

# AMERICAN LEGION

Chapin American Legion Post 193

July 2022

## Commander



Good day Legionnaires and friends of the Legion. As we move through the summer program into a busy fall, a lot is going on. As you look at the upcoming activities and fundraisers at the end of the newsletter, consider where you can contribute to the success of our Post. We have a bunch of activities ongoing and planned. First on the list is the Yard sale. Call Allen Aimar to volunteer at (423) 791-5006 or donate items.

A BIG congratulations to the membership. We requested financial support for Barry Baker at Ole Oak Barn, and you came thru for him. You donated over \$1000! We presented it at the Ole Oak Barn on July 24<sup>th</sup> during the Cornhole tournament and auction fundraiser.

We have reached a milestone! We are halfway to the original goal for the building fund. We are nearly ready to plan the phasing of the construction. We do not intend to take out a loan, so it is important to continue the effort to build the fund (pun intended). As we plan the build, please pass on ideas on how the use of the building will contribute to our mission: Supporting Vets, community and country, national defense, and our youth. I have a few ideas: providing weekly meals; making school tutoring available; sponsoring scout troops; dances/community activities; BINGO. All will need your support to carry out. I look forward to hearing your ideas – none are too farfetched or unsupportable to consider.

I have requested your support to open the Post building for the fellowship of the members. A few people have volunteered to open on different days/times. To make it consistent, we need more people to be available. Please consider committing to a time so we can do this for each other. Once we open, we can discuss scheduling weekly Post activities: watching sports, meals, etc. It depends on you and me to make this happen.

I am trying to keep everyone informed via email – I hope I am not inundating you too much – but there is a lot of information to put out. Provide feedback and I will try to adjust.

Mark Harvey/For God and Country/In Service

## Adjutant



There is one thing in the American Legion that we are constantly talking about and that is membership. We are either beating the bushes to recruit new members into the Post or reaching out to current members to ask them to renew their membership. We closed out the membership year on 30 June 2022 with 339 members, 34 members more than our 2022 membership goal. If the Department continues the trend, then our goal for next year will be 340. I suspect we will again exceed our membership goal and add several

new veterans from the community, who will bring their talents and expertise to bear for the good of the Post and community. All of us are recruiters for the American Legion and Chapin American Legion Post 193. Whenever you meet a fellow veteran let them know you are a member of a great Post and invite them to our Monday morning breakfast, a Post meeting, or other events.

I am going to try and track membership recruiting a bit more closely this year so that we will be able to recognize those Post members that excel in bringing in new members. There are a couple of incentive programs at the Department and last year the National Commander had a program that may have been continued. Bottom line, if you recruit a new member be sure to let me know so I can track who is recruiting who.

The Department Fall Conference is scheduled for Friday, October 14 to Sunday, October 16, 2022, at the Columbia Marriott. The Department Conference agenda has not been published yet but each year there is a fair amount of training that is conducted that is helpful to newly elected Post Officers, and most Legionnaires would find it informative and enlightening. If you are interested in attending, please let me know.

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

### **First Vice Commander**

The final tally for our 2022 Rifle Raffle Ticket sales was 900. This translates into \$9,000.00 in income to our post coffers. Per our agreement, 25% or \$2250.00 goes to our New Building Fund, leaving \$6750 for post activities. A well done to all who engaged in the sale of all Rifle Raffle tickets.

Thomas Yeoman/For God and Country

### **Third Vice Commander**



The Legionnaire conducting the Pledge of Allegiance at the Chapin Town Hall on August 16, 2022, at 6:00 pm, is Ron Saxton. I have a current biography, but if it hasn't been updated in the last year please let me know.

I am looking for someone to conduct the pledge on December 20, 2022. I am trying to fill in the Pledge calendar for next year. This event gives the Post great public exposure and only takes about 15 minutes of your time. If I can get 12 volunteers each person only has to give their time once a year. Please contact me if you are interested at (803) 276-2221.

I'm also asking for suggestions of topics for articles to go into local publications that will promote the Post and the programs and events that we conduct. Put on your thinking caps and let me know what you come up with!

