

AMERICAN LEGION

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

Commander

September 2026



Legionnaires, August was a busy month and it seems that September has been even more busy. That being said, it has been a great month for our post. We are starting to get settled into the new facility and developing a rhythm for the way that we will be conducting business. The month started off with our first Bingo in the new building and it went extremely well. We had 200 players for that event, and we followed it up on the 15th with our first Tuesday Bingo and we drew another 130 players. We also learned what worked and what needed to be adjusted from these two nights and I think we have made great progress.

We also participated in the Chapin Labor Day Parade and Festival. We were awarded the best float award for non-profits. Thank you to everyone that helped, worked, and participated in the days' events. On the 11th we held a Day of Remembrance on Patriots' Day at the new post and commemorated the events of 25 years ago. We had approximately 45 people that attended. The post also assisted the Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser for Veterans on the 17th. You had a chance to get some great food at a great price and help Veterans in the process. This month we also celebrated the U.S. Airforce Birthday on the 18th. We also held our quarterly Be The One Buddy Check on the 28th. Another great milestone for the post also occurred on the 11th in that we opened the Post Canteen (Bar and Kitchen). The hours are Friday and Saturday from 1100 to 2100 and Sunday from 1300 to 1900. These hours are based on the availability of our volunteers to work so they are flexible. The more volunteers we get the more we will be open. All in all we had a very good month for the post. Please keep up the good work and your dedication to the post. You are all greatly appreciated. Have a great October.

in, thank you to everyone that has worked, helped, and donated to make this a reality.

Richard Nielen/For God and Country/In Service

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

Adjutant



Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership for 2027. The Department has set Post 193's goal at 449 members. We currently have 328 paid members, including 26 new members and five transfers. That puts us at **73% of our goal**, with 121 memberships to go. To receive #1, 100% plaque from National HQ we must achieve 100 of our goal by Veterans Day. We are within reach this year let's get it done!. If you have not renewed, please help us get there: [Renew My Membership](#).

The 2026 American Legion Department of South Carolina Fall Conference is scheduled for **Saturday, October 24**, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Preregistration is \$35 through October 1 and \$40 afterward. [Conference](#)

[information](#) – Let George know if you plan to attend.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our recent events. On August 28, a large crowd gathered at Fort Jackson National Cemetery as 12 previously unclaimed veterans were laid to rest with the honor, dignity, and respect they earned through their service to our nation.

Our first Patriots Day remembrance ceremony also went well, and we expect it to grow in the years ahead. At the September 17 Texas Roadhouse fundraiser, approximately 41 meals were sold, raising funds for the Homes for Our Troops Ride on October 4. Your participation helped make each of these efforts possible.

On **December 19 at noon**, Post 193 will host a community Wreaths Across America ceremony and wreath laying at Chapin Christian Community Church. To sponsor a wreath for one of the 16 churches and cemeteries we support, or for Fort Jackson National Cemetery, visit [Sponsor a Wreath](#) and follow the prompts.

Our August 27 new member orientation went very well. The next orientation is scheduled for **October 29 at 6:30 p.m.**

Steven Goulet/"Veterans Strengthening America"

First Vice Commander/Quartermaster



Labor Day is over and we have moved into the new Legion building. We had our first blood drive this past Monday (Sept 14) which netted us 20 units of blood. Not bad considering we had 18 people signed up to give blood. The schedule for next years drives will be out soon.

The new t-shirts are in and available in all sizes. Baseball caps in black with gold lettering should be in soon. They were ordered over a month ago. I will be on vacation starting next Sunday (Sept 27) and returning Tuesday Oct 6. If you don't get your new T-Shirt Monday Sept 21 you'll have to wait until Monday Oct 12th. By then the black ball caps should be in. I hope everyone takes care and stays out of the heat.

Jerry Lebar/For God and Country

Facility Manager



The Monday Mornings Veterans Breakfast is going well. Besides adding made to order omelets the last few weeks, we will be adding pancakes or waffles in the near future. The Breakfast Crew works hard to provide the best chow possible. Please let me know if you have any suggestions on how we can make the experience better (besides less announcements). (803)960-8708

We have a great canteen (kitchen & bar). We want every Post member and their guests to enjoy the experience. If you would like to work the bar or the kitchen for a 5-6 hour shift it will be an easy way for you to support the Post and your fellow Veterans. Even if you can't or necessarily don't want to cook, we need a cook's

helper or sous chef for every shift. Also, for a 5–6-hour shift bar tending once a week, you do not need to take/pass the bartenders course. Sign up and help your Post!

David W. Schimsa/For God and Country

ALR Director



From the saddle of my Gold Wing

As fall begins, and our new building opens, our Rider and Post community engagement efforts really hit another gear.

Starting in October you will see three large donation boxes at our Post. These are to collect materials and Christmas gifts for three distinct charity efforts which our Post always supports.

The first is the familiar **"Toys for Tots"**, officially the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not for profit public charity. Toys for Tots began in 1947 as the brainchild of Marine Corps Reserve Major Bill Hendricks and his wife Diane. We are connected to the local community campaign for which we will collect new and unwrapped toys through mid-December. The Riders will deliver the toys to the collection point, while participating in the 2026 Toys for Tots Ride, expected date of 12/6/26

The second is the, also familiar, **26th Annual Dorn VA Hospital Vets Charity Christmas Ride**, on 12/13/26. For this we will be collecting clothing, toilet articles, gift cards and a variety of other gifts for the veterans who will spend Christmas at Dorn VA hospital. There will be a "Gift Suggestions" on the box.

