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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.

Please let me take a moment to say that there are many improvements happening around the post. I want to stress the importance of attending this upcoming meeting on the **8th of September at 6pm**. This meeting will be focused on post clean-up and an initial discussion for next year's events, activities, and ceremonies.



Past Events:

- Everyone that attended the **Annual Legion Car Show**, from participants to the community, enjoyed looking at the variety of vehicles. We raised money to help offset the cost of the ongoing parking lot renovation. Special thanks to Mrs. Denise Schlachter and the Legion Auxiliary for all your efforts to make this event an enormous success.

Upcoming Events:

- **Fall Cleanup** of the post. Throughout the month of September and October, we will focus on cleaning and organizing the shed, storerooms, basement, and 2nd Floor areas. I will set up days to do certain things in the morning then we can also enjoy coffee and pastries.

House and Grounds Update:

- The **Painting Project** was completed on 20th of August. The building received a much-needed makeover, including the replacement of more than 250 shingles and the application of two coats of paint.
- The **American Legion Parking Lot** project has begun. The driveway between the front and rear parking lots was repaired and repaved, ensuring that there were no safety issues with patio area. The rear parking lot starts at the beginning of October. We are exploring an option to repair and reseal the front parking lot as well.



The Painting Project



Repaired Driveway

Important Dates to Remember:

- Please everyone put these significant dates on your calendar. September 11th Patriot Day, September 18th POW MIA Recognition Day and the Air Force's Birthday.

In closing, I want to a special thanks to Mr. Joe St. Pierre for all his efforts over this past month with helping me oversee two major projects. Also, a special thanks to all the volunteers that help make **Tuesday and Thursday Bingo** an exciting time, your dedication does not go unnoticed. I want to emphasize that our continued success solely depends on our involvement from everyone.

David Wilburn

Interim Commander, American Legion Post 803

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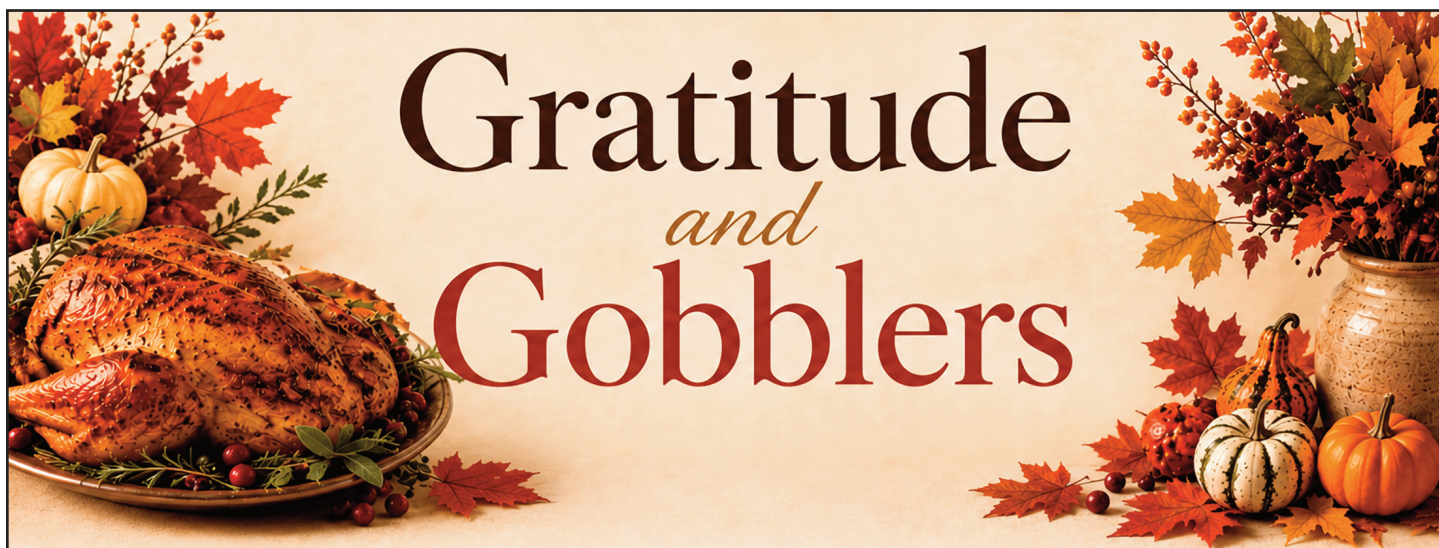


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Grateful Appreciation Medal Award



Interim Commander, David Wilburn recognizing our Past Commander Dave DeFriest with an award and a gift for him and his wife Vickie, Auxiliary member.



