Chapin American Legion Post 193
230 Amicks Ferry Rd.
Chapin, SC 29036

Commander **November 2026**



November has been a very busy month with some interesting activities for our post. We are getting settled into the new facility and adjusting our way of doing things, but everything has been pretty smooth without too many problems. Bingo is going very well with the new schedule and conducting it twice per month. The Auxiliary and Riders have taken turns working the concession area for bingo and have developed a very workable way of doing business. Thanks to these two groups, and of course, to everyone that makes bingo work. Rentals of our building also went well this month, both Mustard Hall and the PFC White rooms. The canteen is doing well and increasing its use by our members each week. We are always looking for people to work in the bar and kitchen, especially those with a talent for cooking. If you would like to help, please contact either myself, Mike Rowley, or Dave Schimsa and we will get you setup. Veterans Day was this month and we held our Veterans Day School Drive Through event which was another success. New this year was our Salute to Veterans Ceremony at Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church on Tuesday 10 November. The ceremony went very well and was well attended. Along with Veterans Day we held our Boot Drive and once again the people of Chapin were very generous to the American Legion and our post. We also helped the Freedom and Hope Group with their fundraiser on the 24th. Everyone is getting ready for the holiday season and preparing for Thanksgiving, Hannukah, and Christmas. Our post will be decorating on Monday, 30 November, and we have been having meetings in preparation for the events. Our Christmas Party is scheduled for the 5th of December, please sign up ASAP if you haven't already. This will be our first holiday season in the new post. We also have our Wreaths Across America event on the 19th of December. It was a busy month for our post but a very good one. I hope that everyone will keep up the good work and have a great Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.

Richard Nielen/For God and Country/In Service

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

Adjutant



Busy, Busy very Busy, As we approach the end of another year, there is plenty happening at Chapin American Legion Post 193, and it doesn't look like things will be slowing down anytime soon! With Thanksgiving just around the corner and Christmas not far behind, I know everyone has a lot competing for their time. I want to take a moment to thank all our members and volunteers who continue to give their time and energy to keep our Post running and supporting veterans and our community. Whether you're helping with an event, working behind the scenes, or simply stepping up when something needs to be done,

your efforts are appreciated. We have accomplished a lot this year, and none of it would have been possible without the dedication and support of our Legion Family.

Our membership numbers continue to improve, and we are getting closer to reaching our 2027 membership goal. As of this report, we have 426 paid members toward our goal of 449, putting us at 94.88% of our goal. Our current membership renewal rate is 77.23%. We are only 23 members away from reaching our membership goal! I want to thank everyone who has already renewed their membership and those who have helped recruit new members into our Post. Remember, all 2026 American Legion memberships expire on December 31, 2026. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2027, please do so.

We had a good turnout at our November Post meeting, with 55 members in attendance. Our meetings are an opportunity to stay informed about what is happening at the Post, provide input on important decisions, and learn about upcoming activities and programs. I encourage everyone to continue attending whenever possible. Your participation and ideas are important as we continue to grow and make the most of our new Post Home. There will be no regular Post meeting in December, as we will be holding our annual Christmas Party instead. Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 5, at our new Post Home. We will begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thanks to Post member John Fabian, we will have a DJ providing music and entertainment for the evening.

Post 193 continues to coordinate Wreaths Across America activities throughout Chapin and the surrounding communities. This year's ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 19, at noon, at Chapin Christian Community Church. Following the ceremony, volunteers will place wreaths on veterans' graves at participating cemeteries throughout the area. We encourage everyone to participate as we remember and honor those who served our country.

Volunteers Needed – Our Canteen Needs Your Help Our Post continues to stay busy with activities, fundraising events, and programs supporting veterans and our community. None of these activities would be possible without members who

Steven Goulet/"Veterans Strengthening America"

First Vice Commander/Quartermaster



Another month has gone by. The Christmas party is coming up as well as the other holidays.
I am ordering sweatshirts this week. they will be just like the latest t-shirt that the Legion has blue shirt with red and white lettering. We will see how this initial batch of Sweatshirts sells. They will be around $30. Let's see how this initial batch of shirts sells.

