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THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

MAY 2021

★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

We are finally receiving some good weather. It is off and on but it is great to witness the trees and flowers blooming. Speaking of blooming it looks like we will have some beautiful poppies blooming right in front of the Legion because of the wonderful efforts of Sonomi Obinata from KK's farm in Southold and Rose Anasagasti. Thank you for the hard work and improvements to our landscaping. You can see their hard work at the end of this column. I want to also extend a thank you to Linda Ruland for her fantastic idea to honor our



local teachers. I thought it was so funny that I was getting these odd emails through our Post email account thanking us for all the sweets we gave out. I thought to myself, "Ah...we didn't send out any sweets to teachers?" That is correct we Legionnaires didn't send anything out but Linda and the Auxiliary did and I couldn't be prouder. What a great idea given all the craziness our local teachers have endured during Covid-19.

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. Color Guard members please arrive at the Legion by 7AM so that we may prepare to go to each monument before the parade. Please contact Jeff Chagnon if you have any questions 631-456-3258.

BOB BITTNER STIMULUS CHALLENGE DONATION DRIVE is going strong. Thank You for all that have contributed toward this challenge: A few more checks have come in but I have not processed them so if your name is not listed please know I will make sure it is in June. Thank you to the following: 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 May 7th. We will be drawing twice a month now with the May drawing occurring May 14th and May 28th.

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 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

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★ ★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★ ★

SICK CALL

Glad to report that Jose Perez is back among our ranks and feeling much better..

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

(\$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. 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, God Bless,
Charles J. Sanders,
Post 803 Commander
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JACKPOT IS NOW UP TO \$2,346

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



Sonomi Obinata from KK's farm in Southold and Rose Anasagasti working hard planting some beautiful poppies at The Legion.

**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 ★

★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

May is here - the month of Memorial Day Ceremonies, poppies and parades. This year the Memorial Day Parade will be held in Southold. We plan to distribute lapel poppies differently than at past parades. Look for us set up at a table on Memorial Day so we can maintain some social distance. We plan to set out our “poppy garden” once again on the Legion lawn as a solemn reminder of those who gave their all for our country.

Our “Encourage-mint “ project has received much positive feedback. Thanks go to Linda and her helpers for doing a great job!

The pandemic is still with us but things are definitely improving. Many of our members are fully vaccinated and feel more comfortable attending meetings and in person activities. It is a decision for each of us to make, and I encourage you to keep involved to the best of your ability. Remember we have picnic tables on the lawn near the back parking lot of the Legion for those who want to come down on Friday nights but want to stay outside.

Priscilla has volunteered to be chairperson for our Summer Fair/Yard Sale. It will be held on Saturday July 10th. Call Priscilla or let her know at our next meeting that you would like to help!

“Liberty and Justice for All” has been in the news a lot lately. The American Legion Auxiliary supports both justice for all and patriotism. Contrary to popular belief they are not mutually exclusive concepts. Our country is a 245 year work in progress which is not flawless but still attracts people from all over the world who want to share in our liberty. Love of country should inspire us to treat each other equally and justly.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday May 12th at 7:00 pm. I look forward to seeing you all! May is the month for our annual election and this year we again present the same slate of officers. We will also discuss poppy distribution. If you would like to join our group go to post803.com for more information and download our application.

Joan Cochran, President

★ ★ HISTORIAN ★ ★

This issue of the *Reporter* begins our journey to explore various aspects of United States history. On this journey I encourage everyone reading to attempt to avoid the pitfalls of judging the past through a 21st Century lens. I believe the failure of some educators and politicians to do this today is a reason our nation is so polarized. We can't help but to examine and grapple with the past through what we know today and what we have individually experienced throughout our lives; however, they are our lives and not those of the past.

Those living in the past possessed certain knowledge of the world that we do not possess because they were closer to their past events than we are to them today. They have a more focused picture of their past and can interpret and recall their past events more clearly than we can today. For example, a Civil War Soldier's recall of the Battle of Bull Run a year or two after it occurred is clearer than a 21st Century Soldier's attempt to speak of that battle during a historical tour today. On the opposite scale those living in the past also lacked certain knowledge of the world that we possess today. That same Civil War Soldier could not fathom that one day his fellow humans would transcend the battlefield and land on the moon. The possession of knowledge and the lack of knowledge influences how one interprets the meaning of one's life and how one chooses to live out one's life with that knowledge. It is terribly unfair to those of the past to expect them to behave in the past as if they possessed the knowledge we do today.

