

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

July 2025



Legionnaires, We are into the heart of summer and things will begin to get busy as we get closer to the Labor Day weekend. If you haven't had the chance to go by the new building site Dave Schimsa and the New Building Committee have been making great progress in putting our new home together. With regards to the new building, we had our first meeting for the Building Management Committee on Tuesday, 22 July at 1900. The meeting was at the Post. Anyone interested in helping out with the bar, kitchen, or management of the new facility is encouraged to talk with the committee

members and Mike Rowley, for requirements. The Bingo turnouts have been exceptional at the Chapin Townhall. We are filling the building to near capacity for each Bingo event. Please keep in mind that on the 17th of August we will be holding our recognition ceremony for all the Palmetto Boys' State, Palmetto Girls' State and the Law Cadet Attendees at the Post starting at 1500. Please rsvp to the Adjutant if you are planning on attending. I would also like to thank Nancy R Kunkle and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O. Brown for their donations to the Boys State. Our baseball and softball teams had a good year and hopefully you had a chance to take in one of their games this season. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with the Labor Day event and parade. If you would like to help out this year please contact Jerry LeBar (1st Vice) or let either Steve Goulet or myself know and we will get the information to Jerry. Additionally, we are looking for a Project or Operations Officer who will step in and take the lead of our Transition Committee. I hope that everyone had a great Independence Day weekend and that you are enjoying the summer. Remember to stay safe and we hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Richard Nielen/ "For God and Country"

Veteran Help Line: Dial 988, option 1

Adjutant



Our July meeting went well, we had some good chow, thank you to Linda Warren and the crew that assisted her. We were able to get some business out of the way (approval to apply for a construction loan) that will enable us to move forward and get our Post Home completed sooner rather than later. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer doing what they enjoy most and not being deterred by this heat and humidity! Speaking about doing what you enjoy, we had a huge crowd at BINGO in July. I believe we had 171 folks attend and play. Our Post BINGO game at the Chapin Town Hall is a family affair and very popular in the community. Thank You to our BINGO Team for

the great work you are doing!!

We have started taking 2026 membership dues and I want to thank everyone that has already renewed for the coming year. Please consider paying your annual dues online @ [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, all you need is your membership number and credit card. When renewing online with a credit card there is no service fee charged. I will mail you your card as soon as I see you have renewed, or you can pick it up from George during breakfast/Post meeting.

Exciting times are ahead for our Post! We are growing and soon we will have a first-class facility that will allow us to do so much more for our members and our community. With growth comes the need for additional resources not just physical resources but human resources. As we move forward, if you can share your time talents and expertise assisting in or leading one of the many projects or committees it would be most helpful and appreciated. Every little bit helps!

The District One quarterly meeting will be held at our Post on August 9, 2025 at 10:00. Post Commanders from the District will gather to discuss past/upcoming events and share information that may be useful to members of our District. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

I am responsible for the August dinner meal, and I have recruited some very talented folks to assist me, although I do need a couple more to help out with set up and clean up. The meal is going to be pork chops (probably grilled) green beans, salad and a starch tbd. Please be sure to RSVP as I hate it when we run out of food. [RSVP Dinner meal 14 Aug 25](#) .

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

First Vice Commander



I hope everyone had a good 4th. Still looking for volunteers for the Labor Day Celebration. Presently I have Tom Yeoman who will chair the parade.,. George Donnelly who will chair the booths, Tony McCall who will chair the kitchen, I still need people to chair the FLOAT, CONCESSION, COOKING AND TRASH. I also need people to help out in all areas. I will have signup sheets at the Monday breakfasts. First meeting for the chairmen will be the first week of August. Date and time to be determined after I get people to chair all the areas. Labor Day is 1 September this year, so we don't have much time. So, I need everyone to

pitch in and do their part. It can't be the same people who do all the work. Let's all do our part for the good of the Legion

Don't forget the blood drive, Sept 15 2025

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

Facility Manager / NBC



A reminder to give me a call or shoot me a text if you need to reserve the post for any event or meeting. The Post was used this month by Chapter 34-1 Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association for a committee meeting. No other outside use this month. Thanks for everyone's help with folding flags. The 4th of July weekend filled our box up to the brim and we need to get these flags to the crematorium.

New Building Committee:

Framing and trusses are nearly complete at the new Post. After the roof goes on we will start with some of the exterior finishes. Let me know if you would like a tour of the new Post . Thanks for the continued support & fund raising.

David W. Schimsa / For God and Country

ALR Director



From the saddle of my Goldwing

The American Legion was founded in 1919 on four pillars, the first of which is "Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation". Care for disabled veterans and homeless veterans are of critical importance to the American Legion.

IN 2017 the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) refurbished the former Catalina Inn, an older 74 room motel on Rivers Avenue. The residence for disabled and homeless veterans is now "Patriot Villas". Since its inception as a home for disabled and homeless veterans, the American Legion Riders of Goose Creek Post 166 have led donation drives for the veteran residents. ALR Post 166 named their annual effort "Christmas in July". American Legion Riders from all around South Carolina rode into Goose Creek, bringing donations of food, snack items, personal toiletries and games for the homeless and disabled veterans housed at the Patriot Villas.

