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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

AUGUST 2018

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

Mural Project

I'm excited to report that the mural project is complete and the project had some very unexpected twists that helped teach Andrea Ochoa a few things about the American Flag and its history. Andrea had her painting printed on transparency paper and then projected on the wall so that she could trace it out. We set her up in the office late one night and she went to work. The next day when I came to check on her progress I noticed that she was beginning to paint in the stars but they were now located on the right. My heart dropped because the flag if hung horizontally needs to hang so that the field of blue and the stars are to the observer's left. We discovered that she placed the transparency paper down on the projector in the reverse of its intended position; therefore, everything was now opposite of the original design. I thought this would be a great learning opportunity so the next time we met at the Post I gave her a copy of a flyer on flag etiquette. I explained how the flag is to be presented indoors. She was obviously a little disappointed because she would have to modify her work but she fully understood. She kept plugging away at the changes and was just about all done with the project. She sent me an updated picture while I was away over the weekend and I discovered one more issue. The Veteran that was saluting was now saluting with his left hand and facing away from the flag. When I discovered this we went back and forth with each other in a text message. It was actually a lot of fun. I said the mural looks great but there is one more mistake. Puzzled she kept asking me, "Is it the girls hand, the border, the lines?" I replied, "Do you want a hint or do you want to keep thinking about it?" She kept plugging away until she said, "What about the Veteran?" I replied, "Getting Warmer:)" She replied, "He's facing the wrong side." I replied, "Yes & No" I said, "What is he doing wrong in his direction?" She replied, "His hand!" I replied, "What about his hand? What is he doing?" "He is saluting!" she said. I said, "Yes!" and then went on to explain the history

Commander's Report continues next page

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Rest in Peace-

Daniel S. O'Connell who was a US Army Vietnam veteran passed on July 18th. An American Legion Wake Service was conducted on July 20th at the De Friest Grattan Funeral Home in Southold. The service was well attended. Special thanks to our funeral detail.

Sick call -

I have just received word that Ron Rossi will be home receiving treatment for a medical condition. Let us all pray that he has a speedy recovery.

God bless you all and be well.

Jeff Chagnon - *Post Chaplin*

Hm. - 631-765-6077

Cell - 631-456-3258



*"Listen and attend
with the
ear of
your Heart."*

~St. Benedict

MEMBERSHIP

We received our 2019 Members cards on July 3, 2018. The first one to pay his 2019 dues was Jim O'Maley one of our Bingo callers. Thank you Jim! As of the writing of this column we have a total of 65 paid members. Keep them coming.

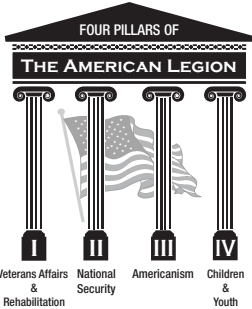


Bob Cochran, *Chairman*

COMMANDER'S REPORT

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of the salute. With a little modification to his feet the Veteran was now facing the flag and saluting. You can see the changes in the photos provided here. (Place both pictures here with a Bold Before above and After.



Gift Card Project

Pillar one in the Four Pillars of the American Legion is Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation. One way we can fulfill this pillar is to support active service members while they are deployed. Ensign Tracy Grim is deployed along with 10 other service members that we would like to sponsor.

We would like to send them all care packages but these care packages will maximize the impact and reduce the cost of shipping. So many care packages are sent to service members overseas but most don't realize that a lot of the content of these care packages just get thrown away. The postage is often more expensive than the contents inside. Service members in today's technological world find the use of gift cards so much better than boxes filled with soap and toothpaste that they don't need. We will be sending these eleven service members gift cards. They can be Amazon, visa gift cards, iTunes, and the like. **We are asking for gift cards in a minimum denomination of \$25.00 increments that we can easily and inexpensively ship to them.** You can mail them to the Post attention Commander or drop them off while the guys are at Bingo on Tuesday. We would like to send them out on the 1st of September.