That reminds me of a scene from an old *Star Trek* episode where Bones and Captain Kirk are on a planet that evolved only to the point of the 20th Century as we know it. My memory is not perfectly clear on this but at one point someone is injured and Bones as the futuristic medical doctor that he is has to attempt to save the person's life using only 20th Century technology. Bones exclaims, “What! Am I a barbarian!” The point being, those of us living in the 21st Century cannot fully fathom the mindset and challenges faced by our fellow humans in the far past. If we are to be fair we might want to tread lightly on our judgments and instead attempt to understand the factors influencing the decisions made by those in the past and then to learn from their triumphs and mistakes so that we may improve ourselves moving forward into the 21st Century. Ridiculing, degrading, and dismissing the actions of those in the past and linking that same ridicule to descendants of the present does little to improve America going forward.

Now that we have set our minds to be open and our desires to seek understanding, we will explore in the next installment the challenges facing the Pilgrims as they struggle to find a safe haven so that they may speak freely of heaven.

★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



Post Status: We currently have 179/207 (86.5%) paid up members for 2021.

This is the time of year the Department of NY starts to finalize the status of all members on the computer printouts used for Membership year 2022. I encourage all members to make sure they have the 2021 membership card. We have 26 Members who need to submit their dues for 2021. I will send out letters to remind those who need to submit their dues for 2021.

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.

Regards to all and thanks for supporting Post 803.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



Hope to see you all at the Memorial Day Parade in Southold.

The Parade kicks off at 11AM on Monday May 31.

Sons of the Legion will meet at 10:30 Main Road and Boisseau Ave. We will stand with our Veterans in honor of those who died for our country. Pass the word to your friends and family around town. Turn out to honor Americas real heroes those that served and never returned.

I leave you with this quote from President Reagan - "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We did not pass it to our children in the blood stream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

Gary Iorio, *SAL Commander*

BINGO

is Back!



**STARTING ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 1st**

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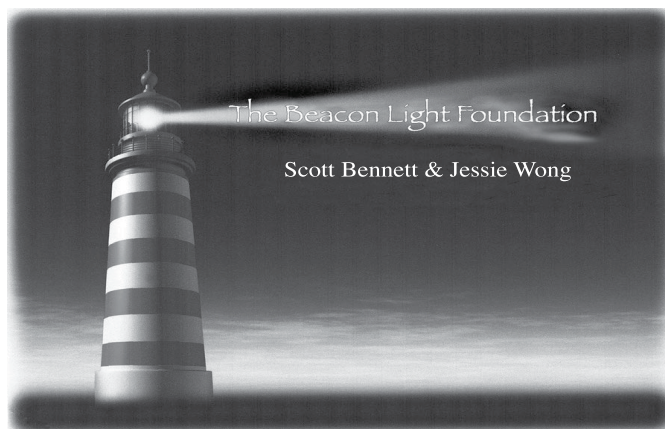
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H.R. 1276 SAVE LIVES ACT COVID 19 VACCINES AT NORTHPORT VA MEDICAL CENTER

The President signed H.R. 1276 "SAVE LIVES Act" into law: SAVE LIVES Act allows VA to soon provide COVID-19 vaccinations to all Veterans, their spouses and caregivers. We now have the honorable opportunity to expand our efforts to vaccinate all honorably discharged Veterans (regardless of eligibility for VA healthcare), Veteran spouses, certain (eligible) caregivers, and overseas Veterans against COVID-19.

Northport is able to provide COVID-19 vaccines based on the new law based on the supplies available. The signing of the SAVE LIVES Act, VA now has legal authority, to expand vaccinations to all Veterans, their caregivers, spouses and CHAMPVA beneficiaries. The SAVE LIVES Act requires VA to prioritize vaccinations of Veterans enrolled in the VA health care system.

Facilities may use local discretion to vaccinate those who qualify under the law if they have adequate supply; at this moment Northport has enough supplies so we continue receiving Veterans in Building 5 as a walk-in from Monday to Friday from 9-2pm.

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>

SOUTHOLD AMERICAN LEGION Queen of Hearts RAFFLE

You can purchase tickets in person by contacting
our Queen of Hearts Chairman Jan Powers
at **914.213.8467** or email **GalaxyFCC@gmail.com**

\$10 for 3 Tickets



Join us for

CRUISE NIGHT

at the Legion on Fridays

5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

**Bring your Classic Car
or just come to View!**

Bar & Refreshments will be Available.



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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★★ MAY & JUNE 2021 ★★

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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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
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