

# AMERICAN LEGION

## Chapin American Legion Post 193

June 2022

### Commander



Thank you to the former team of leaders you elected for all the hard work they did to make our Post what it is today. Thank you for supporting them and giving me and the new officers this opportunity to serve you. I am still learning about all the things you are doing as a Post. It is exciting and humbling to see you in action.

The Post is in a great position to further the Legion Pillars of service:

The Chapin Memorial Day program was an outstanding success. The participation of the Boy and Girl Scouts, Navy Jr ROTC, and support of the city and local politicians added to the solemn memorial of our lost veterans.

Monday breakfast is well attended. Vets taking care of Vets - keep being there for each other.

Legion Baseball is in full swing providing character and physical development to the next generation. We are moving toward supporting a Ladies Fast Pitch Softball team next year (looking for a manager to support the coach). What a great legacy to give our nation.

We finished a successful rifle raffle sales setting a Post record of 916 tickets sold. Thanks everyone for the effort put in, especially the Riders at Boland's Ace Hardware for the final push.

The building fund program is moving well. We need the next level effort to support building sooner rather than later. We can build it and use it to support Vets and the community.

New Legion year starts in July. Please renew your membership as soon as possible. Invite your friends to join in the programs and events we have planned and are planning.

Speaking of the new building, what are we going to do with the new building to serve each other, our community, and further the Legion pillars of Veterans, Americanism, National Security and Youth? I'm looking for your thoughts on that question. We don't build a building to continue to do the same thing we are doing. I have a few ideas but it isn't my building, it is the Post's building - that means you. Send me your ideas - [commander@americanlegionpost193.com](mailto:commander@americanlegionpost193.com).

July 4th is just around the corner. Donna Tsukayama is heading up the placement of flags around town June 30<sup>th</sup> at 0900 with your help. Whatever you are doing that day, remember why America is a great nation and why we served and still serve her. Happy Independence Day!

Mark Harvey/For God and Country/In Service

## Adjutant



I want to thank all of our members for selecting me as your Chapin American Legion Post 193 Adjutant. I am excited to fill this position and look forward to the many challenges that lay ahead. I know that I have some very big shoes to fill in this position as our Past Adjutant Jim Pepper did a fantastic job from the very first day he was selected up until the very end (and then some). An example of Jim's dedication to duty is that during the month of June we must submit our Community Service, Post Narrative and Consolidated Post Report to the Department and Jim ensured all were completed and submitted as required. I want to thank our outgoing Adjutant Jim Pepper for preparing and submitting these very important reports even though his term had come to an end.

I have the 2023 membership cards in hand and after the first of July we will be ready to accept your money and renew your memberships. Although your current membership is good up through the end of December it is better to get the renewal done earlier rather than later. You can either give your money to George (Finance Officer) or renew online at [Renew your membership online](#) . The Department has numerous membership target dates with goals they would like each Post to meet. The first target date is September 9, 2022 with a goal of 50%. Help us to achieve each of these target dates by renewing early.

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

## Third Vice Commander

### MILITARY LICENSE PLATE UPDATES AT SCDMV

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South Carolina active or prior service members should be aware of recent changes to South Carolina military license plates and how to obtain them.

On April 18, 2022, the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) centralized the application process for obtaining a military plate. Applications for military plates will only be processed **by mail** at SCDMV Headquarters in Blythewood.

Customers who visit branch offices on and after April 18, 2022 to obtain a military license plate will receive an [Application for Military License Plate \(MV-37\)](#) and further instructions to complete the application by mail. Customers will need to mail the completed MV-37 application *along with a copy of his or her DD-214*, any other required paperwork, and applicable fees to SCDMV Headquarters. Once the paperwork and payment are received, the SCDMV will process the application, and the appropriate plate will be sent to the customer by mail.

Mail-in and processing times could delay the application process. Customers should expect the overall time to obtain a military plate to increase by a few days.

On May 6, 2022, the SCDMV expanded and updated available military license plates in accordance with recently enacted legislation. The new legislation came about as a result of the efforts of the SCDMV working with South Carolina legislators, along with every service branch and component, to update and consistently apply standards to military plates.

"Last year, in partnership with the SCDMV, the Legislature passed a standardized, sweeping Military License Plates program that recognizes our Veterans' service to our state and nation," said Representative Bobby Cox, who was the primary sponsor of the bill.

Military license plates will be assigned to several different categories. The categories are based on the campaign served, merits awarded, and disability status. Each category has adjustments to fees and parking privileges.

An updated [Application for Military License Plates \(MV-37\)](#) will list the benefits of each plate, as well as what is required to qualify for each plate. Customers can review the updated application on [SCDMVOnline.com/Forms-and-Manuals](https://www.scdmv.com/forms-and-manuals) .

"This is really the result of the efforts of our staff, the state legislature, and our partners in the service branches and reserve components," said Kevin Shwedo, Executive Director of the SCDMV. "We set out to create a military plate program to honor all Veterans and service members, and that's just what we've done."

To align with the new legislation, several changes have occurred.

Some military plates will no longer have plate registration fees. Plate registrations paid before the effective date of the new law, May 6, 2022, are not eligible for a refund.

Select military plates will have free metered parking in South Carolina. For those who qualify, there is also an option to have certain military plates with disabled parking privileges. Plates with such benefits will have the appropriate design printed on the plate.

