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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Greetings fellow Legionnaires and Friends of the Legion,

August was a busy month. On August 6th Greg Schlachter and Denise Thilberg had a spectacular wedding that took place outside on the Legion grounds. They had a beautiful day that was attended by many relatives and friends. Congratulations and Best Wishes for a long Happy, Healthy, and Loving Life together. Also during the month of August we had the Legion hall rented out for parties and gatherings throughout the month.



On Sunday, August 27th the Legion Auxiliary held their Annual Car Show. Thank you to Denise Schlachter and E.J. Flynn for their hard work in organizing and carrying out this event. Thank you also to all volunteers, members, and friends of the Legion for working the Car Show event. And if it were not for the people who enter their cars and spectators that attend it would not be such an overwhelming success. Thank you to each and every one of you.

Our Post 803 was represented at the Southold Town Anti-Bias Task Force Annual Community Picnic celebrating Unity and Diversity on August 12th held on the grounds of the Peconic School. In attendance representing Veterans and the American Legion were, Dave DeFriest, O.D.Lingo, Dave Chiaro, and Bob DeVito. The Mattituck Girl Scout Troop 261 and Boy Scout Troop 39 took part in the presenting of colors and the Pledge of Allegiance as well as our Legion Veterans. During the program they held a Salute to Veterans. Each Veteran in attendance at this event stood and introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their time and experience in the Military Service, which concluded in a standing round of applause and Thank You for their service.



I am pleased to inform everyone that we are proceeding with a new area designated for handicap parking which will be located adjacent to the ramp. Thereby, relinquishing two existing handicap parking spots from our general parking area in front of our building. At the same time, making it more conveniently accessible in proximity to the ramp.

I am saddened to report that our website manager, Patty Hocker's sister and wife of Keith Baker of East Marion has passed away. Patty, Keith, and their family are in our thoughts and prayers. We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathies and condolences to them during this difficult time of sorrow.

This month, on Saturday September 23rd the Walk 4 Valor will take place beginning at our American Legion Post 803. You may find more information regarding this event in this issue of the Reporter or by contacting Charles Sanders by calling or texting him at 631.702.3083.

The end of the summer is near; Have No Fear. There will still be plenty to keep you busy. Like, rake leaves, cut firewood, put away your summer clothing and break out your winter clothing, etc. The fall and winter holidays will be just around the corner. I hope you all enjoy them. Stay well and be safe. Be calm and carry on!

Warm regards.

David E. DeFriest,

Post 803 Commander

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★ ★ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ★ ★

I regret to inform everyone that our Chaplain and Vice Commander, Jeff Chagnon's wife, Kathy passed away. We wish to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Jeff and his family during this difficult time of sorrow. Please keep Jeff and his family in your thoughts and prayers. May Kathy's soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

Loving father, this time of loss weighs heavy on our hearts and minds. Our loved ones meant so much to every one of us. We can't help but think of all the times we shared together. We can't help but also think of the times we should still be spending together right now.

This fills us with sadness and regret. Please distract our minds from these negative wonderings and emotions. Help us remember the good times we shared, with our loved one, who has now passed away. Let our memories be filled with good and happy times. Steer our minds into letting our loved one stay alive in our minds by recalling all that she has done for us and others.

Let her legacy be an encouragement to us. May we celebrate the good life our loved ones lived on this earth. And may this inspire us to build our own legacy of goodwill to others.

Amen

★ ★ MEMBERSHIP ★ ★



Post Status: We currently have **190/207 (91.8%)** paid up members for 2023. You can still send in your dues for 2023, please state your check is for 2023. Starting 1 July we have 87/181 (48.1%) paid up members for 2024. It is easier to process your renewals now instead of waiting for 1 January 2024. Once a month I check to see who has paid their dues on-line, then mail out their Membership Cards. We have 6 on-line renewals so far. The paid up for life members (PUFL) have their membership cards mailed to them from the National American Legion at the beginning of the membership year on 1 July. The transition to the automated system to manage membership is still changing and we are keeping up. We welcome a new member to our Post, William Edgett, who served 2 years in Germany with the U.S. Army. Two of Bill's sons joined the Sons of the American Legion. We appreciate your membership; it is important to our Post.

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 ★ ★



As I write the September column, I can't believe 22 years have passed since the 9/11 attacks upon our country. 2,996 people murdered by Islamic terrorist on our homeland. The dead included 71 law enforcement officers, 55 military personnel, 343 of my brother New York City Firefighters, and countless civilians. Our military was sent into action as the Global War on Terrorism spearheaded into Afghanistan and Iraq. Over 7,000 US Military personnel would be lost in the years that followed. In the aftermath of this attack, our country briefly united. It is more important than ever that we never forget September 11, 2001, and the Police Officers, Firefighters and US Military that responded and never returned. "NEVER FORGET"

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander



♥ ♥ ♥ 2023 QUEEN OF HEARTS GAME ♥ ♥ ♥

The Queen has been found and the winner of the prize money was Kyle Steele. I will be taking a 6-week break and during that time I will be revising and working on new updates for the Queen of Hearts raffle. I will be asking advice from Dave DeFriest, Earl Brock and a few other people during this time. Changes to the game...

