

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

May 2025



Congratulations to our new Officers:

Commander: Rich Nielen, First Vice Commander: Gerard Lebar,
Second Vice Commander: Will Truesdale, Third Vice Commander: Russ Taylor,
Veteran Service Officer: Jaque Kendall, and Treasurer: George Donnelly

The Installation of all Officers, including ALR and Auxiliary, will be on June 12th in lieu of our regular meeting. Come out, meet, and congratulate your staff. Give them your support and ideas.

Be the One Buddy Checks will be June 23rd at 0930. Put it on your calendar. We meet together so that we can respond if needed with people on hand. Contact Tom Yeoman (try3sc@gmail.com) with questions.

It has been an honor to represent you as Commander the past 3 years. Don't think you are getting rid of me. I plan on staying active and helping the new officers make your American Legion better each year. I encourage you to be active. Together we will continue to support Veterans, National Defense, 100% Americanism, Youth and our Community.

We live in a very supportive community in Chapin. I spoke with other Posts at the State Conference. Many are not as fortunate as us. We need your help to continue to support our community that supports us so well.

Thank you for all you do.

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

Adjutant



Our June meeting and the Installation of our Post Officers will be a bit different this year. We will not have our normal monthly meeting, but instead we will hold a joint Installation of Officers with our ALR Chapter and our Auxiliary Unit 193. This will give us all an opportunity to see all our Legion Family Leadership as they take on their new responsibilities. It will also afford us an opportunity to thank those who are completing their time serving as an Officer of our Post. Each of them has played a positive role in moving Chapin Post 193 forward to where we are today and for that we are all grateful.

Dinner for our June meeting will be prepared and served by the members of Home Place Church. I suspect and hope to have a larger than usual number of attendees for our meeting so I will be sending out a link for everyone to RSVP. The last thing we want is to not have enough food.

On 9 May we conducted an interment ceremony at the Ft. Jackson National Cemetery for Three Previously Unclaimed Veterans. Over the past 12 or so years our Post has been responsible for handling the final arrangements and Military Honors for more than 130 or so Veterans that had no family able to take care of their arrangements. I am the manager of the Unclaimed Veterans Burial Program (UVBP), I and the members of the UVBP team are as passionate about the program today as when we started the program in 2013. If you would like to help with the program, please let me know. I also want to thank our Auxiliary Unit 193 for their generous donation to the UVBP. The money you donated will go to good use in honoring our fallen, Previously Unclaimed Veterans.

Lastly, I want to thank Bill Moser, and the nominating committee for their work in putting together our Slate of Officers for 2025/2026 and running a very smooth election.

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

First Vice Commander



Our next Membership Drive Outreach will be in June. The location and times will be put out by email or at the Post Breakfasts once they have been coordinated. Every little bit helps to get our new building constructed. Last month at Boland's was very productive. All are welcome and requested to wear Legion attire. Don't forget that the Town of Chapin is conducting a Farmers' Market the second Saturday of each month from June thru October and the Post will be participating at these events.

Planning for the Memorial Day Ceremony on the 26th of May at the Chapin Town Hall has been completed. The final planning meeting was 15 May at the Town Hall at 1300. The rehearsal will be on the 22nd of May at the Town Hall at 1600. We will load up the required equipment after the rehearsal at the Post with set up Sunday afternoon and Monday morning of the event. More information regarding set up times will be sent out by email. Thank you to all those that have contributed to making this event so special and successful.

Planning for the Christmas Party the first Saturday of December, 2025, which is 6 December continues. 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



Nothing much for this month. Bingo continues to draw a large crowd.

Floyd Rogers / For God and Country

Third Vice Commander / Quartermaster / Blood Drive Monitor



There was a Blood drive on May 12 2025. We collected 26 units of blood. There will be another drive on September 15, 2025. Sign up now for a place to give.

I have given up trying to give away the 36 name tags . so if you are in need of your name tag come see me. This will be my last newsletter as I am moving up to 1st Vice commander. I'm sure there will be lots to do.

