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Griswold Terry Glover Post 803

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★★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★★



Greetings Comrades, Friends, and Supporters of the American Legion.

The next meeting on the **10th of November at 6pm** is Dinner and a Discussion about Veterans Day. If you are attending, please RSVP by calling the post and leaving a message or emailing at gtgpost803@gmail.com.



Meeting Highlights:

- Membership proposed to research in investing in a **Point of Sales System** for the Bar and a **Bugle** for Ceremonies.
- The **New Post T-Shirt** (long/short) is on sale. The price is $20 for short sleeves and $25 for long sleeves. We are exploring an option to create a store through EESG so members can order other styles of Post Clothing.

Past Events:

- The **Auxiliary Holiday Craft Fair** on November 1st was a great event with over 30 vendors from all over Long Island.
- **Fall Cleanup** around the post has been improving but we still have a long way to go. We completed the outside shed. Help is needed to clean and organize the 2nd Floor Storeroom which is being headed up by the Sons of the Legion.
- Mrs. Rose Anasagasti has been hired to become our new **Hall Coordinator / Event Planner.**



Recently Cleaned Up Shed

Upcoming Events:

- **Veterans Day Ceremony** will be held on the 11th of November 2026 at 11 am. Following the ceremony there will be free brunch served in the Hall and the Free Thanksgiving Turkey will be given out by LI Cares.

House and Grounds Update:

- The **American Legion Front and Rear Parking Lot** project was completed. All the Handicap Parking Spaces were identified and painted. We are trying to fix the handicap signs if anyone would be willing to help with that, please contact me.
- The project to transform the Hall into a **Media Center** was voted on and approved by the membership. The details of the project will be sent out by email, and it will be completed during the month of January 2027.
- The **Post Headquarters and Auxiliary Office** will be switched so the headquarters office can have additional workstations for Officers. The Auxiliary Office will also be shared with the Hall Coordinator, so they have an area to meet potential clients.

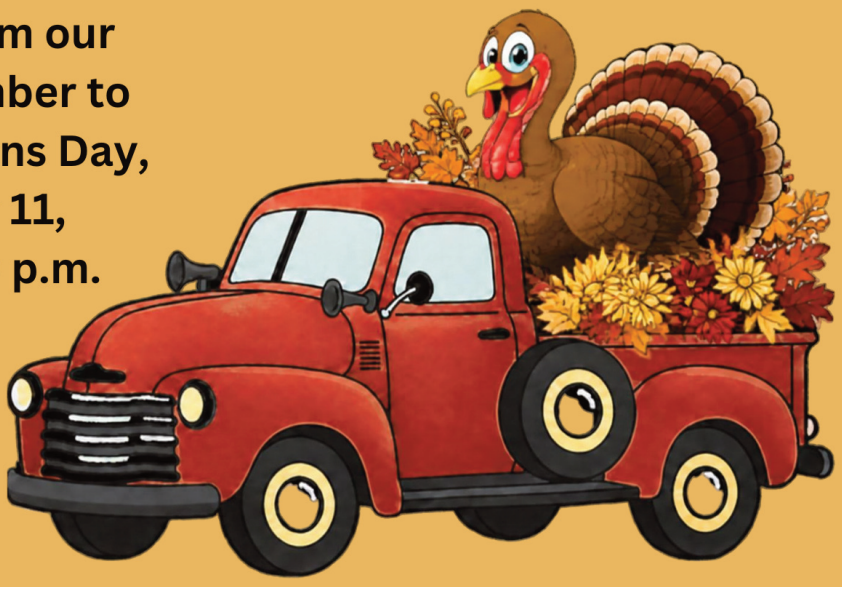
In closing, whenever you see Mr. Jim Cowen, please thank him for his continued service as the Treasurer of our post. I want to emphasize that our continued success solely depends on involvement from everyone.

David Wilburn
Interim Commander, American Legion Post 803
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Turkey Pick-Up Reminder

If you reserved a turkey and a box of meal"fixin's" from our Auxiliary, kindly remember to pick them up on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, between 12:15 and 1:30 p.m. in the Post parking lot. Thank you!





IMPROVING COMMUNICATION

We are trying to improve communication to all of our members, sponsors and friends as well as offer our Reporter electronically.

