



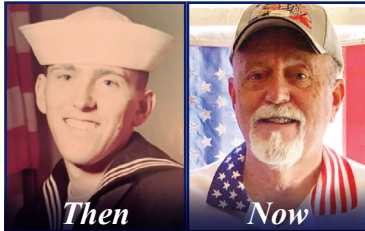
THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

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FEBRUARY 2023

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Greetings fellow Legionnaires and Friends of the Legion:

As the next person to assume the role of Commander for Post 803 I would like to thank all the members for their support and having confidence in me to take command. I look forward to continuing to carry on with enthusiasm and maintain the goals, projects, fund raising efforts, and prosperous financial standing in the same manner that my predecessor's;



Commander Charles Sanders, and Past Commander Earl Brock have done during their term as Commander. I would like to commend Charles and Earl for their outstanding leadership and contributions to our Post. They both exemplified and strove to promote the four pillars of the American Legion, which I shall also promote within our organization and community. The bar has been set high and it will certainly be a tough row to hoe in assuming the office of Commander and trying to fill Charles' and Earl's shoes.

We have been renovating the bar recently, brightening it up, making it more esthetically pleasing with warmer ambiance. I want to thank all the members who have volunteered and worked tirelessly together to get the results they have obtained. It looks great, an outstanding job. Dave Chiaro has been our project manager and has done a great deal of work; painting, cleaning, and whatever had to be done. Gary Iorio has devoted a great amount of time and effort prepping and wielding the roller and paint brush. Chris Salmon has done all the carpentry work. Bill Salmon has worked on refinishing the bar top. Bob Cochran, Greg Schlachter, and Ty Cochran also worked on the bar top refinishing. Brian Keller has been our electrician and a painter on this project removing old light fixtures and installing the new light fixtures. Jamie & Tina Ginas and Ty Cochran washed all the bar glassware. If it was not for Denise Thilberg and Joan Cochran and the Ladies Auxiliary we would not have the new light fixtures. We owe them a debt of gratitude for purchasing all the fixtures and the hooks under the lighted bar top to hang ladies pocketbooks & purses. We have a few pictures inserted in this month's reporter. Thank you all so very much! I hope I did not overlook anyone who assisted with this project. If I did, I apologize.

As we go forward in this first quarter of 2023, I want to mention the two upcoming events we have scheduled. The first one is the Daytona 500 Party on February 19th. We need volunteers to set up for this event on Friday evening, February 17th at 6 PM at the Legion. Contact Joan Cochran (joanec@optonline.net) or Denise Thilberg (msvater69@aol.com) for more info. And on March 18th we have scheduled the St Patrick's Day Dinner. We will be needing volunteers to set up Friday March 17th 6PM meet at the Legion Bar. Contact Earl Brock for further info with regards to the dinner at 516-901-3228.

Thank you for your support and participation, it is appreciated.

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Sincerely,

David E. DeFriest

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2023 Queen of Hearts Game

The Queen is still on the board. Please support this last QOH fundraiser as this will be the last QOH board after this queen is revealed. Good luck to all!!



If you want to purchase tickets, please contact Jan Powers 914.213.8467 or email GalaxyFCC@gmail.com.

★★ BAR RENOVATION ★★ THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!



★★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★★

February has arrived and we are one month closer to spring! But before we get there don't forget the Legion's Annual Daytona 500 Party, on Sunday February 19th from 1:30PM to 6:00PM. Come down and enjoy snacks, hot dogs, and hero sandwiches while watching the race on our 3 TVs.

The Auxiliary congratulates our new Commander, Dave DeFriest. Best wishes for success with your new assignment! We look forward to supporting you and the American Legion as we continue our mission.

The Legion Bar makeover is amazing! The Legion members, Sons, and Auxiliary worked together to improve the space without losing its character. Thanks go to all who spent so much time and effort completing the new look!

The calendar listed in the January Reporter needs a correction. The date for the Summer Fair should be Saturday July 15th, with set-up on Friday July 14th. We also do not hold a meeting in February. Mark your calendars for our next meeting on Wednesday, March 8th. I look forward to seeing you at the Daytona Party!

Joan Cochran, *President*

★ ★ HISTORIAN ★ ★

On February 23, 1945, during the battle for Iwo Jima, U.S. Marines raised a flag atop Mount Suribachi. It was taken down, and a second flag was raised. Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal captured this second flag-raising. The task for doing this fell to the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine divisions, the Army's 147th Infantry Regiment and the Navy's 5th Fleet.

Bob Bitner, *Guest Columnist*



★ ★ MEMBERSHIP ★ ★



Post Status: We are in our second month of 2023 and we have currently have **152/195 (78%)** paid up members. We need 43 members to check and see if they have a 2023 membership card. If you are still carrying a 2022 card please send in your dues for this year. If you are one of the 17 who need to submit for 2022, you still can. We are at **188/205 (91.7%)** paid up members for 2022. If you have paid your dues, please ignore the renewal notices from Indianapolis. If you are not sure about your status leave a phone message at the number listed below.

New Members are welcome: To contact the Post, use P.O. Box 591, Attn. Membership, |Ladies 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.

If you play **BINGO** come by the Post on Tuesdays at 12 Noon.

