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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

MAY 2018

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

I'm happy to report that as I write this I'm enjoying a beautiful spring day. It is hard to believe given such a harsh winter. I'm also happy to say that our Auxiliary did a wonderful act in April. They presented a \$2,500 check to Vet Dog's an organization that provides service dogs to Veterans in need. Pictures of the fundraiser follow this column. I'm so proud of what the Auxiliary does for our Veterans and the Post. Our Post has made wonderful progress. Our building projects are coming along and our membership is staying strong despite our sad losses. There is still so much to do and we can use your help to accomplish so much more. We need more ads for the *Reporter* as the cost of its production increases as our distribution increases. In the past we only mailed to our membership but now we reach a much broader audience. We went from sending out 226 *Reporters* to over 550 each month. That number is only going to grow as we reach out to our community and get more and more people involved. Recently we received a \$1,000 donation for the repair of our handicap ramp. We are now receiving bids on the job and it looks like it will cost us approximately \$4,000 to make the repairs but that \$1,000 donation will go a long way toward fulfilling one of our goals. On Monday the 30th Platinum electric will be going through the building making much needed upgrades and repairs to our electrical infrastructure. We will be updating our emergency lighting, creating a safer lighting situation in the basement and 2nd floor. Recently we met with the folks from ECOLAB and they will be updating our dishwasher cleaning system ensuring that every plate we clean is up to health department standards. Take a look at our 2018 goals and you will see more and more getting crossed off each month. The only way these goals get fulfilled is through volunteer efforts and fundraising. If you can volunteer then come on out and make a difference. It is also important that we pause this month during Memorial Day to honor those

Commander's Report continues next page

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Sick Call: Gary Herman is still recovering from his broken arm. Hang in there Gary and be well.

Rest in Peace: George Sullivan's wife Margaret passed suddenly on April, 13th. We extend our deepest and most heartfelt condolences and prayers to George and his family.

Last month I reported on a local chapter of the Missing in America Project. It is so sad when a veteran passes and there is no one who can attend his funeral. The Missing in America Project provides volunteers who stand in as surrogate family and friends. If anyone is interested in participating as a volunteer contact Mike Pankowsky who is our County Commander via his email (mikebets@optonline.net) or get in touch with me.

God bless you all and be well.

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



*"The Nation doesn't simply need what we have."
It needs what we are."
~St. Teresia Benedicta*

MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year! Our 2018 goal is to increase ACTIVE membership as well as adding new members. Will You Help? We have 220 paid members for 2018. Last year we had 226 members. We gained 14 new members and lost 16 members transferring or passing away. Everyone is urged to attend our monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.



Don Wagner, *Chairman*

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that have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Please come out to support the Legion as a spectator during the parade or if you are a Legionnaire, SAL or Auxiliary member come on out and march on that day. Details regarding the parade follow this column. Our May executive board meeting will be the opportunity for Legionnaires to nominate members for the 2018/19 executive board or put their own name in the hat to fill a position. We need positions filled in 2018/19 so please come to this meeting and participate. In closing I want to thank all those that have come out to support our Legion Socials and other events. We could not hold these events without your help.

God Bless All of You!

Our future is looking bright!

For God and Country

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Commander*
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TUESDAY 08 MAY 2018 GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting will begin at 6:00PM and food and drinks will be served after. This meeting is to discuss sponsorships and logistics. All committee members please try to attend prior to Executive Board Meeting. List of committee people is reflected in half page golf flyer inside this issue of the *Reporter*.

TUESDAY 08 MAY 2018 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 at the end of the meeting. NOTE: Nominations for our 2018/19 Executive Board will occur at this meeting. Please come down to nominate or put your name in the hat.

WEDNESDAY 09 MAY 2018 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM

SUNDAY 13 MAY 2018 MOTHER'S DAY MIMOSA BREAKFAST 8:00AM – 1:00PM the American Legion will



be serving breakfast to one and all but especially to the mothers in our community. If you would like to assist with this event please call the breakfast chairman Jan Powers at 914-213-8467 or email him at GalaxyFCC@gmail.com. Cost for this event is adults \$15.00 for breakfast, \$10.00 for children and \$5.00 for mimosas but you need to be 21+ to partake.

TUESDAY 22 MAY 2018 SON'S OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 5:30PM Meeting and then dinner social at 6:30PM.

TUESDAY 22 MAY 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.

