

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

June 2024



Another month in time... new Post year starting. Your new Executive Committee is in place and continuing to plan and support the Post activities. We desire your input and assistance as we start the effort to build the new building and then open it up to the members and community.

In the meantime, we have many activities ongoing. Lots of youth activities that you support: Softball, Baseball, and the Girls/Boys State and Law Cadet Recognition Ceremony on 25 July.

How do you want to be supported? We plan events and activities that we think will help our veterans. If we need to add or modify things, please let me know your ideas.

Our leadership team consists of:

Commander: Mark Harvey, Commander@americanlegionpost193.com

1st Vice Commander: Richard Nielen, 1stvicecdr@americanlegionpost193.org

2nd Vice Commander: Floyd Rogers 2ndvicecdr@americanlegionpost193.org

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Adjutant: Steve Goulet, adjutant@americanlegionpost193.org

Finance Officer: David Shealy, financeoff@americanlegionpost193.org

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Veteran Service Officer: Carl Bullock, vso@americanlegionpost193.org or retmassgt@hotmail.com

Chaplain: Richard Mullinax, chaplain@americanlegionpost193.org

Facility Manager; David Schimsa, facilitymgr@americanlegionpost193.org

AL Rider Director: Kevin Reynolds, ALR193@americanlegionpost193.org or kevinreynolds624@icloud.com

Sgt at Arms: Mike Rowley, mike11661@yahoo.com

Historian: Linda Warren, hist@americanlegionpost193.org

Auxiliary Unit President: Marthalyn Schimsa, aux193@americanlegionpost193.org

Chairman and other positions;

Bingo Chair: Floyd Rogers, Frogers.fr47@gmail.com

Boys State Chair: Floyd Rogers, Frogers.fr47@gmail.com

Quartermaster: Jerry LeBar, Lebar5@TWC.com

Blood Drive Coordinator, Jerry LeBar, Lebar5@TWC.com

Oratorical Contest Chair: Bill LaRochelle, ntsesa@outlook.com

Girls State Chair: Nancy Graham

Mark Harvey/For God and Country/In Service

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

Adjutant



I want to thank all our members for either selecting me or for not voting me out as your Chapin American Legion Post 193 Adjutant. I have been serving in this position for a couple years and still have not been able to get things set up the way that they should be. Hopefully in the next year I will be able to get things a little better organized and get some additional systems in place. I look forward to continuing to serve and will do the best I can to support the members of the Post and assist in moving our Post forward.

This month during our Post meeting we held our Installation of Post Officers. The following Officers will be moving on: 2nd Vice Cmdr. Donna Tsukayama, Service Officer Moses Cohen, and Judge Advocate David Knight. Each of these Legionnaires have filled a valuable need in our Post and will be greatly missed. I am certain they will not fade away but will continue as contributing members of our Post. I am thankful for the addition of Floyd Rogers as 2nd Vice Cmdr, Carl Bullock as Service Officer and Jeff Barham as Judge Advocate. They each bring new energy and new ideas that will help to improve and move our Post forward.

We will begin taking 2025 membership dues starting the 1st week in July. 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, you will just 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. If you pay online and want to have your card laminated just bring it on in when George is at the Post and I am sure he will take care of you as always.

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

First Vice Commander



Our Memorial Day Ceremony went well and a big thanks to everyone that helped and attended the event.

Our next Wreaths Across America (WAA) scheduled meeting will be 6 August, at 1900, either here at the Post or by Zoom. The last meeting was on 11 June and went very well with many new ideas and formats for putting out information presented and discussed.

The Labor Day Parade and Festivities are approaching in September. I've selected some tentative dates for our planning meetings which are as follows: 24 July/1800; 3 and 22 August /1800. These planning sessions will be held here at the post. More information to follow.

We put out the small American Flags again on the 13th of June for Flag Day. Flag Day being the 14th and we picked up the flags on the 15th. We will be putting them out again for the 4th of July holiday weekend this Friday the 28th Of June at 10:00. We will pick them up on Friday the 5th of July at 10:00. Anyone interested in helping can contact either myself or the 3rd Vice Gerry Lebar and volunteer to help.

Richard Nielen/For God and Country

Third Vice Commander / Quartermaster



Good day to all. Still looking for a person or persons to do the Pledge of Allegiance at the Chapin Town Hall; on 20 August, Sept 17 and December 17.

The next Blood Drive will be on Sept 16.

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

Facility Manager/NBC



Thank you to the volunteers stepping up for Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast KP. We appreciate your help and support for the Breakfast Crew. We have added boiled eggs and whole apples & oranges to the cut up strawberries & cantaloupe and whole fat plain yogurt on the breakfast menu. The Post is being rented this month by a Chapin resident for a private event and the Chapin Women in Service is using the Post for their monthly meeting.

New Building Committee

The Chapin Architectural Review Board (ARB) voted unanimously this month to approve our Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) based on the modifications requested by the Town. We are in the process of finalizing the exterior lighting plan and that will complete all requirements in order to receive our COA and Building Permit from Lexington County. We are in the process of selecting sub-contractors for our new Post construction. If you are aware of any individual or company who would like to offer discounted work or in kind donations, please let me know immediately. We are just \$8,000 shy of our original \$1.2M goal. Great work by everyone.
David Schimsa/For God and Country

ALR Director

We have a new ride director and he will give his input next month !!!!!

Chaplain's Corner



Veterans taking care of Veterans. What better way to take care of our veterans than the Buddy check. Tom Yeoman and his crew that calls all of our members quarterly. The biggest complaint of an old veteran is that no one cares, no one understands what I'm feeling and to get a personnel call lets them know that someone does care and understand. It does discover needs that we can meet, and encouragement can be given. It is another way for us to try to prevent any of our members from giving up and joining that 22 a day club.

