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THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

APRIL 2019

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

I'm excited to report that we are receiving a positive response to our call for the purchase of brass honor or memorial plates to support the purchase of our bar furniture. Get them while the getting is good. Our next major

event for the Legion is the Memorial Day parade on Monday the 27th of May. Our fellow Legionnaires at the Greenport Legion will be hosting this event and we will be supporting their efforts. Keep a look out in our May Reporter for more information on the parade but I encourage all to come out and support a parade that honors the fallen and remembers the sacrifices made by all in all our past and current conflicts. Following our Memorial Day event we flow into the annual Golf Classic on Monday the 17th of June. Shortly you will all receive letters pertaining to the Golf classic so we look forward to seeing you out on the links or at the dinner to follow.

What a wonderful St Patrick's dinner organized by E.J. Flynn and Ron Rossi. I want to especially say thank you to Ron for taking on this task after recovering from such a difficult illness. This was Ron's first event that he volunteered for as a new member and he worked hard to see that it was successful. E. J. Flynn as always knocked it out of the park in the kitchen and his dedication to the Post is motivating. He is always there for the Car Show too and he never expects a thank you. He is a credit to the Post! I want to thank Margie Brock and Earl Brock for helping to fill in the gap of coordination that inevitably occurs when an all-volunteer organization holds an event. I'm amazed that we are all able to pull it off each time we hold one. The Auxiliary did a wonderful job of decorating the hall in good old Irish Green and more. I want to make special mention of the amazing job our kitchen crew did for our February social, Dan Melhado, Al Rava, Bill Egan, Don Insull and everyone else that jumped

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Sick Call Note from Commander

We are all glad to hear that one of our most faithful Legionnaires Don Wagner is recovering well after his surgery. We need to keep him in our prayers as he will be undergoing future operations. Don, you bring a smile to all of us especially when you make us your famous coffee.

Rest In Peace

We are sad to announce the passing of a long time Post 803 Legionnaire Joe Johnson. He passed away in Florida. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

I am running the social for this month. At this time I am not sure of the menu but I promise it will be prepared with lots of love. If you plan to be there please let me know by calling me at 631-456-3258 so that I'll have a head count. Be well and God bless you all.

I am the chairman of a committee which is looking into the purchase of a commercial coffee maker for the post. We would like to purchase a Bunn CRTF5-35 which is an automatic coffee brewer with five warmers. It lists for about 760.00 dollars. The coffee pots are sold separately and would cost about 150.00 dollars. All total about 900.00 to 1,000.00 dollars. If there is anyone out there who would like to make a donation towards this purchase please contact me.



Jeff Chagnon - *Post Chaplin*
Hm. - 631-765-6077
Cell - 631-456-3258



*"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called
children of God."*

- Matthew 5:9

COMMANDER'S REPORT

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up and helped on that day. They kept a disaster from unfolding. What a “madhouse” it turned into. We had RSVPs on the Post machine that came out to approximately 45 or so and we had 80+ people show up at the door to eat. Let’s just say the Good Lord turned some loaves of bread and fish into

enough to feed everyone.

In order for us to avoid another Legion miracle Earl Brock has suggested we add a 2nd phone line to the Post and have all RSVPs for all future events be dedicated to that line. You will see in our next Reporter the new number associated with that RSVP line and we highly suggest everyone RSVP or we may have to turn some away. Do you know what that sounds like? Yep! The kind of problems we want to have at Post 803. We are experiencing overwhelming community support and I thank all of our wonderful volunteers for their efforts. Success is highly likely when an organization lives up to its mission statement and in our case, The Four Pillars of the American Legion drives our success. We live in a time that seems void of values and traditions or at least a time period where our Legion values are under attack. It feels wonderful to know that the Town of Southold and our Post still supports Veteran Affairs, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.

God Bless All of You

Our future is looking bright and our 2018/2019 successes prove that our brilliance is sustained through combined effort!

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Commander*
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TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2019 EXECUTIVE AND BUSINESS MEETING The bar will open at 6:30PM and the meeting will begin at 7:30PM. You don’t have to be a member of the executive board to attend this meeting. This is your opportunity to learn about what the Post is doing and how you may get involved. Food will be served prior to the meeting at 6:30PM.

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2019 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM NOTE! NEW MEETING DATE STARTING IN MAY THE AUXILIARY WILL MEET ON THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH!

TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2019 ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC PLANNING MEETING This meeting is for anyone that would like to volunteer to help with our annual golf classic to be held this year on June 17th. The meeting will start at 6PM at the Post and food will be provided. The Chairman of this meeting is Bob Bitner 631-680-6244 and Co-Chair is Charles Sanders 631-702-3083

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2019 SONS OF THE LEGION MEETING The bar will open at 6PM with food and meeting will begin at 6:30PM

TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2019 DINNER SOCIAL 5:30PM Bar is open and 6:30PM dinner is served so that we may accommodate more members. Please **RSVP to Jeff Chagnon** the Chairman this month 631-456-3258 Cost \$10.00 Volunteers are needed at 4PM to setup for the event so come on down.

