

THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803 FEBUARY 2019

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

I would first like to mention the loss of three long standing members at the Post. We lost Robert Mallgraf, Robert Villa, Harold Schwerdt and our sincere condolences go out to their

families and loved ones. It was an honor to attend Harold Schwerdt's wake and funeral mass and I was proud of the great turnout of fellow Legionnaires. Earl Brock once again gave a heartfelt eulogy that eloquently expressed how much Harold meant to the Post and to him. Being there for our fallen comrades is so important and it fulfills two of our primary pillars the pillar of Veteran Affairs and Americanism. Anyone that attended the ceremony that was held in front of the Post was touched by patriotism and the remembrance of a great WWII Veteran. Harold even in death was thinking of his fellow Legionnaires as he requested that members have a lunch at the Post in place of going to Calverton to attend his funeral. He wanted everyone to celebrate his life and that is exactly what we did in his honor.

We have a busy year and so many great events planned as well as goals to accomplish. We are still looking for more ads for the Reporter. We need approximately 12 paid ads to cover the cost of producing the Reporter. If you would like to take out an ad or if you know of someone then please reach out to us. The cost for a yearly ad is only \$600.00 and we will soon be placing these ads on our website too. As you can see we are also looking to increase our building funds in preparation of more repairs. We have made a lot of progress and we are just getting started. We could really use your skills or cash to help us accomplish our 2019 goals as well as our future goals.

There was a mistake on our annual calendar that I would like to correct. The Sons of the American

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Sick call -

Wamback has been discharged from the Huntington Hills Rehabilitation Center and he is now at home recovering from surgery.

Rest in Peace -

Robert C. Mallgraf passed on December 11th at the age of 93. Robert was a true American hero. He servred his country as a Sailor during WW II on the USS Franklin. The Franklin was attacked by Japanese bombers shortly before the end of the war, over 900 men were killed and the ship was nearly sunk. After the war he married Phyllis Baker and raised a beautiful family in Southold. He was a 65 year member of the Southold Fire Department. The Post Funeral detail responded to DeFriest-Grattan funeral home on December 13th. Special thanks to the members of our funeral detail.

Robert A. Villa passed on December 17th at his residence in Peconic Landing at the age of 88. Robert was an exceptional man whose entire life was dedicated to not just his family and friends but to his country and community. He was a 52 year member of the American Legion. A Legionniare who was always there for us when we needed his help.

Harold A. Schwerdt passed on January 9th at the East End Hospice Kanas Center in Quogue at the age of 98. An American Legion Wake Service was conducted at the Coster-Heppner Funeral Home on January 13th. On January 14th at the conclusion of his Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mattituck the procession made a stop at our Post where the United States Air Force Honor Guard conducted a service which was followed by a repast at the Post. Harold was tail gunner on a B-17 that was shot down over Germany in 1943. He spent two years in a POW camp before he was liberated. He was the recipient of two Purple Hearts. A true American Hero. His faith in God and the love that he had for his family, friends and community was truly inspirational. Whenever Harold was around you knew that everything was going to be okay. His goodness will

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Legion's meetings will be on Wednesdays, not Tuesdays. Please refer to the new updated calendar for dates and time. I look forward to a bright year.

God Bless All of You

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

Sincerely, Charles J. Sanders, **Commander** Post 803 www.post803.com gtgpost803@gmail.com Post Number 631-765-2276

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

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live in our hearts forever. He was a Past Commander, member of the Color Guard, Chairman of the Bingo committee and a 50 plus year member who was always there when we needed him. Special thanks to our Funeral Detail for an outstanding turnout and in particular Earl Brock for both his heartfelt eulogy and all the work he did in organizing the service and repast.



Jeff Chagnon - *Post Chaplin* 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 use it wisely. May we grow in generosity, kindness and forgiveness, hope, faith and love. Amen"

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

MEMBERSHIP

Post 803 is currently at 164 / 222 (73.9%) paid up members for 2019. We need 58 more renewals to hit 100%. If you paid your dues disregard additional notices from the Department of New York. Send your dues to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971. God Speed to Harold and Harry.