Thanks for supporting Post 803.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

★ ★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★ ★



On January 1st Dave Chiaro and I started the Legion bar makeover. Backed with funds from the Ladies Auxiliary, we jumped right into the project and before long many Legion members jumped in to assist. The project became a real team effort by some very talented folks. As this goes to print the new bar is now up and running. Stop in any Friday evening, take a look at the beautiful bright, light, and modern bar, and reconnect with the Legion. 2023 dues are in order and if you haven't paid- send a check for \$25 to the Post attn: SAL or just see me.

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander

★ ★ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ★ ★

Special Thank you to all the men on our funeral detail who attended the Celebration of Life Service for Irving G. Pitman which was held at the Cutchogue Presbyterian Church. I always enjoy a visit to a church I have never been to before. When I walk in I can feel the peace and love which is in the hearts of the people who worship there. That sense was especially strong for Irving's Memorial Service which was well attended by his family and friends. The luncheon afterwards at the American Legion Post was a great success with many heartfelt moments of remembrance and an excellent meal. Irving will be dearly missed. Kathleen P. Kelly who is the wife of Mort Kelly, passed on January 10th at the age of 75. On behalf of The American Legion, I offer our heartfelt condolences to Mort and his family for their loss. May her Soul rest in peace. Special thank you to Earl Brock, Bob DeVito, Neil Rockford, Charles Sanders and Dave DeFriest who volunteered to be pallbearers at Kathleen's funeral.

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 Carl Deliteris, Henry Santacrocce Sr. And John King. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God." - Matthew 5:9

Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplin* • 631.456.3258



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RETIRED VA PHONE NUMBER PUTTING VETERANS’ INFORMATION AT RISK

The Department of Veterans Affairs established 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411) in 2020 to help Veterans, their family members, caregivers, and survivors understand and access the broad spectrum of VA benefits and services.

VA’s previous information number, 1-844-MyVA311, was retired at that time. Since that transition, MyVA311 has been repurposed by a non-federal entity claiming to be a medical equipment provider. Veterans may try to call VA using the MyVA311 number and unintentionally divulge personal information.

It is imperative that Veterans are informed that 1-800-MyVA411 is the appropriate number to call for information about:

- COVID-19 updates
- Health care eligibility and enrollment
- VA benefits, such as disability, compensation and pension, education programs, caregiver support, insurance, home loans, and burial headstones and markers among others
- The nearest VA medical centers, benefits offices or cemeteries to Veterans, VA Medical Center operational updates and connection to VA Medical Center operators
- Directory assistance and technical support for www.VA.gov
- Debt and payment options

— 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 Chiaro~~
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

— LONG-TERM GOALS —

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)
6. Basement Walls Coating for Brick Deterioration Mitigation
7. Pavilion
8. Exterior of Post Painted/Stained



BOB BITTNER URGENTLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE GOLF FUNDRAISER!

Monday June 12th. Past volunteers please confirm with Bob.

We need your help! All members (including S.A.L. or Auxiliary) can apply. Volunteers are needed to run additional games of chance on the course, seek sponsorship from the community, sell raffle tickets prior to the event, brainstorm on making the event better, run the grill on the course. The more volunteers the easier the task.

This event provides the Post with revenue to hand out scholarships to our high schools, send students to Boys and Girls State, help other Veteran organizations and keep the Post sustainable. Email Bob Bittner at ctt3@optonline.net or call 631.680.6244.



SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH 2023

Bar Opens at 6:30 PM • Dinner at 7:30 PM

\$20 per person • RSVP by March 12th

THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

CONTACT EARL BROCK AT 516.901.3228.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

to help set up the event on Friday March 17th, 6 pm, meet at the bar.

*We also need help with collecting admission,
running the 50/50 and with the buffet line!*



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★ ★ FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023 ★ ★

02/03 Fri. Bar is Open 6:30PM
and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM

02/07 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:00PM

02/10 Fri. Bar is Open 6:30PM
and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM

02/17 Fri. Daytona 500 Party Set-Up 6pm

02/17 Fri. Bar is Open 6:30PM
and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM

02/19 Sun. Daytona 500 Party 1:30PM - 6PM

02/24 Fri. Bar is Open 6:30PM
and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM

03/07 Tues. Initial Golf Outing Meeting 6PM

03/08 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

03/12 Sun. RSVP deadline for St Patricks Dinner
RSVP to Earl Brock

03/14 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:00PM

03/17 Fri. St. Patricks Dinner Set-Up 6pm

03/18 Sat. St Patricks Day Dinner
6:30pm • Dinner 7:30pm



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Commander - Dave DeFriest
1st Vice Commander - Jeff Chagnon
2nd Vice Commander - Vacant
Past Commander - Earl Brock
Adjutant - TBD
Finance Officer - Jim Cowan
1st Finance Assistant - Mort Kelly
2nd Finance Assistant - Raymond Terry
Sergeant at Arms - Neil Rochford
Chaplain - Jeff Chagnon
Post Historian - TBD
Membership Chair - Bob Cochran

★ ★ SAL OFFICERS ★ ★

Commander - Gary Iorio
1st Vice - Rich Feely
2nd Vice - Michael Anasagasti
Adjutant - Brian Hughes
Treasurer - Brian Hughes
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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