Please send us an email to **gtgpost803@gmail.com** with your **Name, Mailing Address and Email** and let us know if you prefer to receive the monthly Reporter **electronically** or still receive a **printed** copy in the mail.

★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★

Post Status: We have (111/172) 64.5% paid up members for 2027. There are a couple of members who are carried as "Expired" on the Dept. of NY Database. The last time their dues were paid was 2025. It's not too late for "Expired" members to maintain their continuous years of membership, just pay your dues for 2026. The 2027 membership year is progressing as usual, a few renewals here and there until the start of the New Year. You can reduce the January renewal bulge by submitting your dues for 2027 before the Thanksgiving / Christmas Holidays. Thanks for your help in keeping us ahead of the Suffolk County American Legion goals.

Veterans become Legionnaires, come join U.S. we could use the help.

Membership Points of Contact (POC) are as follows:

Legionnaires (Veterans)	Attn: Robt. Cochran
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 - POC, and P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

★★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★★



In November we honor our veterans on Veterans Day. On November 11th, come to the Legion for the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at 11:00AM. It is always a moving tribute to those who served. After the ceremony the Auxiliary will be distributing turkeys to those local veterans who signed up previously. This is a joint effort with LI Cares Veterans Program to thank our veterans for their service to our country.

Auxiliary Unit 803 holds its' Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday, November 1st. Each year we gather wonderful vendors, and this year is no exception! We will have handcrafted stained glass, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, woodworking, crochet, clothing and more displayed in the Legion Hall for sale just in time to begin your holiday shopping. We will have a Thanksgiving Basket Raffle as well. And don't forget to get some of Margie's chili, or a tasty chili dog! Please join us between 10:00AM and 3:00PM.

On October 4th the Legion and Auxiliary welcomed several Girl Scout troops to Post 803. The girls learned some history as they toured the building and grounds, and saw three brief videos about the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, and Veterans Day. They enjoyed snacks and worked on their cards for veterans. Thanks go to Vickie and Dave DeFriest for organizing this event. Helpers were Bob Bittner, Jane Sueiro, Doris McGreevy, Carol Cordone, and myself. The girls had a good time, and learned a bit about the veterans they write to every Veterans Day.

The Auxiliary enjoyed a night out on Tuesday, September 29th at On The Docks in Aquebogue. It was a lovely evening and we all agreed that it was nice to get together socially, just for fun! Thank you Linda Ruland and Joan Cear for organizing this event.

Our next meeting will be at 7:00PM on Wednesday, November 18th. We moved it one week later due to Veterans Day.

Joan Cochran, Co-President

GIRL SCOUTS

Last month Girl Scout Service Unit 60 visited Post 803 in Southold. The girl scouts learned about the history and meaning of Veterans Day as well the history and services provided by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. After a tour of the building and grounds, the scouts took time to write their annual "Thank You" Veterans Day cards to veterans throughout Southold Town.









★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★

As the Fall season comes to the North Fork, Veterans Day is upon us, and I hope to see a good turnout for the annual Legion ceremony. There has been a lot of behind the scenes activities improving our building and grounds. Our new Legion Commander has been working diligently to improve the management and operations of our post. Improvements in e-mail communications and our most important newsletter are underway, and the building looks fantastic with the new refreshed paint color!



Let's all show our support for those who have served. Veterans day ceremony will be held at the post 11:00 AM November 11. Hope to see a good turnout from our Legion Sons. I leave you with a veteran's poem:

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves under the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag who allows the protestor to burn the flag."

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander

★★ HISTORIAN ★★

'COLONEL MAGGIE'
THE INSPIRING SERVICE OF HOLLYWOOD ACTRESS MARTHA RAYE

Martha Raye, born August 21, 1916, spent decades entertaining troops, but Vietnam defined her legacy. Between 1965 and 1972, she made eight trips to the war zone, often staying four months at a time.

Unlike most USO performers, Maggie went to isolated Special Forces camps and front-line outposts, places others avoided. She played cards, called soldiers' families, cleaned wounds, donated blood, and performed under fire. Troops loved her so much they called her Colonel Maggie and made her an honorary Green Beret.