Under the new law, qualifying active or prior service members may receive a maximum of **three (3)** military plates per eligible plate type. For example, if a customer is eligible for only one South Carolina military plate, the maximum number of plates he or she can receive is three. However, if the military customer is authorized to receive more than one type of South Carolina military plates, he or she can receive up to three of each plate type authorized.

Also under the new law, **permanent military plates will no longer be issued**. Current permanent military plate holders are grandfathered under the new requirements and are not required to surrender their current permanent plates. The SCDMV will have a voluntary plate exchange to allow permanent plate holders to exchange the plate for a new military plate. However, the exchanged plate will be subject to the updated requirements under the new law.

### **REAL ID DEADLINE IS LESS THAN ONE YEAR AWAY**

Beginning May 3, 2023, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will require federally approved identification, such as a REAL ID driver's license or identification card, to board a flight within the United States or access certain federal facilities. Other federally approved forms of identification include a valid passport or military identification card. You must still have a valid US Passport or Passport Card to travel internationally.

NOTE: This information was copied from SC Department of Motor Vehicles website and is provided for informational purposes only. Some content has been changed for context purposes only.

Susan Reynolds/For God and Country

### **Chaplain's Corner**



*"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."*  
Numbers 6:24-26

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### **God Blesses His People**

A father sat on the edge of his young daughter's bed. She had been a terror that day—fighting with her sister, talking back to her mother, scribbling on the walls, and refusing to

finish her green beans. She had not done anything to earn or deserve any love from anyone that day. Yet, her father still sat near her, smiled at her, and had a full heart of love for her. As she fell asleep, her father leaned over and spoke the blessing recorded in our Bible reading today. Her father was comforted knowing that as much as he loved his daughter, God loved her even more.

The words of this blessing have been spoken to God's people for over 3,500 years, even though we all act like terrors before God. When we sin, when we go our way instead of God's way, we are not deserving of a blessing like this. We deserve punishment, not love. But instead of turning his face away from us, God chose to turn his face away from his Son, Jesus, as he hung on the cross. Jesus took our place. He died as our substitute paying the penalty for our sins.

Because of what Jesus did, God now makes his face shine on us. Like we might break out a big, broad smile when we see someone we love, God smiles on us. Instead of turning away from us, God graciously turns to look right at us. His face shines with love and recognition. He knows each of us individually. And to each one of us, he gives the greatest blessing he can give to any sinner; he gives peace.

God gives the peace of knowing that no matter what is going on in our lives, whether we are going through good times or bad times, our relationship is right with God. God gives the peace of knowing that our many sins are forgiven in Jesus.

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.

James Blackwell – recovering from a Sept stroke & Feb T.I.A. (wife Tammy)

Bill Blackburn – whose wife passed away in March

Joseph Ferreira – recovered well from April heart stent

Dan Goldston – recovery from a broken leg and foot

Carmen Goulet – gratitude for no serious injury from a recent car accident

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

Harvey Club – at home now; Big John and Jake's boss back in their Air Force days

John (Wayne) Fulmer - brother of member Eddie Fulmer moved to White Oak in Newberry

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

Richard Mullinax – April 28 heart bypass surgery with 3 months of recovery

Joyce Mustard – Joyce Mustard, age 86, Past Post Commander passed away on June 19th

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

Marcus Reeves – recovering from March 10<sup>th</sup> neck surgery

John Siemers – left foot healing and Dale's right foot healing

Larry Spotts – died March 3<sup>rd</sup> (wife Linda)

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>

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

## Auxiliary



The installation of officers was performed by Past Department Commander Walt Richardson for the 2022 – 2023 year. President – Carmen Goulet, Vice President – Jodi Donnelly, Sgt of Arms – Kathy Smith, Treasurer – Marthelyn Schimsa, and Secretary – Seanne Holliday. Chaplain is shared by Seanne Holliday and Jodi Donnelly. The membership is now at an all-time high of 41. First time in our history that it has been that high. We will be selling tickets for our gift card baskets as soon as we get all the cards in. There will be a picture of each as well as what cards are in the basket. Tickets are 3 for \$20.00 or 1 for \$10.00. We will also be selling T-shirts once we get the mock up and colors picked out. We will be voting for colors at the July meeting. Both fundraisers count on all of us to be willing to sell at least 10 tickets. Presales is where we will raise the most money. The Memorial Day reception went well and there was \$110.00 in Poppy contributions. Great job to all whom participated and helped. We were unable to do National Poppy Day at Boland's due to the rain and other factors. Ladies, thanks for all you do to support our Veterans!

Carmen Goulet/President

## Calendar of Events

- June 30 Place flags around Chapin for Independence Day. Meet Donna Tsukayama at The Post at 9:00 am
- July 4 Independence Day  
**There will be no Veteran Breakfast served on Independence Day**
- July 11 Post and ALR Executive Committee planning meeting, 6:30 pm
- July 12 Bingo at the Ole Oak Barn 5:30 pm doors open, games begin at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!
- July 14 Post and Auxiliary meetings. Dinner at 6:00 pm, Meetings at 7:00 pm
- July 19 American Legion Riders (ALR) dinner at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance at Town Council. Meeting 6:00 pm (Susan Reynolds)
- Aug 5-6 Post Yard Sale. Hold items at your home until Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> but start looking for what you want to donate. No clothes or used electronics please.

**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

## Installation of New Officers



## Post 193 Legionnaire of the Year



## Happy Birthday!!

Gerald White 96 Years  
Old 2022

