

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

May 2023

Commander



Installation of Officers will be held at our next meeting, on June 8th. Past Legion Department Commander, Ron Price, will perform the installation ceremony. Come celebrate and support those you elected. The slate of officers for 2023-2024 operations are:

Commander Mark Harvey; 1st Vice - [Richard Nielen](#); 2nd Vice - Donna Tsukayama; 3rd Vice - Susan Reynolds; Adjutant - Steven Goulet; Finance Officer - [David Shealy](#); JAG - David Knight; Facility Manager - David Schimsa; Historian - Linda Warren; SGT at Arms - [William Dock](#); Post Chaplain - [Richard Mullinax](#); Post Service Officer - Moses Cohen

Congratulations to all elected to serve and thank you for stepping up.

Please join our Chapin community in honoring our fallen servicemen and women at a Memorial Day Observance. This outdoor event will be held in front of the Town Hall Building at the flagpole. We honor the heroes of all wars, not just on Memorial Day, but through our daily commitment to ensure that America remains a place worthy of such sacrifice.

Ladies Chaos Softball and CHAPIN/NEWBERRY Legion Baseball is in June thru July. Come see our youth play. They will appreciate it and you will have a good time cheering them on and partaking of the concessions. We have an updated events calendar on our website: <https://www.americanlegionpost193.com> Select "Event Calendar" on the left. Check it out! Thank you, 3rd Vice Susan for making the website very useful.

Please let me know how we can serve you better. I look forward to this next year.

Mark Harvey/For God and Country/In Service

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

Activities: (see "Events Calendar" on <https://www.americanlegionpost193.com>)

26 & 27 May: **Boot Drive fundraiser**. 0800-1800, POC: Steve Tucker/Dave Schimsa

29 May: **Memorial Day Ceremony**, 1000 – 1200, Chapin Town POC: Steve Goulet/ Jim Schafer

1 Jun: **Post and ALR Executive Committee meeting**, 1815- 1930, Post Building, POC: Mark Harvey

3 Jun: **"Be The One"/Buddy Checks**, 0800-1200, Post Building, POC: Tom Yeoman

5 Jun: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

6 Jun: **Our first Youth home games will be played**

LFPSB Chapin Chaos vs Post 215, 1800-2200, Melvin Park, 370 Eptings Camp Rd, Chapin, SC POC: Donna Tsukayama

Legion Boys Baseball vs Greenwood Post 20, 1900-2300, Newberry College Stadium, Newberry SC, POC: Donna Tsukayama

Check out our [Website](#) for the remainder of the games ([See Event Calendar](#)).

8 Jun: **Legion/AUX Dinner/Meetings**, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Mark Harvey

11 Jun: **Boys State Opening Ceremony**, American Legion Night. 1900-2100, Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center. Anderson University (<https://palmettoboysstate.com/>)

12 Jun: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

13 Jun: **BINGO**, 1730-2200, Old Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Rd, Little Mountain. POC: Floyd Rogers

14 Jun: **Flag Day/Army Birthday**

19 Jun: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

20 Jun: **Pledge of Allegiance** 1800, Chapin Town Hall, POC: Dave Schimsa

ALR Dinner and Meeting, 1800-2030, Post Building, POC: Wes Moore

26 Jun: **Veteran Breakfast** 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa

Future: 20 July: **Law Cadet, Boys State, and Girls State Reception**, 1900-2100, Post Building. POC: Wes Moore/Floyd Rogers/Carmen Goulet

The Post is **Open M, W, F 1000-1400** Thank you Doug for opening the Post when I'm out of town. Looking for others to assist.

Adjutant



Our current Post membership is 364 members which is 26 members above our 2023 membership goal. We have done very well in recruiting new members to our Post and I am certain we will continue to grow as we move forward. If you recruited a new member to our Post during the last membership year, please send me an email with the name of the individual you recruited. I have a list of recruiters however I am certain the list is not 100% accurate. The Commander will be presenting Department Commander recruiter pins during our June meeting. Please be on the lookout for the 2024 membership renewals that you will more than likely begin receiving in

July. **NOTE:** We have a change to our dues for the 2024 membership year. Back in January, we (Post membership) voted to raise our Post dues from \$45.00 to \$60.00. Still a great value at \$5.00 a month!

