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# THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803  
SEPTEMBER 2017

## COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

I would first like to thank Scott Bennett, Jessie Wong, Alison and Hal Culver and Karen Helinski for contributing to our ad page with two new ads. We are well on our way toward filling up our advertisement page to eliminate the cost of producing the *Reporter*. Please give me a call if you would like to take out an ad in the *Reporter*. Secondly, I want to thank Denise Thilberg and E.J. Flynn along with a host of other volunteers for another successful Car Show. This event is another big one for us and this year's funds will go toward our replacement of the antiquated heating units. We will be updating them for more efficiency and cost savings for the long run. I would also like to thank Don Grim for helping us out with the delivery of the beloved "Pope Mobile." He was kind enough to pick it up and drop it off at Islands End so that they may use some of the parts. Included with this article are two pictures of that day with Cuppy saying his final goodbye to the trusted "Pope Mobile." You may have noticed that one of our benches was damaged near the flagpole but has now been repaired. It looks like a motorcyclist attempted an accidental Evil Knievel jump with his bike going over the guardrail and into our new bench. Fortunately for him he did not end up with Knievel type injuries and Joe St. Pierre was able to fix the bench with his master carpentry skills. Finally, I would like to encourage everyone to come out to our annual chicken BBQ Saturday the 16th of September. Come on down and fill your bellies and if you would like to volunteer I know Earl would love to hear from you. Please reach out to him if you can lend a hand. I will be giving a presentation on the history of 911 on Sunday, September 10th at 5:30PM at the Southold Town Recreation Center off

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## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

### *Rest in Peace -*

Robert H. Rogers, a Vietnam Marine who served in the battle at Khe Sahn Passed last month, an American Legion service was conducted at the Horton- Mathie Funeral Home in Greenport, which was attended by our funeral detail.

If anyone would like to participate in our funeral detail please contact me at the number below and I will put you on our call list. It does not involve much time and it means so much to the families of our departed members.

### *Sick Call -*

Daniel McConlogue is resting at home with his family. Please keep him in your prayers.

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

*Pray as though everything depended on God.  
Work as though everything depended on you -*

## LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

As this article is being written we are looking forward to the Legion Car Show - always a great event! Denise and E.J. have done a great job organizing it once again!

The Legion Chicken BBQ is coming up on September 16th. Please come out to support a great team making a great meal! At our August meeting members voted to use poppy funds by helping local veterans and sponsoring events at the Veterans Home. Donna and I also attended the August meeting of Suffolk County American Legion Auxiliary (SCALA) which was held in Riverhead. We heard reports on Empire Girls' State and the recent state convention. We also learned about a great project called "Splashes of Hope" which involves hand painted murals and ceiling tiles over the beds in

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of Peconic lane at 5:30PM. I hope you can come out and learn more about the history of 911 and help us to NEVER FORGET!

Our future is looking bright!  
For God and Country, Sincerely,

Charles J. Sanders  
Post 803  
Commander  
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**Sunday 10 September 2017 Commander's History of 911 Presentation-** This presentation is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. The presentation is approximately one hour and will begin at 5:30PM. It will be held at the Southold Town Recreation Center located off of Peconic Lane in Peconic.

**Tuesday 12 September 2017 Executive and Business Meeting Bar** - The bar will open at 6:30 PM 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.

**Wednesday 13 September 2017 Auxiliary Meeting 7PM**

**Saturday 16 September 2017 Annual Chicken BBQ**  
Come on down and enjoy a great meal from 4PM to 7PM. Takeout is available so please RSVP \$25.00 to Attn. Earl Brock American Legion Post 803 P.O. Box 591 Southold, NY 11971 or by phone 631-765-1357. Volunteers are needed for this event too so please come out and volunteer if you can.

**Tuesday 26 September 2017 Dinner Social - 5:30PM**  
Bar is open and 6:30PM dinner is served so that we may accommodate more members. **Please RSVP to Earl Brock 631-765-1357** Cost \$10.00 Volunteers are needed at 4PM to setup for the event so come on down.