MONDAY 28 MAY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the parade. The Legionnaire uniform for the day is subject to weather. If it is nice and warm then a short sleeve shirt with Legion tie, if it is chilly then long sleeve shirt with jacket and Legion tie. Don't let your lack of owning these items keep you from marching. Please come and march regardless. We will line up at 9:30AM across from Wayside Market on Boisseau Avenue in Southold. The parade will kick off at 10AM and go toward the Post 803 with a short stop at the corner of Main Road and Young's Avenue for the ceremony and then start again and ending at the Post.

THURSDAY 14 JUNE FLAG DAY & INSTALLATION OF OFFICER'S DINNER Shorty those on the mailing list will receive an invitation to this annual event. We always have a blast honoring those members that have made substantial contributions to the Post and granting our scholarships to our local high school kids. We will also be swearing in our new slate of Executive Board Members at this dinner. Everyone in the community is invited but seating is limited. We were sold out the first year we held this on Flag Day so make sure you get your RSVPs in ASAP.



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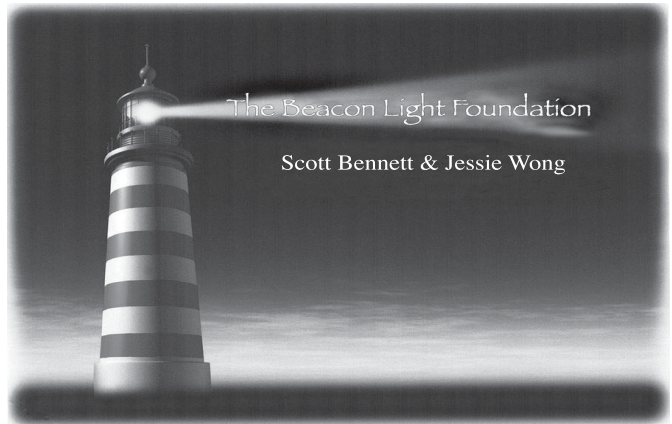
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Drawing will be June 15th, 2018 at the American Legion in Southold

For Tickets Contact 631-384-1307 or 631-298-9733

Thank You

I have got to extend a huge thank you to everyone the came out to volunteer for our first American Legion Breakfast. Jan Powers did an amazing job as chairman. I would also like to thank the leader of the NJROTC students Olivia Daddona and her crew Ryan Deerkoski, Billy Hickox, Emily Hughes, Jack Giovanniello, Olivia Saccamano, and Bobby Corwin. The food was fantastic and everyone came together to make sure it was a smashing success. Here are some pictures of our volunteers in action.



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Mother's Day Mimosa Breakfast



May 13 · 8:00 am to 1 pm

Adults \$15.00, Children \$10.00, Mimosas \$5.00 (21+ to partake)

INCLUDES:

Pancakes, eggs, sausage links/patties or bacon, potatoes.

Drinks: Coffee, tea, milk, juice OJ or Grapefruit.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