Bob Hope called her "Florence Nightingale, Dear Abby, and the only singer who could be heard over artillery fire." She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, and in 1994 was buried at Fort Bragg with full military honors-the first civilian woman granted that privilege.



Wearing her Vietnam Green Beret uniform, Martha Raye snaps off a salute as she kicks off the 20th annual Veterans of Foreign Wars Loyalty Day Parade in New York, April 29, 1967. The theme of that year's parade was "Support our fighting troops in Vietnam." Raye was the honorary reviewing officer.



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USMC BIRTHDAY — NOVEMBER 10TH

Cake-Cutting Ceremony: A standardized tradition where the first slice of cake is given to the oldest Marine present and the second slice is handed to the youngest Marine, symbolizing the passing of history and knowledge from one generation to the next.

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We extend our Warmest Birthday Wishes to all our Fellow Legionnaires Celebrating in November!

John J Slattery	11/14	John M Cross	11/19
John McKenna Jr	11/17	Paul F Kraehling	11/24
Joseph Polkosnik	11/18	John Skabry Sr	11/29
Jack H Thilberg	11/19		

If you are not listed please add your Birthday when you send in your membership dues.



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VETERANS BENEFITS "CORNER"

VA LAUNCHES PILOT PROGRAM TO SPEED VETERANS' ACCESS TO SERVICES, CARE, BENEFITS

(OCTOBER 7, 2026)

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs today launched a new pilot program at six VA facilities to help Veterans establish VA.gov accounts faster than ever before, which means speedier access to VA services, care and benefits.

VA has worked with technology and security company CLEAR to deploy CLEAR pods at six VA hospitals across the country. Veterans who want to create a new account on VA.gov can use these pods to sign up in a matter of minutes with the assistance of VA staff.

Starting today, this faster option for setting up a VA.gov account is available at VA medical centers in Atlanta; Brooklyn, New York; Orlando, Florida; Palo Alto, California; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Washington, D.C. VA will consider expanding this system to other facilities pending the results of this pilot program.

FOR MORE INFO SCAN HERE

Dave Chiaro, Veterans Affairs

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★★ NOVEMBER & DECEMBER EVENTS ★★

11/01 Sun.	**Holiday Craft Fair 10am-3pm (Vendor setup 8am)**
11/03 Tues.	Tuesday Day BINGO - Doors Open at 12 noon and Games start at 12:30pm
11/05 Thu.	Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm. Must be seated by 7pm start time.
11/06 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8pm
11/10 Tue.	**Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:00pm, Dinner 6:30pm, Meeting 7:00pm**
11/11 Wed.	**Veterans Day Ceremony at 11:00am and Veterans' Brunch to Follow**
11/11 Wed.	**Thanksgiving Meal Pick-up 12:15-1:30pm**
11/12 Thu.	Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm. Must be seated by 7pm start time.
11/13 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8pm
11/17 Tues.	Tuesday Day BINGO - Doors Open at 12 noon and Games start at 12:30pm
11/18 Wed.	**Auxiliary Meeting 7pm.**
11/19 Thu.	Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm. Must be seated by 7pm start time.
11/20 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8pm
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12/01 Tues.	Tuesday Day BINGO - Doors Open at 12 noon and Games start at 12:30pm
12/03 Thu.	Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm. Must be seated by 7pm start time.
12/04 Fri.	**Bar is Open 6:30pm and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8pm**
12/04 Fri.	**Legion Holiday Decorating 6:30pm**
12/04 Fri.	**Southold Town Salutes Banner – Sponsors pick up their banners 6-8pm (Auxiliary)**
12/07 Mon.	**Snacks with Santa 4-6pm**
12/08 Tue.	**Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:00pm, Dinner 6:30pm, Meeting 7:00pm**
12/10 Thu.	**Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm. Must be seated by 7pm start time.**
12/11 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8pm
12/11 Fri.	**Southold Town Salutes Banner – Sponsors pick up their banners 6-8pm (Auxiliary)**
12/11 Fri.	**Pot Luck Christmas Party 6:30pm Bring a dish to share. All welcome.**
12/15 Tues.	Tuesday Day BINGO - Doors Open at 12 noon and Games start at 12:30pm
12/17 Thu.	Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm. Must be seated by 7pm start time.
12/18 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8pm
12/25 Fri.	**Christmas**



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