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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

DECEMBER 2019

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

2019 Goals & 2020 Annual Planning Meeting

What an amazing 2019! We have fulfilled almost every one of our 2019 goals. We had a few bumps in the road like discovering that we need to update our kitchen hood

and fire suppression system but the Lomangino family and their business Mattituck Environmental Services came through with a \$25,000.00 donation. We are taking bids for this work and hope to have it completed by the end of January. Thank you again!

On Tuesday 3 December at 6PM we will be conducting our annual planning meeting to go over our calendar of events for 2020. Please come and join us for that meeting to be a part of all the great things the Post is going to do in 2020. We will serve food and the bar will be open at 6PM with a meeting start time of 6:30PM.

2019 Goals

- ✓ **Raise \$20,000 for Building Projects** Thank You Lomangino Family and Mattituck Environmental Services
- ✓ **Paint Main Hall**
- ✓ **Replace Broken Post 803 Decorative Light Fixture Front of Post** Thank you to Joe St Pierre for installing the light fixture and Bill Kietsek for his donation and Bill Van Eiff's donation of the emblem
- ✓ **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
- ✓ **Mission Accomplished!** Thank you Bob Cochran for all your hard work on coordinating this!
- ✓ **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** Thank you to Chaplain Jeff Chagnon and our generous donors Doris Sherman, Paul Krieling, and Al Kropp
- ✓ **Repair or Replace Kitchen Stoves** Stoves repaired! Thank you Joe St. Pierre and Jan Powers for coordinating this!

Commander's Report continues next page

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Sick Call - George Sullivan is resting at home. Between the help and support he receives from his family, home health care and friends he has a great support system. If you have not seen George in a while send him a card or maybe call. I know he would love to hear from you.

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Jeff Chagnon - Post Chaplain
Hm. - 631-765-6077 • Cell - 631-456-3258



"Eternal God, You gave us the greatest gift: the gift of life. In the coming year, help us to use it wisely. May we grow in generosity, kindness, forgiveness, hope, faith and love. Amen"

- A short prayer based on Jewish wisdom and tradition from Rabbi Evan Moffic.

MEMBERSHIP

Attention All Members!

The Membership for 2020 is currently 140/231 (60.6%) paid up members. The close-out numbers for the 2019 membership year are 209 paid up out of 228 members for a rate of 91.67%. I know some of you like to wait until the start of the membership year to send in your dues. Enjoy your upcoming holidays and send in your 2020 membership dues, January is almost here. The membership office is open every Tuesday afternoon if you need assistance. Please send your dues (\$50) to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971. Thank you for supporting Post 803.



Bob Cochran, Membership Chairman

COMMANDER'S REPORT

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Pot Luck Christmas Party

Come and join us for this yearly tradition where everyone comes together by sharing a dish, dessert, salad or side. This year it falls on Friday the 13th but I'm sure we will not have any creepy bad luck or superstitious activities...or will we. Well, you have to attend the party to find out, but seriously come on down with a dish and have some fun.

Breakfast with Santa and Marine Toys for Tots Drive

The Legion will host its first ever Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 15th from 9AM to 12PM. We are combining this with our Toys for Tots drive. Come on down with an unwrapped toy for children up to age 12. The Toys for Tots box will be located as you enter the hall. This will be our last day for receiving donations. You can still donate before the breakfast when the post is open Tuesday during Bingo or when the bar is open on Friday evenings.

Veterans Day Ceremony & Brunch/ Veterans Dinner Dance



Thank you Southold Rotary Club for a wonderful brunch that followed our ceremony. Everyone had a great meal and it was a wonderful to have the opportunity to fellowship together. The Dinner Dance was an awesome success thanks to the effort of the Auxiliary and especially the organizing skills of Margie Brock.

Auxiliary San Simeon Nursing Home Visit for Veterans

I have to say the Auxiliary does such a wonderful job supporting Veterans. On November 14th the following ladies Joan Cochran, Charlotte Deliteris, and Linda Ruland, organized a visit to San Simeon to present flags and hats to Veterans. Linda Ruland did a magnificent job on the piano and our chaplain Jeff Chagnon supported the event with a prayer. Great Work!

Brass Memorial/In Honor of Plates

I'm excited to report that we have installed all the brass plates in time for Veterans Day and we have added some since then. We only have three more chairs that have no plates on them so if you want to get one before it is gone then you might not want to wait any longer. The cost

for one plate is \$100.00 and thank you for all that have donated toward this effort. Your assistance helped us pay for all of the furniture.

