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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

MARCH 2019

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

I would like to say thank you to everyone that renewed their ad in the Reporter this year. These ads go a long way toward paying for the expense of producing the Reporter each month. We need just four more ads to completely cover the cost of each issue. If you know of anyone that would be willing to advertise then please send them our way. The cost is only \$600.00 per year.

I would also like to thank the Kropp family for their generous donation to the Post. We will be applying these funds toward the purchase of our new tables and chairs in the bar. In order to help cover the additional cost we are offering to place on the back of the bar chairs in honor or in memory of brass plates for \$100.00 each. One of our members came up with this idea and we received a lot of positive feedback and commitments to purchase already. You may fill out the order slip attached to the Reporter this month and send in your check. We will have the brass plates made up and attached to the chairs when then come in.

I'm also thankful for everyone that came out to volunteer and support the Sweeney Family Fundraiser held on Friday the 8th of February. Rose Anasagasti was instrumental in the success of this event and her effort helped raise over \$15,000 for the Sweeney family. Just think about all the good will that was exhibited in this event. The Legion and the Town of Southold takes care of its citizens and I'm so proud of all that participated.

We also had a very successful Daytona 500 Party at the Legion on February 17th led by the efforts of the Auxiliary president Joan Cochran and her trusted volunteer Denise Thilberg. Fun was had by all including the addition of a unique birthday cake for Greg Schlachter. We have one major event at the Post

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Sick call -

At this time I am not aware of anyone who is in the hospital or at home convalescing. Please feel free to call me at any time if you have knowledge of one of members who may need our help.

Rest in Peace -

Joseph D. Haeg a 97 year old World War II veteran passed on 2/14/19 just three days after his wife, Christine, who was 98.. Prior to their passing they were both admitted to Peconic Bay Medical Center and were allowed to share a room. When Christine died Joseph was holding her hand. They were married 77 years.

Joseph and Christine were true american heros. Joseph served in the US Army as a Platoon Sergeant and was stationed in Germany. After the war he served his community as a New York City Fireman, President of the Mattituck Lion's Club, North Fork Environmental Council and the Southold Town Republican Club. Christine was a Girl Scout Leader, a member of the Marian Council Columbiettes, Riverhead Jamesport Homemakers Club and the American Legion Ladies Auxillary. I recommend that you read their obituary in the Suffolk Times. It is very moving.

I am the chairman of a committee which is looking into the purchase of a commercial coffee maker for the post. We 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*
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"Let your light shine before others."

- Matthew 5:16

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in March. The St. Patricks dinner on the 16th of March with E.J. Flynn and Ron Rossi leading the efforts for this dinner. There will be Irish dancers and plenty of good food for all to enjoy. We will also hold our first Golf Classic planning meeting at the Post on Tuesday March 19th at

6PM. Food will be provided so if you are interested in volunteering and being part of the committee then come on down.

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
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gtgpost803@gmail.com
Post Number 631-765-2276

MEMBERSHIP

Post 803 is currently at 172 / 225 (76.4%) paid up members for 2019. We have three new members to welcome to the Post, Steve BarBara USN, Dan O'Neill USN and Joe Melynys USAF. We also need 53 additional renewals for 2019. Please send your dues to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971.

Bob Cochran, *Chairman*



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THE BAR IS OPEN
every Friday at 6:30 pm
until the crowd
goes home

TUESDAY 12 MARCH 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 13 MARCH 2019 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM

SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2019 ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER The bar will open at 5:30PM and dinner will be served at 6:00PM. The cost is \$15.00 and is open to the public. You may purchase tickets at the Post or RSVP by calling the Post 631-765-2276. Tickets will be available at the door and takeout is available.

TUESDAY 19 MARCH 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.

