

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

June 2025



Legionnaires we have started our new 2025-2026 Post year. Your new Executive Committee is in place and is continuing to plan and support the Post activities for the upcoming year with all of its events and activities. As always, we will need your recommendations and assistance as we continue the effort to finish the new building and then open it up to our members and the Chapin community. This will be a very busy year, but I know we will all pull together to complete our various missions. We will continue to support the many activities as we always have for the Post and the Town of Chapin focusing on the Labor Day Parade and Festivities. Lots of youth activities that you support: Softball,

Baseball, and the Girls/Boys State and Law Cadet Recognition Ceremony on 17 August. Remember that each of our events support the four pillars of the American Legion; helping veterans, national defense, Americanism, and youth activities. If you have any ideas for improving our support and that would better the American Legion and our Post, feel free to contact me. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank Mark Harvey for the last three years of his excellent leadership as our Post Commander.

Our leadership team consists of:

Commander: Richard Nielsen, Commander@americanlegionpost193.com
1st Vice Commander: Jerry LeBar, 1stvicecdr@americanlegionpost193.org
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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

Richard Nielsen / **"For God and Country"**

Veteran Help Line: Dial 988, option 1

Adjutant



Thank you for your confidence and trust in me and electing me to serve as the Post Adjutant for another year. I also want to Thank all our newly elected Post Officers for stepping up to serve the members of our Post and our community. I look forward to serving with each of you and continuing to move our Post forward. Lastly, I want to thank our Past 2nd Vice Cmdr., Floyd Rogers and Past Service Officer, Carl Bullock for their service during the 2024-2025 membership year. Both of you were critical members of the team and your service to our members made a difference.

What did you think of the way we conducted this year's Installation of Post, American Legion Riders and Auxiliary Unit Officers? I thought it went well, and I liked the format. I also must say I enjoyed the wonderful food that was provided by the members of the Homeplace Church. The food was great, and they did such a great job serving it up and cleaning everything up afterwards. They certainly treated us like we were special! Thank You!

We will begin taking 2026 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, 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.

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

First Vice Commander



Now that I have assumed the 1st Vice position, I still have 36 name tags that need to be claimed. In order to do that we will include notifying the members in question when we call on Monday for the "BE THE ONE" campaign. Name tags can be picked up Next Saturday June 28 at Boland's Hardware.

Additionally, people have been asking about the different colored T Shirts. I will have a sign up sheet where you can choose the T Shirt, color, and size that you want. This will be available at Boland's as well as the next 2 Mondays. I will then order. This will keep me from ordering T Shirts in sizes and quantities that we don't need. \$20.00 is the cost of any T-shirt.

Information on the upcoming Christmas Party will be in future newsletters.

The next Blood drive will be September 15 2025. Sign up now at RedCross.org to get a time slot That's all for now.

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

Facility Manager / NBC



Thanks to the Breakfast Crew for their dedication in providing us a fantastic breakfast every Monday morning. There is significant work done before Monday morning to ensure there is enough food to feed 90+ people. Thanks to the entire Breakfast Crew and for their dedicated KP volunteers. We rented the Post to two different groups this month and also hosted numerous events and other meetings.

New Building Committee:

Site work continues with final grading and parking lot preparation. Footers are going in for the portico steel beams. The lumber, trusses, and steel will be delivered and staged at the site in the next few weeks. As soon as material is delivered we will see vertical construction take place. Our fund raising continues to do well. Thanks to the Bingo Team for another \$5,500 to the Building Fund.

David W. Schimsa / For God and Country

ALR Director



From the saddle of my Goldwing

It was an honor to be nominated and elected as your Ride Director for 2025-2026. I have enjoyed being a Rider in both Post 6 and for the past 8 years at Post 193.

I've come to believe that as the "most visible" member of our American Legion Family, we become the "face" of the American Legion to our Community. With such visibility comes a lot of responsibility. We ride (really, mostly "walk") our bikes in multiple local parades. We participate in numerous charity rides, especially prior to Christmas, all in support of Veterans. We have the ability to both provide service to our fellow veterans and to promote/encourage others to support veterans. That is a lot of responsibility, but one we bear with honor.



