



THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

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COMMANDER'S REPORT



My Fellow Legionnaires and Friends of the Legion,

Spring has sprung. April has brought May flowers. The weather is getting more pleasant. Spring is one of my favorite seasons. It is nice to get outside to enjoy the sun and warmer weather. Take time to smell the roses. Our next major event for the Legion members is the Memorial Day Parade. Our fellow legionnaires at the Mattituck Legion Post 861 will be hosting this event and we will be supporting their efforts. The speech ceremonies will commence at 10:00 AM at the Legion Post on Pike Street. Immediately following the speeches, the parade will step off marching west on Pike Street.



Memorial Day originally called Decoration Day, is a Federal Holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the United States Military Personnel who have died while serving in the U S Armed Forces.

I recommend and request that as many Legionnaires as possible turn out to March in this parade in memory and honor of our fallen comrades. Furthermore, I hope that there will be many spectators in attendance to support our Veterans.

In the month of May, I will be presenting the 2023 NJROTC American Legion awards to six outstanding Cadets at Southold High School. The awards are a certificate, medals, and ribbons for Outstanding Academic/Scholastic and Military achievement.

The Golf Committee, spearheaded by Bob Bittner, has been very busy preparing for this upcoming annual event. All the members on his committee have stepped up to mail out flyers, secure advertisers, recruit donations, sell raffle tickets etc. This should be a very successful fundraising effort. Thank you Bob and all the members of your Golf Committee. Our 30th annual Golf Classic, Scholarship and Post Fundraiser in memory of America's POW/MIA will take place on Monday June 12th 2023 at the Island End Golf & Country Club.

Two of our upcoming events that will take place this summer are: The Legion Auxiliary Summer Fair to be held on July 15th and our Annual Car Show to be held on August 26th. Mark your calendars! Hope to see everyone at those events. More to follow in the coming month's American Legion monthly reporter.

Calm Down, Take time to smell the roses, enjoy the Spring and Summer. Have a peaceful day!

From Command Headquarters

For God and Country, God Bless,

David E. DeFriest

Post 803 Commander

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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!!

Queen of Hearts Winner WINS
 QOH of NET J.R. Post
 \$3,485

Jack Pot
 as of 4/14/2023
 \$5,809

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

★ ★ DOCUMENTARY ★ ★

**The Mattituck Legion Post No. 861 is looking for any servicemen that were deployed to the former Federal Republic of Germany from 1960 through 1990 within 50 Kilometers (30 Miles) of the former 1-Kilometer Zone, or the Iron Curtain, for a documentary hosted by the Mattituck Legion Post.
Contact Rob DeVito - Cell Phone: 1.631.559.2013 or Email: rdevito582@gmail.com**

★ ★ HISTORIAN ★ ★

**Barnabas H Booth House - American Legion
By Amy Folk - Southold Town Historian**

<https://theclio.com/entry/128799>

This striking Italianate house now serves as the home of Southold's American Legion. The structure was built by Barnabas H. Booth who was both an architect and builder. Booth grew up in Southold but left when he was young to embark on a career as a carpenter in Brooklyn. When he returned to the area in 1856, Booth used his carpentry skills a short time later to create his new home in 1861.

In 1861, Barnabas H. Booth purchased the property on bend of the Main Road and Tuckers Lane from a relative and demolished the old house that was there. He then erected the Italianate home that still stands with its imposing tower. In 1903, the building was sold to Oliver Mayo, a civil war vet with the 127th NYSV. Mayo and his wife Julia owned the house until it was sold to Alfred Simon in the 1940s.

Simon soon sold the building and property to the American Legion Post 803 in 1948.

The Southold American Legion Post was formed on August 14, 1922 by twelve local men, and quickly grew to 19 members. It was decided that instead of naming the post after the first local man who died in the war, that it would be named the Griswold-Terry-Glover Post, after the three local men who enlisted, but died in service of the flu during the pandemic.

William Henry Griswold enlisted in the Navy and died at the Newport Training station, June 10, 1917. Milton Reeve Terry entered into the Army and became a Private in the 25th Field Artillery, Supply Company. He died at the base hospital at Camp McClellan Alabama, January 20, 1919. Graham Fredus Glover enlisted in the Navy and was assigned to the USS Minnesota, when he became sick Glover was transferred to a naval hospital in Philadelphia where he passed away January 30, 1919.

Over the years, the structure has been expanded and the interior modified to serve the Legion and the community's needs. Submitted by Mike Burke



Your attendance at the Post is appreciated and Legionnaires are encouraged to attend our monthly meeting. As Veterans we share a bond of service to our country.



Some of us faced our enemy on the front lines, while others served where they were sent. "I was never anywhere so good that it couldn't have been better or anywhere so bad that it couldn't get worse" was the saying.

Well, we are home now, settled in a great part of the country and we are all grateful for that. The Legion was started after World War 1 and our Preamble tells us why. Together we can help lead our community.

The Legion is a volunteer organization trying to teach our posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy. Come on down to the Post meet others who have served and get the feeling of Pride back.

★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



Post Status: We currently have **182/207 (87.9%)** paid up members for 2023. We have about 25 members who need to submit their dues for 2023. If you have paid your dues please ignore the renewal notices from Indianapolis. We would like to introduce a new member to Post 803, Vincent Guastamacchia, who served in the U.S. Army in Germany. Welcome aboard Vinny.

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 ★★



Spring has sprung and Memorial Day will soon be upon us.

