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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Greetings fellow Legionnaires and Friends of the Legion,

Well, here we are in the month of November 2024. It seems as though this year went by rather quickly. November is a busy month for American Legion Post 803.

Election Day is November 5th. Don't forget to go to the polls and Vote for your favorite candidate.

But first let me recap what took place on September 29th that was too late in the month to make it into October's Reporter. On September 29th we held our annual Walk 4 Valor event. It turned out to be a great success, even though the weather wasn't the best. It drizzled rain throughout the whole day. However, everyone who participated persevered and pressed on to complete the 22-mile walk. Each year the Walk 4 Valor raises awareness and funding for measures to help reduce veteran suicide and support the education of military families. We want to thank Goldsmith's Boat Yard, Greenport American Legion, East Marion Fire Dept and Orient Fire Dept who all provide rest and refreshment stops along the 22 mile route. Southold Fire Dept is the last stop and the finish line. They so generously and graciously provide a BBQ for all the participants and their families at the conclusion of this event. Bob Feller is the sponsor and organizer of the Walk 4 Valor along with Post 803 Past Commander Charles Sanders who leads off and completes the 22 mile walk each year. Thank you to all who participated in and supported this worthwhile event.

First up this month is Auxiliary Unit 803 annual Holiday Craft Fair which takes place inside the American Legion Hall on November 3rd from 10 AM to 3 PM. With questions regarding this event, you can contact Denise at 631.466.2527.

November is National Veterans and Military Families Month, a time to honor the contributions and sacrifices of military families and veterans. The month also recognizes the challenges military families face.

On November 11th we will be holding our annual Veterans Day Ceremony to honor all veterans at 11:00 AM on our front parking area and on the front lawn, weather permitting. There will be some chairs provided, however, I recommend that you bring your own folding chairs if you wish to be seated during the ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony outside the Southold Rotary Club will be providing breakfast for all veterans in attendance to partake inside the Legion Hall. Then from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM Auxiliary Unit 803 and Long Island Cares will be distributing frozen Turkey, Ham, or Chicken Dinners to those Veterans who previously chose a dinner and reserved it back in October.

I look forward to seeing everyone who attends our ceremony on Veterans Day. Thank you one and all for your continued support.

This year Thanksgiving falls on Thursday November 28th. I would like to wish all and your families a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving. God Bless Everyone and God Bless the USA !

David E. DeFriest, Post 803 Commander
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Annual Walk 4 Valor Event

Holiday Craft Fair



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As we turn the calendar to November some very important dates are upon us.

First, Election Day, and I urge everyone to get out and vote ! Second, Nov. 11th is Veterans Day and I hope to see you all at the Post ceremony to honor all who have served. We close out November with Thanksgiving and hope you all enjoy Turkey with your family and friends.

We are in unprecedented times and little press has been given to the following.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. Navy warship sailing near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait shot down a drone launched from Yemen on Wednesday, the U.S. military said, in the latest in a string of threats from Iranian-backed Houthi rebels. U.S. Central Command said the USS Carney, a Navy destroyer, downed the drone — an Iranian-made KAS-04 — which was launched from a Houthi-controlled area of Yemen and was heading toward the warship.

The shootdown came a day after an Iranian drone flew within 1,500 yards of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower aircraft carrier as it was conducting flight operations in international waters.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all US Military forces serving around the world."

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander



★ ★ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ★ ★

PRAYER FOR THE SICK - "O God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them feel the healing power of your love". In our thoughts and prayers is Henry Santacroce Sr.

Jeff Chagnon - Post Chaplain 631.456.3258

★★ HISTORIAN ★★ VETERANS DAY

The American Legion was established on March 15, 1919, in Paris, France and holds a pivotal place in American history. Founded by American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F.) officers and officially chartered by the 66th Congress later that year in September, the Legion's roots are deeply intertwined with the aftermath of World War I, known as the "Great War." This conflict saw 4.7 million Americans serve, with 116,500 making the ultimate sacrifice and another 205,000 wounded, highlighting the profound impact of the war on the nation.

Embodying the spirit of its motto "Veterans Strengthening America," the American Legion has remained steadfast in its commitment to honoring and supporting veterans. Today, with an average age of 67 among its members and 400,000 individuals over the age of 80, the Legion continues to play a vital role in both fostering camaraderie among veterans and engaging in community service initiatives.

Symbolized by the poppy, a globally recognized emblem of remembrance, the Legion's significance extends beyond its historical roots. Veterans Day, observed on November 11th, stands as a poignant tribute to American veterans, a day designated by President Wilson to reflect on the heroism and pride of the nation's servicemen.

Despite its rich legacy, the American Legion faces challenges in attracting younger members and sustaining its presence in communities. The closure of many posts underscores the need for revitalization and engagement with a new generation. However, the sense of belonging and camaraderie within the Legion remains a cornerstone, akin to being part of an extended family within the American community.

To me, the sight of families gathering with us to celebrate this year's 4th of July parade on Main Street U.S.A. was truly rewarding and serves as a reminder of the organization's enduring commitment to service and patriotism.

