

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

June 2026



Legionnaires, June has been a busy and exciting month as we move closer to a move in date for the new post. Lots of actions are, and have been, taking place to get us ready to make the move. The parking lot has been paved and lined, and the landscaping is getting ready to start. All we need is the Certificate of Occupancy and a few more days of work with the water and plumbing and we should be ready for the final cleaning and move. In addition to the new facility, we have continued with all of our normal activities throughout the month. We had our post meeting on the 11th and installed the new officers for the 2026 – 2027 year for the Legion, Auxiliary, Riders and SAL. We also collected food for the We Care Organization at the meeting and brought in about 400 lbs. of food and some cash donations to help support our community. The next day, the 12th, we conducted the quarterly Unclaimed Veterans Ceremony starting at our post and escorting the remains out to the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. The ceremony was done professionally and honorably for the veterans being laid to rest. Bingo went well and we had approximately 124 players which is down a bit, probably due to vacations and the fact that we moved the date back two weeks due to scheduling. We have many planning activities coming up for the move to the new building so if you have a desire to help and be involved watch for the weekly update that I send out and special messages to see what is coming up.

Richard Nielen/For God and Country/In Service

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

Adjutant



Thank you for your confidence and trust in me by electing me to serve as the Post Adjutant for another year. I also want to Thank all our newly elected Post Officers for stepping up to serve the members of our Post and our community. I look forward to serving with each of you and continuing to move our Post forward. I also want to thank our Past 2nd Vice Cmdr., Wil Truesdale and Past Sergeant at Arms, Mike Rowley for their service during the 2025-2026 membership year. Both of you were critical members of the team and your service to our members made a difference.

Our Chapin Memorial Day Ceremony and reception at the Town Hall went very well. Due to the high possibility of rain, we moved the ceremony indoors. It was good to see so many folks, young and old from the community come out to remember and honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. Our Auxiliary once again out did themselves and put together a fantastic reception for everyone to enjoy. Thanks go out to Robert Shealy Jr. of Janney Wealth Management for sponsoring this reception each year. Thank You to everyone that had a hand in planning and executing this year's ceremony.

We will soon begin receiving those annoying 2027 membership renewal notices from National. The sooner you pay your dues the sooner they will stop sending them. 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/ Post meeting. Yes, you can also renew your membership by sending your check to our PO Box or by paying George during our Monday morning Veteran breakfast.

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

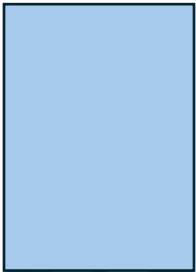
First Vice Commander/Quartermaster



Hello to all. Have a great 4th of July, BE SAFE!!! Ribbon cutting is coming soon, July 18th . Next Blood drive is Sept 21 2026.

Jerry Lebar/For God and Country

Third Vice Commander



Still Looking for Town Hall Pledge Volunteers for the remainder of the year. There are numerous opportunities to volunteer and represent the post. These activities are important to sustain the post and foster community relations. Well We've made it 250 times around the Sun as the Greatest Country, Happy 250th America!

Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering.

Russ Taylor/For God and Country

Facility Manager/NBC



A big thanks to Gary Campbell for joining the Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast Crew. Welcome Gary!! Let me know if you would like to join our Breakfast Crew. We had another full house for breakfast and a couple more new members join the past few weeks. Thanks to Fred Beauchemin, Matt Zambrano, & Doug Abramson for putting the new cabinets together in the display area of the new Post. Stand by for announcements to help out at the new Post as we prepare for the Certificate of Occupancy. We'll need a crew to clean the inside of the Post - vacuuming, dusting, mopping, cleaning mirrors & windows, and general cleaning from the construction. We'll also need a crew for the outside.

Mowing, weed whacking, laying sod, watering, etc. Stand by for short notice requests for assistance.

New Building Committee:

We are getting real close to moving into the new Post. By the time you receive this newsletter we should have water and all plumbing installed. We still need to install about 50 concrete parking bumpers in the parking lot, install some irrigation, and complete installation of the ice maker and dishwasher. Thanks to everyone who has played a part in our new Post home. I think it will be something of which we can all be very proud.

David W. Schimsa/For God and Country

ALR Director



From the saddle of my Goldwing

A little bit of a change-up from my usual article.

As you may know, in addition to being our Post's Ride Director, I am and have been a Ride Captain for the SC Patriot Guard Riders (SCPGR) for about ten years. The purpose of the SCPGR is to honor fallen Veterans & First Responders. The PGR accept "Honor Missions", to stand Flag Lines at Funerals and can provide a motorcycle escort for to Veteran's and First Responder's "Final Formation. The **ONLY** way that the SCPGR will conduct an Honor Mission

for a Veteran is at the request of the Veteran's family to participate.

