

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

May 2026



Legionnaires, May has been a busy month and as we get ready to move into our new Post, we have a couple more in June and July with our move and also establishing ourselves in our new home. Bingo continues to do well and please remember that in June the date for it has been shifted back to the 18th of the month. We also held our elections for the Post officers in the year 2026 to 2027. Installation of your new officers will be conducted at the June Post Meeting. The only changes pertained to 2nd Vice with Floyd Rogers replacing Will Truesdale and at Sergeant-at-Arms with Richard Royer taking over for Mike Rowley. Thank you to all the members that attended the meeting and voted. Our Post also participated in the American Legion Department of South Carolina Convention on the 14th thru the 17th of May in Columbia. We are ready to conduct our Memorial Day Ceremony on the 25th. **For anyone that hasn't attended this in the past it is a very good** ceremony and helps to strengthen our ties with the Town of Chapin and our community. We are also initiating our quarterly briefing for new post members this month with the first event on the 28th of May starting at 1830. This will be a great way for us to welcome new members and explain what the American Legion is all about. I think it is going to be a great introduction to our Post and will help orientate our new members as to what the American Legion's purpose is and what we do for veterans and our community.

Richard Nielen/For God and Country/In Service

Veteran Help Line: Dial 988, option 1

Adjutant



Our June meeting and the Installation of Officers will once again be conducted in the same format as last year. In place of our normal monthly Post meeting, we will hold a joint Installation of Officers with our American Legion Riders Chapter 193 and Auxiliary Unit 193. This special evening will provide all of us an opportunity to recognize and support the leadership of our entire Legion Family as they assume their new responsibilities for the upcoming year. It will also give us the opportunity to thank those Officers who are completing their terms of service. Each of them has played an important role in helping move Chapin Post 193 forward to where we are today, and for that we are truly grateful.

Dinner for the June meeting will be prepared and served by the members of Home Place Church. A link has already been sent out for members to RSVP. Please take a moment to respond as soon as possible as this will help ensure enough food is prepared for everyone attending.

On 12 June at 11:00 a.m., we will conduct an Unclaimed Veteran Burial at Fort Jackson National Cemetery. During this service, we will inter six previously unclaimed veterans and one spouse. As always, all Post members are invited and encouraged to attend as we ensure that no veteran is left behind or forgotten.

Lastly, I would like to personally thank Walt Richardson and the Nominating Committee for their hard work in putting together the 2026–2027 Slate of Officers and for conducting a very smooth election. I also want to thank the members of Chapin Post 193 for once again electing me to serve as your Post Adjutant for another term. Hopefully during this term, I can finally get everything completed to standard so someone else can take over the job.

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

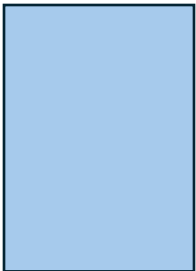
First Vice Commander / Quartermaster



I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend. A time to remember all that have fallen in the defense of our country. We had a Red Cross blood drive May 11 which netted 27 units of blood. That is **the best we've done to date. The next Red Cross blood drive will take place on Sept 14, 2026.** **We will be doing the Membership Drive, Gun Raffle and Cash Raffle at Boland's Hardware, 29 and 30 May (Friday and Saturday) . Come out and support your Legion.** **That's all for now. Take care and be safe.**

Jerry Lebar / For God and Country

Third Vice Commander



There are numerous opportunities to volunteer and represent the post. These activities are **important** to sustain the post and foster community relations. We need volunteers to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Town Hall, from July through the end of the year. Please contact me if you are interested.

Russ Taylor / For God and Country

Facility Manager/NBC



I'm looking forward to our breakfasts at the new Post. The Breakfast Crew is working hard to make the transition easy and painless. There will be some differences in how we serve the chow (we think) but the food will still be delicious and cheap!

New Building Committee:

We have water to our property. All we have left before we hook up water is a potable water test. When that is complete and certified we will have water linked to the Post. The flooring is complete. As always, feel free to stop by and visit the new Post, but please make sure your feet/shoes are clean. The parking lot will be completed in the next two weeks. Obviously please **note any signs or roadblocks asking you to keep off the asphalt until it's cured properly.** Landscaping will also start next week. After landscaping is complete, we will request inspection for our Certificate of Occupancy (CO). Get out and sell some raffle tickets from George! **Thanks for everyone's help with the Boot Drive! Totals forthcoming.**

David W. Schimsa/For God and Country

ALR Director



From the saddle of my Goldwing

While the 2026 Department State Convention is unlikely to win any awards, the ALRSC (Rider's) "convention" on Saturday was an outstanding and well attended event. In addition to electing a leadership team for 2026-2027 and conducting our normal business, a new way to honor special ALRSC Riders was introduced.

A new award-patch, called the "Heart of the Legion" (HOTL) was unveiled, and presented to several outstanding Riders. The HOTL patch will be awarded to those riders who exemplify the highest standards of selfless service to the American Legion, veterans and community service. The HOTL patch is not to be an "earned" patch such as the ALRSC United patch. It will be awarded by the ALRSC Director, from nominations from our Ride Directors, and evaluated by a newly created ALRSC HOTL Team. The award criteria are highly subjective, and the HOTL Team is tasked with creating a "matrix" of these subjective criteria against which future HOTL awards will be made. Our new State Director, Darrell Hodges, has asked me to lead the ALRSC Heart of the Legion team.