Thank you to Walt Richardson 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 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.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing all of you at our Memorial Day ceremony on Monday 29 May 2023.

Steven Goulet/"We Can Build It"/For God and Country

First Vice Commander



Our Post's "Be the One"/Buddy Check Call Event will be on Saturday June 3rd

We have about a dozen members who will be making our initial **Be the One/Buddy Check** phone calls on Saturday, June 3rd. We hope to call and speak with or leave a message for every one of our Post members on June 3rd, expect a call!

Following a brief orientation and review of our resource materials, we will begin calling every member of our post, all 325+ members. This call is designed to be a "How's it going?" call.

The intent is to ensure that all our post Members know and understand that the primary purpose of our post is to support our fellow veterans. If any member is "struggling", our team is trained and we have resources available to bring assistance.

Obviously, our Post's "Be the One/Buddy Check" initiative is designed to support our Veterans by contacting every member of our Post, some 330+/- and those whose membership has recently lapsed, ask each of them, "How's it going"? The calls will be scripted to deliver a common message:

- Thank them for their service,
- Ask how things are going for them and their family,
- Inquire if there is anything that their American Legion Family can assist them with,
- Remind them of our Monday morning "Veteran's Breakfast", and to
- Remind them that their American Legion Post is "there" for them.

This is truly an important effort/outreach by our Post to our membership. While one is too many, estimates are that we lose between 17 and 44 Veterans each day to suicide.

Thomas Yeoman/For God and Country

Second Vice Commander



Flags will be placed around Chapin for Memorial Day; volunteers are needed May 25th at 1130. This usually takes under an hour if we have six to ten volunteers. The POC is Marc Tsukayama.

Chapin girls' softball and Chapin/Newberry boys' baseball are almost here. If you wish to assist with this, please let us know. The schedules have been updated on our webpage <http://www.americanlegion193.com>

Just an FYI... The Legion yard sale will be Aug 4 and 5. Assistance will be needed with set-up, pricing, selling, and removing unsold items. Sign-up sheets will be forthcoming. If you have any items for donation and require pickup, please let me or Sue Reynolds know.

Donna Tsukayama/For God and Country

Third Vice Commander



David Schimsa is the Legionnaire conducting the Chapin Town Hall Pledge of Allegiance on June 20th at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. Please make sure I receive your biography by June 13th.

I am still looking for 4 volunteers to conduct the Pledge of Allegiance for the Chapin Town Council meetings in September, October, November, and December. This takes just 15 minutes and is a great way for the Post to get noticed by the public and town leaders. It really should be done by Chapin residents because it's such a brief commitment of time that those living outside the area would spend more time driving than performing the Pledge. Those who don't like to drive at night can fulfill this role in September or October before the days get shorter! Please contact me at 603-496-3330 with the month you can help.

Betsy Harvey is working on a Cookbook Fundraiser! The cookbook will include recipes from our Breakfast Crew's Veterans Breakfast; Betsy would like to collect YOUR favorite family recipes for inclusion. The target date for submission is October 1st to enable Christmas gift-giving. She is also looking for sponsorship ideas. See Betsy Harvey for more information and to give her your recipes.

Please check out the new website at <https://www.americanlegionpost193.com> . The Events Calendar is up to date, and I have posted several pictures of items we have collected for the Yard Sale. If you see something you would like to purchase, please let either me or Donna Tsukayama know.

The contract for advertising on the website has been vetted by David Knight, our Post JAG. Once it has been reviewed and accepted by the Executive Committee, I will begin looking for businesses and individuals who would like to purchase advertising space on the website. This is a way in which to pay for the annual cost of the website and to help fund some of our other programs. More to come!