Blood drives for the 2027 year are as follows:
Feb 15, April 12, June 14, Aug 23, and October 18. These are all Mondays after the breakfast. Anyone interested in giving blood should sign up using the Red Cross web site..
That's all I have for now , I hope everyone has a great and happy Thanksgiving. We will see you next month. Take care and have a happy holiday.
Jerry Lebar/For God and Country

Facility Manager



Your new Post has been busy. In the past 30 days the Post has been open or rented for a wedding, a dinner/gala, a celebration of life ceremony, a reveal party, a HOA meeting, Chapin Women in Service meeting, Girl Scout flag folding training, Chapin Junior Women's Club, two Bingos, a Combat Veterans, Motorcycle Association meeting, and a Freedom & Hope Foundation BBQ fundraiser. This is in addition to the 12 days the canteen & bar has been opened, 4 Monday Morning Veterans Breakfasts, a Boot Drive, and our regularly scheduled Legion, Auxiliary, Riders, & Radio club meetings. A big thanks to all of the volunteers who make this happen. You can't have 31 events in a month without the help of a lot of folks. If you would like to get involved with helping support some of these activities, please contact me at (803)960-8708

David W. Schimsa/For God and Country

ALR Director



From the Saddle of my Goldwing,

We had an amazing Veterans Day! Your Riders marshalled at our Post building for our Veteran's Day events. We first rode over to the Chapin Public Library where our Commander led us in a brief Veterans Day ceremony. Then the adventure began! Rider Bill Wilson, every year takes it upon himself to plan, coordinate and confirm what has become an annual event for the Riders. Following an exacting event schedule/timeline we road to all of the Chapin Area elementary schools, including visits to Chapin Baptist Church and Lake Murray Presbyterian Church schools and Chapin Middle School. The timing was precise and aided by both the Chapin Police Department and the Lexington County Sheriff's Deputies. We slowly rode through the school parking lots/bus lanes where the children, teachers and Veteran parents waved and cheered our arrivals. They were holding signs of love for their Veterans and waving flags. It was a wonderful ride. We completed our ride at Chapin Elementary School, where the children put on a short patriotic program, after which the PTO provided

refreshments for us. While many might think that this supports Pillar number IV, Children and Youth, it is primarily support of Pillar III, Americanism. Making and encouraging love and support of American Veterans is something too often overlooked, today it was not. It was a great day.

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

SAL Commander



As the crisp South Carolina autumn settles in, Chapin Squadron 193 has been keeping busy honoring our local heroes and preparing for a festive season of service and camaraderie.

This past Veterans Day, our Post showed up in force for the post's annual school procession. Led by the American Legion Riders, the route wound past Chapin's elementary and middle schools, where students lined the sidewalks waving flags and holding signs. The morning culminated at Chapin Elementary with a stirring 3rd- and 4th-grade assembly featuring songs for every branch of the military, followed by a veterans' breakfast. Whether you ride a bike or decorate your car with flags, make plans to join this unforgettable tradition next November.

Closer to home, our Squadron is experiencing steady momentum. We are currently at 43 members and continuing to grow! Most of our Squadron is already paid up for 2027, so if you haven't renewed yet, please talk to me or Treasurer George to get taken care of and help us reach 100% membership. Additionally, if you are a newer member who has already paid your dues, be sure to see George at the next meeting to pick up your name tag.

It is always inspiring to remember that our local efforts connect to nearly a century of national service. Officially founded in 1932 at the American Legion National Convention in Portland, Oregon, the Sons of the American Legion began with just a few hundred squadrons dedicated to honoring the sacrifice of wartime veterans. Today, we are part of a powerhouse organization of over 380,000 members nationwide who contribute millions of volunteer hours and millions of dollars to veterans' programs and the Child Welfare Foundation every single year.

Thank you all for everything you do to make Squadron 193 a success. Everyone have a great Thanksgiving!