It's only September, but the Southold American Legion Auxiliary and Long Island Cares Veterans Project are already preparing for our Veterans Day "Gift of Thanks" turkey give-away. We are pleased to be able to express our appreciation to local veterans and active members of the military with a gift of an uncooked, frozen turkey and a box of meal ingredients for the holiday season. Please note that this year we are only able to offer turkeys.

The turkeys will be distributed on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, in the parking lot of the Southold American Legion Post between the hours of 12:15 and 1:30 p.m.

If you would like to receive a turkey, you must submit a request to the Auxiliary by phone or email between September 13 and September 30, so that we can reserve one for you. Please email us at: southoldpost803@gmail.com or leave a phone message at: 631.407.5555. Kindly include your name and phone number with your request. If you will not be able to pick up your turkey on Veterans Day at the designated time, please assign someone to pick it up for you.

We are grateful for your service to our country and look forward to providing you with this holiday meal "Gift of Thanks."



★★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★★

September is here, and we look forward to the cooler days ahead at Post 803. The new paint job is looking sharp! Good things are happening at the Legion! Stop in for Bingo on Thursday nights, or the afternoons on the first and third Tuesday's of the month, and join in the fun. Or stop by on Friday nights for camaraderie at the Legion bar.

The Legion Auxiliary is happy to welcome the following new members: Denise Lademann, Nancy Szczotka, Donna Blanchard, and Marykate Brigham. We are growing and appreciate the hard work and dedication of all our members! Contact Donna St. Pierre if you would like to join our organization dedicated to helping veterans, active military, and their families.

As I write this article we are looking forward to the Annual Legion Car Show. Thanks go to the Commander and Denise for all the preparation and hard work that goes into an event like this, plus all the support from our volunteers that make it all happen.

Our next event will be the Auxiliary Annual Holiday Craft Fair held at the Legion on Sunday, November 1st. Be sure to save the date. We will have a wide variety of handcrafted items, and our famous chili dogs!

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00PM

Joan Cochran, Co-President



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.



★ NATIONAL ★

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is an annual U.S. observance held on the third Friday of September. It honors American prisoners of war (POWs) and those still missing in action (MIA) from all conflicts, as well as their families.

It is not a federal public holiday, but a day of national reflection and military ceremonies.

This year it is on September 18th.

★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



Post Status: For the 2026 membership year we have met the Suffolk County Membership expectations of 100%. We have 175 paid up members for 2026. The 2027 Membership ID cards are at the post. I have mailed out the ID cards to members who have submitted their dues in the early round. Anyone else who would like to send in their dues before the start of the New Year it would be appreciated. The county is monitoring the status of Membership and I would like to stay ahead of them.

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

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

Robert J Bittner	9/3	John B Sepenoski Jr	9/18
James J Reidy	9/6	Frank J Mele 3rd	9/23
Raymond W Terry	9/7	Lee D Cooper	9/23
Daniel J Oneill	9/9	Barry T Charles	9/25
Christopher W Salmon	9/10	Stephen J Buczak	9/29
Richard Troche	9/12		

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

★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



On September 11, 2001 our nation was attacked by fanatical Muslim terrorists. This was not just an attack on New York City. This was an attack on our nation and our way of life. The targets were the World Trade Center, the seat of American finance, the Pentagon, center for military operations, and the third target was believed to be the White House or Capitol building, the heart of the American government.

2977 innocent Americans were murdered in one day in our homeland including 343 firefighters, 63 Police Officers who assisted in the rescue & evacuation of thousands.

