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★★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★★

Comrades,

It seems like just yesterday we were honoring Memorial Day, and now the summer has whisked by, bringing us to Labor Day. During the month of **August,** we did not observe any special activities in the early part of the month, other than our regular monthly business meeting and our Bingo sessions on **Tuesday afternoons** and **Thursday evenings**.

However, our annual **Car Show**, held on **Sunday, August 24th**, was a tremendous success. It was a beautiful day, well attended, with many stunning classic cars, hot rods, and antique vehicles for spectators to enjoy. The community turned out in full force, and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Denise Schlachter, E. J. Flynn, and Joan Cochran** for coordinating and organizing this event. Thank you also to the many members who helped set up and worked tirelessly throughout the day.

As we now enter **September,** we pause to reflect and remember a solemn moment in our nation's history—**September 11, 2001.** Though many years have passed, the memory of that day remains vivid. We must never forget the nearly 3,000 lives lost, the heroic first responders, and the resilience that brought our country together. Let us each take a moment this month to honor their memory and ensure that the lessons of that day continue to guide us.

Looking ahead, our annual **Chicken BBQ** is scheduled for **September 20th**. Please see the advertisement in this issue of *The Reporter* for more detailed information. On **October 18th**, Post 803 will sponsor a **commemorative Pickle Ball Tournament** to honor and remember **Captain Brendan Kelly**, to be held at the Tasker Park Pickle Ball Courts in Peconic.

For questions or additional information, pertaining to the pickle ball tournament you can contact **JoAnn Prince Annabell** at jap3943@yahoo.com or 631-525-7937

Yours in patriotism and service,

David E. DeFriest,
Commander, American Legion Post 803
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We are Having a Pot Luck

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 6:30 PM AT THE LEGION HALL.

Please bring a dish to share, whether it be a main dish, casserole, salad, appetizer or dessert. Everyone is welcome to attend.

★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★

Post Status: For the 2026 membership year we have (96/183 = 52.4 %) paid up members to date. We finished the 2025 membership year with (177/191 = 92.6 %). You can still pay your dues for 2025 or 2026 at your convenience. You send in the $57 to the Post and I'll make sure your ID card will be at your next mail call. Please fill in the blank information on the back of the dues notices sent from National when you send in your dues. A warm welcome to Adrian Weisbaum and Tony Komijenovich who both transferred from Rocky Point to Post 803. We are glad to have you both.

Veterans, come join us we could use the help.

Members are welcome: To contact the Post, use P.O. Box 591, Attn. Membership
Legion Auxiliary Attn: Donna St Pierre • Sons of Legion Attn: Gary Iorio

Post 803 Legionnaire Membership Requirements: To join Post 803, for Legionnaires you need to submit an American Legion Membership application, a copy of your DD-214 or discharge, and **$57** for annual dues. All membership correspondence should be sent to Post 803, Attn. Membership, and P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971.

Thanks for supporting Post 803.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

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WE START SELLING SHEETS AT 6 PM
GAMES BEGIN AT 7 PM, ENDING BY 9:15-9:30 PM

Cash prizes for Thursday Night BINGO will be determined by sales and attendance, which we are anticipating will be considerably higher than Tuesday afternoon bingo.

ALL WELCOME • ALL AGES • CASH ONLY

Players can bring in food and drink, but no alcohol.
Legion bar is closed. For questions, call Earl at 516.901.3228.

Tuesday afternoon bingo is still on-going and remains the same.

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SOUTHOLD AMERICAN LEGION POST 803

ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2025
4 PM - 7PM

$30 PER PERSON

TICKETS REQUIRED for EAT IN or TAKE OUT

Dinner Includes: Dessert & Soda
Cash Bar Available

CALL POST 803 AT 631.765.2276 TO ORDER TICKETS

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

THE 250-YEAR ARMY CELEBRATIONS IN WASHINGTON DC – A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE!

On Sunday, June 15th, 2025, I joined thousands of fellow Americans at an event rich in history and national pride—the 250-Year Army Celebrations in Washington DC. This special occasion provided an opportunity to honor the brave men and women who have served their country, showcasing a remarkable display of patriotism and community spirit. The blend of the Festival and the Parade filled the nation's capital with nostalgia and excitement, offering all of us a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

We began our day by visiting the Festival at the National Mall, which offered a remarkable variety of attractions such as live music performances, historical reenactments, and booths highlighting the military's rich traditions. The vibrant sounds of patriotic music resonated, promoting a sense of unity and celebration among the attendees.