Our own Steve Goulet was among our ALRSC's "First Class" of HOTL awardees. When you get the chance, congratulate Steve for being one of the first Heart of the Legion awardees.

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

Chaplain's Corner



I saw a sign that read:
A box full of capability is useless
Without the knowledge of how to use it!

As a Legionnaire we are all about encouragement. Most of our work is about finding that veteran that is falling through the cracks and drawing them into our fellowship. We believe that fellowship with other veterans is some of the best medication to rescue a depressed person. With our breakfast program I believe that we are showing this to be a successful way to bring them in close so we can build that bond of brotherhood.

Our Comrade Care List is another way to stay informed about our membership welfare and to uncover needs that we can help with. This works best when we are all aware of this as an objective to stay aware of and follow up on who needs care. I encourage you to be aware of those in our close circle of friends that we spend the most time with, they may have issues that they keep stuffed. Be available, listen for cues, watch for signs of worrying and be proactive. I believe that there are more medicinal properties in an appropriate word of encouragement from a caring friend than in any bottle from the pharmacy.

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:

- Paul Holiday is back home from his treatment in Jacksonville, Florida
- Bill Szala – in Long term care facility still not able to walk.
- George and Carol Smith; George is at home under hospice care.
- Betsy Harvey and her daughter
- John Siemers
- Larry Archer
- Buddy Miller with lung cancer near his heart
- Richard Royer as he battles with cancer
- Walt Richardson shoulder surgery coming up soon then Hip surgery next.
- Jack Hulet
- Ed Abston
- Stephen Geer recent heart surgery and battling a bacterial infection
- Kathy Smith

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

Chaplain Richard Mullinax/For God and Country

Auxiliary



The Auxiliary wrapped up April, the "Month of the Military Child" by joining with the Legion to help Chapin Elementary School's "Eaglets Making Impact" club host a "Mix & Mingle" dinner and BINGO event for local military families at the Post. It was an enjoyable evening and heartwarming to see these young students demonstrating patriotism and gratitude by honoring those who serve our country and the children who sacrifice for that service. Elections were held on Thursday, May 14, and the newly elected Auxiliary Officers for 2026-2027 are Carmen Goulet, President; Janet Esterkes, VP; Seanne Holliday, Secretary; Joanie Totani, Treasurer; Kathy Smith, Sergeant-at-Arms; Jodi Donnelly,

Chaplain; and Marthaly Schimsa, Treasurer. Two at-large members were also elected to serve on the Executive Committee: Nancy Graham and Anne Richardson. Three Auxiliary members attended the ALA Department of SC 105th Annual Convention in Columbia on May 15-16. For the third year in a row, a winning essay in the Americanism Essay Contest was submitted by our unit. **This year's winning author is a 4th grade student at Lake Murray Elementary School.** Many thanks to Harriet Wilson for encouraging teachers to have their students participate in this program! On Friday, May 22, Auxiliary volunteers will assist wheelchair-bound veterans so they can attend the Memorial Day observance at Dorn VA Medical Center. In observance of Poppy Day, **Auxiliary members will distribute poppies on Friday, May 22, at Boland's and also on Memorial Day, May 25, at Town Hall before the Memorial Day Ceremony.** Following the ceremony, the Auxiliary will provide a reception for all attendees. For the first time the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, sponsored by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and the ALA, will be held in Columbia, June 9-14, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. This festival showcases the artistic achievements of veterans, many of whom are residents of VA medical facilities, and demonstrates the therapeutic combination of artistry and healing. The Festival is free and open to the public. Auxiliary members will be volunteering as hostesses in hospitality suites at each of the hotels where veterans are housed. We are looking forward to meeting these talented artists and seeing their work!

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



Members of the Post and Auxiliary Unit 193 attended the Dorn VA Annual Memorial Day ceremony and assisted in getting veterans from the Long Term Care Facility to the event.

Post Activities and Events

- 1 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 2 Jun: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
- 6 Jun: D-Day Anniversary
- 8 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
Be The One 0930 – 1030, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
- 9 Jun:** ALR EC Meeting, 1800-1900, Post kitchen. POC: Tom Yeoman
Chapin Post 193 Amateur Radio Club Meeting 1800 – 1900, Dan Goldston
- 11 Jun: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meeting, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet
- 12 Jun: Previously Unclaimed Veteran Internment, 1100, Ft Jackson National Cemetary, POC: Steve Goulet
- 15 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 16 Jun: ALR Meeting, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800. POC: Russ Taylor
- 18 Jun: BINGO 1730-2200, Chapin Town Hall, 157 Columbia Ave, Chapin. POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play. Setup starts at 4pm.
- 22 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 23 Jun: Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
- 29 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](#)

American Legion Department of South Carolina Annual Convention



ALR 193 member Deborah Royer was recognized as ALR Chapter 193 Rider of the year. Commander Nielen received the Post membership award and the Post Achievement award

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Post 193 Delegates to the
2026 Department
Convention



ALR Chapter 193
Director Yeoman
presenting a check to the
Department Commander
for the Legacy Fund