Chairmanship Signup Sheet

Last month I wrote about our chairmanship signup sheet and this led many to think that I was leaving the Post. I have no intention of leaving the Post unless we are not able to find enough volunteers to run our annual events. I will most likely be taking Command of a Company in the National Guard here in New York. This added responsibility will require a lot of my time and that is why I'm seeking your help to fill the gap and step up to the plate and chair one of our annual events. I'm proud to say the Bob Bittner stepped up and will chair our annual Golf Classic. This is wonderful news and I ask that you and perhaps a friend, family member, fellow Legionnaire, or SAL do the same. A list of all of these events is reprinted again in the Reporter. The goal is to have all the chairman posts filled by November 1st of this year so we may plan for 2019.

God Bless All of You!

Our future is looking bright but our brilliance is only sustained through combined effort!

For God and Country

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Commander*
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MURAL PROPOSAL



FINAL PROJECT



WEDNESDAY 08 AUGUST 2018 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM

TUESDAY 21 AUGUST 2018 DINNER SOCIAL 5:30PM Bar is open and 6:30PM dinner is served so that we may accommodate more members. Please RSVP to the Post 631-765-2276 Cost \$10.00 Volunteers are needed at 4PM to setup for the event so come on down.

TUESDAY 21 AUGUST 2018 SON'S OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 6:00PM Meeting and then dinner social at 6:30PM.

SUNDAY 26 AUGUST 2018 CAR SHOW 9AM TO 3PM

TUESDAY 28 AUGUST 2018 EXECUTIVE AND BUSINESS MEETING CHANGE 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 at the end of the meeting.

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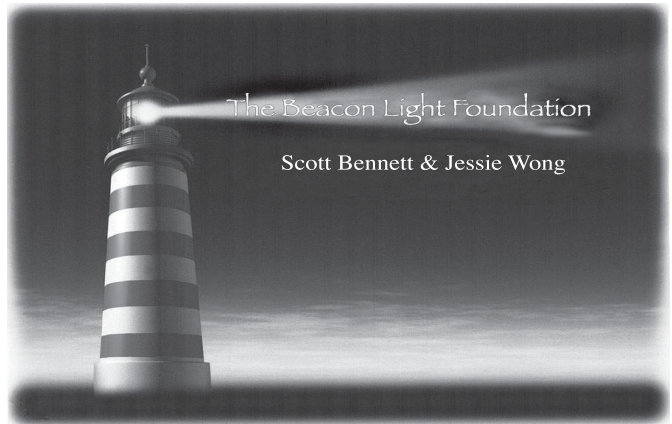
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2019 CHAIRMANSHIP REQUEST SIGNUP SHEET

Event	Date of Event	Chairman	Co-Chairman
Dinner Socials	Monthly	Still Need Volunteer	
St Patrick's Day Dinner	March 17, 2019	Still Need Volunteer	
Golf Classic Chairman	June 2019	Bob Bittner NEW	
Americanism Scholarship Chairman	Yearly	Jose Perez	
Flag Day Installation Dinner	June 14, 2019	Charles J. Sanders	
Car Show Chairman	Aug. 2019	Still Need Volunteer	
Chicken BBQ	Sept. 2019	Still Need Volunteer	
Boy State Chairman	Yearly	Cuppy Horton	
Veteran's Day Chairman	Nov. 11, 2019	Charles J. Sanders	
Legion Breakfast Chairman	As Scheduled	Jan Powers	
Christmas Party Chairman	Dec. 2019	Still Need Volunteer	
Pearl Harbor Fleet Rescue Event	Dec. 7, 2019	Charles J. Sanders	
Color Guard Commander	As Needed	Still Need Volunteer	
Social Media Director	As Needed	Still Need Volunteer	
Bingo Chairman	Yearly	Still Need Volunteer	

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4TH ANNUAL GTG POST 803 Car Show



SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018 • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
AUXILLIA

Live Music • Food Trucks • Vendors • 50/50 Raffle

TASKS THAT NEED TO BE HANDLED:

watching the gates ♦ registering the cars
directing the cars where to park ♦ selling chances and raffles ♦ etc.