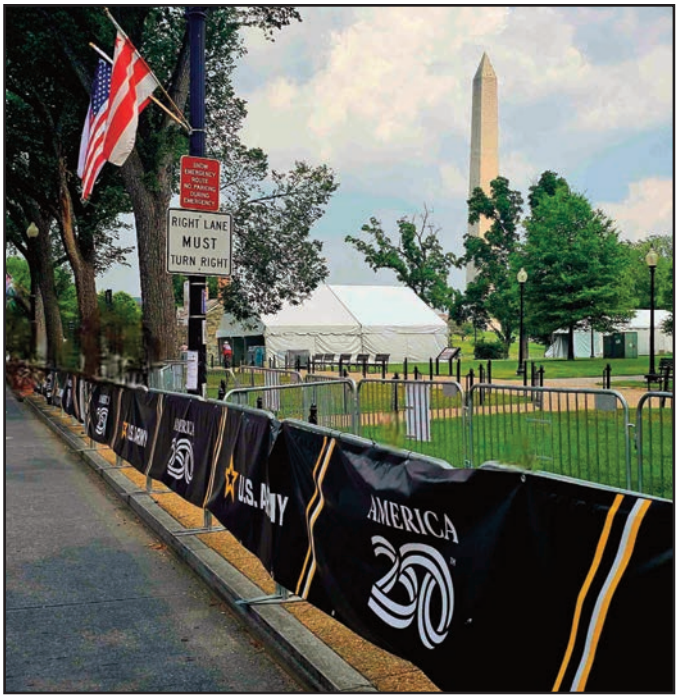
Walking past the different Festival booths was a unique experience for me, as each provided a view into the army's 250-year history. Military members and veterans were present, sharing their stories and personal battlefield experiences, which certainly enabled attendees to connect with America's military heritage. I genuinely feel that this interaction helped bridge the gap between military personnel and civilians, fostering a deeper appreciation for their sacrifices.

As the afternoon progressed, attention turned to the eagerly awaited Parade. Crowds, many dressed in red, white, and blue packed the stands along Constitution Avenue and much of the Washington Monument grounds, where large screens were installed for everyone to view the marching units. The parade commenced, exuding a sense of shared history and pride, featuring uniforms, tanks, military equipment, helicopters, and military airplanes flying overhead. This met with enthusiastic applause and cheers from the spectators, enhancing the festive mood!

As both a spectator and a participant in these exceptional celebrations, I genuinely felt that this event transcended a simple spectacle. I am certain that most attendees would concur with me that it acted as a potent reminder of the sacrifices made by countless individuals throughout history. Moments of silence were also observed to honor fallen soldiers, offering the crowd a chance to contemplate the deeper meaning of the day's events and pay homage to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The parade ended with dazzling fireworks, leaving the air filled with pride, gratitude, and unity. As I left, I observed the crowds around me, and I felt that everyone who attended seemed to be leaving the area with a refreshed sense of fulfillment and joy.

John Christina, Historian



★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★

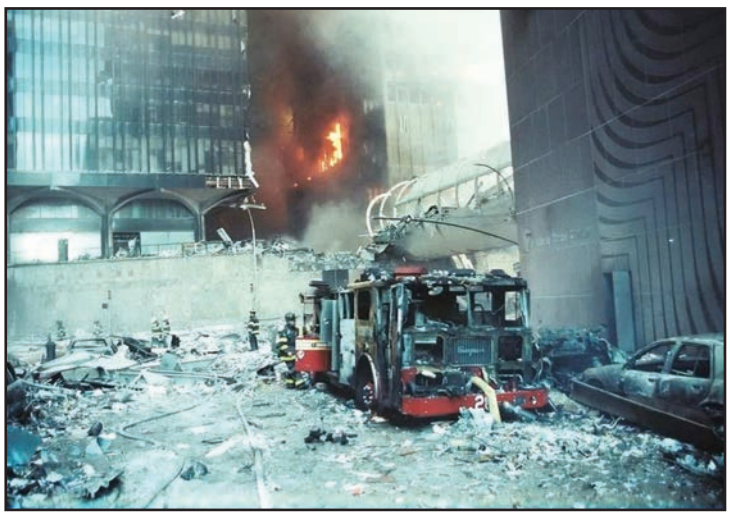
Twenty-four years ago, Islamic terrorists attacked our Nation on September 11, 2001. A new generation of Americans have come of age, and we must pass on the history of that dark day.