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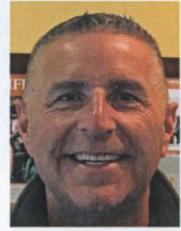
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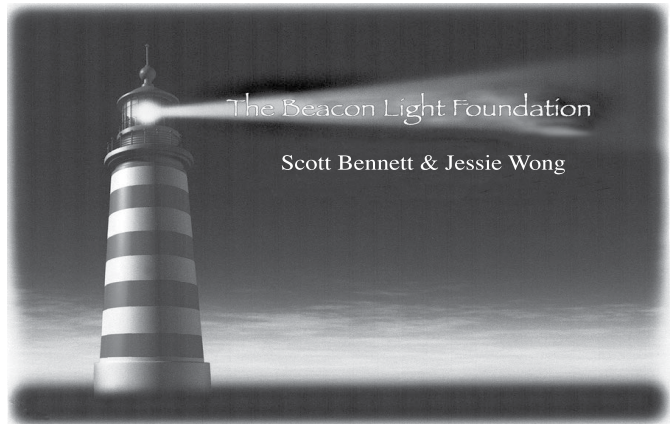
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5:30PM Bar is open and 6:30PM dinner is served
so that we may accommodate more members.

Please RSVP to Jeff Chagnon the Chairman this month 631-456-3258

*Cost \$10.00 Volunteers are needed at 4PM
to setup for the event so come on down.*

Next month we will have a dedicated
RSVP phone line so please RSVP so we
don't have to call upon another bread and
fish miracle.

*We want to say thank you all for the
support and we are very excited for
all the new participants.*



Brass Memory Plates

I would like to purchase a brass plate to help support the purchase of new bar furniture.

This brass plate is:

In honor of _____ or

In memory of _____

I'm including my check for \$100.00.

Sincerely: _____

Please make your check out to American Legion Post 803 and mail to P.O.Box 591 Southold, NY 11971

Golf Classic



Monday, June 17, 2019
Island's End Golf Course

Bob Bittner has volunteered to be this years Golf Classic Chairman.

He is looking for volunteers to be a part of the committee to plan this event.

**2nd Golf Planning Meeting
April 16th at 6PM**

If you would like to volunteer please give him a call 631-680-6244 or call the Post 631-765-2276.



THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, UNIT #803 INVITES
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AND YARD SALE VENDORS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR

1ST ANNUAL SUMMER SALE SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Rain date: July 7th)

ON THE GROUNDS OF AMERICAN LEGION POST #803
MAIN ROAD, SOUTHOLD, LONG ISLAND

OUTSIDE SPACE RENTAL: \$40.00 **SPACE:** 20' x 20'

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INCLUDES TWO 8-FOOT TABLES & chairs)

SET UP TIME: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

FREE Coffee provided to vendors



MEMBERS OF THE LEGION FAMILY, IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED,
PLEASE CONTACT DONNA AT 631-765-8144 or dfsp@optonline.net) OR ANY AUXILIARY MEMBER

HISTORIAN

Easter Eggs for Hitler 1945



Here are some stories from Stephen Ambrose tour website about Easter during WWII. The link for this article is at the end of this column.

The two men in this photograph are Technical Sergeant William E. Thomas and Private First Class Joseph Jackson of the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion, but at the time of the photograph were part of the 969th Artillery Battalion. Scrawling such messages on artillery shells in World War II was one way in which artillery soldiers could humorously express their dislike of the enemy.

The 333rd Field Artillery Battalion suffered tremendous casualties in the early stages of the Battle of the Bulge in late 1944, being overrun on December 17. The survivors ended up in the 969th Artillery Battalion for the rest of the battle, where they provided vital fire support for the 101st Airborne Division during the siege of Bastogne...More at Rare Historical Photos>>

U.S. Soldiers Celebrate Easter Mass on the Italian Front

On Easter Sunday, April 9, 1944, as captured in a Signal Corps radio telephoto, Helmeted American soldiers knelt during Easter morning services on the Italian Front as Father Gregory R. Kennedy of Dubuque, Iowa, said Mass for these men, who had left the safety of their nearby foxholes to attend...More at WWII Museum digital archives>>

The Battle of Okinawa

The Battle of Okinawa was the last major battle of World War II, and one of the bloodiest. On April 1, 1945—Easter Sunday—the Navy's Fifth Fleet and more

than 180,000 U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps troops descended on the Pacific island of Okinawa for a final push towards Japan. The invasion was part of Operation Iceberg, a complex plan to invade and occupy the Ryukyu Islands, including Okinawa, airfields in proximity to Japan in preparation for the planned invasion.

By the time American troops landed on Okinawa, the war on the European front was nearing its end. Allied and Soviet troops had liberated much of Nazi-occupied Europe and were just weeks away from forcing Germany's unconditional surrender.