The Memorial Day Parade is a great time to get involved and keep patriotism alive while remembering those lost protecting freedom itself. Please join us, this year the parade will be in Mattituck. We will meet and line up Monday 5/29 at 10AM at the Mattituck American Legion. I leave you with this quote from President Reagan "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. 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



★★ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ★★

Rest in Peace - Ronald D. Greaser, a US Army veteran who was a long-time member of our post, passed on April 7th at the age of 69. Ron was the senior member of our Post Color Guard with more than thirty years of service. He loved marching with us and he rarely missed an event. He loved his family, his friends, his community, and his country with all his heart and soul. He was a true American Hero. The American Legion Wake Service was conducted on April 13th at the DeFriest Grattan Funeral Home in Mattituck. Special thanks to the members of our funeral detail who attended. On behalf of The American Legion, I offer my thanks and appreciation to Ronald D. Greaser for his many years of dedicated and honorable service. May his soul rest in peace.

Sick Call - 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 Santacroce Sr. And John King.

There is a lot of great gospel music on the internet by some very well-known country music performers. One of my favorites is How Great Thou Art by Alan Jackson. Give it a try.

Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplin* • 631.456.3258



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★ ★ VETERANS BENEFITS “CORNER” ★ ★

Federal Program Now Makes Many Active-Duty, Vets and Survivors Eligible for Free or Discounted Internet

An updated program from the federal government offers free or discounted internet to many Americans, including many active duty families, veterans and their survivors. The Affordable Connectivity Program “ACP” (www.fcc.gov/acp):

Those eligible for the ACP include those receiving other federal benefits, such as:

- A VA Survivors Pension (also known as Death Pension)
- Supplemental security income (SSI) from Social Security
- Medicaid
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), or food stamps

Persons who have a Lifeline phone can also apply for the program. Others may be eligible as well; for more information, see the ACP website (affordableconnectivity.gov) Even if you aren't eligible under these existing stipulations, you may be eligible for the program if you are eligible for discounted internet from your service provider.

The ACP program will pay up to \$30 monthly directly to the internet provider. The ACP program also provides a one-time discount of up to \$100 to cover the cost of a device to access the internet. This can be a laptop or desktop computer or a tablet computer. It does not include mobile phones, large phones or "phablets" that can make mobile calls. The participant must contribute a portion of the total cost, and the device cannot cost more than \$150.

How to Apply

You can apply at affordableconnectivity.gov but in many cases, it may be easier to contact your local internet provider directly to see whether they participate in the program. The FCC has a list of all internet providers (fcc.gov/affordable-connectivity-program-providers) to assist you in finding a local provider.

Either way you apply, be aware that lots of documentation will be required with your application. You need to show proof of eligibility: either a benefits letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs, or another qualifying agency; proof of address; copies of identification documents and other documentation. If you are applying based on income, you may need to submit copies of tax returns or other documents.

By David A Chiaro
keyarrow@hotmail.com

★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

The solemn month of May is here—a time for remembrance of all those who gave their lives for our country. One way to remember is to wear a lapel poppy. On National Poppy Day, this year Friday May 26th, we will hold our annual Poppy Drive Thru. “Pop Over for a Poppy” between 11:00AM and 5:00PM by entering the front driveway by the Tucker’s Lane entrance. Donna will also be coordinating poppy preparation and distribution at post offices and grocery stores, so give her a call if you would like to help. We will also be participating in Memorial Day Ceremonies and the parade in Mattituck. These are important ways to remember the sacrifices of so many who gave their all for our freedom.



**Friday
May 26th
11am - 5pm**

**Southold American Legion
51655 Main Road, Southold, NY**

Pop Over For a Poppy

We look forward to upcoming events this summer. The Summer Fair will be held on Saturday July 15th. Contact Priscilla for vendor information and to volunteer to help out. The Car Show will be on Sunday, August 27th, and we are always happy to have volunteers from our Legion family!

Auxiliary members are excited to attend Bingo as a group on Tuesday, May 16th. The fun starts at 12 noon!

Our May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10th, at 7:00PM. Our annual elections will take place so please make a special effort to attend. I am looking forward to seeing you all!

Joan Cochran, *President*

— 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 Chiare~~
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 —

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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 |
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**2023
AMERICAN LEGION
CONVENTION**
July 17 – 22
Westchester County
New York

If any member and their spouse would like to attend the **NYS American Legion Convention** please let Commander Dave know and we will try to organize travel plans and to attend.

Furthermore, you can refer to this link:
<https://www.2023alconvention.org/>

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

ON FRIDAY MAY 19TH
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Golf Outing raffles at IGA.

If you want some raffle tickets to sell on your own, please contact
Bob Bittner 631.680.6244

And if you are a Legionnaire, Auxiliary, or Sons of the Legion... remember to put your name as Seller on raffle ticket for a chance to win a \$200 Gift Certificate to Touch of Venice.

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★★ MAY & JUNE 2023 EVENTS ★★

05/05 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
05/09 Tues.	Golf Committee Meeting 6pm
05/09 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7PM • Need to Vote on New Officers
05/10 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
05/05 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
05/12 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
05/19 Fri.	Volunteers needed to sell Golf Outing raffle tickets 4-7PM
05/19 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
05/20 Sat.	Volunteers needed to sell Golf Outing raffle tickets 9AM-NOON
05/26 Fri.	Poppy Drive Thru 11AM-5PM
05/26 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
05/29 Mon.	Southold Memorial Day monument ceremony at Legion 7:30AM, followed by visit to five Veteran's monuments in town
05/29 Mon.	Memorial Day Parade, hosted by Mattituck American Legion. Meet and line up at Mattituck Legion 10 AM
06/02 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
06/09 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
06/12 Mon.	Golf Classic
06/13 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:00PM • Need to Swear in New Officers
06/14 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: Installation of Officers 7PM
06/16 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
06/23 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
06/30 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
06/30 Fri.	Legion Consolidated Reports Due to Suffolk County/State Legion



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★★ LEGION OFFICERS ★★

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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