Susan Reynolds/For God and Country

## Facility Manager/NBC



We continue to stay busy with various Post gatherings and meetings. The Post is used a minimum of eight times a month supporting the Veterans Breakfast & other Post meetings; and another 20 days supporting the Theater rental and Chapin Women in Service meetings. Thank you to Tom Yeoman for purchasing a portable defibrillator for the Post. We hope to never use it but a great piece of equipment for our Post members and guests. Also, thanks to Z Krompecher for donating a first aid kit for the Post. It is located on top of the drink machine in the hallway.

A big thanks to Donna Tsukayama for heading up our unserviceable US flag program and for ensuring they are properly retired in accordance with the U.S. Code. Please see Donna if you would like to help her with this service to our community. Our Post is responsible for the dignified disposal of over 250 US flags a month.

Come out and enjoy breakfast Monday mornings. It is a **Veterans-only** breakfast, but you don't need to be a Post member to attend. Coffee is on by 0715 and breakfast is served at 0900. We average 50 - 60 Veterans each Monday morning.

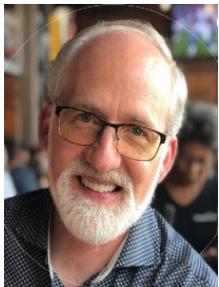
The New Building Committee report - We accomplished an amazing milestone this month. We hit (and surpassed) \$600,000 in Building Fund donations. A big thank you to our major fundraisers (John Graham's motorcycle, Chapin Women in Service Jail & Bail, Yard Sale, donations from the Riders & Auxiliary, Bingo, and individual and corporate donations). On top of the \$600,000 in cash donations, we have also received over \$35,000 in In-Kind donations. Please take a few minutes and look at the Donation Board George maintains in the open bay area. Our next major milestone at our new site is the installation of fans, lights, and outlets at the Yeoman-Bernard Pavilion. Stay tuned!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Building Fund Yard Sale on the 5th and 6th of August at the Post. Thanks to Allen Aimar and his team for putting this together. Call Allen at (423) 791-5006 with any questions or to help.

David W. Schimsa/For God and Country

## Chaplain's Corner

***"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."***  
**Luke 10:36,37**



### **The Perfect Neighbor**

Someone had asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" To answer, Jesus told a story about a man attacked while traveling. He was stripped, beaten, and left for dead.

Two men discovered him on the road. And even though they both shared the same race, culture, and religion as the victim, they both passed him

by without helping him. But then a third man encountered him—a Samaritan. In Jesus' day, the Jews and Samaritans did not get along. No one would have considered this Samaritan to be the victim's neighbor.

Yet he was the one who acted like a neighbor to the wounded man. He treated his injuries, put him on a donkey, and brought him to an inn. He spent all night taking care of him, then paid the innkeeper to continue to care for him.

It is easy to miss Jesus' point here and to think that all Jesus is telling us is that we need to be more like the Good Samaritan. But when Jesus said, "Go and do likewise," he set an impossibly high standard. It is not possible to love your neighbor the way that God commands.

Thank God, then, that Jesus is the perfect neighbor. He went out of his way to help you when you were dead in your sins. He obeyed God's law perfectly as your Substitute, so his perfect obedience counts as yours. He also sacrificed his life for you so that all your sins are forgiven.

What a loving Lord! Knowing we could never live up to God's perfect law, he lived up to it in our place. May this motivate us to serve every person he brings into our lives, showing them the same kind of mercy and love he has shown us.

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 those listed here on our care list. Remember them daily as you go about your routine chores.

Dan Goldston – recovery from a broken leg and foot

Jodi Donnelly – recovering from back surgery

Friend Erin (Clark) Goshea – Cancer has returned, and she is undergoing Chemo again

Donald Konkel – whose wife died May 22, 2022

Zoltan Krompecher – whose mother Susan passed away and whose father-in-law Dominic was buried in May (Tina's father)

Mike Mancari – back surgery planned for July 28<sup>th</sup> with a 3-month recovery

Joyce Mustard – Joyce Mustard, age 86, passed away on June 19, 2022

Dominic (Army vet) and Diane Gallo – Tina Krompecher's parents, Zoltan's in-laws

Peter Prim's - friend John Fisher struggling with Parkinson's (his wife DeDe)

John Awtrey – WWII Veteran and Post member passed away May 13<sup>th</sup>

Dave Schimsa – recovering from recent surgery

Continue to remember our bereaved families from the loss of loved ones.