The Riders are introducing a "new" way to communicate with our Riders and EC. We'll be utilizing an "app" called "STACK TEAM" which is being very successfully used in many Legion Rider Units. All Rider's emails have been entered into the Chapin American Legion Post 193 STACK TEAM web page. We request that you download the app to your smart phone. The correct app is a white shield with a red "T" in the center of the shield. The app will (should) direct you how to join the Chapin American Legion Post 193 site. You all have been entered into both the "general" Chapin AL Post 193 "team" and the Chapin American Legion Riders "team". The Chapin American Legion Rider "team" is (currently) the only "live" team on our STACK TEAM webpage. Once you provide a password, you should be allowed to log into our webpage. When you select the "Chapin American Legion Riders" from the seven listed teams, then select "Schedule". All current Rider events and events we may participate in will then be visible. You are then able to review the event and RSVP to the event. Currently we all are LOW on the

learning curve in the utilization of the app, so there will be challenges. Those who have begun to utilize the app, seem to be enjoying the simplicity and potential of the app. When you have questions, we will do our best to provide answers.

Your Riders Executive Committee is excited to do even more this coming year. We'll be running our ride events to enable as many of our Riders to attain/earn the (coveted) ALRSC United shoulder patch. A goal is to standardize our Rider SOP and our Ride Captain Ride Safety Briefings. We plan to inculcate Ride & Rider Safety at every Rider meeting. We stand ready to assist and promote Post 193's Executive Council our Post Goals. It should be an outstanding year.

We will also be addressing Post and Rider recruitment (and retention). We can best serve Veterans when we get know them. If you have any ideas on how we can better recruit and retain veterans, please share them with your EC.

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

Chaplain's Corner



I had the privilege of presenting a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation to the South Carolina Coroner's annual convention in Myrtle Beach last month. Steve prepared the PowerPoint, and it was well received. The coroners seemed to be overwhelmed with the amount of work that goes into the process of honoring our veterans. They are required by law to see that the unclaimed veteran is properly laid to rest. I was proud to point out that our Adjutant makes it seem to be a seamless and simple process and suggested that they call him if they need assistance or to turn the cremains over to our Post for interment.

Thank you Post 193 for supporting our Unclaimed program.

I was present for the Boy's/Girl's State parade down main street in Columbia a couple weeks ago. WOW, what a sight to see 1700 of them marching and shouting their chants and cadence calls. The Capitol steps have never looked so good, covered in the leaders of tomorrow for our state and nation. The student leaders, as a closing comment, Thanked their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for supporting this wonderful program.

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, Walt Richardson, Bob Dilworth fell and has several broken bones, Jack Hulet, Ed Abston, John Graham, Dan Berglund, Peter Prim having surgery on his wrist, Alvin Shrum's Wife fell and is bruised up, thankfully no broken bones, 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



Two Unit 193 members attended the SC ALA Convention in mid-May and were pleased for our unit to be recognized for outstanding participation in the following program areas: Americanism, Poppy Program, Public Relations, Membership, National Security, and VA & Rehabilitation. In addition, our unit submitted entries from two Chapin students who both won 1st Place in their competitions: A 3rd grade student from Lake Murray Elementary won for the "What America the Beautiful Means to Me" Essay Contest and a 5th grade student from Chapin Intermediate School won the Poppy Poster Contest which will now be entered in the national competition. Also, due to the creativity of our Historian, Deb A., our beautiful unit 2024-2025 scrapbook came in 2nd place for the entire state ~ no small feat! Many thanks to all unit members, especially committee chairs, whose hard work and dedication made this past year successful in so many ways. We wrapped up May with another lovely reception following the Chapin Memorial Day Ceremony. This event is only possible because of the willingness of so many of our members to assist and we especially appreciate Carmen for taking the lead once again.