2,996 innocent people were murdered. Including 71 law enforcement officers, 55 military personnel and 343 of my brother New York City Firefighters. Our military was sent into action as the Global War in Terrorism spearheaded into Afghanistan and Iraq. Over 7,000 US Military personnel would be lost in the years that followed. Following the attack our country briefly united. We must never forget!

"Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children."

— President George W. Bush, November 11, 2001

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander



A SPECIAL HOLIDAY THANK-YOU FOR OUR VETERANS

The Southold Post 803 American Legion Auxiliary, together with the Long Island Cares Veterans Project, appreciates our veterans' and active military members' service to our country. As a gesture of our thanks, we are offering a complimentary uncooked turkey, ham, or chicken along with a box of holiday meal fixings to local vets and current service members.

This special gift of thanks must be reserved in advance and can be picked-up on **Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11**, in the Legion Hall parking lot following the Veterans Day ceremony—**from approximately 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

To reserve your meal gift, you must contact the Auxiliary **between September 15 and October 2 by email or phone and let us know whether you prefer a turkey, a ham or a chicken.** You may email us at: **southoldpost803@gmail.com** or phone the Auxiliary at **631-407-5555** and leave a message. In your message, please be sure to include your name, phone number and your meal preference. Please note that we will not be able to fulfill requests from walk-ups on the day of the event, you must reserve your gift in advance.

On behalf of our Auxiliary and Long Island Cares,
thank you for your service and dedication to our country.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

We need volunteers for the Chicken BBQ.
Please contact Dave DeFriest if you can help. Ded631@aol.com

The Post is trying to improve lines of communication. Please provide us your email address. The best way to do this is to send us an email at gtgpost803@gmail.com with your contact information. Or if you want to call, leave your name and email address on the answering machine 631.765.2276, lastly you can mail it to American Legion Post 803, P.O. Box 591 Southold, NY 11971

★★ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ★★

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

"O, God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them feel the healing power of Your love." - Amen

In our thoughts and prayers are Raymond Terry.

Jeff Chagnon - Post Chaplain 631.456.3258

September has arrived. Luckily, Hurricane Erin headed out to sea and let us hold our Annual Legion Car Show on August 24th. It was a wonderful day to get out and see a variety of classic cars and trucks. Thanks go to Denise, Dave, Greg, EJ and all those members of the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and ROTC who helped make this day an amazing success! And thank you to all in our community who continue to support Legion events.

Our popular "Potluck" is back! Join us on Friday, September 12th at 6:30 PM. Bring a dish of food to share and enjoy the company of friends!

Mark your calendars for the Annual Legion Chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 20th. Get your tickets now!

The Auxiliary will again work with Long Island Cares to thank our local veterans for their service. On Veterans Day, for those who sign up ahead of time, there is a choice to pick up a frozen turkey , ham or chicken plus all the "fixins" for a full meal just in time for Thanksgiving. Sign up by calling the Legion at 631.407.5555.

Remember that our Holiday Craft Fair will be here before you know it, on Sunday November 2nd. And you now have two opportunities to play Bingo at Post 803 – Tuesday afternoon at 12 and Thursday night at 6:00 PM. It's great fun!

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10th. We will start at 6:30 PM with pizza!

Joan Cochran,
President

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09/04 Thu.	Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm and Games start at 7pm
09/05 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8pm
09/09 Tue.	Tuesday Day BINGO - Doors Open at 12 noon and Games start at 12:30pm
09/09 Tue.	**Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:00pm, Dinner 6:30pm, Meeting 7:00pm**
09/10 Wed.	**Auxiliary Meeting 7pm**
09/11 Thu.	Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm and Games start at 7pm
09/12 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8pm
09/16 Tue.	Tuesday Day BINGO - Doors Open at 12 noon and Games start at 12:30pm
09/18 Thu.	Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm and Games start at 7pm
09/19 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8pm
09/20 Sat.	**Chicken BBQ 4pm-7pm $30**
09/23 Tue.	Tuesday Day BINGO- Doors Open at 12 noon and Games start at 12:30pm
09/25 Thu.	Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm and Games start at 7pm
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