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# THE REPORTER

## GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

APRIL 2022

### ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

It pays to play the Queen of Hearts at the American Legion. Tina and Jamie Ginas won \$7,236.00. Don't spend it all in one place. We have to say a thank you Jan Powers for coming up with the idea and working so hard to promote it as well as all his hard work bringing in the bands on Friday evenings. We have already started a new game so come on down and play. You may be the next big winner. Bob Scott of the former famous Robert's Jewelers has devised a Spring Clean-Up fundraiser to help support the Post. You can text Bob at 631-897-3989 to purchase



tickets. You can win the first prize 40-HRS of free labor provided by 5 members for 8 hours our 10HRS of free labor provided by 2 members for 5 hours. Labor is all non-technical but I'm sure there are garages that need cleaning out, yards cleaned up or many more spring related activities that can be accomplished. Each ticket is only \$20. Thank you, Bob for the energy and effort to help the Post. Legislator Al Krupski's office reached out to the Post looking for Korean War Veterans to participate in the Veterans Summer Muster to honor Korean War Veterans. This will take place on 12:30PM, Saturday, August 27th at Fireman's Memorial Park in Ridge. Please take a look at the Flyer provided in the Reporter. The Memorial Day parade will take place in Mattituck this year and the Mattituck Legion will be leading the parade this year. More details to follow in our May Reporter but I'm sure Commander Robert Divito would like our participation. For God and Country, God Bless,

Charles J. Sanders,  
Post 803 Commander

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**2022 Queen of Hearts Game:  
THE QUEEN HAS BEEN FOUND!  
Congratulations to  
Tina and Jamie Ginas!!!**



*If you want to purchase tickets for the next Queen of Hearts, please contact Jan Powers 914-213-8467 or email GalaxyFCC@gmail.com.*

# FREE LABOR RAFFLE

## SPRING CLEAN-UP FUNDRAISER

### APRIL 29TH • 7PM AT THE LEGION

**1ST PRIZE 40 HRS PROVIDED BY 5 MEMBERS FOR 8 HRS**  
**2ND PRIZE 10 HRS PROVIDED BY 2 MEMBERS FOR 5 HRS**

**\$20 PER TICKET** **MAXIMUM TICKETS TO BE SOLD ARE 200**  
**CALL 631.765.2276 TO GET YOURS!**

**LABOR TO BE PERFORMED ON SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022.**  
**NON-TECHNICAL LABOR • YOU DON'T NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

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## VA HEALTHEVET - HOW TO USE VA SECURE MESSAGING

### NON-URGENT VS. URGENT MESSAGES

Are you a Veteran receiving care at a VA facility? If you receive care as a VA patient and have a My HealtheVet Premium account, you're eligible to use Secure Messaging to communicate with your health care team online. You can enjoy the convenience of having your concerns and questions answered by your doctor without scheduling an appointment. But we want to make sure you know when to send a Secure Message and when to call your doctor or 911.

### THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NON-URGENT AND URGENT

Understanding the difference between non-urgent and urgent messages can help you safely seek information or care. It also ensures that you receive the right care at the right time. Secure Messaging is not a hotline for health problems. It should not be used if you need immediate attention or as an extension of the emergency room. Secure Messaging is for routine questions you may have for your health care team members or administrative departments such as Patient Advocates, Fiscal, Travel, and more.

### NON-URGENT MESSAGES

Non-urgent messages are routine and do not require immediate attention. In most cases, these are messages that can wait to be answered, like a regular visit with your primary care clinic. Some examples of non-urgent concerns include:

- Asking about an appointment
- Renewing your medications or asking questions about your prescriptions
- Lab test results
- Message to the clinic staff or questions for your health care team

### URGENT MESSAGES

Urgent messages are more severe and may need immediate medical attention. Urgent health concerns are considered serious and require emergency care. If not treated immediately, they could result in disability or death. Urgent or emergency health concerns should not be addressed through Secure Messaging. Some examples of urgent medical concerns include:

- Bleeding
- Infection or fever
- Spinal cord, back injury, or broken bone
- Trouble breathing or chest pain

If you're away from home and cannot wait until you see your health care provider for treatment, you need to go to the closest VA Clinic, Urgent Care, or emergency room. If you have trouble breathing or have chest pain, you should call 911 for immediate help.

Don't use Secure Messaging in place of seeking medical care. **Upgrade to Premium** To use Secure Messaging, you must have registered on My HealtheVet as a VA Patient and have a Premium account. Stay in better contact with your VA health care team by upgrading your account today.

