our problems in a better light or perspective. Talking with another person that you trust can help put fears in manageable form and give you relief.

Fear nullifies all the promises of God's Holy Word. It is as if you are saying that God can't do the things that He has promised. Jesus promised us a comforter that will always be close at hand to hear our pleas and to come to our rescue. You may be that comforter that God sends to help another person. I almost missed the opportunity to help this person because I did not see his fear as being as serious as it was. Just because you or I don't see the fear doesn't mean that the other person doesn't feel it as a serious fear.

I challenge you to be sensitive to and prepared to listen and help that person that God puts in your presence.

Comrade Care List:

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

Remember our Post family. Our Adjutant, Steven Goulet as he recovers from his eye surgery.

Betsey Harvey as she works with some health issues.

Rich Chamberlin recovering from the motorcycle accident.

Marcus Reeves in the loss of a couple extended family members and his Dad recovering from a bout with Shingles.

Walt and Ann Richardson in the passing of Ann's mother.

John Hossenlopp Under hospice care at home and his wife Betsy as she cares for him.

Remember Al Billings as he helps Don Sharpe

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

Chaplain Richard Mullinax/For God and Country

Auxiliary



It is an honor to serve as the President of ALA Unit 193 for 2024-2025. Carmen has done an outstanding job for the past three years, so I definitely have big shoes to fill. Thank you, Carmen, for your enthusiasm, hard work, and dedication to this organization.

In July clothing items were collected by members of Chapin Women in Service and ALA Unit 193 and donated to Veterans residing at the C. M. Tucker, Jr. Nursing Care Center in Columbia. Thank you to everyone who participated and to Carmen for delivering the donations which were greatly appreciated. Members agreed at the July meeting to continue collecting items for these Veterans over the next 6 months with a delivery date to be scheduled for February 2025.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to work in the BINGO concessions booth and to Sandy and Marcia who volunteered on July 9th along with three "regulars": Carmen, Janet, and me. You ladies did a fabulous job and we enjoyed working with you! To anyone who has not signed up, it's not too late!

A recognition ceremony and reception honoring our Palmetto Girls State delegates will be held at the Post on July 25 at 7:00 pm. Please attend this event if you are able.

Under Anne's leadership a committee was formed to finalize plans for our Labor Day fundraiser and a possible "trial run" at Boland's Ace Hardware in early August. Details will be emailed to all members as soon as plans are finalized.

Attendance has been very good at our last two meetings, especially considering summer vacations, but we would love to see a packed room each month! Also, don't forget membership dues for 2025 are now being accepted by our Treasurer, Jodi. You can pay her in person, via mail, or deliver it to her box at the Post.

Please reach out to members you haven't seen lately. We are a better organization when we stay in contact with each other.

Marthalyn Schimsa/President/"Service, Not Self"

Post Activities and Events

- 25 July: Girls/Boys State Law Cadet Recognition, 1900-2000, Post Building, Chapin POC: Steve Goulet
- 29 July: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 1 Aug: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
- 8 Aug: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meetings and Dinner, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet [RSVP August Dinner Meal RSVP](#) Dinner meal will be Brisket, Pulled Pork and Gluten free meatless baked pasta
- 10 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa BINGO setup. 1630-1730. Post Building. POC: Matt Zambrano
- 13 Aug: BINGO 1730-2200, Ole Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Rd, Little Mountain. POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play.
- 17 Aug: District Meeting– 1000, Post 79- 762" B" Ave, West Columbia, 29169
- 19 Aug: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 20 Aug: ALR Meeting and Dinner, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Kevin Reynolds
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800.
- 22 Aug: Wreaths Across America meeting 1900, Post Building POC Steve Goulet or Rich Nielen
- 26 Aug: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 2 Sept: Labor Day Parade and Festivities

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



Goings on in and around Post 193



Who doesn't love our BINGO Concessions Team?



During our July BINGO Commander Harvey presented Certificates of Appreciation to Anne Richardson, Floyd and Carol Rogers. Great job!



More money for our Post Building Fund! Thank You Ken



A BINGO Party? Thanks Floyd can't wait for the next one!!

Something to Buy, Sell, or Trade!



**2002, 22' Crest Pontoon Boat with a 115 hp. Mercury
Asking \$ 8500.00**



**2012, Harley Davidson Softail
Asking \$ 8500.00**

If you have items you would like to list for sale in the monthly newsletter, contact 3rd Vice Cmdr. Gerard Lebar, lebar5@twc.com

**Tom Yeoman
also has a very
nice three-wheel
Can-Am for sale.
803-463-5880**

Contact
Richard Mullinax
803-622-4300 for
more info on the
above items