

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

October 2025



October is drawing to a close and has been another active month for our post and its members. Our membership continues to grow and as we get closer to completing our new post facility, I'm sure that membership will grow even more. For those of us that are current members, please remember to get your current year's dues into the Treasurer, George Donnelly, or complete it online. We had our Post Picnic in October along with the Post Everlasting Ceremony to say good-bye to our members that have passed on. We also said good-bye to Mayor Al Koon, the Mayor of Chapin, who passed away this month. He was not a Legion Member, but he has always been a friend to our organization and he will be missed. Bingo went well early in the month. Attendance was down a bit, so get the word out that our next one will be on 6 November. We also had a Wreaths Across America (WAA) Meeting, and we are making progress on the planning and organization of this year's event. This will be our second annual celebration, and it will be held again at Chapin Community Christian Church on the 13th of December. We are also supporting the "We Care" organization with gifts for children, please take a look at my last Weekly Update and contact Jason Shough if you would like to help or contribute this year for Christmas. For those planning on attending the Department of South Carolina Fall Conference in Columbia, it will be held from 31 October to 2 November. Please remember as we prepare for the Holiday Season to help each other and our community in which ever way that you are able.

Richard Nielen/ "For God and Country"
Veteran Help Line: Dial 988, option 1

Adjutant



We are entering into a very busy time of the year, many different people, activities, and organizations will be competing for our time, talents and treasures. We must do our best to not let the hustle and bustle get the best of us and cause us to be overwhelmed. We must Just do what we can and realize that we just cannot do it all. I have been looking at our Post schedule of events past present and future and it amazes me how much our Post accomplishes. If we all just contribute a bit of our time, talents and treasure we can accomplish so much. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do

so much". "Helen Keller"

Our Christmas party is fast approaching so please be sure to rsvp and make your menu selection using the link below. The menu for our dinner, Roast Cuban Pork loin sliced, and

served with cilantro cream on the side. Roasted Tuscan chicken, sauteed chicken breast topped with sunrise, tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, fresh basil and balsamic glaze, A gluten-free/vegetarian option. TBD, Tossed Salad bar, Fresh Greens Choice of 4 dressing and 12 different topping rolls and butter, Mashed Potato Bar: Sour cream, bacon, cheeses, scallions, sauteed Peppers & onions. Dessert: - Assorted finger bites: Cream, puffs, eclairs, cheesecake, bites, lemon bars, mini cookies, Classie warm Pear & Blueberry Bread pudding with anglaise sauce drinks: iced tea, chilled water, coffee Bar. Our entertainment for the evening will be provided by [Curt London](#). If you have a special activity you would like to have during the Christmas party please let the Commander or one of the party committee members know. [Christmas party RSVP - menu choice](#)

Our membership is going well, thank you to all that have renewed their membership for 2026. We are currently at 71.36% of our membership goal which is well above the target goal for the November 13th goal of 65%. Our December 10th goal is 75% of our membership goal. If you want to pay your annual dues online visit [Renew Membership | The American Legion](#) !

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

First Vice Commander



Our next scheduled blood drives are January 12th, March 9th, May 11th, and Sept 14, 2026.

This past Friday (Sept 19) we had a membership drive at Bolands Hardware from 8 am to 4 pm. We received \$460.00 in building fund donations, sold one Brick. We talked veterans that are considering joining.

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

New Building Committee



Sign up for a time slot for the Veterans Day Boot drive - 7 November.

Get your patches, badges, dog tags, etc. to be permanently enshrined in our custom bar top. \$100 donation to the building fund. Get your items to me by Thanksgiving.

Get your applications for pavers & get to George Donnelly - deadline is year end.

David W. Schimsa / For God and Country



ALR Director



From the saddle of my Goldwing

Earlier in the month, I was contacted by my daughter-in-law, a 1st grade teacher at Leaphart Elementary School. This STEAM Magnet School was hosting a "REAL MEN READ" event on Friday 10/17. At the time, the school was not getting the response they felt was needed to make the event a success, so she and their Literacy Coordinator reached out to me.