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## ★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



**Post Status:** We currently have **167/206 (81%)** paid up members for 2022. I would like to welcome four new members to our Post, Chris Salmon and Joe Conway both served in the Navy, John Heckmann who served in the Army and Dave Martinez who served in the Marine Corps. A warm welcome to all. We still have 39 members who need to pay their 2022 membership dues. If you don't have a 2022 Membership ID Card send in your dues.

**New Members:** New Members are always welcome to contact the Post, use P.O. Box 591

**Ladies Auxiliary Membership Attention:** Donna St Pierre - **Sons of Legion Membership Attention:** 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 \$50 for annual dues. To send in your 2022 dues (\$50) or your New Member Requirements use Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971.

Thanks for supporting Post 803.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

## ★★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★★

**April is here, the daffodils are blooming and life is filled with renewal!** We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine as they fight the Russian invasion and loss of their freedom. Let us give thanks for our form of government with a constitution that guarantees the rights of each one of us. We must strive to maintain our country's liberty and justice for all!

Our March meeting was rescheduled due to a pesky snowstorm. We managed to meet a week later on March 16th and shared pizza beforehand. We voted to donate to the collection of needed items for our deployed troops, which was sponsored by Suffolk County American Legion Auxiliary. Socks, hand sanitizer and beef jerky will be on their way courtesy of Unit 803.

We are happy to announce that Jennifer Serrano-Campos is our Empire Girls State Citizen for 2022! She is a very talented and capable young woman and is eager to attend this year's session. Congratulations Jennifer!

We are excited to be planning an Auxiliary Installation and Initiation Ceremony for this June after two years of having to skip it due to Covid. The ladies from Mitchell Unit 281 on Shelter Island are looking forward to joining us. Stay tuned for more details!

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 13th, when we will have a rescheduled presentation from a representative from Warrior Ranch in Calverton. Please let me know if you would like to enjoy pizza with us at 6:30PM. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Joan Cochran, *President*

## ★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



**Spring has sprung!** And it is a great time to join some of the Legion events. Friday night bands continue to be a great time to socialize and meet your fellow SAL members. See this newsletter for more info. The SAL welcomes new member Gilbert Michaelis. All are welcome at our next meeting on April 12 at 6PM. A very informal meeting to catch up on SAL business will be followed by pizza and beer, followed by Executive meeting. Our Legion Commander is spearheading many projects and we are there to assist in any way we can. I leave you with a quote from President Theodore

Roosevelt: "Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

**Next Meeting April 12th. We will meet from 6PM-6:30PM and then join the Legionnaires at the bar for pizza and drinks.**

Gary Iorio, *SAL Commander*

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

- **URGENT** Need for volunteers to help out with Bingo on Tuesday's starting in March. Earl Brock needs your help from 12-3:30 pm so we can keep Bingo alive. You can text Earl at 516-901-3228 or call the Commander at the Post and leave a message, 631-765-2276.
- ~~We need a new ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) Officer for the Post. Thank You Dave Chiaro for Volunteering.~~
- We need a **new house-and-grounds member** to help manage projects and keep the Post facility in good working order. If you are good with projects around the house and you like fixing or working on projects then this job is perfect for you.
- Please contact the commander for more information or ask Joe St. Pierre as he has been tirelessly holding this position for years.