Erich Kielburger/For God and Country

Chaplain's Corner



Veterans taking care of veterans: this is who we are and what we do. Several of you have been checking on and sharing information on our members recently. Thank you for being sensitive to our brothers and sisters and the struggles that we veterans face. We are so fortunate to have Chaplain Jude visiting our Several members so quickly after they are admitted to the hospitals. Sometimes you may feel like calling and you may not be confident to follow through with a call. I would encourage you to text them. If you want to call and don't know what to say...call anyway the words will come and you will be glad that you called.
From 17 to 22 veterans a day give up on life because NO ONE cares and/ or NO ONE understands. You know and you do care. You may not know how to care but you do care. Ask me or anyone of the 10-12 ordained ministers in our post family to help you show that you understand and that you care.

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:
Family of Post 193 member Claybourne Harmon who recently passed away
Floyd, Carol Rogers and family as Floyd's Sister recently passed away
Dan Berglund Going through Chemo treatment, 2 treatments down with 10 to go.
Gary Campbell treatment for kidney and GI issues 12/14 and 12/28
Bob & Bev Vogt
Nancy Graham back surgery
Roy Schwalm heart issues
Ron Saxon
Paul Holiday
Bill Szala
Paul Allen surgery
Mike Mancari
Barry Mullens Aorta repairs
Betsy Harvey and her daughter
Larry Archer
Buddy Miller with lung cancer near his heart
Jack Hulet
Stephen Geer surgery coming up
Kathy Smith
Jack Simpson USN Corpsman- Jack Hulet's request
Bob Molchan back issues from a fall at home
Gary Campbell heart issues
Eddie Sloop's son Joey- Allen Aimar's request
Peter Prim, new pacemaker
Bonny Grigsby waiting for double lung transplant, Donna Tsukayama's friend
Forward your request for this list to me at rcmullinax@gmail.com

Chaplain Richard Mullinax/For God and Country

Auxiliary



Legion Family,
Our annual Post 193 Christmas Party is coming up on Saturday, December 5, and we hope you'll make plans to join us! We'll kick things off with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. at our new Post Home, located at 230 Amicks Ferry Road, Chapin. Cost is $35 per person, and the party is open to adult members of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and their guests.
We also want to give a big thank-you to John Fabian, one of our Post members, for arranging to have a great DJ from Omnipresent DJ provide the music and entertainment for

the evening. We appreciate John helping make this year's party a little more special!
Omnipresent DJ — Wedding & Event DJ in Lexington & Columbia SC
Help Us Make Christmas Special for Some Kids!
We are asking each person attending the Christmas Party to bring a new, unwrapped Christmas gift for a child. The gifts will be donated to the Justin Pepper House and the Newberry Boys Farm. This is another opportunity for our Legion Family to help make Christmas a little brighter for some kids in our community. We appreciate everyone's generosity and support!
Don't Forget to RSVP!
If you haven't signed up yet, please do so! We need an accurate headcount for the caterer, and the deadline to register is **Wednesday, November 25**.
Christmas Party RSVP/Registration – Click Here
You can register now and pay later if that's more convenient.
This is a chance for all of us to get together, enjoy a good meal, listen to some music, and spend time with fellow members and friends while also helping others in our community.
All the best

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



30 Nov: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, POC: Dave Schimsa

01 Dec: Post Executive Committee Meeting

03 Dec: BINGO 1730-2200, POC: Floyd Rogers/ Mark Harvey. Come help or play. Setup starts at 1600

05 Dec: Post Christmas Party

07 Dec: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, POC: Dave Schimsa

08 Dec: Post Radio Club 1700-2000

09 Dec: AL Riders Christmas Party 1800-2100

10 Dec: Post 193 Meeting 1900-2030

11 Dec: Unclaimed Vets Internment 0800-1230

14 Dec: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, POC: Dave Schimsa

19 Dec: Wreaths Across America Ceremony 0900-1400

21 Dec: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, POC: Dave Schimsa

21 Dec: ALR Chapter Meeting Dinner, starts 1815

25 Dec: Merry Christmas

26 Dec: Ft. Jackson Soldiers Lunch 0900-1400

28 Dec: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, POC: Dave Schimsa

01 Jan: Happy New Year

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