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# THE REPORTER

## GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

MARCH 2024

### COMMANDER'S REPORT



Greetings fellow Legionnaires and Friends of the Legion,

I'm sure many of you, if not everyone has heard of the phrase, The Ides of March. The Ides of March is the 74th day in the Roman Calendar, corresponding to the 15th of March. It was marked by several religious observances and was a deadline for settling debts in Rome in 44BC. It became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar, which made the Ides of March a turning point in Roman History. So much for your history lesson this month.



I don't know what I would report without the help of GOOGLE. Lol!

We passed through the month of February with one or two light snow falls. Hopefully we will get through March with little or no bad weather as well.

During the month of February we held our annual Daytona 500 Party at the Legion. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather in Florida the day of the race, it was postponed until Monday February 19th. The party at the Legion would have been a total bust, if it had not been for the loyal, faithful, devoted people who continue to support our Veterans, our community, and Post 803 American Legion. Thank you to all the people who attended our event that day. I also wish to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who worked to prepare for this event, set up, pick up supplies, cook in the kitchen, bar tend, sell raffle tickets and any other details that are required to carry out an event like this. There were many. Too many for me to list. Not wishing to overlook someone I thank each and every one of you.

I have said it before, and I will continue to say this; it is the support and volunteering of my members, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion and our community that makes my job pleasurable and rewarding.

Our scheduled events for the month of March include a Dance Party with DJ Phil on Saturday March 2nd from 7 to 10 PM. See the Southold American Legion Facebook page for more details. Also this month on March 16th we are hosting our Annual St Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance. Bar opens at 6 PM, traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, buffet style 7 PM. Music provided by Studio G. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Contact Earl Brock at 516-901-3228 for more information and to reserve your tickets for this event.

Another brief History lesson. St Patrick's Day or the Feast of St Patrick, is a religious and cultural holiday held on March 17th, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland. The legends say that the leprechauns kept their gold hidden, and if humans were to catch the leprechaun, the human could force him to reveal where he hides his pot of gold. Of course, the leprechaun always vanishes before revealing their hiding spot, but the legend continues to be shared through the generations.

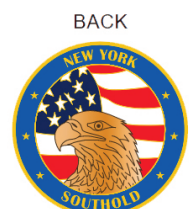


We have received delivery of our newly designed and fabricated Post 803 Challenge Coin. I must say, the design, which was undertaken by Bob and Dave and the results turned out remarkably Awesome! The coins are available from Commander Dave or Bob Cochran at a cost of \$5.00 for an American Legion member and \$7.00 for non-members. Contact Dave or Bob via Post 803 email or leave a message on voicemail at our phone, 631-765-2276 if you are interested in obtaining a coin.

That's all I have to report for this month. Have a Sparkling Day and a peaceful and enjoyable Spring and Summer!

For God and Country, God Bless

David E. DeFriest, *Post 803 Commander*  
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American Legion Post 803 Coin



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As I write this month's column, I am reminded that we owe our freedom to all our veterans who have fought for the preservation of the United States Constitution. Today marks the "79th Anniversary of one of the most legendary events in the long, heroic, and storied history of the US Marine Corps. The raising of the flag on Mount Suribachi, on the pacific island of Iwo Jima, during WWII." As a Son of the American Legion I am most proud of my ancestors who both served and died in military service. Perhaps people today need to refocus on that one document that is holding us together in these trying times. The Constitution.

After the surprise attack of Pearl Harbor by Japanese forces our Naval forces were weakened and the Pacific became a strategic location to protect and defend the west coast of the United States. The battle of Iwo Jima lasted over a month. Think you had a bad day? Consider over 7,000 US Marines killed in action and over 20,000 US casualties. Freedom is never free. God Bless the United States Military and all our veterans.

"One Flag One Land One Heart One Nation Evermore"

Remember there is but one National Anthem.

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander



**March 1, 2003** USCG merges into Dept of Homeland Security

**March 6, 1836** - Fort Alamo fell to Mexican troops led by General Santa Anna. The Mexicans had begun the siege of the Texas fort on February 23rd, ending it with the killing of the last defender. "Remember the Alamo" became a rallying cry for Texans who went on to defeat Santa Anna in the Battle of San Jacinto in April.

**March 17, 1776** - Early in the American Revolutionary War the British completed their evacuation of Boston following a successful siege conducted by Patriots. The event is still commemorated in Boston as Evacuation Day.