BINGO Concessions had a very busy night on June 5 which would've been impossible without all our extra volunteers ~ thank you, ladies! The following week was our Officer Installation which for the first time was held in a combined ceremony with officers from both the Legion and Riders. It was a special night. With the exception of Historian and Chaplain, all officers from 2024-2025 are returning for another year. We are grateful to Deb for sharing her talents as Historian and Pat for her inspirational service as our Chaplain! Nancy has agreed to serve as our Chaplain for the next year but the Historian position is not yet filled (yes, that is a hint, ladies). Lastly, four Unit 193 members attended the Palmetto Boys and Girls State Parade on June 13 to watch the 2025 graduates walk down Main Street to the Capitol. It is wonderful that each year we are able to help five deserving young women participate in such a meaningful, once-in-a-lifetime experience! Many thanks for a job well done to Nancy who has chaired the Girls State Committee for many years.

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

Post Activities and Events

- 23 June: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 27 June: Recruiting and raffle ticket sales @ Boland's Ace Hardware. 1200 – 1600, POC: Jerry Lebar
- 28 June: Recruiting and raffle ticket sales Boland's Ace Hardware. 0800–1200, POC: Jerry Lebar
- 30 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 1 July: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
- 4 July: Independence Day
- 7 July: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 8 July: BINGO 1730-2200, Chapin Town Hall, 157 Columbia Ave, Chapin. POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play. Setup starts at 4:30 p.m.
- 10 July: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meeting, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet
- 12 July: Chapin Farmers Market, Clark Street, 0900–1400, POC: Jerry Lebar
- 15 July: ALR Meeting, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800. POC: Will Truesdale
- 14 June: Birthday of the United States Coast Guard! "Semper Paratus"
- 16 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 15 July: ALR Meeting, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800. POC: Will Truesdale

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

For info on our Chapin Newberry Baseball Team visit, [South Carolina American Legion Baseball Home Page \(scalb.org\)](http://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](#)



Auxiliary Unit 193 Officers being sworn in



ALR 193 in the house for the June 2025 Installation of Post Officers



Our Post 193 Officers for 2025-2026



ALR Chapter 193 2025-2026 Leadership being sworn in





Mike Mancari and Russ Taylor cutting the Army Birthday cake. The oldest and the youngest Soldiers present that evening.



ALR Director Jerry Lebar presenting a donation from Chapter 193 to Capt. Mike of the Troop Appreciation Foundation



Thank you all for a job Well Done!

Our Auxiliary at work having an impact on our youth!



Tamela Jett and Poppy Chairman showing Unit 193 Poppy Poster submission. The poster was designed by a 5th grade student from Chapin Intermediate School and won the Poppy Poster Contest and will now be entered in the national competition



Hudson Hill from Lake Murray Elementary won 1st place for his Essay contest submission "What America the Beautiful Means to Me"



"It's not the destination, It's the glory of the ride". *Giles Andreae*



A few of our ALR Chapter 193 members rode out to Missouri to participate in a Regional ROMP event

Here it is! The American Legion Chapin Newberry Baseball Team schedule for 2025.

Did you know that 2025 marks 100 years of American Legion

Baseball <https://www.legion.org/get.../youth-programs/baseballand>

2015 is also the 10th Anniversary of the Chapin Newberry Baseball Teams Winning the World Series Championship!

During the game against the Joanna Hornets on the 27th of June the players of our 2015 Team will be recognized.

Mark your calendars and do your best to attend and support our Team. The home games are played on a fantastic field at Newberry College and many of the away games are not that far to travel to.

CHAPIN-NEWBERRY POST 193/24	
2025 SCHEDULE	
6/4	@GREENWOOD POST 20
6/7	@CAMDEN POST 17
6/9	RICHLAND POST 215
6/11	@RICHLAND POST 215
6/12	RICHLAND POST 215
6/16	@WEST COLUMBIA POST 79
6/18	WEST COLUMBIA POST 79
6/19	@WEST COLUMBIA POST 79
6/24	JOANNA HORNETS
6/26	GREENWOOD POST 20
6/27	JOANNA HORNETS
6/30	LEXINGTON POST 7
7/1	@LEXINGTON POST 7
7/2	LEXINGTON POST 7
7/7	@WINNSBORO POST 16
7/9	WINNSBORO POST 16
7/10	@WINNSBORO POST 16
7/14	@FORT MILL POST 43



Our LFPSB Team continues to battle hard each and every game!

Next home game at Melvin Park is this Thursday 26 June against Post 6. Games start at 1800 entrance fee \$5.00