## Auxiliary



The Auxiliary is working hard and will sell specially designed t-shirts at the Labor Day event in Chapin. These t-shirts will be \$20.00 each. Contact Marthalyann if you would like to buy one for \$15.00. We will be selling tickets for gift card baskets and each basket will have about \$200.00 worth of gift cards in it. One ticket is \$10.00 and 3 tickets are \$20.00. Please support our fundraising efforts. We need you to sell tickets to your friends ahead of time so that we can make the gift card basket sales a success. Consider buying some tickets yourself. We will mail the gift cards to people that win that are out of town. We need help with the Labor Day event itself (September 5). Consider signing up to set up, clean up, and sell tickets and t-shirts. You do not need to be there the whole day. We need you to sign up at least one time this year to help with the bingo concessions. The Auxiliary runs the concessions, and we need additional help. It is about 3 hours of your time. There is a core group of ladies that run this now (Jean, Michele, Carmen, and Harriett). Thank you Marthalyann for helping us in July. Please make a good effort to come to the August meeting so we can finalize things for Labor Day.

Carmen Goulet/President

## Calendar of Events

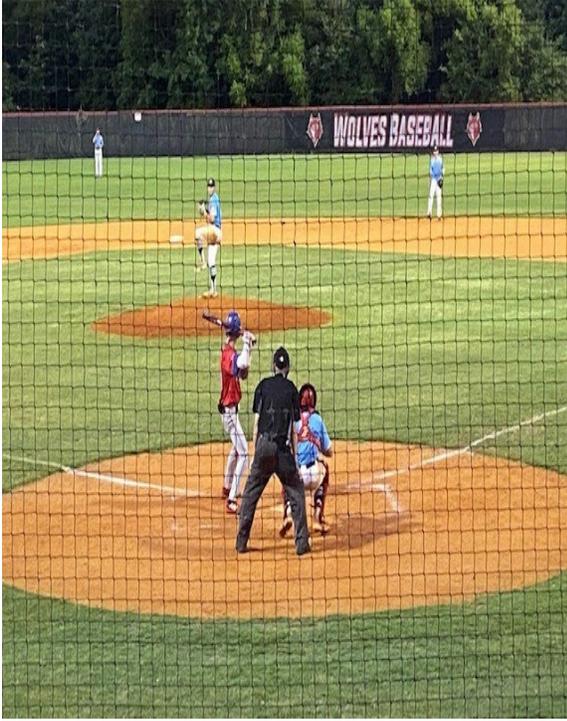
- Aug 2-4 - Post Yard Sale donation drop-off at the back of the Post. Hours are 8-3 pm.  
**No clothing or used electronics**, please. POC is Allen Aimar
- Aug 5-6 - Post Yard Sale at the Post. Hours are 8-4 pm daily
- Aug 8 - Post Executive Meeting at Post at 6:15 pm
- Aug 8 - Bingo set up at the Old Oak Barn. 4:30 pm
- Aug 9 - Bingo at the Ole Oak Barn. Volunteers report at 5:30 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Games begin promptly at 7:00
- Aug 11 - Post and Auxiliary meetings at Post. Dinner at 6:15 pm. Meetings at 7:00
- Aug 16 - Pledge of Allegiance at Chapin Town Hall, 6:00 pm. (Ron Saxton)
- Aug 16 - American Legion Riders meeting at Post. Dinner at 6:00 pm. Meeting at 7:00
- Aug 19 - Interment for unclaimed Veterans, Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 10:00  
POC is Steve Goulet
- Sep 3 - Justin Pepper 5K Walk, Run, Ruck! at 7:30 am. For more information contact the race director at [info@justinpepper5K.org](mailto:info@justinpepper5K.org) They are asking for participants/teams and volunteers from the Post.
- Sep 3 - Labor Day set up at the Post
- Sep 4 - Labor Day set up at the Post

Oct 14-16 - Department Fall Conference, Columbia Marriott, POC is Steve Goulet

**REMINDER:** You can renew your membership online at <https://www.legion.org/membership/renewals>, or send a \$45 check by mail to *P.O. Box 897, Chapin SC 29036*, or see George Donnelly during Monday breakfast or Post meetings.

More calendar items can be seen on the Post webpage at [www.americanlegionpost193.com](http://www.americanlegionpost193.com)

# **HIGHLIGHTS**



On 17 July 2022, 21 members of ALR Chapter 193 participated in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) America 250 Partners in Patriotism Ride and Rally.

