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# THE REPORTER

## GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

JUNE 2022

### ★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

It has been nice to see all the flowers and trees in full bloom. This past winter seemed so long but we have a lot of great activities in store for the Legion. The Summer Sale is around the corner on Saturday, July 9th, the Annual Car Show on Sunday, August 28th, and the Golf Classic on Monday, September 26th. The Flag Day dinner will not be conducted this June but if all goes well, we will try in 2023. As I write this, Memorial Day is just four days away and a lot of great volunteers at the Legion planted the field of poppies to honor the

sacrifices made by so many so that we may be free today. I'm proud to live in this community and I'm proud to be a Legionnaire. Come on out and enjoy our future events and take a look at our goals and see if you can help out with some of them. We have a work project at the Legion on Saturday, June 25th. We will be using the Spring Cleanup 40-hours raffle gifted back to us by Barry and Caitlin O'Connell on that day to accomplish some projects around the Post. Attending this event will be some of the Soldiers that I served with in Afghanistan as we are conducting a reunion that same weekend. Come on down and volunteer with us from 9AM to 2PM.

For God and Country, God Bless,

Charles J. Sanders,

Post 803 Commander

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### 2022 Queen of Hearts Game: THE QUEEN IS BACK!



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please contact Jan Powers 914-213-8467  
or email GalaxyFCC@gmail.com.

### ★ ★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★ ★

**SICK CALL - John T. King** is at home recovering from a stroke and is doing well. I do not have any new information regarding **Henry F. Santacroce**. Please remember both John and Henry in your prayers.

**REST IN PEACE** - Our dear friend and comrade, **Robert "Duane" Horton**, a US Air Force veteran who served during the Korean War passed on May 13th at the age of 91. He was a longtime devoted member of our Post who was fondly known to us as Cuppy. His many contributions include having served as our Post Commander, First Executive Officer, chairman of the Boys State Program, chairman of the scholarship committee, the disposal of retired flags, Color Guard Commander, building maintenance chief and lead man on the chicken barbecue pit crew just to name a few. He will be dearly missed by all of us. The American Legion Wake Service was conducted on May 19th at the DeFriest Grattan Funeral Home. Special thanks to the funeral detail for an outstanding turnout and Earl Brock for his heartfelt eulogy.

**On behalf of The American Legion it is my honor to thank Robert "Duane" Horton for his service to his country, his family and our community. He was a true American hero. God rest his soul.**

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

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**2. How do I receive my military discount?**

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**3. Why do I have to go through a verification process?**

You are submitting a request for access to offers exclusively reserved for the men and women of the United States military. For quality control and to ensure offer exclusivity, we require a quick verification process.

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By David Chiaro,  
keyarrow@hotmail.com

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## ★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



**Post Status:** We currently have **184/206 (89.3%)** paid up members for 2022. We still have 20 members who need to pay their 2022 membership dues. The Post would appreciate those 20 renewals. The Suffolk County American Legion is encouraging all Posts to obtain 100% membership renewal for 2022.

**New Members:** New Members are always welcome to contact the Post, use P.O. Box 591

**Ladies Auxiliary Membership Attention:** Donna St Pierre

**Sons of Legion Membership Attention:** 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. To send in your 2022 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

## ★★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★★

**JUNE IS HERE AND SUMMER IS ON THE WAY! Mark your calendars now for our Summer Fair on Saturday, July 16th. We still have openings for vendors - contact Priscilla at 631-779-3462. We are looking forward to a great summer season!**

We welcomed Eileen Shanahan to our May meeting for a presentation on Warrior Ranch Foundation. Located in Calverton, the ranch combines horse rescues with a therapeutic program which helps veterans and first responders, especially those suffering from PTSD. Equine therapy has been proven to reduce the symptoms of PTSD. Eileen explained that as veterans learn methods to train the horses, they must come to terms with their own inner turmoil. In time both horse and trainer experience a calming and healing effect. It is a very worthy project and we thank Eileen and her associates for sharing it with us. For more information call 631-740-9049.

As always, we thank the community for their support and generosity during our poppy distributions in May, as well as Charlotte and her hard-working poppy committee! We truly live in a wonderful place.