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the Veterans Home. We enjoyed refreshments and meeting the women who are usually on the other end of a phone call to us! Members are encouraged to attend the monthly socials. The next one is on September 26th. Bar opens at 5:30 followed by dinner. Plans are underway for our Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday November 5th. We have vendors signing up now and look forward to another successful event!  
Joan Cochran, *President*

## CAR SHOW

Another car show is in the books. The weather was amazingly perfect as well as the cars. Such a great turn out from our community and our members. A huge thank you to our legionnaires and our auxiliary members for their participation. Without this help and support the show would not go on. Thank you to our pin-up ladies...Sarah, Tara, Rachel, Chelsea and Marissa. These ladies sold the 50/50's. Greg Schlachter thank you for supporting me, standing by my side and busting your hump to help make this event a success. Greg Johns... thank you for making posters, gathering prizes, directing traffic and busting your hump to help in the success. Town Supervisor Scott Russell thank you for helping at the gate and taking the time to reset the hall. J&L supplied the food truck, The New York Vendettas for the music, and WLNG for helping us spread the word! Our sponsors that made WLNG possible... Mullen Motors, Sound Side Landscaping, Kolb Mechanical and Daniel Wilcenski Electric. Rich and Gary keepers of the bar...thank you! We were also so happy that our Commander Charles Sanders was able to attend and witness the car show for his own eyes.

So to all the people, friends and members that participated in small and big ways...

***THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!***

There are just way to many people to name.

Denise Thilberg & EJ Flynn

## BUILDING PROJECTS

We are still plugging away on our 2017 goals. If you would like to contribute to any of our building projects please feel free to reach out to the Commander or Joe St Pierre 516-398-0065.

# PAGE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS

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service, and are proud to salute  
those currently serving!

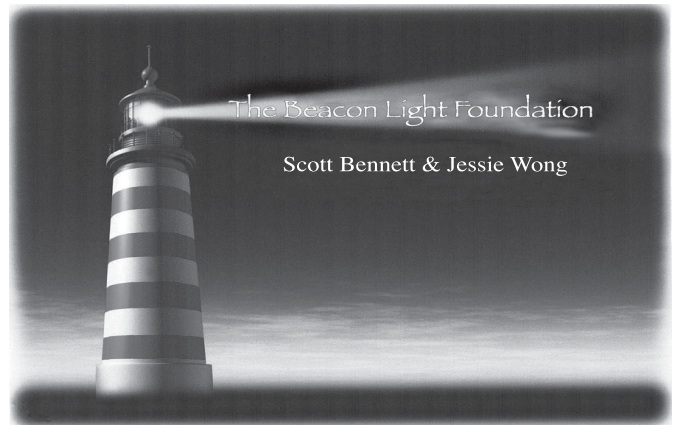
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## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 2017 GOALS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

1. New Heating Units **Getting Estimates**
2. Fix the steps and handrails for both of our entrances.
3. Develop a cost estimate for each of our building projects. **In Progress**
4. Heating Units. **Getting Bids**
5. Complete restoration of Commander's office. **100% Complete**
6. Update bathroom in Sons of the American Legion room. **SAL Project**
7. Increase Legion member participation by 20%.
8. Install new batteries and PA system in new golf cart. **100% Complete**
9. Change hardware on front door.
10. Create an email contact list. **In Progress**
11. Clean and inventory Color Guard weapons. **50% Complete**
12. Paint the Post interior entrance and hall.
13. Update parking lot lighting. **80% Complete**
14. New Visitor logbook to capture information on those That visit the post. **100% Complete**



SOUTHOLD AMERICAN LEGION POST 803

AMERICAN  
**ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ**  
LEGION

**September 16, 2017 · 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



Mail Your Check:

Attn. Earl Brock – American Legion Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ NEXT EVENT - VETERAN'S DINNER DANCE ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

For those who were fortunate enough to attend last year's Veteran's Dinner Dance sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary, mark your calendar for November 11th. For those who did not attend, now is your chance to participate in this fabulous event. Music by Studio G will have everyone hopping and Ammirati's of Love Lane will serve the culinary delights of the evening. Advanced ticket sales only. Plan your table now with family and friends. Invitations will be mailed out shortly.

Thank You, Margie Brock

## HISTORIAN

I would like to say thank you to the anonymous author of two letters signed, "A forgotten soldier." This author wrote me with some very useful information regarding the history of the Cold War. I would like you to know that if you're a member of Post 803 you are not a "Forgotten Soldier." We are proud that you served and we are proud you are a part of our family.