For God and Country
God Bless,
Charles J. Sanders
Post 803
Commander
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THE BAR IS OPEN
*every Friday at 6:30 pm
until the crowd
goes home*

**TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2019 PLANNING MEETING FOR
2020 FOOD 6PM MEETING 6:30PM**

**FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER DECORATE HALL FOR CHRISTMAS
6PM PIZZA TO FOLLOW**

**TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2019 EXECUTIVE AND BUSINESS
MEETING CANCELED**

**WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2019 AUXILIARY MEETING
7PM**

**FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2019 CHRISTMAS POT LUCK PARTY
6PM CHANGE**

**SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2019 WREATHS ACROSS AMER-
ICA MEET AT LEGION 10AM**

**SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & TOYS
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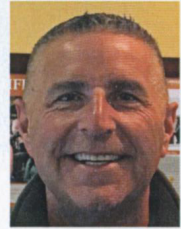
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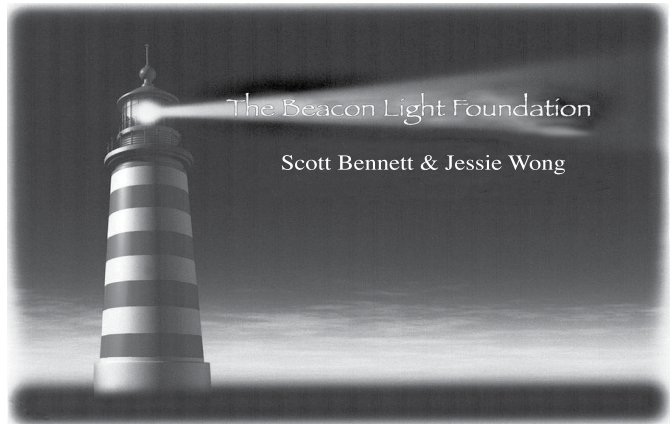
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December 15

Support the USMC'S Toys for Tots
by bringing an unwrapped
toy to breakfast!

LAST DAY TO DROP OFF TOYS

- Donate toys for children up to age 12
- Toys must be donated unwrapped
- **MAKE A CHILD SMILE** 😊



Point of Contact: Charles J. Sanders • 631-702-3083



2020 PLANNING MEETING

Tuesday,
December 3rd
Bar will be
open and
food served
at 6:00 PM
with meeting
starting at 6:30.

We are
planning
for 2020 and
beyond into
the future.

*Come and
voice your
vision
for the Post!*

Golf Classic



We are looking for volunteers to join our 2020 Golf Classic committee to help us get a leg up on next year's event.

Please contact Bob Bittner at 631-680-6244 or by email ctt3@optonline.net.

Brass Memory Plates

“Only 3 more chairs with 6 total spots left!”

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

Christmas Pot Luck

Come and join us for this yearly tradition where everyone comes together by sharing a dish, dessert, salad or side.

FRIDAY DEC. 13TH

6:00 P.M.

Bring a dish and have some fun.



HISTORIAN



Commander's Note:

I came across this article as I was searching for Christmas stories related to war. The holidays are especially hard on those that are serving in uniform and WWII is no exception. At the end of this article you will get an Army Privates reaction as he attempts to get home for Christmas. I have a feeling it is how we all felt when we came home. We are so blessed to be Americans.

Article:

Christmas in America had been anxious and somber during the four years of World War II. The peril and sacrifice of war was hard to reconcile with memories of the joyfulness of pre-War holidays, and by 1944 many American servicemen and women shared one particular Christmas wish: to be "Home Alive by '45."

That year, as war drew to a close in both Europe and the Pacific, it seemed possible that the wish might come true. But the war's end hardly meant that the 2,000,000 men and women eligible for separation—those who could be done with active duty—were home in their civvies by the time the holiday rolled around. With all resources dedicated to winning the war, neither the Army nor the Navy had spent much time thinking through the logistics of bringing everyone home until after the fighting was finished. And so it was without too much preparation that Operation Magic Carpet began in September 1945 to bring the troops back home to the United States.

As Christmas approached, the Army and Navy launched Operation Santa Claus to expedite Operation Magic Carpet, with the goal of rushing as many eligible men and women home for the holiday as possible. But violent storms at sea and the volume of eligible servicemen conspired to thwart the high ambitions of these operations. And so throngs of American military personnel—some 250,000 in all, some with brand new discharge papers and some just a day or two away from separation—found themselves back on American soil for Christmas 1945, but not quite home. Instead, they faced the worst air, rail and automobile traffic jams in history. The rule of thumb in the days immediately preceding Christmas 1945 was that a westbound train

would be about 6 hours late, and an eastbound train about 12 hours.

The predicament was met with overwhelming understanding and good nature among the servicemen. Upon being asked by a newspaper reporter what he thought about being among the 150,000 who were stranded along the West Coast for Christmas, an Army Private trying to get home to Texas responded that simply stepping on U.S. soil was, "the best Christmas present a man could have."

