

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

August 2024



Summer has been a period of travel, rest, heat, and rain. I hope you had your share of summer activities. Our Post has continued our journey with planning toward the future.

We start the busy Fall with Labor Day Parade and festival. We get a chance to present our patriotism and enjoy celebrating our nation with the community. I hope you can participate.

Lastly, we will be calling all our members and former members on Monday, September 23rd, 0930. Please volunteer. We get as much out of the effort as the ones we call. **Let's** make ourselves available to help others.

Mark Harvey/For God and Country/In Service

Veteran Help Line: Dial 988, option 1

Adjutant



Thank you to all that have renewed your membership for 2025. The Department has set our 2025 membership goal at 416 members. We are currently at 48.08% of our membership goal for 2025 which is just short of the September 11th target goal of 50%. I am sure we will exceed the 50% milestone well ahead of the Sept. 11 date. Would appreciate everyone renewing their dues as soon as possible but no worries if you do not, as your 2024 membership is good until December 31, 2024. If you want to pay your annual dues online visit

@[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; you only need your membership number and credit card. When renewing online with a credit card there is no service fee charged and I will mail you your card as soon as I see you have renewed.

The Department Fall Conference is scheduled for Friday, October 25, 2024 to Sunday October 27, 2024, at the Columbia Marriott. If you are planning to attend, please get your money in (\$35.00) to our Finance Officer before 1 October 2024. The Department Conference agenda has been published and can be found at [Fall Conference Call-Tentative.pdf](#)

Lastly, I want to invite each of you to attend the Previously Unclaimed Veteran Interment at the Ft. Jackson National Cemetery on September 13, 2024 at 1100. We will conduct the Service for 21 Previously Unclaimed Veterans who served in all War eras from WWII – GWOT, collectively they have more than 60 years of Service to our nation.

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

First Vice Commander



Our next Wreaths Across America (WAA) meeting will be 1 October 2024 at 1900 here at the Post.

The Labor Day Parade and Festivities are approaching in September. We will need volunteers for the float decoration and to work the kitchen, concessions, Legion booths and clean up. We also need donations of candy (Wrapped) and soda/water. Please make the soda donations cans and not bottles, preferably Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Sprite and Mountain Dew. Donations can be dropped off at the Post either at breakfast on Monday mornings or with prior coordination.

We are also planning the Post Picnic and the Post Everlasting Ceremony for October versus our normal Sept. meeting.

We conducted a planning session for the Post Christmas Party on Thursday, 18 July, and are moving forward with the effort. The Christmas Party will be at the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church and will take place on Saturday the 7th of December. We are trying to hold the cost to \$30/person, all inclusive. Please check Post emails for more information as it becomes available.

Richard Nielen/For God and Country

Third Vice Commander / Quartermaster



Still looking for a person to do the Pledge of Allegiance at the Chapin Town Hall on 17 December.

The next Blood Drive will be on 16 September. Also Blood drives for 2025 will be January, May and October.

I will be ordering new T-Shirts shortly , they will be black with yellow lettering to go along with the black hat.

If you have any input for the newsletter please try to have it to me NTL the 15 of the month, send to my private email Lebar5@twc.com **That's all for now, BE**

SAFE.

Jerry Lebar/For God and Country

Chaplain's Corner



Several people have complained and apologized to me for things that they can't do. They can't sell, they can't talk in public or they can't pray in public. None of us are good at everything but all of us are good at some things. It is a waste of time to dwell on what we can't do and no one is interested in what we can't do anyway. Why not search for the things that we can do.

I have found that when I'm doing something that produces joy for me I do a much better job. How do you bloom where you are planted? I search for little things that bring me peace, joy and purpose and build on that line of thought and action. Negative thinking takes me down and positive lines of

thought take me up and into action.

Jesus calls us to action, "by this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you have love for one another". Post 193 does a fabulous job of loving and caring for one another! Have you found your role as a Post 193 member in loving and caring for one another? First step: be there! Second Step: Smile, greet, welcome and look like you are having a great time. Third step: Don't over commit. Start small and find your place of service. Don't compare yourself with others. Let them hoe their roe and you stay in your line and hoe your roe!

Closing thought; your effort should be producing peace, joy and purpose. It should be encouraging to others. It should be pointing others to the way of the cross and peace with God.

Comrade Care List:

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

Remember our Post family. Our Adjutant, Steven Goulet as he recovers from his eye surgery.

Betsy Harvey as she works with some health issues.

Rich Chamberlin recovering from the motorcycle accident.

John Hossenlopp Under hospice care at home and his wife Betsy as she cares for him.