Susan Reynolds/"Vires In Arduis"/For God and Country

Facility Manager/New Building Committee Chairman



The Post continues to stay busy with multiple Legion meetings, unserviceable US flag folding (Donna Tsukayama & her team preparing hundreds of US flags for proper retirement), Red Cross Blood Drive (thank you Linda Tucker!), Chapin Women in Service meetings & fundraisers, a private party rental, and Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast activities. Thanks to Mark Harvey for opening the Post during the week and thanks to the Monday Morning Breakfast crew - Mike Rowley, Lynne McCallum, Mark Stevens, Allen Aimar, Steve Goulet, and assists by Fred Beauchemin, Matt Zambrano, & Doug Abramson. Excuse the mess - we will be replacing two of the mini-split units in the bay area in the next few weeks.

Our contributions to the Building Fund continue to flow in. Thank you for the recent contributions by the Post Auxiliary and the Post American Legion Riders. We also picked up some nice individual contributions in the past month. A reminder on our upcoming Boot Drive fundraiser - we still need a

few volunteers to fill some slots on the 26th & 27th of Memorial Day weekend. Contact Steve Tucker at (803) 569-9364. Also, Donna Tsukayama and Susan Reynolds are heading up our Yard Sale Building Fund Raiser for later this summer. It's not too early to start pulling those items you are able to contribute. More to follow from Donna and Susan. A big thank you to John Fabian for cutting the grass out at our new Post site.

David Schimsa/For God and Country

Chaplain's Corner



***As [Jesus] went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him,
"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus,
"but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him."
John 9:1-3***

Not The Only One Who Couldn't See

"What did I do to deserve this?" is a phrase I find myself saying a lot. The car breaks down, the rent goes up, I get passed over for the position I deserve, and I find myself wondering why God is punishing me. I find myself saying something similar when it comes to the misfortune of others. When I see someone else struggling, I find it easy to believe that they have done something to deserve their struggles and I am being spared because I am not as bad as they are.

Jesus' disciples had similar thoughts when they came upon a man blind from birth. They were certain someone had done something to deserve this punishment of blindness. The only question was whether it was this man or his parents who had committed a sin.

Jesus' response to his disciples reveals a greater truth about suffering for the Christian: It is not about punishment for sin but about the work of God being revealed in us.

God's promise is that the sufferings in this life are neither chaos nor punishment for those who believe in him. Instead, God is using all of these things to accomplish his good purposes for us. Sometimes God's work is subtle, and sometimes it is obvious. Sometimes it is easy to understand, and sometimes it is difficult to understand. All the time though it is God's good work being displayed.

Jesus would do more than just restore the blind's man sight; he would use this miracle to draw the man closer to himself. This wasn't some punishment for sin but God's work being on full display in his life. As we suffer in this life, the same is true for us. It is not God's punishment to us, but he is working it all for our good and his glory.

Heavenly Father, assure me that as a believer the events of this life are not your punishment upon me, but rather your mercy working personally for me. AMEN

Chaplain Jude Peck/For God and Country

Comrade Care List

As we remember our Comrades before the Lord, have you noticed that there is never a busy signal on God's line? Pray for these listed here on our care list. Remember them daily as you go about your routine chores.

Friend Erin (Clark) Goshea - cancer has returned, and she is undergoing Chemo.
Peter Prim's friend John Fisher - is struggling with Parkinson's (his wife DeDe).
Claire Fincher (Past Commander Tom Fincher's wife) - with long-term health needs.
Rick Gibson District 13's commander's wife - was recently diagnosed with cancer.
Larry Stouts' - health issues per his wife Debbie.
Grant Wells - was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma in January.
Kathy Smith - was injured in a fall and hurt her elbow and shoulder.
Ken Mostiler - fell on March 7th and broke his femur with surgery to follow.
Father Dennis Willey's - April recovery from a back muscle incident.
Richard Mullinax - loss of his 95-year-old veteran cousin in May.
Ron Saxton's wife Carol - underwent a Watchman cardiology procedure on April 12th.
Ron Saxton's - heart ablation on April 25th went well.
Ed Keschinger's - recovery from May quadruple heart surgery.
Wes Moore's - recovery from crashing his motorcycle in May.
William Dock's - wife Hallie's June 1st rotator cuff surgery and her father Jimmy Snead's health.
John Fischer's - struggle with Parkinson's.
Mike Rowley's - loss of his mother-in-law in May.
Steven Goulet - In-Laws (IJ and Edith Elder) lost their home of 55 years to fire on May 19th