I am writing this to inform our Legion members that if you would like the SCPGR to participate in your "final formation", it is important that you inform your family of your desire. It will be an honor for your Legion Riders and the SCPGR to stand for you and your family.

If you have any questions about the SCPGR, let me know. You can also go to <https://patriotguard.org/> to learn more about the PGR, join the PGR or request a PGR mission.

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

Chaplain's Corner



Psalms 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God"

I look for God in doing...staying busy doing things that others need help with. Attending all the meetings and functions. Getting involved with all the programs and projects. God is not found in doing all those things and staying so busy that I don't see God in a meaningful way. I sometimes want God to burn a bush and get my attention like He did for Moses so that I would know exactly what He wants me to do. Shine a blinding light for me like He did for Paul or just speak to me in a still audible voice like He did for Samuel. Here I find the Lord is telling me to be still and let God reveal Himself to me. I stay busy and God says BE STILL, I stay busy and God says to WAIT upon the Lord. When you feel overwhelmed by all the things that you get caught up in, be still and wait upon the Lord to renew your spirit and feel His guidance and direction for you.

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:

- Carol Smith and the Smith Family as they mourn the passing of our Comrade George
- Paul Holiday is back home from his treatment in Jacksonville, Florida
- Bill Szala
- Paul Allen Surgery and recovery
- Barry Mullens aorta repair
- Betsy 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 recovering from shoulder surgery
- Jack Hulet
- Ed Abston
- Stephen Geer recovering from surgery
- Kathy Smith

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

Chaplain Richard Mullinax/For God and Country

Auxiliary



Greetings! May through June has been a busy month for the Auxiliary!

National Poppy Day was held at Boland's Ace on Friday, May 22. Chairperson, Carol Johns Rodgers, Nancy Graham and Jodi Donnelly distributed poppies to the community from 10:00 to 1:00. Carol set up a poppy table at the town hall during bingo on May 7 and Joni Totani helped distribute the poppies. Poppies were also distributed at the Memorial Day Ceremony at the town hall by Carol and Nancy. Seanne Holliday and Anne Richardson distributed poppies in the bingo area. The three day donation total was \$762.00 Thanks to all of our volunteers who made these events so successful!

The Memorial Day Ceremony and reception at the town hall went well. The Auxiliary members set up, made sandwiches, fruit trays, and served the food at the reception as well as cleaned up. Thank you to everyone who participated to make the reception a success. Janney sponsored the reception with a monetary donation towards the food and all supplies needed.

Installation of new officers was held at the Post June 11 and Carol Burrell, Department Leadership Chairperson installed the officers. The 2026 - 2027 officers are: President, Carmen Goulet, Vice President, Janet Nielen, Treasurer, Joni Totani, Secretary, Seanne Holliday, Historian, Marthalyn Shimsa and Sergeant at Arms, Kathy Smith.

Girls State Chairperson, Deborah Royer, President Carmen Goulet and member, Mary Plexico attending the Poppy Ceremony on June 8 at Presbyterian College. Deborah and Carmen also attended the Palmetto Boys and Girls State parade down mainstreet as well as the inauguration ceremony for the officers at the Statehouse grounds on June 12.

June 9 – 13 was the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival held in Columbia hosted by the Columbia VA Health Care System along with the Auxiliary. Several of our members participated by helping in the hospitality room in one of the three host hotels. Mary Plexico, Joni Totani, Carmen Goulet, Marthalyn Schimsa and Tammy Watts helped pass out snacks, stuff bags and greet our Veterans that participated in the event.

Ladies without your help we can't do the things to support our Veterans. As we get ready to move into our new post home please consider volunteering for the events we support as well as serving on committees. We can only do things well with more help

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

Post Activities and Events

- 2 Jul: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
- 4 Jul: 250th Anniversary of Our Nation's Founding
- 6 Jul: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 7 Jul: ALR EC Meeting, 1800-1900, Post kitchen. POC: Tom Yeoman
- 9 Jul: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meeting, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet
- 13 Jul: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
Be The One 0930 – 1030, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
- 14 Jul: Chapin Post 193 Amateur Radio Club Meeting 1800 – 1900, Dan Goldston
- 16 Jul: BINGO 1730-2200, Chapin Town Hall, 157 Columbia Ave, Chapin. POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play. Setup starts at 4pm.
- 18 July: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 0900-1030, New Post Home 230 Amicks Ferry Road
POC: Richard Nielen
- 20 Jul: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 21 Jul: ALR Meeting, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800. POC: Russ Taylor
- 27 Jul: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 27 Jul: Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

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](#)