Remember Al Billings as he helps Don Sharpe

Jack Hulet as he battles cancer

Richard Royer as he battles cancer

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

Chaplain Richard Mullinax/For God and Country

Auxiliary



As summer draws to a close, Auxiliary members are gearing up for our Chapin Labor Day activities followed by a fun and busy fall! Organized by Anne and **Kathy, our Festival fundraiser this year will be "Walking Tacos", a hand-carried treat made by opening a one-serving size bag of slightly crushed corn chips, adding taco toppings, and then eating that yumminess right out of the bag with a fork. We did a trial run in front of Boland's Ace Hardware on Saturday, August 17th, which was a big success! Ten ladies have already signed up to help on Labor Day, but we anticipate a very busy day and would welcome additional volunteers. Concessions continue going very well at BINGO with August 13th**

being our busiest night yet! It was definitely an "all hands on deck" evening and our five volunteers made the Auxiliary proud with their spirit of teamwork. Thank you! Upcoming activities include collecting new clothing items at each meeting to donate to veterans at the C.M. Tucker Nursing Care Center and creating Christmas centerpieces with Susan, Christie, and Jean on Dec. 2nd for donation to the VA Hospital, Tucker Center, Generations, and Lowman Home. An **additional fall fundraiser/social activity is being planned at "Painting with a Twist" (details to follow).** Three suggestions for members: (1) Invite a non-member to come to a **meeting/activity, (2) Make contact with a member you haven't seen lately, and (3) Pay your 2025 dues before the end of 2024.**

Marthalyn Schimsa/President/"Service, Not Self"

Post Activities and Events

- 26 Aug: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 1 Sept: Set Up Labor Day / decorate Post Float 1200
- 2 Sept: Labor Day Parade and Festivities. 0630 Set Up, arrive at Parade staging location, 0830-0900, Parade starts at 0930 (last chance to purchase ALR Raffle tickets)
No Veteran Breakfast
- 5 Sept: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
Dignified transfer of Previously Unclaimed Veterans, Spartanburg Coroners Office.
POC John Siemers.
- 9 Sept: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 10 Sept: BINGO 1730-2200, Ole Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Rd, Little Mountain.
POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play.
- 11 Sept: Patriots Day
- 12 Sept: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meetings and Dinner, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet RSVP [September Dinner Meal RSVP](#) We will be having a TACO Thursday Meal
- 13 Sept: Unclaimed Veteran Interment, 1100 Ft. Jackson national Cemetery, POC: Steve Goulet
- 14 Sept: Post 193 Family Breakfast, 0900-1200, Post Building, [Family Breakfast RSVP](#) POC: Dave Schimsa
- 16 Sept: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
Red Cross Blood Drive, 1030-1700, Post Building. POC: Gerry LeBar
- 17 Sep: ALR Meeting and Dinner, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Kevin Reynolds
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800. POC: Dave Schimsa
"Groucho's Gives Back!" 138_B Amicks Ferry Rd. (BF Fundraiser) 1600-2000
- 18 Sept: Air Force Birthday (77yrs)
- 20 Sept: National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 23 Sep: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 29 Sept: Final pre ride/rehearsal TRH HFOT ride. POC Steve Goulet
- 30 Sept: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

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](#)

*Recognition Ceremony and Reception
Boys State, Girls State & Law Cadet Delegates*



The Reception and Recognition Ceremony for our Delegates went very well. Delegates were on hand to share their experiences, and everyone had an opportunity to mingle during the reception provided by our Unit 193 Auxiliary. Well done!



George presenting donation to sponsor our annual Fall Youth Sports Team to Crooked Creek Director Jason White



Thank you to our Local Girl Scouts and Lisa Brown for donating some delicious cookies to our Veterans



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WE GIVE BACK 10% OF SALES TO THE ORGANIZATION ON THE DATE LISTED.

Please join us as we raise money for our Post 193 Building Fund.

**Chapin American Legion
Post 193
BBQ Concessions!**

BBQ Sandwich	\$7.00
Hot Dog	\$3.00
Soda	\$1.50
Water	\$1.50
Chips	\$1.50



Be sure to visit our Concessions in the back of the Post on Labor Day!



During the Labor Day festivities be sure to stop by and visit Auxiliary Unit 193s canopy on Clark St. to get one or two of their tasty Walking Tacos



American Red Cross

Heroes Saving Lives



**Join Us. Save Lives.
Be Proud.**

American Legion Chapin Post 193

9-16-2024

11:00 – 4:00

Meeting Room
102 Lexington Ave
Chapin SC 29036

Promo Message

Fall into donating! Come to give blood
Sept. 16 thru 30 for a \$15 e-gift card: rcblood.org/fall.

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Enter zip code and look for Post 193 blood drive
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Questions or Concerns? Lebar5@TWC.com