Auxiliary



Carol Johns-Rogers, our Poppy Chairperson will be holding our National Poppy Day event on May 26, 10:00 a.m. at Boland's Ace. Come help hand out poppies, collect donations and let people know what National Poppy Day is about. If you can help, please contact Carol. Anne Richardson is heading the Memorial Day reception which will be held immediately following the ceremony in the Town Hall Community Room. If you would like to help set up and serve at the reception, please contact Anne. Once again, this year Janney is providing funds for the reception if you see Robert Shealy, Jr. please thank him for his support. Thank you to all the ladies that helped at the bingo concessions in May

(Harriett, Linda, and Sharron) I really appreciate your support. If anyone wants a Paid Up for Life application for Auxiliary membership, I will have those available at the Post in the Auxiliary file cabinet. We will make the gift card baskets again this year for the Labor Day Festival Fundraiser. If you have gift cards you would like to donate or if you frequent a business that is willing to donate a gift card, please get them together and turned in before 1 August. This will allow time to get pictures and make flyers and we can begin selling tickets. During our June meeting we will be installing the Officers for the 2023-2024 membership year, please try to attend. Thank you, ladies for all you do to make this Unit an absolute success.

Carmen Goulet/President

***If you are not receiving communications from the Commander at least on a weekly basis please check your spam folder and if that is not the problem let the Adjutant know so the problem can be resolved. 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) If you are on Facebook please be sure to like and follow our page.

HAM RADIO Classes and Testing

SCHEART will be offering Ham (Amateur) Radio classes in May of 2023. This is for Technician, General, and Extra. All classes will be running from May **29th to June 2nd**, from 6 pm to 9 pm. Some classes will not take the whole week but will finish when all the material is covered. These classes run concurrently. You can only choose one of the classes.

We're presenting the classes via video conference using Zoom (<http://zoom.us>) If you didn't have the time to attend in person before, now is your chance. Email me at midlandsve@gmail.com. I'll forward your email to your instructor, and they will send you an invitation to the video conference.

New hams will have to start out with the Technician course.

All classes are free. If you wish to attend, RSVP to MidlandsVE@gmail.com. Be sure to tell me which class you want to take and include your cell number.

Testing will be offered on **June 3rd** at 08:30 am at SCETV headquarters, 1041 George Rogers Blvd in Columbia. We'll take care of the administrative work first and start the testing when the admin work is done. Bring a photo ID, an original copy of any Ham Radio license, your FRN, and \$10.00 cash. If a child is testing and has no photo I.D., bring a copy of a birth certificate.

If you are testing for the first time, you must bring your FCC Registration Number (FRN), which you can get here: <https://tinyurl.com/yayymn28>

If you're coming for testing only, email us so we can plan accordingly.

Please refer any questions to MidlandsVE@gmail.com

PHOTOS

Wes Moore, Director of Post 193 American Legion Riders, presents 2023 Legacy Awards to (L to R) Walt and Anne Richardson, and Dale and John Seimers.



WWII Veteran Gerald White celebrates his 97th Birthday!



Karla won at Bingo on May 9th!



Eagle Scout Zachary Jeffcoat received an American Legion Certificate of Recognition from David Schimsa



Linda Warren, Post Historian, won the Dept of SC AL Post Historian of the Year Award!



CDR Mark Harvey accepts Dept award for All Time High Membership 2017-2022



Post Delegation attended the Dept of SC Convention 19-21 May 2023



Our own George Donnelly was selected as SC AL Legionnaire of the Year 2023!

