

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

May 2024



Installation of Officers will be held at our next meeting, on June 13th. Past Legion Department Commander, Bob Schearer, will perform the installation ceremony. Come celebrate and support those you elected. The slate of officers for 2024-2025 operations are:

Commander Mark Harvey; 1st Vice - Richard Nielen; 2nd Vice - Floyd Rogers; 3rd Vice - Jerry Lebar; Adjutant - Steven Goulet; Finance Officer - David Shealy; JAG - Jeff Barham (starting July); Facility Manager - David Schimsa; Historian - Linda Warren; SGT at Arms - Mike Rowley; Post Chaplain - Richard Mullinax; Post Service Officer - Carl Bullock.

Congratulations to all who volunteered to serve our members.

The Department Convention report was sent last week. Changes to the Constitution and ByLaws were minimal. We are now 8th largest post of the 158 posts in SC. Post 193 was awarded:

- The Department Post Historian Award - thanks Linda
- 100% membership plaque
- All Time High 7yrs running, longest run of any Post.
- Certificate of Meritorious Service for all time high membership

Remember our fallen comrades. Come participate in the Memorial Day Ceremony.

We have a busy month in June. Boys State Legion Night 9 Sep, Girls State the same week, Law Enforcement Cadet Academy, Ladies Fast Pitch Softball, and Legion Boys Baseball. Please participate as much as you can.

Continue to watch out for each other. Keep in touch. Reach out to those you don't see. We have each other's back.

Mark Harvey/For God and Country/In Service

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

Adjutant



Our current Post membership is 406 members which is 35 members above our 2024 membership goal of 371. We have done very well in recruiting new members to our Post as well as renewing our current members. We must continue to recruit new members as they will bring new ideas and energy to our Post. If you happen to be one of our current (younger members) and you have ideas that would help to recruit and retain younger members for our Post, please let your ideas be known. We will soon have a Post home that will be top notch, with more space and capability to support a wide variety of activities. We just need your ideas and support.

Thank you to Bill Moser and the nominating committee for their work in putting together our Slate of Officers for 2024 and running a very smooth election. Thank you to all of those members who stepped up and volunteered to serve as an Officer of the Post. I encourage all Post members to consider serving somewhere in the Post. We are a growing and very busy Post and there are numerous opportunities for members to serve on a committee or to be a committee Chairman. George Donnelly, who was our Past Finance Officer stepped down last year and stepped in to serve with me on the membership team and as the Post treasurer. He is no doubt a Most Valuable Person (MVP). Fit in where you can!

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

First Vice Commander



Our Teacher of the Year for 2024 presentation date and time will be 0900 21 May, 2024, at the Chapin High School to Mr. Jackson Bryant who was selected by the Post for this year's award.

We have our Memorial Day set up on Sunday 26 May at 1400 at the Chapin Townhall. We are looking for volunteers to assist for the set up and the Memorial Day Ceremony and breakdown after. The Memorial Day Ceremony will be at 1000 on Monday the 27th Of May. Please follow the directions of the guides for parking. Handicap parking is available. Additional parking for those able to walk will be available behind the Sheriff's Department by the Library.

Our next Wreaths Across America (WAA) scheduled meeting will be 11 June, at 1900, either here at the Post or by Zoom. This is a change, the original date was the 4th of June, but we moved the date to deconflict it with Bingo. Bingo is on the 4th and will move back to the second Tuesday of the month for July.

Our Post Audit was completed for Bingo, the American Legion Riders, and for the General Operating and Building Funds with no deficiencies or findings noted

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 and 17 December. The Blood Drive on 13 May went very well according to the Red Cross, we got 22 pints. I am trying to get another scheduled for October once the temps go down a little. 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



Join us for our Veterans Breakfast Monday mornings. As a reminder, our Monday breakfasts are for Veterans only. Veterans do not need to be members of the Post to attend. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up and volunteered for KP duty. It greatly assists the Breakfast Crew when we can get some assistance with cleanup - plus you get a free breakfast. We average over 70 Veterans every Monday. Come join your fellow Veterans for some pretty good chow, exceptional coffee, and wonderful fellowship. Our Post continues to be of service to our community. We hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive and Chapin Women in Service meeting this past month. A big thanks to Steve Turner for

taking care of our flag disposal box and ensuring these unserviceable US flags are properly disposed in a honorable manner.