Jerry Lebar/For God and Country 803-873-2076

Facility Manager/NBC



95+ attendees to the Monday Morning Breakfast the past two weeks. Thanks to the great crew for preparing and serving the food & coffee. A reminder we will not have breakfast Memorial Day. The Chapin Women in Service organization, the Red Cross, and Homestead Church all used the facility this month. Our Post continues to be a welcoming space for the community.

New Building Committee:

We signed the Phase II Agreement. Steel and lumber have been ordered. A huge thanks to our Auxiliary Unit. They have worked very hard this past year, and among the many other causes they support, they have contributed over \$5,000 this year to the Building Fund. We have our Memorial Day Boot Drive Friday, 23 May. If you haven't already signed up to help just show up at the Post Friday (earlier the better) and we'll put you to work. Stand by for an exciting announcement next month. We will be rolling out our Brick Paver program so that you can honor and/or memorialize a loved one. This will be an ongoing program and will be open to the public. Our subcommittee has worked hard to make this fund raiser a success. The NBC (Post Finance Officer) wrote one check this month for \$20,900 to cover grading, infrastructure, and incidental costs at the new Post site.

David W. Schimsa / For God and Country

ALR Director



There are several rides coming up in the near future:

ROMP 2025 Sunrise Beach Mo. – May 30 – June 1, 2025, in Missouri. How many are planning to participate?

T. Yeoman, S. Goulet, M. Reeves, Dale and J. Siemers, R and D Royer.

ALRSC Meet and Greet 9 August 1300 Chapter 25 Laurens SC. \$10.00 per plate

Chapter 193 Fall trip to the mountains. Johnson City Tn. Dates: 4-7 Sept – hotel information Hampton Inn 508 North state of Franklin Road Johnson City Tn. 423-929-8000 Veteran price \$110.00 plus tax [Rides – The Southern Dozen](#). Bingo will be on Thursday night 4 Sept. so some Riders will be going up on Friday rather than Thursday.

Wash the Wall 18-21 September, Events are being planned for Friday the 19th and on 20 September we will wash the Vietnam Memorial Wall. The Hotel is the Comfort in of Dumfries ALRSC Wash the Wall Hotel. Guests can call the hotel directly at 703.445.8070 and ask to book under the "American Legion Riders" Block or they can follow the link below and book online.

There are new officers that have been elected, among them:

Tom Yeoman - Director and John Siemers - Assistant Director

This will be my last note to the group as the Director of the Riders, It has been a fun time.

Jerry Lebar/For God and Country/Safety First, People Always

Chaplain's Corner



We are such a blessed Post. Many posts struggle to find a qualified Chaplain and we have 10/12 Ordained Ministers, possibly more.

It is not a requirement that the Chaplain be ordained but the ordination indicates training and experience in ministering to people. I just happen to be the one elected, but I've found that all of these in our post are ready and willing to help and serve wherever needed. Call on any of us when you have a need or request that needs attention. You don't wait for your doctor to call you, you don't wait for a lawyer to call and when was the last time your auto

mechanic called to check up on you? We can't feel your need so you must give a call.

You are more likely to see a need in one of your buddies or friends long before it comes to our attention, follow up on your observations and give one of us a call.

Jesus said that we have not because we ask not or we ask a miss. If you ever feel that you don't know what to say or how to deal with another person, ask one of us to help you.

Sometimes a face to face visit is more helpful than eloquent words. At times an encouraging word may be better medicine than anything that the VA has in their pharmacy.

Be the ONE, call for help. Be the ONE to call for help for others.

Comrade Care List:

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

Remember our Post family.

Remember the Ron Finney family in the passing of Ron recently. Remember Chris Christopher's family, pray for George and Carol Smith, George is at home under hospice care.

Betsy Harvey as she works with some health issues, Larry Archer, Buddy Miller with lung cancer near his heart, Richard Royer as he recovers from the motorcycle accident and his battle with cancer, Walt Richardson, Bob Dilworth fell and has several broken bones, Jack Hulet, Ed Abston, John Graham, Dan Berglund, Peter Prim having surgery on his wrist, Alvin Shrum's Wife fell and is bruised up, thankfully no broken bones, Doug Abramson's wife, Florence fell and broke her ankle currently recovering from surgery.

