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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

APRIL 2020

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

As I write these words I'm currently in New York City at the HQ for the Fighting 69th Infantry. Some of us have been ordered to State active duty in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Looks like the President

has federalized the National Guard so I may be deployed for an undetermined time. America and Post 803 will weather this storm like all others. The United States government has taken unprecedented steps to address this virus. I'm too young to remember the fear and dread caused by the Polio epidemic that ravaged our Country from 1916 through part of the 1950's but through the efforts of our scientists and government intervention we eradicated this disease. Mothers of today do not fear their children will be placed in iron-lungs to keep them alive. We are so quick to forget our past in light of current struggles. I'm not downplaying the severity of this outbreak but I'm trying to create a sense of perspective so that we may encourage a positive American Spirit that has emboldened us to face the challenges of the past. With that being said, Post 803 has taken appropriate steps to keep all of our members and friends safe. All activities at the Post in April are canceled. Our May activities are tentatively planned with the exception of our dinner social. We must counsel patients and allow the information about the COVID-19 to develop and drive our decision making. We will revisit our May activities at the end of April and make an announcement regarding them in the May Reporter.

Refunding of St. Patrick's Tickets

I would like to make mention of another important aspect No need to fret for you will all receive your St. Patrick's ticket money back. Fortunately, we were able to make the decision to cancel the dinner prior to purchasing all of the food. Some of you have already received your money back but I ask that everyone else be patient with us. Don't lose your ticket because you will need this to get your money back. We have a list of almost everyone that purchased tickets including those that sent checks in the

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

At this time I am not aware of anyone who is on sick call. Please feel free to call me at any time if you know of someone who could use our help.

Rest in Peace- Zivojin "Gene" Rackovitch passed on March 6th at the age of 93. Gene was a USMC vet who served from 1944 to 1947. Later in life he became a writer and one of his books is a compilation of short stories entitled "My Corps." I downloaded it onto Kindle and it is a good read which I would recommend. The American Legion Wake Service was conducted on March 14th at the Horton Mathie Funeral home in Greenport and was well attended. Charles J. Au passed on March 20th at the age of 89. Charlie was a US Army veteran who served from 1951 to 1953. As well as his membership and participation in the American Legion he was also a member of The Marion Council Knights of Columbus. As of this writing the American Legion Wake service is scheduled for March 20th at the Coster Hepner Funeral Home in Cutchogue. We send our sincere condolences to the family and friends of both Gene and Charlie. They will be dearly missed by us all.

Sick Call - Duane "Cuppy" Horton is at home where he is dealing with an illness. I spoke to him on the phone and learned that he is doing fairly well and that he is so grateful for all the help he is receiving from his family. I'm sure he would appreciate to hear from old friends. Send him a card or maybe a phone call. Remember Cuppy and his family in your prayers.

Jeff Chagnon - *Post Chaplin*

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"Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry."

~ Saint Francis de Sales

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mail but never received their tickets. I was unexpectedly ordered onto State active duty so I was not able to give all the checks and funds back to those that sold you your tickets prior to coming to the NYC. As soon as I'm able to get back to the North Fork I will distribute the funds back. Don't worry we can't go to the casino with your ticket money because the casinos are closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak....just checking to see if you're actually reading this. 😊

Arlington National Cemetery Service for 1LT George R. Sullivan

The burial ceremony for 1LT George R. Sullivan has been postponed. As soon as a new date is scheduled we will inform everyone and still represent this honorable day.

2020 Upcoming Events

We are still moving forward with our Golf Classic planned for Monday, June 15th but if COVID-19 related challenges continue we will reschedule for a later date in the year.

Update on Legion Projects

Joe St. Pierre is coordinating with All-Island Blower and Sheet Metal. Again, thank you **Mattituck Environmental Services and the Lomangino family** for their generous donation of \$25,000 toward this needed repair.

For God and Country
God Bless,
Charles J. Sanders
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MEMBERSHIP

The Membership for 2020 is currently 207/234 (88.46%) paid up members. If you have a 2020 Membership I.D. Card don't send a check to the Post. If your current ID card is 2019 you probably are one of the 27 members who still need to pay their 2019 dues. I recently sent out a letter to remind those who haven't paid their dues for 2019. Mail it in and I will send your ID cards out as soon as I can. Call me at my home if you need assistance. Keep safe and don't make a trip to the Post until the virus crisis passes. Please send your dues (\$50) to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971. Thanks for supporting our Post 803.



Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*

DR. CHAT

Hi all. This is Chrissy Berry here. Some of you know me as the old bartender from The Seashell or Legends or Chowder Pot. Some of you know me as Walter's wife. To others I'm the Deacon at church, one of your grandson's Scoutmasters, or a fellow firefighter with SFD (ok these days I just go for the feed!).

Let me introduce you to the professional me. I am an Occupational Therapist.

I work part-time with the Veteran's Administration. Through the VA I visit the homes of Veteran's who might need some equipment to make life at home a little easier and/or safer. With a quick call to your primary doctor at the VA (631.261.4400) just ask for a **Home Safety Evaluation**. Then the VA will send Russ L'homme-dieu DPT (I'm sure many of you know him from physical therapy or the ice cream shop he used to have.) or me - to your home. We will observe how you move within your home and then make recommendations for equipment such as stair glides, ramps, grab bars, shower chairs, power wheelchairs, transport wheelchairs, life alerts, etc..... If we recommend it then the VA can provide it!

The VA also has a program called the **Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)** program. If getting to the Northport or Riverhead Clinic is too difficult for you our team comes to you. The HBPC team consists of a Medical Doctor, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, Registered Dietician, Psychologist, Social Worker, Pharmacist and PT/OT (once again handling equipment options). If you are interested in HBPC please call your primary doctor at the VA or the HBPC Office at 631.754.7903.

Feel free to call me directly with questions.

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LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

As I write this there is great concern about coronavirus in our community and the world. Let us pray for everyone affected, including our Legion family, all medical personnel, first responders and activated military. Let's try to keep calm and limit our activities and this too shall pass.

We had an informal meeting on March 11th and discussed upcoming events. Plans are in place for our luncheon and social in April but as with everything else they are on hold. We may reschedule the luncheon for sometime in September. Stay tuned for more information. Rose stepped up to do all the prep work for the Summer Fair and is forming a committee to make sure there will be enough help.

We had a great time with the Shelter Island Legion Auxiliary as they hosted a joint bowling party on February 29th. We shared snacks, pizza and dessert and managed to bowl decently as well! I am looking forward to when the world calms down and we can again enjoy simple activities with friends.

Try to take a walk out in the fresh spring air and enjoy the daffodils and forsythia. Savor the beauty of nature and pray for a return to normalcy.

Joan Cochran, *President*

2020 GOALS

1. Outdoor Sign Installed
2. Fundraising Thermometer with goal to raise \$25,000 per year
3. Emergency Egress for 2nd Floor
4. New Main Hall Ceiling Repair/Cleaning or Replacement
5. Main Hall Painted
6. Fire Alarm System Installed
7. Finish Replacement of all Blue Hall Chairs
8. 10 New Chafing Dish Sets for Catering
9. New Kitchen Hood and Suppression System Installed
10. Website Updated and New Pages Added
11. Total of 16 Paid ad in the Reporter
12. Compile Cost Estimates on Long-Term-Goals
13. Basement and 2nd Floor Cleaning and Organizing

LONG-TERM GOALS

We will be installing a fundraiser thermometer in front of the Post to raise funds for the Legion to address our Long Term Goals.

- Replace Bar Roof
- Replace Main Building Roof
- Renovation of Entire 2nd Floor (excluding the SAL Bar Room).
- Emergency Exit for 2nd Floor
- Bar Makeover
- Bathroom Renovation Male and Female Main Hall (Handicap Accessible)
- Bathroom Renovation 2nd Floor SAL Project.
- Inspect and Possibly Reinforce/Repair Foundation if Necessary



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CW2 Jeffrey T. Heppner
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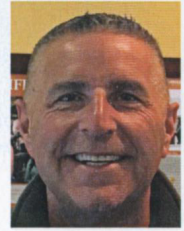
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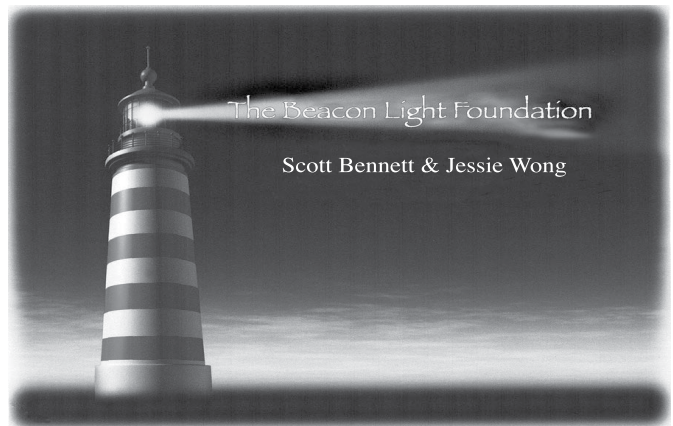
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AMERICAN LEGION GOLF CLASSIC FUNDRAISER

Dedicated this Year to the Memory of 1LT George Sullivan USMC

LOCATION:

This Year all Events will be held at Island's End Golf Course to include Dinner.