Jesus said, " by this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you have love for one another." It is very difficult for men to say I LOVE YOU, but it is not that hard to show that you love them. I'm so thankful to be a member of a post that shows our love for one another through all the programs and functions of our Post. I challenge you to reach out and find a person that needs to be loved. If you find it hard to say the words then figure out a way to show them that you love them, that you care, that you understand their struggle.

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.

We have elected new officers for both the Post and the Riders. Let's remember these new officers as they take on the leadership roles in our Post.

Rich Chamberlin recovering from the motorcycle accident.

Marcus Reeves in the loss of a couple extended family members and his dad recovering from a bout with Shingles.

Walt and Ann Richardson in the passing of Ann's mother.

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

Chaplain Richard Mullinax/For God and Country

Auxiliary



National Poppy Day was held at Boland's Ace on Friday, May 24th. The Poppy table and display was exceptional. Sandy White displayed memorabilia in honor of her father WWII Veteran Gerald White and wore a t-shirt with his picture as well. Gerald sat at our table last year and helped us get contributions. Donations were also taken at the town hall Memorial Day Ceremony. The two-day donation total was \$931.00 and our largest donation total thus far. Alice Hollingsworth a former Auxiliary member gave us a \$500.00 donation which was greatly appreciated. Thanks to our volunteers!

The Memorial Day Ceremony and reception at the town hall went well. We had more volunteers (12) than ever helping set up, making sandwiches, serving at the reception and cleaning up. Please know that all help is greatly appreciated, and no one is taken for granted. We can't have a successful event without the participation of our members.

The installation of new officers was held at the June meeting. 2024-2025 officers are: Marthalyn Schimsa, President, Carmen Goulet, Vice President, Jodi Donnelly, Treasurer, Seanne Holiday, Secretary, Deb Aimar, Historian and Kathy Smith, Sergeant at Arms.

A bingo concessions sheet was passed out at our meeting on Thursday, June 13. A few members have signed up. Please remember that is our only ongoing fundraiser and with 12 months in a year I think we should all try and help at least one time per year. Thanks to Harriett, Marthalyn, Janet and Carmen for helping in June. Jodi, Ann and Kathy help on the Bingo side and thank you to them as well.

Ladies I would like to thank each and every one of you for making my last 3 years as president successful. The work we do as Auxiliary members is important. May we continue to be a strong unit and do the things that continue to support Veterans and The American Legion. Remember it takes all of us, so do what you can when you can.

Please remember to reach out to members you have not seen in a long time, you may never know what you can do to brighten their day.

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



Our Newly Installed Unit 193 Auxiliary

Pictured from L to R, Unit President Marthalyn Schimsa, Unit Vice President Carmen Goulet, Unit Secretary Seanne Holliday, Unit SGT at Arms Kathy Smith, Unit Chaplain Pat Mullinax and Unit Historian Debra Aimar.

Post Activities and Events

- 28 June: Place Flags in Town Center 1000, meet at the Post POC: Rich Nielen
- 1 July: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 3 July: **Post Executive Committee meeting**, 1815-1930
- 5 July Recover Flags in Town Center 1000, meet at the Post POC: Rich Nielen
- 8 July: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 9 July: **Bingo** 1730-2200, Old Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Rd, Little Mountain. POC: Floyd Rogers
- 11 July: **Legion/AUX Dinner/Meetings**, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Mark Harvey
- 15 July: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 16 May: **Pledge of Allegiance** 1800, Chapin Town Hall, POC:
ALR Dinner and Meeting, 1800-2030, Post Building, POC: Kevin Reynolds
- 22 July: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 25 July: **Girls/Boys State Law Cadet Recognition**, 1900-2000, Post Building, Chapin POC: Floyd Rogers and Nancy Graham

In addition, the Post is Open M, W, F 1000-1400.

For a complete listing of Post 193 activities visit: [Events Calendar \(americanlegionpost193.com\)](https://americanlegionpost193.com)

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/)

Ladies Fastpitch Softball: <https://playpass.com/ALSCLadyFastpitchSoftball/alsc-division-03-RdfDZYH?c=4&v=team>

Legion Baseball: <http://www.scalb.org/>



Post 193 & ALR Chapter 193 Leadership Team 2024 - 2025



Congratulations is in order for our newly elected Post Officers.

Pictured from L to R, Sgt at Arms Michael Rowley, Chaplain Richard Mullinax, Service Officer Carl Bullock, Historian Linda Warren, Adjutant Steve Goulet, 3rd Vice Cmdr. Gerard Lebar, 2nd Vice Cmdr. Floyd Rogers, 1st Vice Cmdr. Richard Nielen, Commander Mark Harvey, Installing Officer and Past Commander Department of SC Bob Scherer.

Not pictured = Facility Manager Dave Schimsa, Judge Advocate Jeff Barham and Finance Officer David Shealy.



Our Newly Installed American Legion Rider Chapter 193 Leadership Team

Pictured from L to R, Chaplain Jim Schafer, Sgt at Arms Richard Royer, Treasurer Anne Richardson, Secretary/Historian Seanne Holliday, Assistant Director Gerard Lebar, Chapter Director Kevin Reynolds and Installing Officer Past Department Chaplain Richard Mullinax.

Memorial Day 2024



Auxiliary Unit 193 once again did an amazing job distributing poppies and hosting the Memorial Day Reception in the Town Hall Community room.



Our Memorial Day Ceremony at the Chapin Town Hall was great! Thank you to everyone that had a hand in the planning, preparation and execution of the ceremony. It was a fantastic Community Event.