New Building Committee

A huge thank you to Steve Tucker for another extremely successful Boot Drive Friday of Memorial Day weekend. The Boot Drive collected just over \$10,200. Thank you to Linda Tucker for her assistance to the effort, Mike Rowley for providing Hardee's biscuits, and all those Veterans who stood their post to collect the donations from the very generous Chapin community. This puts us at only \$27,000 short of our initial goal of \$1.2 million. We meet with the Chapin Architectural Review Board in order to obtain the Town permit to allow us to begin construction the first week of June. We have not written any Building Fund checks since the last newsletter.

David Schimsa/For God and Country

ALR Director



As the days get longer and warmer, Chapter 193 Riders gets busy. This time of year, we have a lot of very important events that we are obligated to take part in. We just finished our Legacy Ride for the Veterans and Children Fund. This was an extremely successful undertaking. From the ride down to Post 186, to the meal at the Post, the camaraderie between the Riders at 186, the ride back to the State House, the event at the State House, short, sweet and to the point. We will get a report on the amount of money raised at the Annual Convention this weekend; Chapter 193 raised a little more than \$3,600.

This past Friday, 10 May, Chapter 193 took the lead in the internment of six unclaimed veterans. We could have used a few more Riders, but as usual, all went off without a hitch. RCSD provided the escort to FJNC for the procession, so the ride to the cemetery went off without any problems. If you have not attended one of these internments, it is an event that you will not forget. No matter how many times you take part in it, you will always remember your first.

This weekend is TAL Dept of S.C. Annual Convention. The high points are Friday Morning opening ceremony. Friday afternoon we vote on the amendments to the Constitution and any Resolutions that were submitted. Saturday morning, we vote for the new department officers and present our check to Commander Kvam to the V&CF. Saturday afternoon, the results of the election will be announced, and the new officers will be sworn in.

On June 13, Chapter 193 Riders have been invited to the Troop Appreciation Breakfast at the Lake Murray Sail Club. Troop Appreciation Day is when the Fishing Guides of lake Murray get together and take veterans out to go fishing.

Chapter 193 election of new officers will take place at their monthly meeting on 21 May. If you are a Rider, please plan on attending this meeting to exercise your right to vote for your new officers.

June 20 – 23 is the dates for the ROMP at Post 186 in North Myrtle Beach. This event is going to be an epic event, other ROMP's will be judged by this one. Everyone has worked extremely hard to make certain that this ROMP will set the gold standard. Chapter 193 has 21 Riders that are planning on taking part, in total there will be over 300 Riders from over 17 states at this event. If you have not registered, don't worry, you can register at the event.

The Law Cadet Academy is from June 22 – 28. Chapter 193 is sponsoring Cadets and we are in the process of deciding when we will visit the Academy. Hopefully we can attend either the driving school or visit when the cadets are on the shooting range.

The ALRSC's Meet and Greet is scheduled to take place at Chapter 15 in Sumter on August 3. We should get more information about this event during The ALRSC Convention on Saturday. We are beginning to have discussions about Labor Day, taking part in the Parade, The ride to Wash The Wall, and Texas Road House HFOT.

Walt Richardson/For God and Country

Chaplain's Corner



Monday morning breakfast continues to amaze me! 75 or so men and some ladies continue to meet week after week and enjoy each other's company. Sure the food is fabulous but the camaraderie is the best. We share information and throw out reminders of upcoming events, but we do not conduct any business. I can't imagine any of our breakfast gang getting depressed to the point of thinking self-destructive thoughts. Everyone is so quick to agree to assist and help wherever a need is identified.

