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THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

APRIL 2021

★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

Spring has sprung and activities at the Post will begin to spin up again. We have some fun activities planned for Friday evenings at the Post bar. Denise Thilberg is coordinating a Cruise into Spring Cruise Night at the Post starting Friday April 9th at 5:30PM so if you have a cool classic car then come on down to the Post and show it off. If you don't have a classic car and you just love to see them then come on down too. There is no fee for this event. We are just trying to come out and enjoy ourselves and raise some money for



the Post with our Queen of Hearts and bar proceeds. The Founders Oysters Farms will be on location selling some Oysters too.

I'm excited to report that the Memorial Day parade is officially on for the Town of Southold and will occur in Southold this year. Post 803 will lead the parade starting at 11AM on Monday, May 31st. All Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members that would like to march in the parade please arrive by 10:30AM at the intersection of the Main Road and Boisseau Ave in preparation for the parade. We will march down to the post and enjoy some hot dogs and beer at the end. The color guard will conduct their wreath ceremonies at the various Southold monuments starting in the morning before the parade. Details to follow in our April issue of the *Reporter*.

BOB BITTNER STIMULUS CHALLENGE DONATION DRIVE is going strong. Thank You for all that have contributed toward this challenge: Anne and Paul Kraehling, Clare and Stanley Sledz, Walter Strohmeyer, Gary Iorio, Mike Burke, Timothy Hollowell, Hellen Tynan, Vincent Daley, Mr. & Mrs. O'Neill, Al Kropp, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Reardon, Bob Bittner, Kathleen Bittner, Jack Mc Greevy, Dr. Irving Pitman, and Kenneth Stock.

BINGO

Earl Brock the Bingo chairman has officially announced that Bingo will start on Tuesday, June 1st. If you would like to volunteer to help out with Bingo and join the team then please call Earl at 516-901-3228

2021 QUEEN OF HEARTS GAME

UPDATE: The Founders Oysters farms will be at the Legion bar selling Oysters April 9th, 24th and May 7th and 21st. We will be drawing twice a month now with the April drawings occurring on April 9th and 30th.

The Queen of Hearts game is back and running and available to the public. Jan Powers is the chairman and the game consist of 52 shuffled playing cards plus two jokers. Each card is randomly sealed inside an envelope that is numbered from 1 to 54 and displayed in the locked glass class as shown in the picture below. Players write one of these numbers from the unopened envelopes on each of their Queen of Hearts tickets (\$10.00 for 3 tickets). Due to COVID-19 we will conduct a drawing at the Legion bar once per month. Please refer to our annual calendar for exact dates.

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★ ★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★ ★

SICK CALL

Our dear friend and comrade **Jose Perez** suffered a recent fall and as a result will be in the St. Charles Hospital Rehab unit for a few weeks. Please remember him in your prayers. If you would like to send a card his address is St. Charles Hospital, 200 Belle Terre Rd., Port Jefferson, NY 11777, Room 461-1.

Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplin*
Home: 631.765.6077
Cell: 631.456.3258

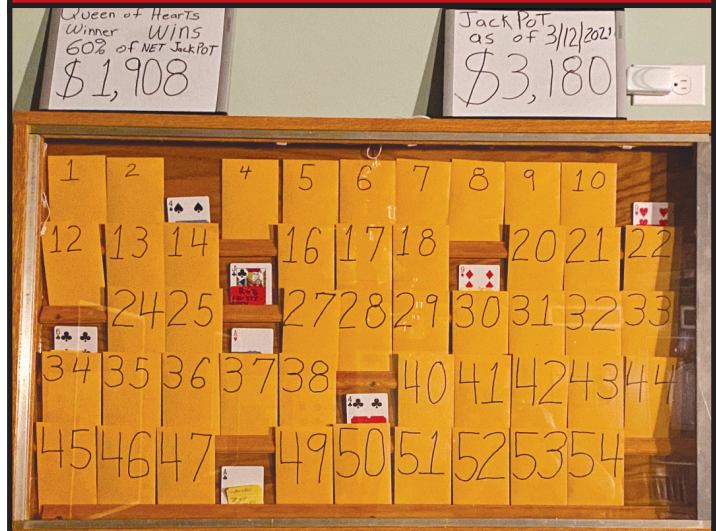
"God often speaks to us through our children, the poor and the afflicted." - Source unknown

Commander's Report Continued

We will post each drawing in the Reporter too. A ticket will be drawn randomly from a large see through bin and the envelope that corresponds with the number on that ticket will be opened to reveal the card inside. If the Queen of Hearts card is chosen the ticket holder wins 60% of the jackpot for that drawing. If the Queen of Hearts is not chosen, the game continues until the following month and the funds roll over into the next drawing and more tickets will be sold building up the pot. All the official rules will be posted in the Legion bar and the card display case and tumbler are located in the bar and locked until the drawing.

For God and Country,
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Charles J. Sanders,
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To purchase tickets please contact Jan Powers
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★★ HISTORIAN ★★

WHAT IS THE "RIGHT WAY" TO VIEW UNITED STATES HISTORY?