It is with sad hearts that we note the passing of "Cuppy" Horton, and extend sympathy to Ada and all of his loved ones. He will be truly missed by the Legion community.

At this month's meeting on Wednesday, June 8th, along with members of American Legion Auxiliary Mitchell Unit 281 from Shelter Island, we will hold ceremonies for Installation of Officers and Initiation of New Members. We will be joined by representatives from Suffolk County American Legion Auxiliary. These ceremonies are moving and meaningful, stressing the four principles of our organization- Justice, Freedom, Democracy and Loyalty. Part of the Initiation Ceremony states: "Justice is the highest code by which humanity is governed. True Justice makes no distinction of persons and transcends all boundaries of race and creed."

Part of the Mission Statement of the American Legion Auxiliary is to promote patriotism. Our patriotism is rooted in love for our country and respect for all those who have given so much to support and defend it. Rather than downplaying our patriotism as some suggest, let's continue to wave the red, white and blue while promoting Liberty and Justice for all!



*Shannahan from Warrior Ranch*

Joan Cochran, *President*

## ★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



**I hope all our members will have an enjoyable summer.** We have more great events this coming year so please stay connected. As Commander of the Sons of The Legion I want to say thank you to our Post Commander Charles Sanders for keeping us involved in Legion events. While we have many members on the SAL roster, we always need more participation in our many events. So, again come on down and do what you can. To me the Legion Sons is about remembering the service of our fathers and paying tribute to our veterans. Whether you can pitch in a little or a lot please come and join us.

**Next Meeting June 7th. We will meet from 6PM-6:30PM and then joint the Legionnaires at the bar for pizza and drinks.**

Gary Iorio, *SAL Commander*

# VOLUNTEER CORNER

- **URGENT** Need for volunteers to help out with Bingo on Tuesday's starting in March. Earl Brock needs your help from 12-3:30 pm so we can keep Bingo alive. You can text Earl at 516-901-3228 or call the Commander at the Post and leave a message, 631-765-2276.
- ~~We need a new ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) Officer for the Post.~~  
*Thank You Dave Chiaro for Volunteering.*
- We need a **new house-and-grounds member** to help manage projects and keep the Post facility in good working order. If you are good with projects around the house and you like fixing or working on projects then this job is perfect for you.
- Please contact the commander for more information or ask Joe St. Pierre as he has been tirelessly holding this position for years.



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## - 2022 GOALS -

1. Investigation of 2nd Floor Emergency Exit (Internal or External):  
Project Managers are Boy Scout/Girl Scout Leadership
2. Set of Building Plans for the Post to Assist with Future Vision: Project Manager/Architect Needed
3. Outdoor Sign Installed: Project Manager is the Commander
4. Execution of Roof Replacement and Repair: Project Manager Needed (Estimates already complete)
5. Paint Both Exterior Entrances: Project Manager is Boy Scout Leadership
6. Go Fund Me Page/Amazon Smile: Project Manager is Cub Scout Leadership
7. Fundraising Thermometer Installed after project costs developed: Project Manager is Commander
8. ATM for Events: Project Manager is Jan Powers
9. Paint Interior of Main Hall and Entrance: Project Manager Needed
10. ~~New White Boards for Organization: Project Manager Jan Powers~~ Thank You Jan Powers!
11. Fixing the Handicap Signs in Parking Lot: Project Manager is Cub Scout Leadership
12. ~~Major Cleaning of Hall to Include Waxing Floors: Project Manager is Commander~~  
Thank You Southold Cleaners!
13. Investigate the Repair, Replacement and or Exposure of Main Hall Ceiling to Improve Aesthetic of Main Hall: Project Manager Needed
14. Install Picture Molding in Hall to Keep Tape off Walls and Provide Picture Molding Wire:  
Project Manager Needed
15. Install an Automated External Defibrillator: Project Manager Needed
16. Ring Camera and Motion Detection Outdoor Light System Installed: Project Manager is the Commander
17. Investigate and Prepare Plans for Pavilion: (Preliminary Cost Estimate Complete)  
Thank You Jeff Chagnon for volunteering to be Project Manager!
18. Investigate Point of Sale System for Bar: Project Manager is Dave Chiaro
19. Organize Kitchen Cabinets and Re-Stock Salt/Pepper and Other Items for 2022: Project Manager Needed but Will Work with Jan Powers
20. New Reusable Patriotic Table Centerpieces for Events (20 Needed): Project Manager Needed
21. Another Legion Clean Out Event to Keep the Post Clean & Organized: Project Manager is the Commander
22. ~~Department of Health Class Taken and Certification: Thank You Jan Powers!~~
23. New House and Grounds Member Identified to Assist with Overall Maintenance of Facility:  
Will be Trained by Joe St Pierre

