

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

October 2024



Thank you for helping with our Buddy Checks. Please continue to reach out to fellow veterans as we go through the holidays. This is a critical time for those missing family and friends. Be that friend.

As always, we are busy. We Care Christmas, We Care Food collection (weekly), Wreaths Across America, and Veterans Day School ride are ways we give back to our community and promote veteran causes. Please get involved with one or more activities.

Our Christmas party looks great. I wish I were able to participate. Enjoy each other as we celebrate.

I am proud to be associated with you and the Legion. Thank you for all you do.

Mark Harvey/For God and Country/In Service

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

Adjutant



Thank you to all that have renewed your membership for 2025. We are currently at 61.54% of our membership goal for 2025. The target goal for November 14th is 65%, which I believe we will achieve. I would appreciate everyone renewing their dues as soon as possible, but no worries if you do not, as your 2024 membership is good until December 31, 2024. If you want to pay your annual dues online visit [Renew \(mylegion.org\)](https://mylegion.org) Just hold down the Ctrl key, hover over the link and right click. You will be taken to the site to renew.

On December 14th at 12:00 p.m. Post 193 will host a community Wreaths Across America ceremony and wreath laying at Chapin Christian Community Church. Following this ceremony at 1:30 p.m. we will host abbreviated ceremonies and wreath laying at each of the other nine churches we are site coordinators for. I encourage each of you to do what you can to make this endeavor a success, whether it is serving as a team member/volunteer, purchasing a wreath or attending the ceremony. If you would like to purchase a wreath for one of the 10 churches/cemeteries we are sponsoring or for a wreath at Ft. Jackson National Cemetery, use this link [Post 193 Wreath Sponsorship](#) click on the sponsor wreaths, select the number of wreaths and just follow the prompts.

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

First Vice Commander



Thank you to all those members who have supported the Wreaths Across America program to date. The wreath count is starting to go up and the next one and a half months will be critical, but we are moving in the right direction. Planning for the ceremony on the 14th of December is ongoing and we should have a great first-time event that will serve the Chapin Community. If you haven't contributed yet, please do so before the 2nd of December either on-line or here at the Post.

The Post Picnic and the Post Everlasting Ceremony for October meeting went well as we said farewell to our members that passed away during the last year. They will be missed and remembered. The picnic portion was conducted at the Post due to the construction at the new Post site. Next year's Post Picnic at the new Post will be a great event.

The Christmas Party will be at the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church and will take place on Saturday the 7th of December. We are holding the cost to \$30/person, all inclusive. Tickets are on sale at the Post breakfast, and you may also contact the Post officers to purchase tickets. Please RSVP/ sign up on-line to make your main entrée choices for the meal by following this link <https://forms.gle/rvQCJQUEgY6Jv14t9> . Please check Post emails for more information as it becomes available.

Richard Nielen/For God and Country

Third Vice Commander / Quartermaster



Good day to all. The next Blood Drive will be in January. Date TBD. The new T-Shirts are in, they are 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



There will be NO Monday Morning Veterans Breakfast, Monday, 11 November. MMVB is open to all US and allied Veterans. You do not have to be a member of the Post to attend breakfast.

New Building Committee:

The land clearing subcontractor (Metts Construction) will begin site work to clear the footprint area and grade so that concrete can be poured for the building. We have raised over \$1.4 to date. The PFC Gerald White fund has reached over \$38,000 towards the goal of \$100,000. No new checks from the Building Fund have been cut this month.

David W. Schimsa / For God and Country

ALR Director



We've certainly had a busy couple of months. The Gun Raffle was quite successful, netting over \$9600! We will be donating money to the Post Building Fund for the Gerald White Room in the new building, The Veteran and Children's Foundation, and, of course, we will be keeping a portion for our accounts. Thank you to all who helped with this effort, and I give a special shout-out to Jean Kennedy for sitting at Boland's to sell tickets for 6 straight Fridays. I'd also like to congratulate Bill Larochelle who won the Sig Sauer P365. Wash the Wall was completed again this year, and the Korean War Memorial was washed.

Thanks to all who participated. The Texas Roadhouse Homes for Our Troops ride was also a resounding success. The efforts of our riders resulted in a safe and enjoyable ride for all who participated in this worthy fundraiser. Upcoming events include Veterans Day rides in Newberry and Lexington with more to follow, and the Post Christmas party. If you have an idea for a ride or destination, please let either me or Wes Moore know. The more of us that are involved in our activities, the more we can accomplish. Ride safely!

Kevin F. Reynolds/For God and Country/Safety First, People Always

Chaplain's Corner

We are approaching Halloween, which is recognized as a scary experience. The reality is that it is all fake and nothing to be frightened about.



So many of the things that we worry about, and fear are as harmless as the spooks, ghosts and goblins of Halloween. Most of the things that we are afraid of will never happen and the things that do come along take us by surprise. Trying to anticipate and prepare for the fears and worries that enter our minds will just rob us of the joy, excitement and opportunities of this day. Jesus tells us to cast all our cares on Him. He will handle our cares and fears and allow us to be free of those things which then free us to follow His command to love one another. The recent storms remind us of the needs around us to show our love and support to those in need. I'm challenging us to

live above our difficulties and fears. To always be observant of opportunities to help those that need our attention.