I meet with members of our EC and our Post Commander and all agreed that this would be a worthy endeavor to support. The Riders answered, along with two Post members giving up 10 Real Men Reading! We arrived on our eight motorcycles, which always draws a crowd.

Leaphart was rewarded by their "recruitment efforts" as our 10 Riders, were joined by community leaders, district personnel, Irmo HS students, fathers, and first responders to were invited to model the importance reading and literacy to the students. In all there seemed to be about 60 Men reader volunteers!

We read to small groups of elementary students for 30 minutes, at the beginning of their school day. It was a great period of learning and fun for both the students and the Men. At a time when we have too many young people, who grow up without strong male role models in their lives, this was an outstanding event.

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

Chaplain's Corner



After the Veteran's breakfast this morning (10/27/2025) I went by our new Post home and spent quite a while looking over the work. I am very impressed with the quality of the work. I have been teaching building code classes for more than 20 years and I did not see anything that I would change. We are very fortunate to have such a great team making our dreams come true.

I thought of Dallas Manis and how he would have loved to see this progress. I thought of Joyce Mustard and how she was so excited to see this day coming. I thought of Richard Strobel, Gerald White and all those that had a dream of a home for our Post Family.

We are still several months away from moving in but it is not too early for all of us to be thankful for those that looked to the future but won't get to see the end coming into sight. To share encouraging words to those working so diligently to make it happen and to begin to search for your place of service when we move into our new Post.

Jesus calls all of us to love, minister and serve our "brothers", our community, our great state, our nation and everyone that He loves.

Comrade Care List:

As you pray, remember those listed on our Comrade Care List. Remember our Post family. Pray for George and Carol Smith, George is at home under hospice care. Bill and Lorraine Szala, Paul Holliday, David Mullen, Betsy Harvey and her daughter, John Siemens, Larry Archer, Buddy Miller with lung cancer near his heart; Richard Royer as he battles with cancer. Walt Richardson, Bob Dilworth's wife, Jack Hulet, Ed Abston. Rejoice with Dan Berglund in victory over cancer;

Willie Nix's daughter needs our prayers, Steve Kelly's wife, Becky; Keith Ostrander's wife, Sharron has a serious eye condition.

I was given a couple requests for prayer, but they did not want to be identified. Remember them also. 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



The Auxiliary got off to a great start this month with a bake sale on Oct. 4th that surpassed our goal of raising enough money to send one girl to Palmetto Girls State in 2026. Many thanks to Boland's Ace Hardware, and especially Leigh Ann, for providing a great location for our sale and also their generous monetary contribution. We appreciate their continued support! Auxiliary members really outdid themselves by supplying a large variety of delicious baked goods. Leftovers were enjoyed at the Post Picnic and the following morning by workers on the new building. Great job, ladies!

A second successful fundraising event was held on Oct. 26th when our "London, Paris, Rome, Chapin" t-shirts were sold at a charity horse show. All proceeds were donated to Dream Riders, a horse farm in Lexington approved to provide equine therapy for handicapped people including wounded warriors. The owner/director was most appreciative of our donation and encouraged us to refer any veterans who might be interested in their program.

Carmen and Marthalyn will attend the SC ALA Fall Conference the last weekend of October and look forward to learning more about Auxiliary activities across our state and nation. Hopefully, we will be inspired to implement many new ideas within our own chapter.

Looking ahead: BINGO will be on Thursday, Nov. 6th. Please contact Carmen if you would like to work in concessions and/or provide dessert. At our monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 13, we will be planning ahead for 2026 and also for two events in December: the Post Christmas Party on the 6th and Wreaths Across America on the 13th. Reminder: Jodi is still accepting payment for 2026 dues with a goal of 100% paid members by December. We are very close to meeting that goal!