The third is also familiar and entirely "local." This is the annual toy drive for the girls and boys at the **Newberry Boys Farm**. The Riders of Post 193 traditionally lead the parade from Boland's to the Shriners Building in Newberry. We anticipate that this will occur on December 19th, the same day as our Richard Stroble Wreaths Across America Memorial Ride and our Chapin Area Wreaths Across America events. We Post 193 Legionnaires, even with this heavy time demand will support all three! Similar to the Toys for Tots, the Newberry Boys Farm is looking for new unwrapped toys.

There will be other charity opportunities, but these three will have big boxes in our Post. We appreciate your participation. We welcome your participation

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

SAL Commander



Greetings Legion Family! I am proud to report that our Sons of the American Legion (SAL) squadron continues to grow, officially reaching 35 members strong. That momentum is thanks to the support of our entire Post family, but we are always looking for new faces and active participation to keep building our programs. As a friendly reminder to everyone in the Legion and Auxiliary, any son or grandson of a service member—or of an American Legion member—is eligible and welcome to join our ranks to help preserve the legacy of those who served.

This month marks a special milestone for our organization, as September 12th celebrated the 94th birthday of the Sons of the American Legion. Founded in 1932 during the 14th National Convention of The American Legion in Portland, Oregon, the SAL was created to serve as a civilian organization dedicated to supporting veterans, honoring their sacrifices, and fostering patriotism among younger generations. Here is a fun piece of history for you: while SAL members do not wear uniforms, their official caps are specifically modeled after the classic overseas caps worn by doughboys in World War I—a direct, visual link to the founding era of the Legion! If you have a son or grandson who might be interested, bring them along to our next meeting or reach out to me directly.

Erich Kielburger/For God and Country

Chaplain's Corner



Our Post is very fortunate to have so many ordained ministers in our membership! I would like to ask each of them to take a Monday Morning Breakfast turn at blessing our morning meal. First, if you are an ordained minister or Chaplain, please identify yourself to me and let me know if you are willing to take an opportunity to have our blessing? Also, I would ask the ministers to share the opportunity to cover the "Be The One" call center to intercept any special needs that may come in on one of the calls.

Minister to the minister. They need an encouraging word also. They need to be treated like a friend, like a veteran, like one of the guys. Jesus said, "by this shall all men know that you are my Disciples, that you have love for one another." Let them know-I see you- I'm glad to see you and I'll be there for you when you need me.

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:

John Graham recovering from back surgery

Jim Schafer in the recent passing of his brother

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
Walt Richardson shoulder surgery
Jack Hulet
Ed Abston
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



Labor Day went as well as it could have as the Town Hall made lots of changes from street closings as well as having food vendors being in front of our building. For the first time the Auxiliary tried dessert sales to go with the bbq sales the Legionnaires had and due to power outages and with the food trucks being located in front of our building it did not go as well as it could have. Ticket sales for the gift card baskets and wreaths as well as face painting went fine. Please support our sale of the gift card baskets and wreaths by either buying a few or selling a few tickets. The drawing will be October 9. Contact Joni Totani for tickets please at 704.975.4951.

Our membership continues to grow and Jodi continues to ask those who are current members to renew before convention in late October.

A few of the Auxiliary will volunteer at Halloween community event at Crooked Creek Park on Friday, October 23 from 6:00 – 8:30. We could use a few more volunteers so please email cgoulet08@gmail.com if you can volunteer.

The Chapin Women in Service are having their Celebrate America Gala and the proceeds of this gala will help pay the debt off of our building. The Gala is October 10 from 6:00 – 10:00 and to attend please contact Linda Marsh at 803.807.8256. They have a wonderful evening planned.

A fundraising committee has been formed and if you would like to be on it please reach out to Nancy Mullen (nancymullenrealtor@gmail.com). This committee will focus on creating fundraising that we can do throughout the year and not just on Labor Day.

If you would like to attend the Fall Convention on October 24 at the Columbia Convention Center please let Carmen Goulet know. This is a one day convention and it is \$50.00. Two members can have their registration paid for by our Auxiliary. Registration forms must be in by October 1.

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

Post Activities and Events

- 29 Sept: Executive Committee Meeting 18:15 POC: Steve Goulet
- 04 Oct: Texas Roadhouse Homes for Our Troops Ride, 0900 – 1200 POC Tom Yeoman
- 05 Oct: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, POC: Dave Schimsa
4th Quarter Be The One call event, POC: Tom Yeoman / Leland George
- 06 Oct: BINGO 1730-2200, POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play. Setup starts at 1630
- 08 Oct: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meeting, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900
POC: Steve Goulet
- 12 Oct: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, POC: Dave Schimsa
- 13 Oct: Amateur Radio Club Meeting 6:00 – 9:00 PM POC Mike Harris
U.S. Navy Birthday
- 14 Oct: ALR Executive Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, POC: Tom Yeoman
Chapin Post 193 Amateur Radio Club Meeting 6:00 – 9:00 PM
- 19 Oct: ALR Meeting, 1800-2000, POC: Tom Yeoman
Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, POC: Dave Schimsa
- 20 Oct: Congressman Joe Wilson visit, 1030-1120 POC; Post Commander
Town Council Pledge of Allegiance, 1800, POC: Third Vice
BINGO 1730-2200, POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play. Setup starts at 1630
- 24 Oct: The 2026 American Legion Department of South Carolina Fall Conference, Columbia
Metropolitan Convention Center
- 26 Oct: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, POC: Dave Schimsa
- 28 Oct: Wreaths Across America, 1900-2000, POC: Steve Goulet

For a complete listing of Post 193 activities visit: [Events Calendar \(americanlegionpost193.com\)](http://EventsCalendar(americanlegionpost193.com))
For info on our Chapin Newberry Baseball Team visit, [South Carolina American Legion Baseball Home Page \(scalb.org\)](http://SouthCarolinaAmericanLegionBaseballHomePage(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](https://www.facebook.com/ChapinAmericanLegionPost193)