**Vietnam Veterans Day – March 29th.** A day set aside to remember and honor all those who served during the Vietnam War.

Bob Bittner

★★ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ★★

**SICK CALL - Henry Santacroce** is at home where he is being cared for by his family. Please remember him in your prayers.

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**Contact Bob Bittner  
[navyjan70@gmail.com](mailto:navyjan70@gmail.com)  
or 631.680.6244**

★ ★ MEMBERSHIP ★ ★



**Post Status:** We currently have 160/184 (87%) paid up members for 2024. For those of you need to acquire your 2024 Membership card please do so. The Department of New York will soon finalize their Post 803 Data Base for the start of Membership year 2025, during the April / May time frame. We would like to have the Post 803 above 95% by that time. Your timely submittals will be appreciated. The American Legion National Convention voted to raise the Membership Dues for 2025. I will keep you informed of new developments.

**Come join us we need new Veterans.**

**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.

Thanks for your support of Post 803.  
Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH 2024**  
**Bar Opens at 6 PM • Dinner at 7 PM**  
**\$60 per person • RSVP by March 10th**  
**Takeouts are Available for \$30 Each**

Traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, catered by Stephen Ammirati of The Catered Fork, served buffet style. Music will be provided by Studio G, a fantastic dance band, playing music from the 60's through the 90's

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 15th at 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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## ★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

This year March is a busy month! On Saturday, March 2nd, enjoy our Dance Party - an opportunity to get out and have some fun with DJ Phil. Tickets are available at [BrownPaperTickets.com](http://BrownPaperTickets.com), and if still available, for \$25 at the door.

Follow up that outing with the Legion Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 16th. The Catered Fork will produce a delicious meal, and dancing will follow to the great music of Studio G. See Earl Brock for tickets.

Our Daytona Party was a little different this year- the race was postponed until the next day! We decided to go ahead and party on Sunday anyway. Many thanks to the Friday night and Sunday volunteers: Sherry and Dave, Denise and Greg, Tina and Jamie, Kay and Mark, Dave and Vickie, Earl, Ty, Carlisle, EJ, Bill, Carol, Marjorie, Janique and Rob, Rose, and Gary. And thank you to all who showed up, bought raffles, and had a great time! We have a wonderful bunch of people who, when presented with lemons, make lemonade!

Put Bingo on your calendars every Tuesday at noon. It's a fun way to support the Legion!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 13th.

Joan Cochran, President



### - 2024 GOALS -

1. ~~Volunteer member to step up to fill the position of Adjutant vacated by Dave DeFries 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
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"> <li>1. 9/11 Memorial Tree Pavers</li> <li>2. Renovation of 2nd Floor</li> <li>3. <del>Bar Makeover</del></li> <li>4. Bathrooms Renovation (Handicap Accessible)</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Basement Walls Coating for Brick Deterioration Mitigation</li> <li>6. Pavilion</li> <li>7. Exterior of Post Painted/Stained</li> <li>8. Renovation of Second Floor Bathroom and Rooms</li> </ol> |
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★★ MARCH & APRIL 2024 EVENTS ★★

03/01 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
03/01 FRI.	DJ DANCE PARTY SET UP 6:00PM
<b>03/02 SAT.</b>	<b>DJ DANCE PARTY 7PM, BAR OPENS 6:30PM</b>
03/08 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
<b>03/10 SUN.</b>	<b>RSVP DEADLINE FOR ST. PATTY'S DINNER RSVP TO EARL BROCK</b>
03/12 TUES.	GOLF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR VOLUNTEERS 5:45PM
03/12 TUES.	EXECUTIVE AND BUSINESS MEETING: BAR 6:00PM, DINNER 6:30PM, MEETING 7:00PM
03/13 WED.	AUXILIARY MEETING: 7PM
03/15 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
03/15 FRI.	ST. PATRICK'S DINNER SET UP 6:00PM
<b>03/16 SAT.</b>	<b>ST. PATRICK'S DINNER BAR OPENS 6:00PM AND DINNER AT 7:00PM</b>
03/22 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
03/29 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
04/05 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
04/09 TUES.	EXECUTIVE AND BUSINESS MEETING: BAR 6:00PM, DINNER 6:30PM, MEETING 7:00PM
04/10 WED.	AUXILIARY MEETING: 7PM
04/12 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
04/19 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
04/26 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM



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