This article is not in full and was derived from Time. Com. For the full article reference: <https://time.com/4151426/operation-magic-carpet/>

DR. CHAT

Hello, I'm Jose Perez MS PA-C. I was an Orthopedic Surgical Physician Assistant. My practice specialty was Total Joint Replacements, Trauma (acute/complicated fractures) and Sports Medicine. I am retired now but practiced for forty years. I know many of you suffer from neck, back, and joint pain. These may be caused by Arthritis, old and new trauma and certain Inflammatory arthritides, such as Rheumatoid Arthritis, Psoriatic Arthritis and others. Many times people don't seek treatment for these type of problems due to fear of needing surgery when surgery is rarely immediately indicated. That said there are many modalities of treatment available that are employed way before there would be any discussion involving surgery. These are medications such as Motrin and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, Steroids both oral and inter-articular (directly injected into joints), Physical Therapy, bracing. Visco-supplementation lubricating injections (chicken shots) and life style modifications such as exercise and weight loss programs. Surgery is almost always employed after the usual and minor treatments have failed with the exception of Arthroscopy which basically just looks inside the knee debrides any loose torn tissue and washes the knee out and recovery time is a matter of days. It is common for an office worker that sits at desk to have knee Arthroscopy on Friday and be back to work on Monday. Moving forward as many of my Legion brothers live with these types of problems you may write to Dr. Chat or you may contact me at our monthly business meeting at the legion or you can call me directly and I will be happy to discuss with you and advise you to explain and answer any questions you might have on these types of problems and explain the treatment options available for these. I look forward to hearing from you.

LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

November was a very busy month! Our annual Holiday Craft Fair on November 3rd was a big success! The hall was filled with a great variety of quality items and the vendors were happy with the turnout of eager shoppers. Thank you Denise and all the committee, especially Margie for her great chili, Charlotte and her special sauerkraut, and Linda for putting together a spectacular raffle basket!

Friday November 8th found many of us hard at work setting up for our annual Veterans Dinner Dance and celebration of the American Legion's 100th year. The committee turned the hall into a beautiful twinkling setting for the following night of dancing to the great music of Studio G. The centerpieces provided by Nancy at Country Petals were exquisite! Thanks Margie and all the Auxiliary, Legion and Sons who helped to make it a great event!

Thank you Charlotte for representing the Auxiliary so well at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony. Thank you Commander Sanders for putting together this moving event again this year. And thank you to the Southold Rotary Club for the wonderful meal afterwards!

On Thursday November 14th Commander Sanders and Chaplain Chagnon accompanied Charlotte, Linda and I at San Simeon as we honored eight veterans residing there. Each veteran was presented with a baseball cap and a small American flag, and we followed

up with a sing-along of patriotic songs. Linda's piano playing was a big hit!

At our November meeting we discussed our holiday giving and December activities. Please join us as we decorate for Christmas on Friday December 6th at 6:00pm. Pizza will be provided afterwards. Work up a good appetite and bring a dish to the Legion Holiday Potluck Friday, December 13th. Mark your calendars for Saturday December 14th- anyone who wants to car-pool to Calverton National Cemetery where Wreaths Across America will meet to lay wreaths can meet at the Legion at 10:00am. The following morning brings the first Santa Claus Breakfast at the Legion on Sunday December 15th from 9-12am. I look forward to seeing Santa and Mrs. Santa, and rumor has it that at least one of their elves will be there!

Hope to see you all at our next meeting on Wednesday December 11th at 7:00pm.

Joan Cochran, *President*

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SONS OF THE LEGION



Well it's hard to believe that Christmas is right around the corner with 2020 knocking on the door. We are pleased to announce our new SAL Officers, Gary Iorio is taking over as Commander and we are looking forward to some fun events in the coming year. 1st Vice Rich Feely, 2nd Vice Michael Anasagasti, Adjutant and Finance is still Jim Best, Sergeant at Arms Gary Hermann, Chaplain Daniel Kaelin and our Historian Douglas Kalunas. I am pleased to welcome Clifford Polacek Jr. to the SAL. SAL Members the Legion Christmas Party is open to SAL members and your families and it is always a fun time. We are still in need of some help in our ranks so please plan on attending the next SAL meeting on February 21st at 6pm if you can help out. The Sons of the American Legion is a patriotic service organization formed on September 12-15, 1932. The S.A.L. is made up of male descendants of people who served in the United States Armed Forces during times specified by the American Legion The Sons of the American Legion's mission to serve veterans, the military and their families is carried out through its hundreds of outreach programs delivered by its members, volunteers and national headquarters. The Sons of the American Legion's national headquarters is located in Indianapolis.

Sincerely, Jim Best, *Sal Commander*

DECEMBER & JANUARY 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 12/03 Tues. 2020 Annual Planning Meeting 6PM
 12/06 Fri. Decorate Hall for Christmas 6PM
 12/10 Tues. Executive Meeting CANCELED
 12/11 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
 12/13 Fri. Christmas Pot Luck Party
6PM CHANGE
 12/14 Sat. Wreaths Across America
 Meet at Post 10AM
 12/15 Sun. Breakfast with Santa
 9AM to 12PM
 01/14 Tues. Executive and Business
 Meeting Bar 6:30PM
 Meeting 7:30PM
 01/15 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM



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Chaplain - Jeff Chagnon
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