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.

Betsy Harvey as she works through some health issues.

Rich Chamberlain recovering from the motorcycle accident.

The passing of Don Culver and his family.

Jack Hulet as he battles cancer.

Richard Royer as he recovers from the motorcycle accident and his battle with cancer.

Forward your request for this list to me at rcmullinax@gmail.com

Chaplain Richard Mullinax/For God and Country

Auxiliary



The annual Post Picnic was well attended and very enjoyable. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, serve, and clean up ~ everything was delicious! The picnic began immediately after the Post Everlasting Ceremony which was very moving as always. How we miss the members we lose each year!

Looking ahead to upcoming events: Carmen and I will be representing Unit 193 at the ALA Fall Conference on Oct. 25 and 26. Then Wednesday, Oct. 30 is the deadline to sign up to help with the Chapin We Care Christmas Project. As in past years, you may sponsor children by providing gifts and/or purchasing \$25 gift cards from Target and Walmart. Please email Jason Shough at jmshough15@gmail.com and let him know how many children you would like to sponsor or the number of gift cards you will provide. He will notify us in early December regarding children and their requests, sizes, etc.

November events include BINGO on Nov. 12 and our monthly meeting on Nov. 14 (please remember to bring items for Veterans residing at C.M. Tucker Nursing Care Center and your 2025 dues if you have not already paid). You will not want to miss this meeting as we are making plans for upcoming events and activities in December and for 2025!

Please reach out to members you haven't seen in a while ~ we are a stronger Unit when we stay in touch with each other!

Marthalyn Schimsa/President/"Service, Not Self"

Post Activities and Events

- 28 Oct: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 30 Oct: Every Man a Warrior, 0730-0900, Post Building, POC: George Simmons
- 31 Oct: Halloween
- 3 Nov: Switch to Standard Time (DST ends)
- 4 Nov: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 5 Nov: Election Day
- 6 Nov: Every Man a Warrior, 0730-0900, Post Building, POC: George Simmons (803-429-3337, georgeosimmonsjr@gmail.com) (Every Wednesday)
- 7 Nov: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
Place Flags for Veterans Day, 1000-1200, Post Building. POC: Rich Nielen
- 8 Nov: Boot Drive, 0730-1600, Post Building, POC: Gene Powell
- 9 Nov: Newberry Veterans Day Parade, 0900-1200, 1856 Wilson Rd, Newberry.
- 10 Nov: USMC Birthday
- 11 Nov: **Veterans Day** Veterans Day Parade, 0730-0900, Start at Chapin Library POC Bill Wilson
NOTE: There will not be a Veteran Breakfast POC: Dave Schimsa

- BINGO setup. 1630-1730. Post Building. POC: Matt Zambrano
- 12 Nov: Retrieve Flags from Downtown, 1000-1200, Post Building. POC: Rich Nielen
BINGO 1730-2200, Ole Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Rd, Little Mountain.
POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play.
- 14 Nov: Post 193 and Auxiliary Meeting, Dinner at 1800, Meetings at 1900, Post Building,
POC: Steve Goulet <https://forms.gle/4P7ausVWRY9JgvZf9> RSVP Nov Dinner meal.
- 18 Nov: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 19 Nov: ALR Meeting and Dinner, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Kevin Reynolds
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 25 Nov: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 26 Nov: Wreaths Across America mtg, 1900-2000, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet
- 28 Nov: Happy Thanksgiving

For a complete listing of Post 193 activities visit: [Events Calendar \(americanlegionpost193.com\)](https://www.americanlegionpost193.com)
For info on our Chapin Newberry Baseball Team visit, [South Carolina American Legion Baseball Home Page \(scalb.org\)](https://www.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](#)



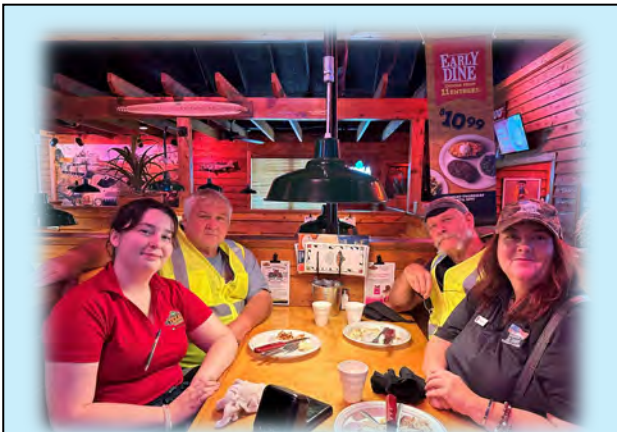
LEGION FAMILY



Necia and Johnny Free bringing up the rear as the medical Team for the 2024 Texas Roadhouse Ride



Chaplain Mullinax transmitting the records of Post 193 members that passed during the last year to Post Everlasting



Assistant Director Gerard Lebar and ALR 193 Member Bill Wilson with HFOT representative Victoria Weston and the Two Notch Rd. Texas Roadhouse Manager enjoying a Legendary breakfast



A little socializing before dinner.

Good Works !!