Bob Cochran, Chairman



THE BAR IS OPEN

every Friday at 6:30 pm until the crowd goes home

FRIDAY 08 FEBRUARY 2019 SWEENEY FUNDRAISER

Please come and support a local family from 6:00PM to 10:00PM. The event will feature live music by the Bracken and Joe Allegue, buffet, 50/50, Chinese auction, raffles and cash bar. \$25.00 for Tickets contact a Ladies Auxiliary member.

TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2019 EXECUTIVE AND BUSI- NESS 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.

SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2019 DAYTONA 500 PARTY

Come and watch the Daytona 500 on our big TV. Entrance fee is \$10.00 and includes food but the bar is a cash bar. 1:00PM until we are out of fun! You may pay at the door.

NO AUXILIARY MEETING IN FEBRUARY

WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2019 SONS OF THE LEGION MEETING The bar will open at 6PM with food and meeting will begin at 6:30PM

TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2019 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.

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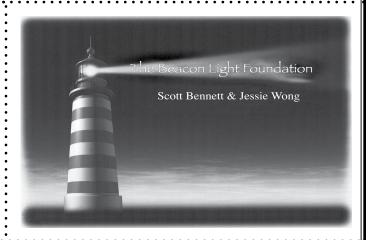
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1 PM UNTIL?

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CASH BAR





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. The first committee meeting will be held at the Post on March 19th at 6PM. If you would like to volunteer please give him a call 631-680-6244 or call the Post 631-765-2276. The Golf Classic will be held at Islands End, Monday, June 17th.



YOU'VE GOT MAIL

We are building up or e-mail database.

If you are a member or a

Friend of the Legion
please email us your email address
or simply cut out this flyer and send to:

American Legion Post 803 P.O.Box 591 Southold, NY 11971

Our email address is gtgpost803@gmail.com.

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:

SWEENEY FAMILY FUNDRAISER

In early November a fire swept through the Sweeney home in Southold, leaving the family displaced until the house can be restored. The mother, Gem, sustained severe burns and was airlifted to Stonybrook's burn unit for treatment and rehabilitation. They lost all possessions on the first floor due to smoke damage. There will be many expenses the Sweeney family will incur while rebuilding their lives and their home.

Friday, February 8, 2019 6:00-10:00 pm Southold American Legion

The event will feature live music by The Bracken and Joe Allegue, buffet, 50/50, Chinese auction, raffles and cash bar.

Tickets \$25.00



FOR TICKETS CONTACT A LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBER



SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019 · 5:30 PM BAR · 6:00 DINNER

E.J. Flynn & Ron Rossi will be cooking up his special corned beef and cabbage

Tickets Available at the Post and you can call in your request to the Post 631-765-2276. Get your tickets quick because last year we almost ran out of food!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP STAFF THIS EVENT TO INCLUDE FRONT DOOR STAFF, KITCHEN STAFF, DECORATION STAFF & HALL SETUP.

Call the Post to Volunteer 631-765-2276.

\$15°°

includes one soda, beer, or glass of wine for those 21 years and over

In the past we celebrated the Legion's Birthday on this day but this year marks the Legions 100th Birthday and we will celebrate with a lunch party after our Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11th.



January

01/08 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

01/09 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

01/15 Tues. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM

01/22 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM (Chair Earl Brock)

February

02/08 Fri. Sweeney Family Fundraiser for House Fire: 6-10PM (Chair Rose Anasagasti)

02/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

02/13 Wed. No Meeting in February

02/17 Sun. Daytona 500 Party: 12PM to 6PM (Co-chair Joan Cochran & Denise Thilberg)

New Updated Calendar

02/20 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM

02/26 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM (Chair Charles Sanders)

March

03/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

03/13 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

03/16 Sat. St.Patrick's Day Dinner: Bar 5:30 Dinner Served 6PM

(Co-Chair E.J. Flynn, Ron Rossi, Charles Sanders)

03/20 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM

03/26 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM

April

04/09 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

04/10 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

TBD Sun Galaxy Car Club Show: Details TBP 04/20 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM

04/23 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM (Chair Jeff Chagnon)

May

05/08 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

05/14 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

(Voting for New Executive Board)