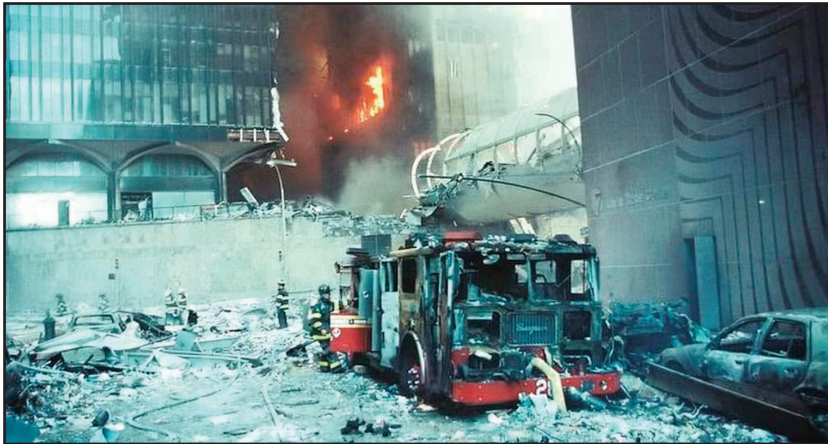
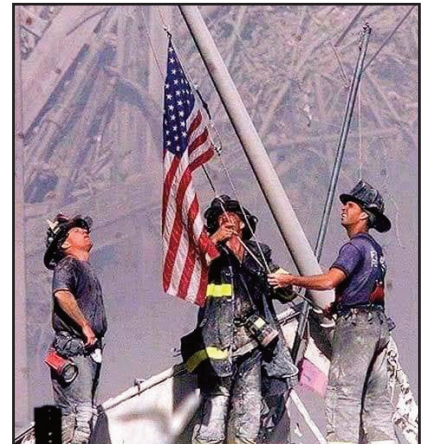
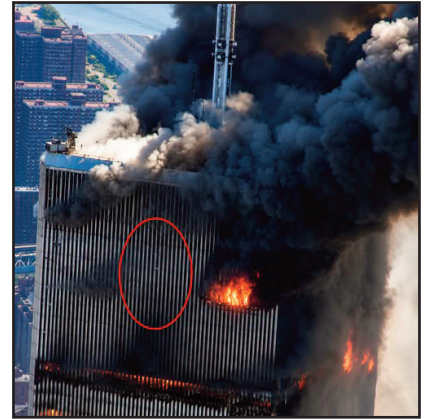
The call for help went out. Firefighters came from neighboring counties, and states to assist in the recovery effort. In the years that followed hundreds more would succumb to health effects, and continue to do so. The country would unite as never before. Our Military was sent into action as the global war on terrorism spearheaded into Afghanistan and Iraq. Over 7000 military personnel would lose their lives in the years that followed.

Twenty five years have passed and so much has happened. I remind America again "Never Forget"!

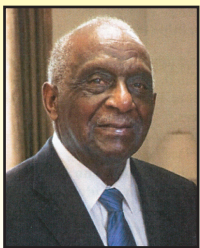
I leave you with a quote from Sir Winston Churchill

"Those who do not learn from History are condemned to repeat it."

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander



★★ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ★★



It is with deep respect and loving remembrance that we announce the passing of O.D. Lingo, who peacefully passed away on August 2, 2026 at the age of 95.

Born on March 26, 1931 in Macon, Georgia, O.D. lived a remarkable life defined by service, dedication, and love for family. As a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, he served with honor during the Korean Conflict, carrying the values of courage, integrity, and selflessness throughout his life.

After military service, O.D. built a fulfilling career as an animal handler for the USDA at Plum Island and was known for a strong work ethic, kindness, and willingness to help others. He found joy with various hobbies, volunteer work, faithfully attending church and reading his bible, leaving a lasting impression on friends, neighbors, and everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Jeff Chagnon, Post Chaplain - 631.456.3258

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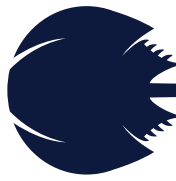


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09/03 Thu.	Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm. Must be seated by 7pm start time.
09/04 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8pm
09/08 Tue.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:00pm, Dinner 6:30pm, Meeting 7:00pm
09/09 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting 7pm.
09/10 Thu.	Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm. Must be seated by 7pm start time.
09/11 Fri.	Patriot's Day NEVER FORGET!
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