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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

AUGUST 2023

COMMANDER'S REPORT



My Fellow Legionnaires and Friends of the Legion,

The summer months are upon us and actually half over already. We are now in August and it seems as though time passes us by rather quickly. I've been in the position of Commander for eight months already. It seems to be relatively smooth sailing, thanks to all the members and the community for their support.

We still need someone to fill the position of Adjutant here at Post 803.

We are looking to secure a volunteer or two to share the responsibility of running the Queen of Hearts Drawing.

One Hundred years (100) a full Century, what a tremendous milestone the Alvah Goldsmith family has accomplished by actively owning and operating Goldsmith's Boat Shop in Southold. I wanted to give a shout out to Skip, Betty, Craig, and Glenn Goldsmith and their family, Congratulations!

Last month, the July 4th Parade went off very well, special thanks to Joan Tyrer and Carol Scott for their tireless dedication to taking charge of this parade every year for many years. The weather held and there were many spectators to observe the line of march. Also in the month of July the Legion Auxiliary held their annual Summer Fair. Because of early morning inclement weather, most of the vendors set up inside the Legion Hall and only a few set up outside. The weather did, however, clear and it was a successful event. Thank you to all who participated. I would like to express our gratitude to the Southold Town Highway Department for setting up the snow fence to enclose the perimeter of our outside fairgrounds area, and for the refuse containers.

Our 9th annual Car Show is scheduled for; Sunday, August 27th 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Rain or Shine. For more information call 631-466-2527 or msvater69@aol.com.

The Walk 4 Valor will take place on Saturday, September 23rd at 8:00 AM. Starting point is American Legion on the Main Road in Southold to Orient Fire Dept and Finishing at the Southold Fire Dept. The Walk for Valor will raise awareness and funding for measures to help reduce Veterans suicide and support the education of military families.

Our final upcoming fund-raising event for Post 803 for this calendar year will be our annual Chicken BBQ. It is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 30th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Legion. Take out will be available. As usual, volunteers to help out are needed.

The Queen of Hearts raffle now has a jackpot prize for the winner of just over \$5,000 with 6 cards including the Queen of Hearts remaining in play as of July 24th. Good luck to all those who participate.

I hope everyone is having a leisurely and enjoyable summer. Stay well and be safe.

Signing off for now.

Best wishes to all, for God and Country,

David E. DeFriest,

Post 803 Commander

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♥ ♥ ♥ 2023 QUEEN OF HEARTS GAME ♥ ♥ ♥

As the current Queen of Hearts dwindles in the quest to find the Queen... There is good news to follow.

Once the current Queen of Hearts raffle concludes I will be taking a 6-week break. During the 6 week break I will be revising and working on new updates for the Queen of Hearts raffle. I will be asking advice from Dave DeFriest, Earl Brock and a few other people during the process of updating.

Updates that will be done...

- Higher prize money for each card other than the Queen of Hearts which will remain at the 60/40 split.
- Frequency of the drawings will change but will be keeping the same number of cards drawn.

Those two updates will be done but others may be added as I talk with other members of the Legion.

I am looking for a few people to conduct some weekly drawings. My hope is that anyone that helps will only have to do a weekly drawing once per month. I hope to see you at the remaining drawings of the current Queen.

Thank You to everyone that has contributed to helping and supporting The American Legion Post 803!

See Ya Friday, Jan Powers



★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



Post Status: We currently have **190/207 (91.8%)** paid up members for 2023. As of the 1 July the Department of N.Y. has started processing membership renewals for the year 2024. We currently have 44/180 (24.4%) paid up members for 2024. Our number of members on the Dept. of N.Y. database has dropped from 207 to 180, partially due to members passing on and partially due to several years of unpaid dues. It is important to pay your dues in the first half of the membership year, July through Dec. I can only update the database for the 2024 membership year. Payment of dues for previous years including 2023 require paperwork submitted to Troy for database updates. All is well, carry on.

New Members are welcome: To contact the Post, use P.O. Box 591, Attn. Membership, [Legion Auxiliary Attn: Donna St Pierre, Sons of Legion Attn: Gary Iorio

Post 803 Legionnaire 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. All membership correspondence should be sent to Post 803, Attn. Membership, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971.

Thanks for your support of Post 803.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



Keep informed of all the Legion events printed in our newsletter, Facebook page "Southold American Legion - Griswold Terry Glover Post 803" or website Post803.com. If you haven't been to the beautiful new bar come on down any Friday at 6:30pm. Check out the bar makeover, it's air conditioned and the prices are a bargain.

The August 27th Car show at the Legion is always a favorite. I leave you with a quote from President Theodore Roosevelt.

"I am an American, free born and free bred, where I acknowledge no man as my superior, except for his own worth, or as my inferior, except for his own demerit."

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander

★★ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ★★

PRAYER FOR THE SICK *O God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them feel the healing power of Your love. Amen.*

In our thoughts and prayers are John King and Henry Santacroce Sr.

Special thanks to our Color Guard members Paul Kraehling, Dave Chiaro, Gary Iorio and Joe Best who led the Fourth of July parade in full gear on a very hot day.

Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplain* • 631.456.3258

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Romans 15:13



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2023**

JOIN NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER MAJOR CHARLES J. SANDERS FOR 22-MILES OR CHOOSE SEGMENTS OF THE ROUTE TO WALK.

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All net proceeds support scholarships for military families and initiatives that assist veterans in crisis. Through an alliance with Mission Roll Call, we help advocate for policies that help reverse the trend of veteran suicide in America.