## - LONG-TERM GOALS -

1. 9/11 Memorial Tree Pavers
2. Renovation of 2nd Floor
3. Emergency Exit for 2nd Floor
4. Bar Makeover
5. Point of Sale (POS) System for the Bar
6. Bathrooms Renovation (Handicap Accessible)
7. Basement Walls Coating for  
Brick Deterioration Mitigation
8. Pavilion
9. Exterior of Post Painted/Stained

★★ HISTORIAN ★★

— FREEDOM —

We are indeed so blessed to live in America. I'm saddened to watch a negative theme permeate our culture that suggests America is an evil country founded on hypocrisy. My wife and I recently returned from Washington D.C. where we were able to visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture. The museum is beautifully designed and the exhibits are compelling and informative. The museum is an important conveyor of aspects of American History both good and bad. The museum conveys the evils of slavery while simultaneously conveying Americas successes in abolishing slavery and enhancing civil rights for all. One may choose to look at American slavery and use its presence as a way to destroy all that is America but by taking this approach one simply dismisses all that is good about America. Can you imagine if your entire life was judged in that manner? What if you really messed up when you were younger but you learned from that mistake and became a different person? How would it make you feel if those around you strove to cancel you instead of consult and assist you? We live in a developing culture that picks through the past to only use it as a means to say, "See!!! See!!! You are evil and here is the proof!!! If we are to understand the individual and the community that comprise America, we need to widen our aperture and view the larger picture. We need to recognize that the political system designed with a constitution that possessed the flexibility to change actually did change. We live in a country so free that those that possess the most freedom can express how much they hate the institution that provides them that freedom without ever risking one ounce of blood to defend their very words. Why? Because such a person can rely on the countless oceans of blood shed by those that wore and are still wearing the uniforms of our Armed Services. Is America perfect? No! Why? Because it is comprised of imperfect humans that make mistakes but it also comprises those that make mistakes, learn from them and strive to be better. I'm proud to be an American and I'm proud to defend it in words and deeds. As we approach July 4th, please fly your flags proudly and take the time to read the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Refreshing our memories and reflecting back on the early days of this Republic will help all of us realize how free we truly are.

Charles J. Sanders, Post 803, Commander & Historian

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★★ MAY & JUNE 2022 ★★

06/03 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
06/07 Tues.	Golf Committee Meeting: 5:30PM
06/07 Tues.	Sons of the Legion Meeting: 6PM
06/07 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
06/08 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
06/10 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
06/14 Tue.	Flag Day CANCELED
06/17 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
06/24 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
06/25 Sat.	Legion Work Project Day: 9AM-2PM
07/01 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
07/04 Mon.	4th of July Annual Parade in Southold: Muster 11:15AM Parade 12PM
07/08 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
07/09 Sat.	Auxiliary Summer Sale: 8AM to 2PM
07/13 Tues.	Golf Committee Meeting: 5:30PM
07/13 Tues.	Sons of the Legion Meeting: 6PM
07/13 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
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07/22 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
07/29 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM



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**Commander** - Charles J. Sanders  
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**Chaplain** - Jeff Chagnon  
**Post Historian** - Charles J. Sanders  
**Membership Chair** - Bob Cochran

★★ SAL OFFICERS ★★

**Commander** - Gary Iorio  
**1st Vice** - Rich Feely  
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**Chaplain** - Daniel Kaelin  
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★★ AUXILIARY OFFICERS ★★

**President** - Joan Cochran  
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