Should the History of the United States be viewed through the filter of oppressor or liberator? Is the History of the United States a story of evil imperialism or self-determinism and rugged individualism? How one chooses to examine United States history says a lot about how one chooses to live in the United States today.

Do you defend the Constitution or do you strive to destroy the Constitution and replace it with another document? As a Veteran that has spent his adult life defending the Constitution, I view the history of the United States panoramically in scope coupled with a particular view of human nature. When I say panoramically, I mean viewing United States history alongside the history of humankind as a whole. When I say a particular view of human nature I'm appealing to the view that humans are fallen creatures that require some form of "law/government/organization" to check the selfish impulses that permeate its nature.

To keep it simple I view humans similarly to a pack of undomesticated dogs versus a pack of domesticated dogs. It does not take a lot of effort to see the drastic difference between the two. Dogs living unchecked lives behave differently than dogs that have been "tamed" by their human master. Humans for as long as history has been recorded have lived under various systems of government/organization and the results of these governments/organizations produce certain effects on humans. These effects can be viewed as positive or negative depending again on one's point of view.

It is my view that the History of the United states if viewed broadly in comparison to other histories of humankind is one that results in more positive effects on humanity than negative effects. If one chooses only to focus on certain points in United States History and judge it only from those points, then a negative conclusion is easily obtained. Similarly, if one is to judge one's neighbor only by the moment he or she was observed drinking too much and attempting a double backflip in the pool then the conclusion of uncoordinated and immature will stick broadly forever. However, if that neighbor in the future happens to become an Olympic diver one's initial judgment may require adjustment if a more accurate description is to be obtained.

There is a very negative point of view that is permeating its way into our culture today. This negative point of view is similarly held by the one that chooses to judge the entire life of his or her neighbor by the observed drunk dive versus the Olympic dive made later in life. How easy is it to hold in one's memory that negative observation of others versus the hard detective work of a good journalist that investigates the broad history of the subject of an article?

Over the next few months we as a Post will explore some of the amazing events that took place to give rise to the United States. Some of these events are drunk diving while others are as noble as the perfect entrance into the pool from a high-diving Olympian.

★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

Spring is here — the season of rebirth and hope! Many of us have been vaccinated and the opportunity for everyone to get a shot is increasing with time. As we all go through this pandemic we have learned how important it is to wake up every morning grateful for the gift of today! May God bless all of us celebrating Easter this week and those observers of Passover last week as we share in God's love for us all.

Linda and her committee are busy working on our "Encourage-mint" project. Teachers throughout our town will be receiving packets of mints with an encouraging message of appreciation for all their efforts and hard work during the past year. We hope to branch out to other groups with "encourage-mints" for them as well. We choose a path of positivity in these difficult times!

We plan to hold our Summer Fair/Yard Sale this year on Saturday July 11th. We are still hammering out the details. Mark your calendars now in anticipation of a great event!

Our organization pledges to uphold the Constitution of the United States. We should all familiarize ourselves with the words the founders of our country labored over so intensely to produce a document agreeable to all. We should understand the functions of the three branches of government- Executive, Legislative, and Judicial- and share our knowledge of the workings of government with the youth in our lives. The Constitution and its' amendments map out the rights and responsibilities of both states and individuals as we function both individually and as a whole. Education of each new generation is the key to maintaining the balance of power that makes our government work.

At our next meeting we will discuss upcoming spring and summer projects. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday April 14th.

Joan Cochran, President

★ ★ MEMBERSHIP ★ ★



Post Status: We currently have 178/211 (84.3%) paid up members for 2021.

We have 32 Members who need to submit their dues for 2021. If your Membership ID doesn't have 2021 on the top you need to submit your dues for the current year. Due to the COVID situation our fund raising has been adversely affected. Your dues will help the Post meet its financial obligations.

New Members: Are always welcome, Legionnaire's, Ladies Auxiliary, and Sons of the Legion.

Post 803 Membership Requirements: To join Post 803, for Legionnaires you need to submit an American Legion Membership application, a copy of your DD-214 or discharge, and \$50 for annual dues. To send in your 2021 dues (\$50) or your New Member Requirements use Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971.

Thanks for supporting Post 803.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

THE BITTNER STIMULUS CHECK \$100 DONATION DRIVE CHALLENGE

Bob Bittner is challenging every member to donate \$100 out of their stimulus check to help support Post 803!

WILL YOU TAKE THE CHALLENGE?

★ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ★

★★ DR. CHAT ★★

COVID – 19 VACCINE UPDATE FOR NORTHPORT VA MEDICAL CENTER PATIENTS

Northport VA Medical Center is offering the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to enrolled Veterans already receiving care from VA, based on CDC and VA risk criteria. If you're eligible to get a vaccine, your VA health care team will contact you by phone, text message or Secure Message (through MyHealtheVet) to schedule an appointment.

We are contacting Veterans in all locations in an organized manner in accordance with the collaborative Risk Stratification criteria developed by the Centers for Disease Control and the Veterans Health Agency which incorporates both age and significant health concerns (comorbidities) and informing Veterans that Northport VA Medical Center (which includes all of our Community Based Outpatient Clinics) is scheduling vaccination appointments.