Remember that "Many Hands Make Light Work!"

We need volunteers and supporters ~ an hour or two would be great!
Hang posters in local stores • preselling 50/50's • setup • cleanup

CONTACT DENISE 631.466.2527 OR EJ 631.680.5855



SOUTHOLD AMERICAN LEGION POST 803



Annual

CHICKEN BBQ



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH • 4PM - 7PM

Takeout Available • Advanced Ticket Sales Call
631.765.1357 • \$25 per ticket

Includes: 1 Beer or Soda, 1/2 Chicken,
Roasted Potatoes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert

**Make checks out to American Legion Post 803 and mail Attn: Charles Sanders
American Legion Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971**

HISTORIAN

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. In fact, suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition. Suicidal thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues.



Each year, more than 41,000 individuals die by suicide, leaving behind their friends and family members to navigate the tragedy of loss. In many cases, friends and families affected by a suicide loss (often called “suicide loss survivors”) are left in the dark. Too often the feelings of shame and stigma prevent them from talking openly.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month—a time to share resources and stories in an effort to shed light on this highly taboo and stigmatized topic. We use this month to reach out to those affected by suicide, raise awareness and connect individuals with suicidal ideation to treatment services. It is also important to ensure that individuals, friends and families have access to the resources they need to discuss suicide prevention. NAMI is here to help.

If you are in crisis or are experiencing difficult or suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273 TALK (8255).

If you're uncomfortable talking on the phone, you can also text NAMI to 741-741 to be connected to a free, trained crisis counselor on the Crisis Text Line.

The VA can help too, the VA is committed to reducing Veteran suicide and offers a network of support for all Veterans and their families and friends. Veterans in emotional crisis and their loved ones can call the free and confidential Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to connect with a caring, qualified VA responder who can deal with any immediate crisis.

This article was derived from the following website: <https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Suicide-Prevention-Awareness-Month> and <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/About/VeteranSuicide.aspx>.

NOTE FROM MATTITUCK AUXILIARY MEMBER NANCY WELLS

On Sunday September 30th I will be walking in a walk with others for the American Foundation for Suicide the name of our team will be JIMS CHEVYS ANGELS, as Jim was truly a Chevy man. I am the team captain for the walk. The walk will be starting at the Atlantis in Riverhead, will start and end there. Anyone that is interested in walking in the walk or just donating to this cause can go online to American Foundation for Suicide Prevention you can donate there and also register to walk in the walk, If you would rather just donate you can make the checks payable to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and send the checks to me at Nancy S. Wells PO Box 811 Mattituck New York 11952, if you have any questions about anything you can also call me at 631-298-9494.

We lost Jim Wells on March 27, 2018 from Suicide, So we all want to prevent this from happening again to anyone's loved one.

Thanks from the Bottom of my Heart

Nancy Wells, Team Captain

SONS OF THE LEGION

The next SAL meeting will be August 21 at 6pm before the Legion Dinner Social.

SAL members we need help for upcoming events, the 2018 Legion/Auxiliary/SAL Car show which is on August 26 from 9-3, please be there at 7:30-8am. The legion also has an annual chicken BBQ coming up in September we could use a few hands with. For the first time since 2011 the SAL is 100% Squadron and we need to keep the momentum going after a successful fund raiser. Our next meeting will be August 21st at 6pm, please make every effort to attend this meeting so we can plan for the upcoming legion events. We also need to pick officers and need input from members so we may accomplish this and move on for the year so please attend the next meeting.