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

TUESDAY 26 MARCH 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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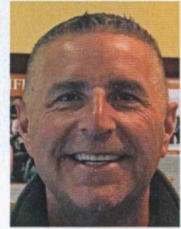
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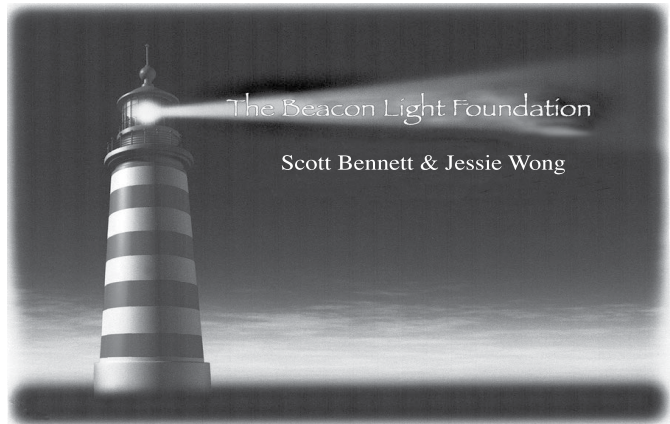
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SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

5:30 PM BAR · 6:00 DINNER

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DRAWING AT CORNERD BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

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.

**1st Golf Planning Meeting
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.

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

HISTORIAN



St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.



Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March

17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well known legend is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. Interestingly, however, the first parade held to honor St. Patrick's Day took place not in Ireland but in the United States. On March 17, 1762, Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as with fellow Irishmen serving in the English army.

This article was derived from the following website history.com: <https://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/history-of-st-patricks-day>

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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

The Empire Girls State interviews have been completed. Congratulations to Kathryn Kilcommons who was chosen as our citizen for 2019! Thanks Margie, Claire and Priscilla for all your efforts to serve our youth.

We would like to thank the ladies of Mitchell Auxiliary Unit 281 on Shelter Island for a great night of bowling and pizza! On January 26th Charlotte, Mimi, Rose, Claire and Tom and Ty and myself went over and had a wonderful time! Thanks again to the ladies and Legion members who welcomed us and we look forward to more joint ventures.

Rose and the Sweeney family fundraiser group did an outstanding job with their recent fundraiser held at the Legion hall. It was another example of the generosity of our community!

February 17th was the date of our Daytona Party. Our winter "skeleton crew" did a great job decorating the hall and serving lots of "junk food" while the big TV gave us all a great view of the race. Mimi and Carol handled the entry table and raffles smoothly. Janique did a wonderful job with the raffle basket that raised funds to update the bar and helped Denise and I with the food. Big thanks to Ty, EJ, Greg, Jan, Rob, Bill, Bob, Gary, Jack and Charles for all their help, especially with set-up. A good time was had by all!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 13th and mark your calendar for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 16th. We are looking forward to seeing all the "snowbirds" soon!

Joan Cochran, *President*

What a great show of support by the SAL for the Sweeney Family Fundraiser with Mike Anasagasti, Jim Best, Gary Hermann and myself coming together to volunteer for a great cause. Our next event that we could use some help for is the St. Patricks Day Dinner on March 16th to assist with setup and cleanup and any other tasks to help the event run smoothly, the event is \$15.00 and the bar opens at 5:30pm with the Dinner at 6pm. SAL members remember that the American Legion Hall is available for rental to members and if you are interested please talk to Dave Defriest or the Commander. Spring is around the corner and we hope to see more SAL members volunteer for the many upcoming events this spring, summer and fall. Our next meeting is Wednesday March 20th, the bar will open at 6pm and the meeting will commence at 6:30pm. If you want to come down and help out and meet some new faces please call Jim at 631-384-1307. Looking forward to Day light savings! God bless.

Sincerely,
Joe Best, *Sal Commander*

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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**
Co-chair Denise Thilberg & Rich Feeley
- ✓ **Install New Professional Coffee Maker in Kitchen**
Chair Jeff Chagnon
- ✓ **Repair or Replace Kitchen Stoves**
Co-chair Joe St Pierre, Jim Best & Bill Egan

MARCH & APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- 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
- 04/23 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM



LEGION OFFICERS

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Adjutant - David DeFriest
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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 - Joe Best
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Adjutant - Jim Best
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 Jonathan Bitner
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