

AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

Commander

September 2024



Planning is in progress for Wreaths Across America in Chapin (1st year) (Steve Goulet/Rich Nielen), Veterans Day school ride (ALR), 8 Nov Boot Drive (Gene Powell), and Christmas Party (Rich Nielen). Please get involved to ensure success. Many hands make light work.

We will perform our quarterly Buddy Checks on 30 September at 1000. Help us contact our over 400 members and previous members just to tell them we are here and care. This is the formally scheduled means to contact our members and veterans that we have contact information. We are entering the happiest season of the year, but it is also the loneliest for many. Please enjoy time with family and friends but reach out to your battle buddies as well. We don't know what they are going through and how much a kind word will improve their lives. We just honored 21 previously unclaimed veterans – our combat buddies. This is the ultimate buddy check, and I am proud of our Post for running the program.

George Simmons is organizing a men's Discipleship class at 0730 on Wednesdays beginning 2 Oct called Every Man a Warrior (www.everymanawarrior.com). All men are welcome. Please contact George (803-429-3337 georgesimmonsjr@gmail.com) with questions or to RSVP. I took the course over 10 yrs ago and highly endorse it. See the website for details. 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. The Department has set our 2025 membership goal at 416 members. We are currently at 53.33% of our membership goal for 2025 which is just short of the October 16th target goal of 55%. The target goal for November 14th is 65% which I believe we will make. 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 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.

The Department Fall Conference is scheduled Friday, October 25, 2024 to Sunday October 27, 2024, at the Columbia Marriott. If you are planning to attend, please get your money in (\$35.00) to our Finance Officer before 1 October 2024. The Department Conference agenda has been published and can be found at [Fall Conference Call-Tentative.pdf](#)

Thank you to everyone that attended the Previously Unclaimed Veteran Interment at the Ft. Jackson National Cemetery on September 13, 2024. We had a large crowd in attendance, and we laid to rest 21 Previously Unclaimed Veterans who served in all War eras from WWII – GWOT with the Honor Dignity and Respect they deserved.

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.

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

First Vice Commander



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: The wreath count is starting to go up and the next two 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.

The Labor Day Parade and Festivities went well again this year. A great big thank you to everyone that contributed by donating, working and participating **in this year's event. Well done!**

The Post held the MIA/POW Ceremony at our meeting in September. We are also planning the Post Picnic and the Post Everlasting Ceremony for October meeting versus our normal Sept. meeting. An email has gone out to sign up for side dishes and desserts from Steve Goulet so please take a look and respond by sending it back with your RSVP and food contribution.

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. Tickets will be on sale starting this Monday at the Post breakfast. Please use this link to RSVP [Post 193 Christmas Party RSVP](#).

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



We are averaging over 70 Veterans for breakfast Monday mornings. We average 1-2 new members/first timers each Monday. A reminder the breakfast is specifically for Veterans only - US or allied. Our Post continues to be of service to our community. The Post was used by the Red Cross for its Blood Drive, the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association monthly meeting, the Chapin Women in Service monthly meeting, and was rented out by two local HOA's this month. **Thanks for everyone's support with keeping the Post clean and neat.**

New Building Committee:

We have received our Certificate of Authenticity from the Town of Chapin, and by publishing time of the newsletter we should have our Lexington County building permit. Since we have already obtained our Town and County land clearing permits, we expect to begin clearing the property by the end of the month or the first week of October. We should also have signed the contract for Phase I of our project by the publishing of the newsletter. Phase I consists of land clearing, grading, detention pond & associated drainage mitigation systems, silt fence, roughing in of plumbing & electrical, and pouring the slab. A big thanks to our electrical engineer. He is doing the work at cost only and donated countless hours to work through the Chapin lighting codes. Also, a big thanks to John Fabian for keeping the grass cut at the new Post site. No checks have been written from the Post Building Fund as of my providing input to the Third Vice Commander for this month's newsletter.

David W. Schimsa / For God and Country

Chaplain's Corner



The Apostle Paul writing to the Philippians in Chapter 4 verse 8 is what you are **looking for. When I feel out of control and can't see who is in control, I get** anxious and start worrying. Our government, our elections, prices and the list of things to stress over goes on and on.