In the face of evolving demographics and societal changes, the American Legion continues to embody the values of unity, remembrance, and community that have defined its legacy throughout the years.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

John Christina
Historian



★★ VETERANS BENEFITS "CORNER" ★★

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David Chiaro – keyarrow@hotmail.com

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Come join us for the Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday, November 3rd, starting at 10:00AM and going until 3:00PM. Denise has once again gathered a great group of vendors! They will be featuring woodworking, jewelry, crochet and knitting, wool items, Christmas wreaths and ornaments, wood carving, local honey, quilting, beach glass art, photographs and more! We will have a full house of vendors with lots of gift-giving options, so start your holiday shopping! Hot dogs, chili, rice pudding, and other goodies will be available for purchase.

Veterans Day on Monday, November 11th brings the Annual Legion Veterans Day Ceremony at 11:00AM. After the ceremony, the Auxiliary will be distributing turkeys, hams, and chickens to those Legion members who previously signed up for this Veteran Thank You, provided through LI Cares Veterans Program. We will be there until 1:30PM.

Mark your calendars for Snacks with Santa sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary on Monday, December 9th from 4:00PM to 6:00PM. Crafts and snacks will be provided and Santa will arrive and read a story to the children. It's lots of fun and a great opportunity for a photo with Santa! There is no charge, but donations are always accepted.

A good time was had by all at our October Potluck. Our Christmas Potluck is scheduled for December 13th. This festive annual event brings us together for the holidays. Put it on your calendar!

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13th, at 7:00PM.

Joan Cochran,
President

★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



Post Status: We currently have **180/189 (95%)** paid up members for 2024 and **102/178 (57.3%)** for 2025. Those individuals who paid their dues online prior to 15 Oct have been sent their 2025 membership cards from Post 803. Post 803 will accept any and all members from Post 861 in Mattituck if they choose to join us. There is an active Post in Riverhead and Greenport who also could support your transfer. The American Legion population is aging out, we need to maintain our membership levels.

Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Veterans, come join us we need new Members.

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

— 2024 GOALS —

1. ~~Volunteer member to step up to fill the position of Adjutant vacated by Dave DeFries to record the minutes of our monthly business meetings.~~
2. ~~Volunteer to take Department of Health Food Certificate Course~~
3. ~~Bar Face Lift: Project Manager is Dave Chiaro~~
4. Look Into New Legion Hall Ceiling: Project Manager Joe St. Pierre
5. Look Into Fire Alarm System: Project Manager Joe St. Pierre
6. Gather List of Emails of all Members and Friends of the Legion: Project Manager is Jeff Chagnon
7. ~~Create a handicap parking area for two automobiles next to the handicap ramp.~~

— LONG-TERM GOALS —

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| 1. 9/11 Memorial Tree Pavers | 5. Basement Walls Coating for Brick Deterioration Mitigation |
| 2. Renovation of 2nd Floor | 6. Pavilion |
| 3. Bar Makeover | 7. Exterior of Post Painted/Stained |
| 4. Bathrooms Renovation (Handicap Accessible) | 8. Renovation of Second Floor Bathroom and Rooms |



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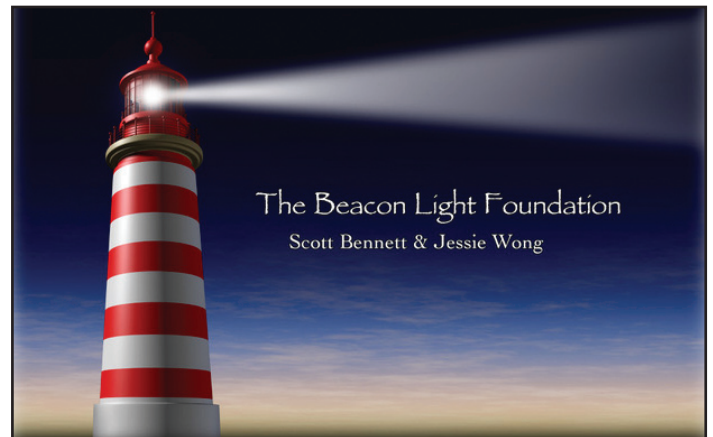
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| 1/01 FRI. | BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM |
| 11/01 FRI. | CRAFT FAIR SET UP 6PM |
| 11/03 SUN. | HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR 10-3PM (AUXILIARY CHAIR) |
| 11/05 TUES. | ELECTION DAY PLEASE VOTE! |
| 11/08 FRI. | BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM |
| 11/12 TUES. | EXECUTIVE AND BUSINESS MEETING: BAR 6:00PM, DINNER 6:30PM, MEETING 7:00PM |
| 11/13 WED. | AUXILIARY MEETING: 7PM |
| 11/11 MON. | VETERANS DAY CEREMONY 11AM AND VETERAN BRUNCH TO FOLLOW |
| 11/11 MON. | THANKSGIVING MEAL PICK-UP 12-1:30 |
| 11/12 TUES. | 2025 PLANNING MEETING 6PM |
| 11/15 FRI. | BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM |
| 11/22 FRI. | BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM |
| 11/29 FRI. | BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM |
| 12/06 FRI. | BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM |
| 12/09 MON. | SNACKS WITH SANTA 4-6PM |
| 12/10 TUES. | EXECUTIVE AND BUSINESS MEETING: BAR 6:00PM, DINNER 6:30PM, MEETING 7:00PM |
| 12/13 FRI. | POT LUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:30 PM - QOH DRAWING |
| 12/20 FRI. | BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM |
| 12/27 FRI. | BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM |



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