TIME:

Check-In 10:00 AM-11:15 AM · (Putting Contest Available)

Brunch 11:15 AM · Shotgun 12:30 PM

Open Bar 5 PM-6 PM · Dinner & Open Bar 6 PM- 7PM

PRICE: \$165.00 per golfer

ISLAND'S END MEMBERS ONLY: \$140.00

DINNER ONLY: \$55.00

ACTIVITIES:

Driving Range · Scramble Tournament

Other Contests

ON THE COURSE:

Beer and Wine Cart · Hamburgers

Hot Dogs · Raw Bar

DINNER MENU:

Sliced Prime Rib · Fried Chicken · Mac

Pasta · Salad · Veg



We Need to Laugh!



Flexing in March 2019

Flexing in March 2020



HISTORIAN

Polio vaccine, preparation of poliovirus given to prevent polio, an infectious disease of the nervous system. The first polio vaccine, known as inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) or Salk vaccine, was developed in the early 1950s by American physician Jonas Salk. This vaccine contains killed virus and is given by injection. The large-scale use of IPV began in February 1954, when it was administered to American schoolchildren. In the following years, the incidence of polio in the United States fell from 18 cases per 100,000 people to fewer than 2 per 100,000. In the 1960s a second type of polio vaccine, known as oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) or Sabin vaccine, named for its inventor American physician and microbiologist Albert Sabin, was developed. OPV contains live attenuated (weakened) virus and is given orally.

Vaccines, whether killed or live, may contain strains of all three poliovirus serotypes—PV1, PV2, and



PV3—or of just one or two (serotypes are closely related though distinguishable forms). For example, trivalent OPV (tOPV) contains live attenuated virus of all three serotypes and thus is effective against all three serotypes of the virus. In contrast, monovalent OPV1 (mOPV1) contains live attenuated virus of only PV1 and thus is effective only against serotype 1. In general, for both IPV and OPV, three doses of vaccine are required, with a fourth (“booster”) given when a child reaches school age. Because PV2 dropped out of circulation in the 1990s in countries where the disease was endemic, a bivalent oral vaccine, or bOPV, targeting PV1 and PV3 was developed. In the first decade of the 21st century, this vaccine was found to be more effective than either mOPV or tOPV in reducing the number of cases in polio-endemic countries.

This article was obtained from the following website: <https://www.britannica.com/science/polio-vaccine>

Sincerely,
Commander Sanders

SONS OF THE LEGION



The Coronavirus has virtually shut the country down as many Americans ask if the government has gone too far. Yes common sense procedures in place are good but shutting down our country? The

debate will go on and our freedoms are at risk. Our country has survived small pox, polio, measles, anthrax and terror attacks and we will survive this !

We had some great events planned for March but now it's time to look ahead. St. Patrick's Dinner Tickets will be re-funded. We hope by Memorial Day things get back to normal. As we receive information we will get it to you via our website (post803.com), on Facebook and newsletter. If you know of any Legion members that need assistance please get word to us. We have a network of people that can help.

Before the virus the SAL was coming back strong-with participation in Legion events and increased membership. We hope to continue as we get past this event. If you have not paid your 2020 dues please see Jim Best or myself (eventually) with a check for \$25. I leave you with a quote.

"The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help." Ronald Reagan

Gary Iorio, Sal Commander

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APRIL & MAY: ALL APRIL ACTIVITIES CANCELED

- 05/08 Fri. Tentatively Still On: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
- 05/13 Wed. Tentatively Still On: Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 05/15 Fri. Tentatively Still On: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
- 05/12 Tues. Tentatively Still On: Golf Classic Committee Meeting 5:30
- 05/12 Tues. Tentatively Still On:
Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM
Meeting 7:30PM
- 05/22 Fri. Tentatively Still On:
Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
- 05/29 Fri. Tentatively Still On:
Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
- 05/25 Mon. Tentatively Still On:
Memorial Day Parade Mattituck
- 05/26 Tues. Dinner Social: CANCELED



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