Sincerely,
Jim Best
Adjutant/Treasurer
SAL Post 803
631-298-9733

LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

Hope you are all enjoying the summer! We had our annual yard sale on July 7th and it was a resounding success. We had about 30 paid vendors in addition to all the tables in the hall run by the Auxiliary. A special thank you goes to the Nault family- Jim, Bonnie and Katie. In memory of her father, who was a submariner, Bonnie made a generous donation of household items for the yard sale. The family also lent us a hand with moving and organizing during set-up. We appreciated all their assistance!

Thanks so much to Donna St. Pierre and Mimi Columbo who headed the committee who all worked so hard on this event. A big thank you also goes to Joe St. Pierre, who along with Commander Sanders, Earl Brock and many Legion members helped make it all happen. We realized we were a bit overwhelmed by the scope of our sale and are re-thinking plans for next year but our shoppers had a great time!

Our next big event is the annual Car Show on Sunday August 26th. Denise Thilberg and E.J. Flynn are hard at work getting ready for another great show. Please contact them to sign up for set-up and helping at the

event. Donations of raffle prizes would also be appreciated-contact Denise. 50/50 raffle tickets are on sale now- contact E.J. for tickets.

We are excited to welcome new members Claire Kennedy, Carol Terry and Rose Anasagasti and look forward to working together for the benefit of veterans and active military. Our next meeting will be Wednesday August 8th and I hope to see you all there!

Save the Date: Our annual Veteran's Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, November 10th. Music by the amazing band Studio G and catered by Ammirati's of Love Lane, Mattituck. Remember this affair is by invitation only so plan your table early!

Joan Cochran, *President*

LONG TERM GOALS

1. Renovation of entire 2nd Floor (excluding the SAL Bar Room)
2. Emergency exit for 2nd Floor
3. Bar makeover
4. Bathroom renovation Male and Female Main Hall (Handicap Accessible)
5. Bathroom Renovation 2nd Floor **SAL Project**

BUILDING PROJECTS/2018 GOALS

- Paint the hall, bathrooms, and clean up the ceiling tiles in the bathrooms
- Landscape front of the Legion and side of the Legion **IN PROGRESS**
- ~~Fix electrical issues to include fire alarms, electrical panel, basement lighting, outdoor power box~~ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**
- New chairs for the hall
- New curtains for the hall
- New events sign in front of Post
- ~~New survey of property~~ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Original Survey Discovered**
- New light fixture front of Post
- Update signs in front of Post
- Repair or replace "Handicap" ramp **Partial Donation Granted from Salice Family Trust/ Carpenter Bids Coming In**
- ~~Boots on Ground Food Drive~~ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Auxiliary Members and Others**
- USMC "Toys for Tots"
- New bar stools, tables and chairs **INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS**
- ~~Four Pillars of the American Legion mural Commander's Office~~ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Andrea Ochoa**
- Fire Extinguishers Replaced **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED by Neil Rochford and Joe St Pierre**
- Apply Strong Sealant to Contemplation Benches
- Complete Cleaning of Color Guard Weapons **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED by Jim O'Malley and Jeff Chagnon!**
- Create a Larger E-Mail Database **IN PROGRESS**

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 08/08 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 08/21 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM
- 08/21 Tues. Son's of the Legion Meeting 6:00 PM
and Social to Follow
- 08/26 Sun. Legion Annual Car Show
- 08/28 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 09/11 Tues. Brief History of 911 Presentation
4:30 PM Peconic Recreation Center
- 09/12 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 09/15 Sat. Legion Annual Chicken BBQ 4PM to 7PM
- 09/18 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM
Meeting 7:30PM
- 09/25 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM



LEGION OFFICERS

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

Commander - TBD
 1st Vice - Daniel Kaelin
 2nd Vice - Rich Feeley
 Adjutant - Jim Best
 Finance Officer - Jim Best
 Sergeant at Arms -
 Michael Anasagasti
 Chaplain - Joseph Cavanagh
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