05/15 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM

05/28 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM

05/27 Mon. Memorial Day Parade: Details TBP (Chair Charles Sanders)

June

06/11 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

(Swearing in of New Executive Board)

06/12 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

06/17 Mon. Golf Classic: Course Brunch 11AM, Shotgun 12PM, Dinner at Post 6:30PM

(Chair Bob Bitner)

06/19 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM

NA NA Flag Day Installation of Officers Dinner: **CANCELED THIS YEAR**

06/25 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM



July

07/04 Wed. 4th of July Parade Southold: Muster 11:30 Intersection Boisseau & Rt. 25

(Chair Charles Sanders)

07/06 Sat. Auxiliary Yard Sale: 9AM to 3PM

07/09 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

07/10 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting 7PM

07/14 Sun. Legion Breakfast TBD (Chair Jan Powers) 07/17 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM

07/23 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM

August

8/13 Tues. Executive & Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

08/14 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

08/21 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM

O8/25 Sun. Annual Car Show: 9AM to 3PM (Co-Chair Denise Thilberg & E.J. Flynn) 08/27 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM LAST SOCIAL

September

09/10 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM 09/11 Wed. Patriot's Day: Commander's 911 Presentation Details TBP

09/18 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM

09/18 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

09/14 Sat. Annual Chicken BBQ: 4PM to 7PM Takeout is available! (Chair Jose Perez)

October

10/08 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

10/09 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

10/16 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM

10/31 Wed. Halloween Trick or Treat for Kids 4-6PM then Adult Party 8PM (Chair Charles Sanders)

November

11/03 Sun. Holiday Craft Fair 11AM to 4PM (Chair Auxiliary TBD)

11/09 Sat. Annual Veteran's Day Dinner Dance 6PM to 10PM (Chair Auxiliary TBD)

11/11 Mon. Veteran's Day Ceremony & American Legion 100th Birthday Celebration: 11AM

Ceremony Begins Lunch Party to Follow! (Chair Charles Sanders)

11/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

11/13 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

11/20 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM

December

12/07 Fri. Pearl Harbor Cross Sound Ferry Ceremony & Foxwoods Gathering (Chair Charles Sanders)

12/10 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

12/11 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

12/14 Sat. Potluck Christmas Party 6:30PM (Chair Tom Kennedy)

12/18 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM

NA NA Flag Day Installation of Officers Dinner: CANCELED THIS YEAR

06/25 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM

HISTORIAN

President's Day

President's Day is the popular and commonly used name for the United States federal holiday officially called Washington's Birthday. It is celebrated annually on the third Monday of February.

President's Day honors and celebrates the life and achievements of George Washington, the first President of the United States (1789-1797) and 'The Father of his Country'. The day is, in practice, often used to honor and remember all past US presidents, and in particular Washington,



Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson.

President's Day was created in 1879, first celebrated the following year. It was originally held on Washington's actual birthday (February 22). In 1971 this was changed to the third Monday of February. It was the first federal holiday to be created in honor of an American citizen.

President's Day is an occasion for community celebrations and parades. Many stores and businesses hold special sales. The Purple Heart military badge (which carries an image of Washington) for soldiers injured in the course of duty is awarded on President's Day

This article was derived from the following website: http://www.calendarpedia.com/when-is/presidents-day.html

Purple Heart

The Purple Heart is frequently described as the military's oldest medal. Gen. George Washington created it in 1782 to recognize meritorious service -- basically bravery in combat -- but it soon fell into disuse. In 1932, to mark the bicentennial of Washington's birth, Gen. Douglas MacArthur spearheaded an effort to revive the medal. It was designed to commemorate bravery, but also recognized soldiers with wounds.



Later, during World War II, the medal was changed into a recognition of combat injuries and deaths. Over time, the military has further modified the award, adding different types of injuries and different types of combat. For instance, soldiers wounded in acts of terrorism now qualify for the Purple Heart, as

do soldiers injured in friendly fire.

An individual soldier can apply for a Purple Heart, but more commonly, command superiors submit an awards package demonstrating that the soldier has met all criteria for the award. A superior officer can deny a Purple Heart, but such denials usually require review and then concurrence by a General-level officer. The process can differ by branch and by theater of operations.