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



Post Activities and Events

- 31 Oct: SC AL and ALA Fall Conference, POC: Steve Goulet, Marthelyn Schimsa
- 1 Nov: Newberry Veterans Day Parade, 0900-1200, 1856 Wilson Rd, Newberry
- 2 Nov: Lexington County Veterans Day Parade, 1300 – 1600, POC Jim Schafer
- 3 Nov: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 4 Nov: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
Election Day
- 6 Nov: BINGO 1730-2200, Chapin Town Hall, 157 Columbia Ave, Chapin. POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play. Setup starts at 4pm.
Flag placement Downtown area, POC: Jerry Lebar
- 7 Nov: Boot Drive, 0730-1600, Post Building, POC: Steve Tucker
Game Changers GALA 1900 -2200-@ Fairgrounds – POC Tom Yeoman
- 8 Nov: Community Appreciation hot dog cookout @ Boland's Ace – 1100 - 1400
- 10 Nov: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
USMC 250th Birthday
- 11 Nov: **Veterans Day** Veterans Day Parade, 0730-0900, Start at Boland's Ace, POC Bill Wilson
ALR Executive Meeting 1800- 1900, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
Amateur Radio Club Meeting 1800 – 2100
- 12 Nov: Retrieve Flags from Downtown, 0900-1000, Post Building. POC: Jerry Lebar
- 13 Nov: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meeting, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet
- 17 Nov: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 18 Nov: ALR Meeting, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Tom Yeoman
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800. POC: Russ Taylor
- 20 Nov: Wreaths Across America mtg, 1900-2000, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet
- 24 Nov: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 27 Nov: Happy Thanksgiving!!
- 6 Dec: Post 193 Annual Christmas Party!! RSVP, [Christmas party RSVP - menu choice](#)



On December 13th at 12:00 p.m. Post 193 will host a community Wreaths Across America ceremony at Chapin Christian Community Church, with wreath laying immediately following at the Chapin Christian Community and The Our lady of the Lake Catholic church cemeteries

Abbreviated ceremonies and wreath laying will take place following the Chapin Community ceremony at 1:30 p.m. at Chapin Baptist Church, Chapin Christian Community Church, Lake Murray Presbyterian Church, Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, St. Johns AME Church, St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church, St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, Macedonia Lutheran Church and at 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church will hold their ceremony at 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to sponsor a wreath for one of the cemetery locations Post 193 sponsors you can click on one of the links below, click the sponsor wreaths button and follow the prompts. Alternatively, you can sponsor wreaths through a donation to Chapin Post 193 WAA PO Box 897 Chapin SC 29036.

[WAA-Mt. Zion Wreath sponsorship](#)

[WAA-St. John AME Wreath sponsorship](#)

[WAA-St. Thomas Lutheran Wreath sponsorship](#)

[WAA-Our Lady of the Lake Wreath sponsorship](#)

[WAA-St. Peter's Lutheran Wreath sponsorship](#)

[WAA-Ft. Jackson Nat Cemetery Wreath sponsorship](#)

[WAA-St. Jacob's Lutheran Wreath sponsorship](#)

[WAA-Chapin CCC -Wreath sponsorship](#)

[WAA-St. Francis of Assis Wreath sponsorship](#)

[WAA-Mt. Olivet Lutheran Wreath sponsorship](#)

[WAA-Lake Murray Presby Wreath sponsorship](#)

[WAA-Mt. Horeb Lutheran Wreath sponsorship](#)

[WAA-Chapin Baptist Wreath sponsorship](#)

[WAA-Macedonia Lutheran Wreath sponsorship](#)

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](#)

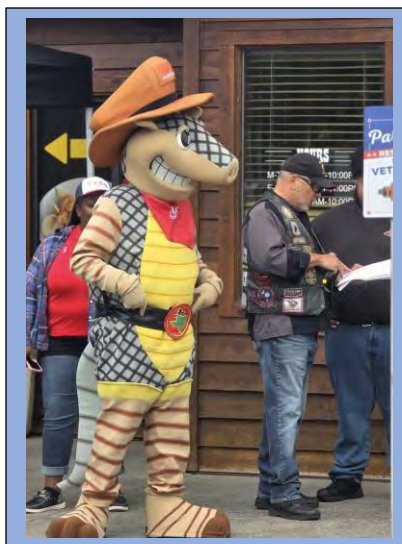
Here and there



Auxiliary Unit 193 Bake Sale



**TRH Homes for Our Troops
Benefit Ride!**





Our Annual picnic was a huge success. Thank you to all for the great food!