Join us and help create awareness for this tragedy.

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Post-9/11 Combat Veterans, Don't Miss this Special Health Care Enrollment Period

The one-year special health care enrollment period for post-9/11 combat Veterans began October 1, 2022.

You may already know the PACT Act expands health care eligibility for many Veterans. One group that may be eligible for expanded benefits are post-9/11 Veterans. A one-year special health care enrollment period for post-9/11 combat Veterans began on October 1, 2022. Help spread the word before the special enrollment period ends.

Post-9/11 Veterans health care eligibility

If you meet the requirements below, you can enroll in VA health care before October 1, 2023. To be eligible, one of the following must be true:

- You served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War, **or**
- You served in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998

And both must be true:

- You were discharged or released between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013, **and**
- You haven't enrolled in VA health care before

Post-9/11 Veterans discharged or released on or after October 1, 2013, are not subject to the special enrollment period but can enroll within 10 years of their separation or discharge date. Review more eligibility requirements on VA.gov.

We encourage Veterans to apply, no matter their separation date. Your eligibility depends on your service history and other factors.

By David A Chiaro / keyarrow@hotmail.com

★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

Summer is zipping by - welcome to August! Let's get out and visit the farm stands, wineries and beaches that we are so fortunate to have all around us.

Despite the predictions of stormy weather, our Summer Fair was a success! Thanks go to Priscilla and her hardworking crew. Thanks also go to the businesses all over the North Fork for donating raffle prizes, and to our community and town for their unending support.

The Fourth of July Parade was a wonderful example of enthusiasm for the Red, White, and Blue! Legion members led the parade and the rain held off for the most part. It was heartwarming to see such a great turnout to celebrate our nation's beginning. Let's keep the positivity going!

Next up is the Annual Legion Car Show on Sunday, August 27th. Contact Denise to volunteer at one of our most fun events! Unique cars, music by the Vendettas, and a food truck will be on hand. Car entry fee is \$20, while admission to walk in is free. Donation buckets will be provided and donations are greatly appreciated!

The Walk for Valor, on September 23rd, has numerous options for participation. Starting at the Southold Legion, some walk the entire route of 22 miles to Orient and back. Other options include a virtual walk from anywhere. Our Auxiliary member Dot McGreevy has come up with the idea of doing laps at Jean Cochran Park as a group to accomplish the 22 mile distance.

Register online at WALK4VALOR to join in the walk of your choice. The organization uses the funds to bring awareness to soldier suicide, which has been as high as 22 a day in recent years. They also raise funds for the Bob Feller Act of Valor Foundation's Scholarship Program.

Volunteers are needed for the Legion BBQ on September 30th. Come out to show your support!

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9th, at 7:00PM. Looking forward to seeing all our members!

Joan Cochran, *President*



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A Japanese destroyer rams an American PT (patrol torpedo) boat, No. 109, slicing it in two. The destruction is so massive other American PT boats in the area assume the crew is dead. Two crewmen were, in fact, killed, but 11 survived, including Lt. John F. Kennedy. Who would later become the 35th President of the United States.

Bob Bittner, Military History



— 2023 GOALS —

1. Volunteer member to step up to fill the position of Adjutant vacated by Dave DeFriest to record the minutes of our monthly business meetings.
2. ~~Volunteer to take Department of Health Food Certificate Course~~
3. ~~Bar Face Lift: Project Manager is Dave Chiara~~
4. Look Into New Legion Hall Ceiling: Project Manager Joe St. Pierre
5. Look Into Fire Alarm System: Project Manager Joe St. Pierre
6. Gather List of Emails of all Members and Friends of the Legion: Project Manager is Jeff Chagnon
7. Create a handicap parking area for two automobiles next to the handicap ramp.

— LONG-TERM GOALS —

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 9/11 Memorial Tree Pavers 2. Renovation of 2nd Floor 3. Emergency Exit for 2nd Floor 4. Bar Makeover 5. Bathrooms Renovation (Handicap Accessible) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Basement Walls Coating for Brick Deterioration Mitigation 7. Pavilion 8. Exterior of Post Painted/Stained 9. Renovation of Second Floor Bathroom and Rooms |
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VOLUNTEER CORNER

CAR SHOW

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QUEEN OF HEARTS

We need volunteers if we are going to continue holding our Queen of Hearts drawing on a weekly basis. Jan Powers will be stepping down once the Queen of Hearts is drawn. Two to three people would be ideal so we can have back up when one person is not available.



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08/04 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and QOH Drawing at 8PM
08/08 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:00PM
08/09 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting 7PM
08/11 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and QOH Drawing at 8PM
08/18 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and QOH Drawing at 8PM
08/25 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and QOH Drawing at 8PM
08/25 Fri.	Car Show Setup 6PM
08/27 Sun.	Annual Car Show: 9AM-3PM
09/01 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and QOH Drawing at 8PM
09/08 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and QOH Drawing at 8PM
09/11 Mon.	Patriot's Day NEVER FORGET!
09/12 Tues	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7PM
09/13 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting 7PM
09/15 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and QOH Drawing at 8PM
09/22 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and QOH Drawing at 8PM
09/23 Sat.	Walk For Valor
09/29 Fri.	Chicken BBQ Setup 6PM
09/29 Fri.	Bar is open 6:30PM and QOH Drawing at 8PM
09/30 Sat.	Annual Chicken BBQ: 4PM-7PM Takeout is available!



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