I have recently been looking over our Department roster and there are so many posts that are on the brink of closing and we are such a young post and still growing because we care for and look after our members.

A couple thoughts: Let's be thankful for good leadership that has brought us to this point and pledge to do our part in supporting the programs of our post. Let's pray for and continually encourage each other as we work to continue to reach out to the veteran community that has not found our post home yet.

Comrade Care List:

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

Remember our Post family and the Gerald White family. Our Adjutant, Steven Goulet as he recovers from his eye surgery, JR Hamill knee surgery, Jason Shough back surgery, Mark Stevens, knee surgery, Ed Wilkes under Dr. care,

There are others but I do not have my notes available to review the names.

Remember our nominating committee as they bring a slate of new officers and recommitment of our returning officers for the coming year.

Chaplain Richard Mullinax/For God and Country

Auxiliary



Elections for new officers were held at the May meeting. The 2024 - 2025 Officers are: Marthalyn Schimsa, President, Carmen Goulet, Vice President, Jodi Donnelly, Treasurer, Seanne Holiday, Secretary, and Kathy Smith, Sergeant at Arms. Congratulations ladies! The installation of officers will be June 13 at our regular meeting.

If you can help with bingo concessions on Tuesday, June 4 at 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. please let me know. 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 and Janet for helping in March. Jodi, Ann and Kathy help on the Bingo side and thank you to them as well.

National Poppy Day was Friday, May 24, Carol Johns Rogers and her volunteers distributed poppies at Boland's Ace from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Monday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m. The Auxiliary is hosting the reception which will immediately follow the ceremony. Please let me know if you can assist. Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC is the sponsor of the reception. Please thank Robert Shealy Jr. our Post member when you see him.

June will be an exciting month. 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/President /"In the Spirit of Service, Not Self"



Post Activities and Events

- 27 May: No Veteran Breakfast
Setup and walkthrough, 0800-0930, Chapin Town Hall, POC: Rich Nielen
Memorial Day Ceremony, 1000-1200, Chapin Town Hall, POC: Rich Nielen
- 3 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
BINGO setup. 1630-1730. Post Building. POC: Matt Zambrano
- 4 Jun: BINGO 1730-2200, Ole Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Rd, Little Mountain.
POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play.
- 6 Jun: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
- 10 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 11 Jun: Wreaths Across America Mtg, 1900-2000, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
- 13 Jun: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meetings and Dinner, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post
Building, POC: Steve Goulet
- 14 Jun: Flag Day
Army Birthday
- 17 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 18 Jun: ALR Meeting and Dinner, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Walt Richardson
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800.
- 19 Jun: Juneteenth
- 24 Jun: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

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)

Good Stuff



Post 193 Delegates to the Annual Convention



Commander Harvey being presented Post awards



ALR Chapter 193 Director Walt Richardson and Chapter members Steve Goulet and Ken Hart presenting Legacy Fund check.



Walt Richardson, Rich Chamberlain and Wes Moore presenting donation to Capt. Mike for the Troop Appreciation Foundation



ALR 193 Richard Mullinax presenting donation to Quilts of Valor Regional Director Anne Mixon



Maria and Sal Hernandez placing flags out in the Town center in honor of our Fallen Comrades

Good Stuff



Department Chaplain Richard Mullinax conducting interment ceremony for six Previously Unclaimed Veterans



Auxiliary Unit 193 distributed Poppies on national Poppy Day at Boland's Ace



Post members Mike Mancari Deputy Chief Maria Yturria, Auxiliary Unit 193 member Connie Mancari and Sheriff Leon Lott presented Quilts of Valor.



Commander Harvey presenting Awards to Chapin NJROTC Cadet



After five years Chaplain Mullinax turns over Department Chaplin duties. Well done!



1st Vice Cmdr. Rich Nielen and Adjutant Steve Goulet briefed Chapin Ruritans on the Post 193 Wreaths Across America program