please contact breakfast chairman Jan Powers 914-213-8467

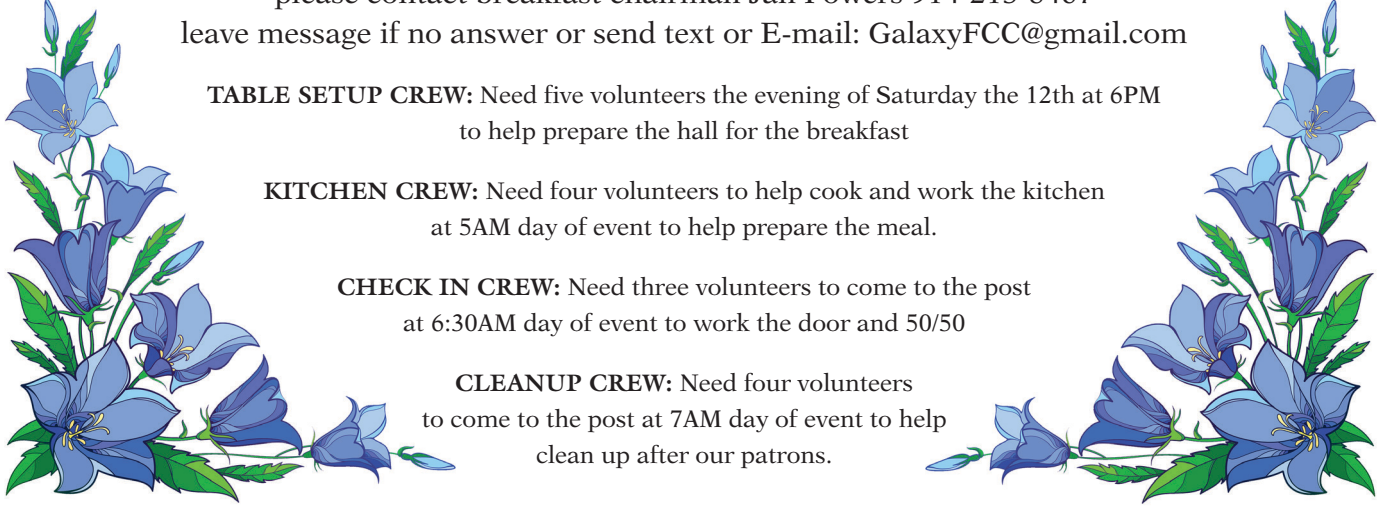
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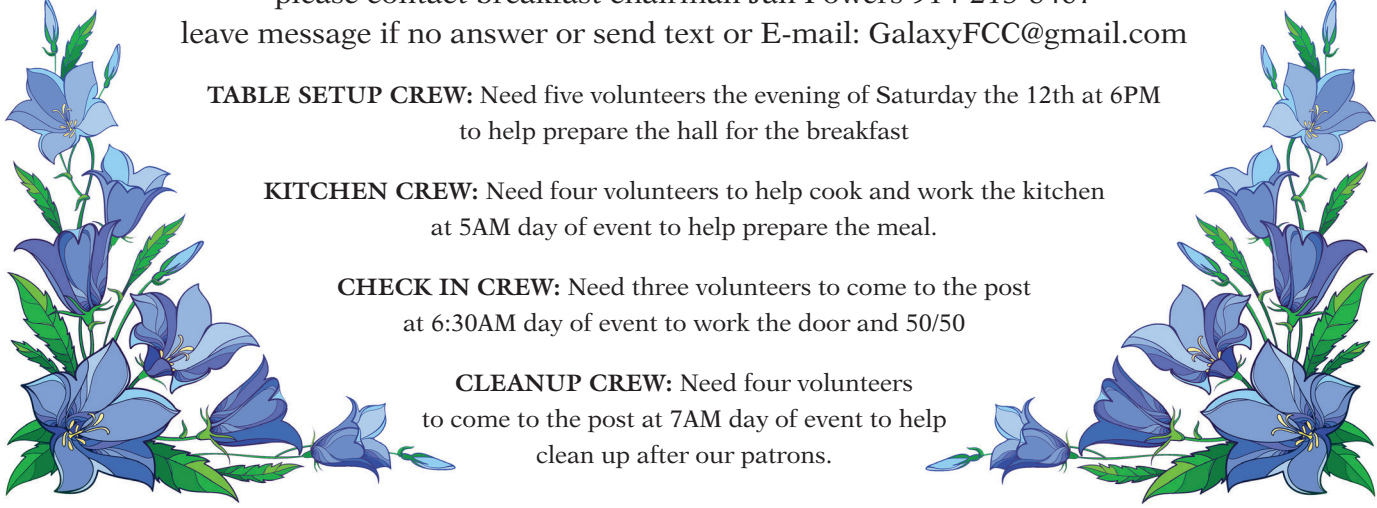
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25th Annual Golf Classic



Monday, June 4th, 2018

Island's End Golf and Country Club

Route 25, Greenport, New York

\$165 per player

Shotgun Start at 12:30 PM

Includes:

Brunch (11:00 AM)

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Range Balls

Refreshments & Hot Dogs on Course

Open Bar at Post (5:00-6:30 PM)

Raw Bar at Post

Hors d'oeuvres at Post

Complete Prime Rib Dinner
(6:30 PM)

Any Questions Call:

Charles J. Sanders - 631-702-3083

Ty Cochran - 631-765-1166

Earl Brock - 631-765-1357

2018 Golf Committee:

Charles J. Sanders, Chairman

Ty Cochran, Co-Chairman

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HISTORIAN

MEMORIAL DAY HISTORY

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday. Memorial Day 2017 occurs on May 29; Memorial Day 2018 falls on May 28.

MEMORIAL DAY TRADITIONS

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C.



Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. On a less somber note, many people take weekend trips or throw

parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because it unofficially marks the beginning of summer.