Our goal is to vaccinate all Veterans receiving care from us.

Veterans who are not enrolled in VA care, are encouraged to contact VAMC Eligibility Section (631-261-4400, Ext. 2567/2659) to request an application for enrollment.

Veterans may also enroll for care at <https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction>

★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



Spring is here as the pandemic seems to be under control.

"The hope is that draconian government restrictions will end soon and we can resume the American way of life. I have learned that the Southold Memorial Day Parade may take place, confirmation and details to follow. We will keep you informed by newsletter, on Facebook at Griswold Terry Glover Post and web page post803.com.

Keep connected and reach out if you know a veteran that needs assistance.

Stay well and stay informed. I leave you with this quote from General Douglas MacArthur – "No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in it's preservation."

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander

B I N G O

is Back!



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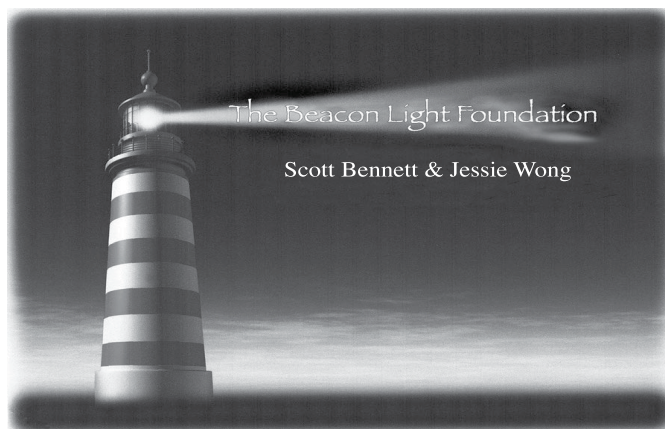
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\$10 for 3 Tickets

You can also purchase tickets by cutting out the coupons below and sending them and a **check made out to American Legion Post 803 Queen of Hearts Raffle** \$10 for 3 tickets or however many you want to purchase.

Send the coupons to Attention: Jan Powers,
American Legion Post 803 P.O. Box 591 Southold, NY 11971.

Jan will fill out your tickets and place in the tumbler for you.
If you choose this option you will not receive a stub for your tickets.

Don't forget to choose your Envelope Number!



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Name _____

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(3 Tickets for Each \$10)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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2021 GOALS

1. Outdoor Sign Installed
2. Fundraising Thermometer Installed
3. Main Hall Painted and Hall Ceiling Tiles Painted
4. Outside Entrance Painted
5. Slate Entrance Steps Repaired or Replaced
6. LED Motion Lights with Cameras Installed Outside
7. Go-Fund-Me Page Established
8. Bilco Door Painted
9. Flag Box Painted
10. Bar Ceiling Painted and Paneling painted or Removed
11. Total of 13 Paid Ads in the Reporter

LONG-TERM GOALS

We will be installing a fundraiser thermometer in front of the post to raise funds for the Legion to address our Long Term Goals.

- Replace Bar Roof
- Replace Main Building Roof
- Renovation of Entire 2nd Floor (excluding the SAL Bar Room).
- Emergency Exit for 2nd Floor
- Bar Makeover
- Bathroom Renovation Male and female Main Hall (Handicap Accessible)
- Bathroom Renovation 2nd Floor SAL Project.
- Inspect and Possibly Reinforce/Repair Foundation if Necessary



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★★ APRIL, MAY & JUNE 2021 ★★

04/09 Fri.	Sons of the Legion Meeting: Bar 6PM • Meeting 6:30PM
04/09 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing
04/13 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM
04/14 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
04/30 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing
05/11 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM
05/12 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
05/14 Fri.	Sons of the Legion Meeting: Bar 6PM • Meeting 6:30PM
05/14 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing
05/28 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing
05/31 Mon.	Memorial Day Parade: Southold Post this Year
06/08 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM
06/09 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
06/11 Fri.	Sons of the Legion Meeting: Bar 6PM • Meeting 6:30PM
06/11 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing
06/25 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing



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Commander - Charles J. Sanders
1st Vice Commander - Jeff Chagnon
2nd Vice Commander - Jose Perez
Past Commander - Earl Brock
Adjutant - David DeFriest
Finance Officer - Mort Kelly
Finance Assistant - Raymond Terry
Sergeant at Arms - Neil Rochford
Chaplain - Jeff Chagnon
Post Historian - Charles J. Sanders
Membership Chair - Bob Cochran

★★ SAL OFFICERS ★★

Commander - Gary Iorio
1st Vice - Rich Feely
2nd Vice - Michael Anasagasti
Adjutant - Jim Best
Treasurer - Jim Best
Sergeant at Arms - Jonathan Bitner
Chaplain - Daniel Kaelin
Historian - Douglas Kalvns

★★ AUXILIARY OFFICERS ★★

President - Joan Cochran
Vice Pres - Denise Thilberg
Treasurer - Margie Brock
Recording Sec., - Priscilla Devine

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