Today, the military has awarded an estimated 1.7 million Purple Hearts to soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen. Unlike other military awards, the Purple Heart is an entitlement -- it does not depend upon the recommendation of a superior officer. Instead, the military gives it to those troops that meet basic criteria. In general, the wound must have occurred during hostilities and it must have required treatment that was documented by a medical officer.

This article was derived from the following website: https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?story-Id=129711544

LONG TERM GOALS & NEEDS

Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

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

LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

In January we participated in a very moving memorial service for longtime Legion member Harold Schwerdt. We also said goodbye along with Denise and Greg to his father, Harry Schlacter, another WWII veteran. May they and all of the "Greatest Generation" who have passed on rest in peace.

We look forward to this month's events, including the Sweeney Family Fundraiser on Friday February 8th. Rose is involved in running it and could use help on the night of the event. Sunday February 17th is the Daytona Party. Denise and I would appreciate any help with set-up on Friday February 15th at 6:30pm.

Donna, Charlotte and I attended the "Winter Wonderland" party at the Stony Brook Veterans Home sponsored by our Auxiliary on January 9th. It was heartwarming to see happiness spread through the room as residents joined in a sing-along of old time favorites and enjoyed winter-themed activities.

We received a wonderful thank you card from Lt. Best's unit for our donation of gift cards and he sent pins for each of us. We also received a letter of thanks from the Department of Veterans Affairs for our donation to the Hero Hunger Help Project.

Opportunities abound to keep up the good work this year as discussed at our January meeting. Along with the donation of our time to service and fellowship last year we were happy to hear that Margie's report showed our monetary donations totaled over \$9000! We need to fill leadership positions to assure success with all our endeavors!

Margie, Claire and Priscilla are working on Empire Girls State. Charlotte has again volunteered to lead our paper Poppy Program. Priscilla agreed to head the Financial Committee and would like a few volunteers to help with planning and budget ideas. Donna has expressed interest in sharing her skills as Secretary with someone eager to learn and we need a Membership chairperson. Our Yard Sale team will be chaired by Donna and Priscilla. Denise has co-chaired the Car Show but would like to relinquish the reins. Claire will head a committee looking into the Auxiliary running one of the Legion Socials. Holiday Fair needs someone to co-chair with Denise and take over the next year. Margie volunteered to chair the Veterans Dinner Dance again.

We need a liaison to Legion events, such as the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Chicken BBQ, Legion Breakfast and Christmas Potluck. Rose shared some ideas regarding her discussions with the Commander about a new Halloween event and is looking for people not involved with our other November events to join her.

We need someone to be in charge of planting our "Field of Poppies" in May. Another opportunity is to be parade chairperson to coordinate our participation. I will chair our annual Installation of Officers committee. We also need someone to form a Decorating committee.

We all express our eagerness to help so step up now and let's have another great year!

There will be no February meeting. We mistakenly added it to the calendar but realized we usually have no meeting in February.

Looking forward to seeing you at our February events! Joan Cochran, *President*

SONS OF THE LEGION

February is upon us and we have many events that we need SAL volunteers for. We need volunteers for the February 8th Sweeney Fundraiser as well as the St.Patrick's Day Party on March 16. If you can assist with volunteering please contact Jim at 631-384-1307. New membership cards for 2019 are in if you have not submitted a check for \$25.00 please do so. Once again our meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month and it would be great to see some new faces with spring around the corner as we have many events.

Sincerely, Joe Best, Sal Commander



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FEBRUARY & MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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02/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:

Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

02/13 Wed. No Auxiliary Meeting in February

02/17 Sun. Daytona 500 Party: 1PM 02/20 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM

Meeting 6:30PM

02/26 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM

Dinner Served 6:30PM

03/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:

Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

03/13 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

03/16 Sat. St. Patrick's Day Dinner: 5:30PM Bar Available

6:00PM Dinner

03/19 Tues. Golf Classic 1st Planning Meeting:

6PM and food will be provided

03/20 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM

03/26 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM

LEGION OFFICERS

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