When all donations from Chapin American Legion Post 193 were assembled, we were able to fill the bed and back seat of a large pickup truck with donations. Your Chapin American Legion Riders rode 250+ miles (round trip) on Sunday, July 20th to deliver the donations to Patriot Villas. Upon arrival at Post 166, we assembled with other Legion Riders. Following a safety briefing, the Riders lined up to follow the law enforcement escort to Patriot Villas. The route, about 10 miles, included several miles of Rivers Avenue in North Charleston. It is quite an experience to ride with around 60+/- other motorcycles, down Rivers Avenue with no other vehicles on the three-lane road.

Upon arrival at the Patriot Villas, the motorcycles and trucks were unloaded. The Director of the facility and the Veteran residents were very appreciative of our efforts. The Riders then made the return trip to Chapin, it was an exceptionally hot ride, but assisting other veterans is always very rewarding.

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

Chaplain's Corner



Everything needs Maintenance. Our new Post Building will need maintenance starting the day that we move in. Some folks think that a new building should be able to go a few years without maintenance but it will deteriorate rapidly without regular maintenance. I'm so glad that we have leadership that understands the importance of ongoing maintenance.

As Chaplain, my focus is on relationship maintenance. It also needs a good maintenance program. Church is a great place for relationship maintenance, we greet everyone, we offer words of encouragement to some that we greet and we acknowledge the presence of most everyone. One on one is a great way to build and maintain relationships and our Monday morning breakfast is an excellent time to do maintenance if you are intentionally aware of the need to cultivate and do maintenance.

I come to breakfast some mornings so loaded down with a world of anxiety and pressure that I wonder why I come. Then I leave feeling that I'm restored and flying high. If this time of fellowship does this much for me, I wonder just how this maintenance program must be doing for someone really dealing with PTSD and all the pressures of getting old and all the medical issues and the political fears that we face?

I'm encouraging all of you to start a maintenance program and carry it out on Monday morning. Glad hand THREE people each week that you don't usually cross paths with. Spend THREE / FIVE minutes with someone that you don't know that well. An encouraging word from you just may be better medicine than anything that comes from a pill bottle.

Comrade Care List:

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

Remember our Post family.

Remember, pray for Bill Szala recovering from a fall, George and Carol Smith, George is at home under hospice care, Ron Saxton, 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, Bob Dilworth fell and has several broken bones, Walt Richardson, Jack Hulet, Ed Abston, John Graham, Dan Berglund, Peter Prim having surgery on his wrist, Alvin Shrum's wife, 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



Due to the large crowd at BINGO on July 8th, the concession stand had our busiest and most profitable night yet! Thank you to everyone who worked since it was definitely an "all hands-on deck" evening. Upcoming events in August include BINGO on the 7th, monthly meeting on the 14th, and Palmetto Girls State Recognition Ceremony/Reception on the 17th. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer for BINGO or the PGS Reception. Our Treasurer, Jodi, is now accepting membership dues for 2026 and our goal is 100% by Dec. 31st!

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

Post Activities and Events

- 04 Aug: Birthday of the United States Coast Guard! "Semper Paratus"
Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 5 Aug: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
- 7 Aug: BINGO 1730-2200, Chapin Town Hall, 157 Columbia Ave, Chapin. POC: Floyd Rogers.
Come help or play. Setup starts at 4:30 p.m.
- 9 Aug: District One meeting 10:00 a.m. Post Building, POC Rich Nielen
ALRSC Meet and Greet 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
- 11 Aug: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
Dignified Transfer of Remains – 9:30 a.m. Winnsboro SC POC RC Mullinax
- 12 Aug: Dignified Transfer of Remains – 9:00 a.m. Millers Breadbasket, Blackville SC
ALR Executive Committee Meeting – 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Chapin Post 193 Amateur Radio Club Meeting 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 14 Aug: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meeting, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building POC:
Steve Goulet
- 17 Aug: PBS, PGS and law Cadet Recognition Ceremony 1500, Post Building POC: 2nd Vice Cmdr.
William Truesdale
- 18 Aug: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 19 Aug: Town Council Pledge of Allegiance 6:00 p.m. POC: Russ Taylor POC:
ALR Meeting, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
- 22 Aug: Previously Unclaimed Veteran Burial 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Ft Jackson National
Cemetery, POC Steve Goulet 15 July: ALR Meeting, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC:
Tom Yeoman
- 25 Aug: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building, POC: Dave Schimsa
- 26 Aug: Wreaths Across America Chapin 7:00 p.m., Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet
- 27 Aug: Chapin Post 193 Amateur Radio Club Meeting 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 31 Aug: Labor Day prep (TBD) Post building POC Jerry Lebar
- 1 Sept: Labor Day Parade and activities – Line up for parade report to float NLT:9:00 a.m.
There will be NO Veteran Breakfast

What has been going on with Chapin American legion Post 193?



Members of ALR 193 participated in Goose Creek ALR Chapter 166 Christmas in July Ride! Thank You to all Post 193 members that donated money and items for this meaningful event



Thank you to all that assisted in preparing our flags for a dignified retirement



Our Team at Boland's Ace recruiting and providing an opportunity for community members to win some great prizes or purchase a brick in support of our future Post Home.

Progress Continues!



*Future Post Home of Chapin American Legion Post 193
230 Amicks Ferry Rd. Chapin SC 29036*



HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR BRICK YET
EXAMPLE

THE MAGUIRE FAMILY
CHAPIN SC
GOD BLESS AMERICA

American Legion
4x8 Brick
3 Lines-20 Char/Line