If you would like a contact number or details that I have, please call me or text me.

Chaplain Richard Mullinax/For God and Country

Auxiliary




The month of May got off to a busy start with BINGO occurring on May 1. Our concession stand was well-staffed and sales were good. Many thanks to all who volunteered. The following Thursday our May meeting began with Unit 193 presenting a check for \$5,780 to the Post 193 New Building Fund. Of that amount, \$5,000 will go to the general fund and \$780 is designated for the Gerald and Pearl White Room as specified in our last fundraiser. Two unit members will attend the SC ALA Convention (May 16-17) during which a child from Chapin will be recognized for winning the SC ALA Americanism Essay Contest! In observance of National Poppy Day, poppies will be handed out at

Boland's Ace Hardware on May 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All members are invited for this annual event as well as the Memorial Day Ceremony and Reception on May 26 at the Chapin Town Hall. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m., but if you are able to assist with the reception, please arrive by 8:30 a.m.

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

We Care Pantry Needs
Donations of all food items are appreciated.
Listed below are some of the things that are in constant need.



- Peanut butter/ Jelly
- Chili, Soup
- Dried Beans
- Grits, Rice
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Tuna/Salmon
- Pork & Beans
- Spam
- Canned Chicken
- Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce
- Turnip/Collard Greens
- Laundry Detergent
- Personal Hygiene Items, ie Toothbrushes, Toothpaste

Thank You for all you give!

June we will conduct our food and item drive in support of our Chapin We Care Program.

<https://www.chapinwecare.org/how-we-help/>

Post Activities and Events

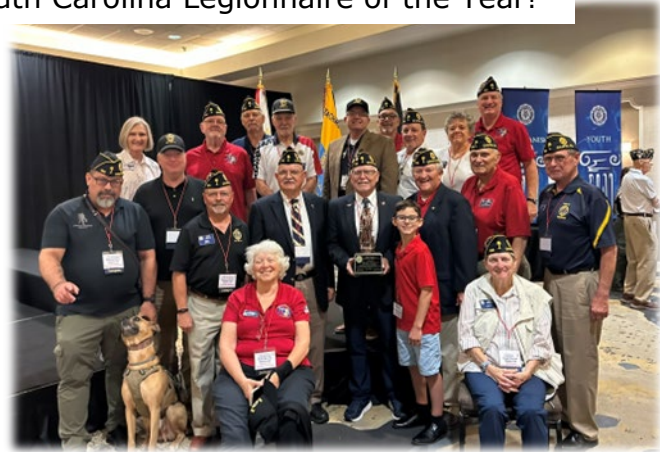
- 2 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 3 Jun: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
- 5 Jun: **BINGO** 1730-2200, Chapin Town Hall, 157 Columbia Ave, Chapin. POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play. Setup starts at 4pm.
- 8 Jun: **American Legion Night.** 1930-2200, Anderson College, Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center. All legionnaires are invited.
- 9 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 12 Jun: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meeting, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building, [RSVP Dinner 12 June](#) POC: Steve Goulet
- 14 June: 250th Birthday of the United States Army! "This We'll Defend"
Flag Day
- 15 June Father's Day
- 16 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 17 Jun: ALR Meeting, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800. POC: Will Truesdale
- 23 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 30 Jun: 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://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](#)



During the American legion Department Convention Legionnaire Tom Yeoman was recognized as the Department of South Carolina Legionnaire of the Year!



Post 193 received several awards during the 2025 annual convention



ALR Chapter 193 presenting a check to the Department Commander for the Veterans and Children Fund (Legacy Fund)

Where would we be without our amazing Auxiliary Unit 193



Unit 193 President Marthalyn Schimsa, Vice President Carmen Goulet and Unit Member Sandy White presenting Building Fund donation to Cmdr. Harvey



National Poppy Day at Boland's Ace Hardware



Memorial Day 2025