- Higher prize money for each card other than the Queen of Hearts which will remain at the 60/40 split.
- Frequency of the drawings will change but will be keeping the same number of cards drawn.



There may be other updates as we brainstorm ideas. I am looking for a few people to conduct some weekly drawings. My hope is that anyone that helps will only have to do a weekly drawing once per month. I hope to see you when the new Queen of Hearts raffle starts!

Thank You to everyone that has contributed to helping and supporting The American Legion Post 803!
Jan Powers 914.213.8467 or email galaxyFCC@gmail.com

IT'S NOT THE OLD LEGION BAR ANYMORE.
COME ON DOWN ON FRIDAY NIGHTS AND STEP INTO THE NEW CENTURY.



Before



After

**22 VETERANS A DAY
DIE BY SUICIDE**

**SATURDAY, SEPT 23
2023**

JOIN NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER MAJOR CHARLES J. SANDERS FOR 22-MILES OR CHOOSE SEGMENTS OF THE ROUTE TO WALK.

START AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 803 IN SOUTHOLD AND TRAVERSE ROUTE 25 THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF GREENPORT TO ROUTE 48 STOPPING AT EACH LOCAL FIRE HOUSE AND AMERICAN LEGION TO HONOR THE FALLEN. TURNAROUND AT ORIENT FIRE HOUSE AND END AT THE SOUTHOLD FIRE HOUSE.

WALK4VALOR WILL RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDING FOR MEASURES TO HELP REDUCE VETERAN SUICIDE AND SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF MILITARY FAMILIES.

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All net proceeds support scholarships for military families and initiatives that assist veterans in crisis. Through an alliance with Mission Roll Call, we help advocate for policies that help reverse the trend of veteran suicide in America.

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PACT ACT - WHAT VETERANS' CAREGIVERS SHOULD KNOW

The PACT Act expands VA health care and benefits to Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. This law helps VA provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve. In addition, Veterans enrolled in PACT Act can help advance research, education, and treatment related to toxic exposures. The Caregiver Support Program (CSP) encourages caregivers of Veterans to learn more about PACT Act, including benefits, eligibility, and how to file a claim.

CSP provides comprehensive support for all caregivers of Veterans. Caregivers can tap into our community with resources such as Caregivers FIRST, REACH VA, Peer Support Mentoring, Building Better Caregivers, Monthly Telephone Education Group calls, and more. Visit CSP's website <https://www.caregiver.va.gov/> to learn about the robust resources and clinical services available to Veterans' Caregivers. In addition, every VA facility has a CSP team that provides support and referrals to services. They provide valuable information about resources to help you stay informed and supported as you care for your Veteran. Reach out to your CSP team today. <https://www.caregiver.va.gov/support/>

VA and CSP encourage Veterans and caregivers to explore the supportive tools and programs provided to improve quality of life for you and the Veteran you care for.

By David A Chiaro / keyarrow@hotmail.com

★★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★★

Summer is winding down, but we still have some great activities coming up. On Saturday, September 23rd, the Walk for Valor will take place again, starting at Post 803. There are several options, including the walk to Orient and back, the walk to the Legion in Greenport, and walking laps at Jean Cochran Park in Peconic with Auxiliary members. This event brings awareness to the high rate of suicides among soldiers and veterans and raises funds for scholarships. Go online to WALK4VALOR to sign up for the option of your choice. There is a \$30 registration fee. If you would like to join the Auxiliary walking at the park, sign up for the “Virtual Walk”.

On Sunday, September 24th, the Auxiliary will host “Veteran's Appreciation Day” for members of Post 803, and including Sons of the Legion and Auxiliary members. We will provide the “Nice Buns” food truck and enjoy a light meal together. Be on the lookout for your invitations in the mail.

Congratulations go to Greg and Denise Schlacter, who were married on August 6th at a lovely ceremony at Legion Post 803. They transformed the hall into a “wedding wonderland”. Those of you planning weddings, take note. The Legion is an option often overlooked but can be beautiful and affordable.

The Auxiliary would like to express their condolences to Jeff Chagnon and his family on the passing of his wife Kathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May she Rest in Peace.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13th, at 7:00PM. Hope to see you all there.

Joan Cochran, *President*



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★★ HISTORIAN ★★

- September 1, 1939 Germany invades Poland WW2 begins
- September 2, 1945 V-J Day formal surrender by Japan aboard the USS Missouri
- September 15, 1944 1st Marine Division lands at 0832 on Peleliu in what would be one of the wars most brutal campaigns
- September 15, 1950 Chesty Puller and the 1st Marines make surprise landing at Inchon Korea
- September 15 (3rd Friday in September annually) National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- September 18, 1947 Birth of the US Air Force and Air National Guard

Military History

— 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 Chiara~~
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 —

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
9. Renovation of Second Floor Bathroom and Rooms



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09/01 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM
09/08 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM
09/11 Mon.	Patriot's Day NEVER FORGET!
09/12 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:00PM
09/13 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting 7PM
09/15 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm
09/22 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm
09/23 Sat.	Walk For Valor
09/29 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM
10/06 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM
10/10 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:00PM
10/11 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting 7PM
10/13 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM
10/20 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM
10/27 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM



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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
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