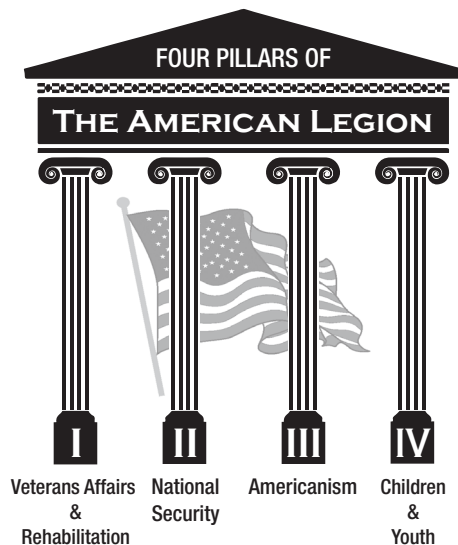
Let's now talk about the economic and military conditions facing Harry S. Truman in 1948. Truman was in the middle of his campaign for reelection when the Soviets decided to cut off Berlin. Truman was also faced with the responsibility to help guide America from a war fighting economy to a peaceful economy. Here is some interesting information pertaining to the demobilization of troops after the war. In May of 1945 there was 12.3 million serving in the military and 7.6 million were overseas. Shortly after the formal surrender of Japan on the 2nd of September 1945 the American people put pressure on Congress to bring the Troops home. Alton Lee quotes Clare Boothe Luce the congresswoman from Connecticut as saying that every congressman was, "...under constant and terrific pressure from servicemen and their families." This pressure came in many forms but the tactics of the "Bring Back Daddy" clubs were quite clever. They sent letters with attached photos of their children and in one example they sent baby shoes with a note stating, "Please bring back my daddy." These tactics were not lost on Congress for example Senator Edwin C. Johnson sent the baby shoes he received to the war department with a note stating, "...be a good Santa Claus and release the fathers." Well, the pressure worked because the troop levels were dramatically reduced and by 1948 there were only about 1.5 million serving. Can you imagine the stress that must have put on the president and the country? How can you now employ all of those people? How can you transition the economy from producing war material to domestic items so quickly? More importantly how can you defend Berlin if war broke out and your troop levels are so low? Now we begin to answer why Truman chose not to use force. In my next column I will speak more specifically about the condition of the Armed Forces in 1948 while concentrating on our atomic capabilities.

Data for this article was gleaned from the following reference: Alton Lee, "The Army "Mutiny" of 1946," The Journal of American History 53, no. 3 (1966): 555-75.

Sincerely,  
Charles J. Sanders, *Historian*

## SON'S OF THE LEGION

As new commander of the SAL it was good to be back after many years. I see we have a lot of people interested in getting involved in moving the SAL forward. At the last meeting or the first meeting lol we decided to do a Christmas raffle. We are looking at getting prizes together and hope to pass out raffle tickets at our next meeting. Tickets will sell for \$5. Each with a winner for every ticket sold. Come to the next meeting Oct 24th at 6pm for details. Feed to follow meeting. Thanks commander Greg Dickerson



## MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations There are now 140 paid members for 2018. Keep them coming in! Only 85 to go. You can pay your dues at our chicken BBQ September 16, 2017.

Don Wagner, Chairman



## LONG TERM GOALS

1. Renovation of Entire 2nd Floor excluding the Son's Bar Room.
2. Emergency Exit for 2nd Floor.
3. New Roof where required.
4. Kitchen Makeover Walls and Floor.
5. Bar Makeover
6. New Interior Staircase to 2nd Floor.
7. Bathroom Renovation Male and Female Main Hall.
8. Bathroom Renovation 2nd Floor **SAL Project**

# 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Coming Attractions*

- 9/10 Sun. Commander's 911 Presentation at the Southold Town Rec. Center 5:30PM
- 9/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting  
Bar Open 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM
- 9/13 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting 7PM
- 9/16 Sat. Annual American Legion Chicken BBQ 4-7PM
- 9/26 Tues. September Dinner Social  
Bar Open 5:30 PM • 6:30 PM Dinner Served
- 10/10 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting Bar Open 6:30PM  
Meeting 7:30PM
- 10/11 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting 7PM
- 10/24 Tues. Son's of the American Legion Meeting 6:00PM  
Dinner to Follow
- 10/24 Tues. October Dinner Social Bar Open 5:30 PM  
6:30 PM Dinner Served
- 11/5 Sun. Auxiliary Craft Fair Time TBD
- 11/10 Fri. Veteran's Day Ceremony: Time TBD
- 11/11 Sat. Veteran's Day Dinner Dance: Time TBD
- 11/14 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting Bar Open 6:30PM  
Meeting 7:30PM



## 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 Service Officer** - Robert Neville
- Post Historian** - Charles J. Sanders
- SAL Adjutant** - Jim Best
- Membership Chair** - Don Wagner

## SAL OFFICERS

- Commander** - Greg Dickerson
- 1st Vice** - Daniel Kaelin
- 2nd Vice** - Rich Feeley
- Adjutant** - Jim Best
- Finance Officer** - Jim Best
- Sergeant at Arms** - Michael Anasagasti
- Chaplain** - Joseph Cavanagh
- Historian** - John Slattery

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