COMMANDER'S NOTE

It is true that we take full advantage of this holiday for barbecues, parties, trips and there is nothing wrong with this. Those willing to serve in the armed forces are doing so in part because of the desire to ensure that Americans can enjoy their freedom. I know that most of my fellow brothers and sisters in the service will be enjoying a barbecue but they

will also most likely toast those that have fallen and take a moment to remember. Here at Post 803 we will take the time to get up early in the morning and march in their honor. Please take the time to come out and march with us or show your support as a spectator.

The history and tradition section of this column was derived from the following website: <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history>

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Historian*

SONS OF THE LEGION

The SAL is conducting a Father's Day Raffle. See the ad in this month's Reporter for details. We will have a meeting on May 22nd before the Dinner Social. Please make the meeting at 5:30 and after the meeting we will join the Legionnaires for dinner and drinks.

Greg Dickerson, *Commander*
SAL Post 803 NO MEETING IN APRIL

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

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LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

Happy Spring everyone! I did see some daffodils peek out! True warmth will be here soon which brings to mind our Annual Yard Sale on Saturday July 7th. Please consider renting a table or saving your gently used items for our sale tables. Please help us to raise funds to help our veterans! For more information call Donna at 631-765-8144.

Last month we joined the Galaxy Car Club members at their fundraiser here at Post 803. Denise, Charlotte, Donna and I presented a check for \$2500 for America's Vet Dogs, a cause dear to our hearts which helps veterans so much. Many thanks go to our generous community, and our hard working members and Legion family for making this possible.

May 25th has been designated as National Poppy Day. Charlotte is looking for volunteers to help distribute our paper poppies not only on that day but the weekend before and after. Last year we were able to help several local veterans with these funds

as well as veterans in need at the Veterans Home and through Boots on the Ground.

We are currently helping to restock the pantry at Boots on the Ground and assisting some veterans with acute needs with gift cards. Many thanks to the St. Pierre family for coordinating this. We are also working to provide a meal for a group of veterans at their upcoming reunion here in Southold. Thank you Denise for all your work on this project as well as so many others!

Voting for this year's slate of officers will take place at our next meeting on Wednesday May 9th. We are looking for a candidate for Vice President as Margie has opted to take over Membership instead. We will set a date late in May for planting our Poppy Field. We will also discuss our installation Ceremony to be held on Friday June 1st. Volunteers are needed to help plan and set up. Volunteers are also needed to help decorate for the Legion Installation which will be held on Thursday June 14th.

Looking forward to seeing you all at this busy time of year!

Joan Cochran, *President*

BUILDING PROJECTS/2018 GOALS

- Create a call chain/e-mail list for volunteers to support events
- First annual Halloween Trick or Treat for kids and then adult party
- 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, monitoring cameras, electrical panel, basement lighting, outdoor power box **IN PROGRESS/WORKS STARTS 20 APRIL**
- New chairs for the hall
- New curtains for the hall
- New events sign in front of Post
- ~~Complete Cleaning of Color Guard Weapons~~ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED** by Jim O'Malley and Jeff Chagon!
- ~~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**
- New bar stools, tables and chairs **INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS**
- Apply Strong Sealant to Contemplation Benches
- USMC "Toys for Tots"
- Create a Larger E-Mail Database **IN PROGRESS**
- Fire Extinguishers Replaced **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED** by Neil Rochford and Joe St Pierre
- Four Pillars of the American Legion mural Commander's Office **IN PROGRESS**



APRIL & MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 05/08 Tues. Golf Committee Meeting: 6:00PM prior to Executive
- 05/08 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 05/09 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 05/13 Sun. Mother's Day Breakfast 8:00AM-1 PM
- 05/22 Tues. Son's of the American Legion
Meeting: 5:30PM Social Follows
- 05/22 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM
Dinner Served 6:30PM
- 05/28 Mon. Memorial Day Parade: 9:30AM Line Up
10AM Parade Begins
- 06/04 Mon. 25th Annual Golf Classic 11AM
Brunch 12:30PM Shotgun
- 06/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM
Meeting 7:30PM
- 06/13 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 06/14 Thur. Annual Flag Day/Installation of Officer's Dinner 6PM
- 06/26 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 Service Officer - Robert Neville
- Post Historian - Charles J. Sanders
- Membership Chair - Don Wagner
- Membership Assistant - Bob Cochran

SAL OFFICERS

- Commander - Greg Dickerson
- 1st Vice - Daniel Kaelin
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