On the Pacific front, however, American forces were still painstakingly conquering Japan's Home Islands, one after another. After obliterating Japanese troops in the brutal Battle of Iwo Jima, they set their sights on the isolated island of Okinawa, their last stop before reaching Japan.

Okinawa's 466 square miles of dense foliage, hills and trees made it the perfect location for the Japanese High Command's last stand to protect their motherland. They knew if Okinawa fell, so would Japan. The Americans knew securing Okinawa's airbases was critical to launching a successful Japanese invasion.

This article was derived from the following website: <https://stephenambrosetours.com/easter-during-wwii/>

2019 Goals

- ✓ **Raise \$20,000 for Building Projects**
Above Normal Fundraising
- ✓ **Paint Main Hall**
- ✓ **Replace Broken Post 803 Decorative Light Fixture**
Front of Post · Mr. Bill Kreitsek is investigating
- ✓ **New Permanent Sign in Front of Post**
Co-chair Denise Thilberg, E.J. Flynn & Bob Cochran
- ✓ **Purchase New Bar Stools and Tables for Bar**
Co-chair Denise Thilberg & Jim Best
- ✓ **Repair Brick Steps Emergency Exit and Front of Building** · *Co-chair Joe St. Pierre & Michael Devine*
- ✓ **Install New Soda Dispenser in Bar** · *Bartenders agreed not to install soda dispenser at this time.*
- ✓ **Install New Professional Coffee Maker in Kitchen**
Chair Jeff Chagnon
- ✓ **Repair or Replace Kitchen Stoves**
Stoves repaired! Thank you Joe St. Pierre and Jan Powers for coordinating this!

LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

Spring has arrived! Keep in mind as you start your spring cleaning that the Auxiliary Annual Yard Sale will be held on July 6th. Reserve a space to part with some of those old treasures! Plans are also afoot for the Auxiliary to host the June Social. Mark your calendars! As always we will distribute poppies in May along with "planting" our Field of Poppies.

Saint Patrick's Day was once again celebrated with enthusiasm at the Legion's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. EJ Flynn, Ron Rossi and their crew prepared a fabulous meal for the sea of green-attired and hungry guests! Thank you Kyleen Vernon for the entertaining Irish Step Dancers and much appreciation goes to all who helped to decorate and serve.

We welcomed back many "snowbirds" at our last meeting and decided to keep the dues the same as last year. Our next meeting will be Wednesday April 10th. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Joan Cochran, *President*

SONS OF THE LEGION

A reminder that the SAL monthly meetings are the 3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Legion Bar. Spring is here and the legion is in need of some help with some upcoming events such as Memorial Day and the Legion Golf Classic. If you are interested in helping with any of these events please attend the next meeting. As always the Legion Social is the last Tuesday of the Month and you are welcome to come enjoy a good meal and maybe meet a new friend. The 2019 SAL Cards in and the dues have stayed the same at \$25.00 which comes with many benefits shared by the Legion Members such as Legion Family Travel Discounts, Eyemed Vision Care Discount, Apple Computer and Dell Computer Discounts, Veterans Holidays, numerous hotels and car rental discounts such as Hertz and Avis, Wyndham Hotels and so much more is all available with your paid membership. In the next month we will be planning some annual events to assist with such as the East End Hospice Pig Roast and the annual parades and would welcome any input and assistance at our next meeting. Please remember that if you have a family member who was a veteran buried in a private cemetery the SAL can assist you in getting a gravestone medallion in recognition of their service.

Sincerely,
Joe Best, *Sal Commander*

LONG TERM GOALS & NEEDS

This following list details future needs that we have here at Post 803. Eventually we need to address these needs because the Post is showing its age. We are seeking your help to begin to address these issues and ensure the stability of the Post. We have been repairing the roof and bathroom issues for years but these small repairs will not last forever. If you notice we have an additional goal to raise \$20,000 above our usual fundraising activities to begin to build up our building fund for these projects.

If you are able to contribute financially or perhaps you have a construction company or construction skills and would like to assist us then please reach out to me or Joe St. Pierre our designated in-house construction expert. Call the post and leave a message for either one of us 631-765-2276.

- 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

MEMBERSHIP

Attention All Members!

Post 803 is currently at 179 / 227 (78.9%) paid up members for 2019. We need to have all members pay their dues for 2019. We have 48 renewals to go. Please send your dues to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971.

Thanks for your support. Bob Cochran, *Chairman*



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MARCH & APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 04/09 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 04/10 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 04/17 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM
Meeting 6:30PM
- 04/16 Tues. Golf Classic Planning Meeting
6PM with food provided
- 04/23 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM
Dinner Served 6:30PM
- 05/14 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM
Meeting 7:30PM
- 05/14 Tues. Auxiliary Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:00PM
NOTE DAY CHANGE!!!
- 05/22 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM
- 05/28 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM



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Commander - Charles J. Sanders
1st Vice Commander - Jeff Chagnon
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
Membership Assistant - Don Wagner

SAL OFFICERS

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