Paul records "Finally brethren, (after all else has failed) whatsoever things that are true, whatsoever honest, whatsoever things that are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

To paraphrase; think positive.

Worry spirals you down,down,down!

Thinking on the above spirals you upwards and out of the rut that you are getting stuck in.

The other night as I laid down for the night when I closed my eyes I saw monsters, I usually see pleasant things.

I got out of bed and played computer games for a few minutes to change my line of thinking and then began to count my blessings. I utilized the above passage to get me moving up and out and away from my fears. Had I stayed in bed I would have lost a good night of rest. God guides but it is hard for God to guide sill person. When I began to move, get out of bed, God began to provide the direction that I **needed. Don't cry out to God sitting still, get up and start moving** then ask God for help and directions.

If you don't know where to start, start with the basics...go love someone! Jesus said, "By this shall all men(people) know that you are my disciples, that you have love for one another. Someone is hurting, someone is lonely, or someone needs a visit from a friend. God will guide you to them.

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.

Betsey Harvey as she works with some health issues.

Rich Chamberlin recovering from the motorcycle accident.

John Hossenlopp recently passed. Remember his wife Betsy as she adjusts to her life without him.

The passing of Don Sharpe

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 Auxiliary had a fun and successful Labor Day fundraiser ~ many thanks to Kathy and Anne for organizing/shopping/cooking, Carmen and Steve for making the signs, volunteers who worked throughout the day and helped clean up, and Legion members who put up and took down our tent and tables. What a wonderful group!

Upcoming events include BINGO Concessions (Oct. 8), Picnic at the Post (Oct. 10), handing out candy on the "Trick or Treat Trail" at Crooked Creek Park (Oct. 25), and the ALA SC Fall Conference in Columbia (Oct. 25-26). We are continuing to collect donations for the C.M. Tucker Veterans' Home (to be delivered in early 2025) and we will make Christmas floral arrangements for local veterans (Dec. 2).

Don't forget: 2025 dues should be paid by Dec. 31!

Marthelyn Schimsa/President/"Service, Not Self"



Post Activities and Events

- 29 Sept: Final pre ride/rehearsal Texas Roadhouse Homes for Our Troops pre ride 0945. POC Steve Goulet
- 30 Sept: Veteran Breakfast 0800-1030, Post Building. POC: Dave Schimsa, Recurs every Monday morning October dates, 7,14,21and 28 Oct 2024
- 1 Oct: Wreaths Across America Meeting – 1900 Rich Nielen / Steve Goulet
- 2 Oct: Every Man a Warrior–0730-0930, Post Building: POC George Simmons (803)-429-3337, georgesimmonsjr@gmail.com **Recurring dates 2,9,16,23 and 30 Oct 2024**
- 3 Oct: Executive Committee Mtg, 1815-1915, Post Building. POC: Steve Goulet
- 6 Oct: Texas Roadhouse Homes for Our Troops Ride - 0900
- 7 Oct: Bingo Set up1630-1730 POC Matt Zambrano
- 8 Oct: BINGO 1730-2200, Ole Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Rd, Little Mountain. POC: Floyd Rogers. Come help or play

- 10 Oct: Post 193 Annual Picnic and Post Everlasting Ceremony, 1800, Post Building, POC: Steve Goulet RSVP [Post Annual Picnic](#)
- 13 Oct: U.S. Navy Birthday (249 yrs)
- 14 Oct: Columbus Day
- 15 Oct: ALR Meeting and Dinner, 1800-2000, Post Building. POC: Kevin Reynolds
Chapin Town Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, 1800. POC: Dave Schimsa
- 25-27 Oct American Legion Department of SC Conference, Columbia Marriot

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



Our 2024 Labor Day Parade Float! Thank You to everyone that helped get it ready for the parade. Special Shout out to Rich and Janet Nielen for taking on the task again this year.



ALR 193 Leading the Way!



Post 193 Previously Unclaimed Veteran Burial Service 13 September 2024.
A wonderful service honoring our comrades and their service to our Nation



Members of ALR Chapter 193 visited the Memorials in Washington DC and participated in the washing of the Korean War Memorial with members of a Girl Scout Troop out of Pelion SC.



What a great way for our young people to learn of the sacrifices of those that have fought to keep this Country free.