# VETERANS SUMMER MUSTER HONORING OUR WWII/KOREAN VETS!

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# - 2022 GOALS -

1. Investigation of 2nd Floor Emergency Exit (Internal or External):  
Project Managers are Boy Scout/Girl Scout Leadership
2. Set of Building Plans for the Post to Assist with Future Vision: Project Manager/Architect Needed
3. Outdoor Sign Installed: Project Manager is the Commander
4. Execution of Roof Replacement and Repair: Project Manager Needed (Estimates already complete)
5. Paint Both Exterior Entrances: Project Manager is Boy Scout Leadership
6. Go Fund Me Page/Amazon Smile: Project Manager is Cub Scout Leadership
7. Fundraising Thermometer Installed after project costs developed: Project Manager is Commander
8. ATM for Events: Project Manager is Jan Powers
9. Paint Interior of Main Hall and Entrance: Project Manager Needed
10. ~~New White Boards for Organization: Project Manager Jan Powers~~ Thank You Jan Powers!
11. Fixing the Handicap Signs in Parking Lot: Project Manager is Cub Scout Leadership
12. ~~Major Cleaning of Hall to Include Waxing Floors: Project Manager is Commander~~  
Thank You Southold Cleaners!
13. Investigate the Repair, Replacement and or Exposure of Main Hall Ceiling to Improve Aesthetic of Main Hall: Project Manager Needed
14. Install Picture Molding in Hall to Keep Tape off Walls and Provide Picture Molding Wire:  
Project Manager Needed
15. Install an Automated External Defibrillator: Project Manager Needed
16. Ring Camera and Motion Detection Outdoor Light System Installed: Project Manager is the Commander
17. Investigate and Prepare Plans for Pavilion: (Preliminary Cost Estimate Complete)  
Thank You Jeff Chagnon for volunteering to be Project Manager!
18. Investigate Point of Sale System for Bar: Project Manager is Dave Chiaro
19. Organize Kitchen Cabinets and Re-Stock Salt/Pepper and Other Items for 2022: Project Manager Needed but Will Work with Jan Powers
20. New Reusable Patriotic Table Centerpieces for Events (20 Needed): Project Manager Needed
21. Another Legion Clean Out Event to Keep the Post Clean & Organized: Project Manager is the Commander
22. ~~Department of Health Class Taken and Certification: Thank You Jan Powers!~~
23. New House and Grounds Member Identified to Assist with Overall Maintenance of Facility:  
Will be Trained by Joe St Pierre

# - LONG-TERM GOALS -

1. 9/11 Memorial Tree Pavers
2. Renovation of 2nd Floor
3. Emergency Exit for 2nd Floor
4. Bar Makeover
5. Point of Sale (POS) System for the Bar
6. Bathrooms Renovation (Handicap Accessible)
7. Basement Walls Coating for  
Brick Deterioration Mitigation
8. Pavilion
9. Exterior of Post Painted/Stained

### How Far Would You Go for Liberty?

Watching the news lately seems like we are going back in time and witnessing the actions of Nazi Germany as they attempt to control Europe. When I witness the Ukrainians fighting back against the Russians, I can't help but to think of the word Liberty. The Ukrainians could have simply caved into Russian demands and kept their lives and property. All they had to do was give up their Liberty. Why didn't they? They didn't for some of the very same reasons our forefathers fought to protect their Liberty against the abuses of the British. So what is Liberty? In order to answer that question, we turn to the English philosopher John Locke (b1632d1704). In order to explain Liberty John Locke formulated an argument centered around the concept of humans in a state of nature. Imagine you are transported back to a time where there is no government but just you and a group of other humans residing in the same geographical area. Locke argued that you and your fellow humans are free, equal and rational and you all possess the following inalienable natural rights. The right to life (Don't kill me), the right to Liberty (Don't enslave me) and the right to property (Don't take my stuff). In order to protect these natural rights, you and your fellow humans would eventually reach out to each other and form a government because people in a state of nature would naturally seek personal advantage. In order to ensure that personal advantage by the individual does not infringe upon others a government designed to protect natural rights is required. Our forefathers struggled with their liberty being trampled by the British for the British were determining what they believed was good for their country and their colonies thousands of miles away without the consent of those living in the colonies. George Washington and his fellow colonist could have just sat back and allowed the British to tax them and govern them without their direct consent and they could have lived out their lives without war and so much sacrifice. The same is true for the Ukrainians. Prior to the bombs falling the Ukrainians could have simply opened their borders to the Russians and allowed them full control. Every building in Ukraine would still be standing, thousands of lives would not have been lost but Liberty would be absent. So, the title question remains, "How far would you go to protect your Liberty?"

Charles J. Sanders, Post 803 Commander & Historian

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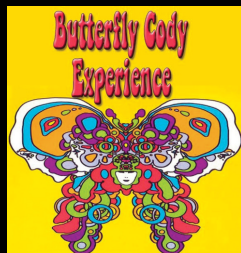
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★★ APRIL & MAY 2022 ★★

04/01 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
04/08 Fri.	Rob Europe Band and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
04/12 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
04/12 Tues.	Sons of the Legion Meeting: 6PM
04/13 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
04/15 Fri.	Closed for Good Friday
04/22 Fri.	Butterfly Cody and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
04/29 Fri.	DNA Band and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
05/06 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
05/10 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
05/10 Tues.	Sons of the Legion Meeting: 6PM
05/11 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
05/13 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
05/20 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
05/27 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
05/30 Fri.	Memorial Day Parade Held at Mattituck Legion Post



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**Post Historian** - Charles J. Sanders  
**Membership Chair** - Bob Cochran

★★ SAL OFFICERS ★★

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**2nd Vice** - Michael Anasagasti  
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**Historian** - Douglas Kalvns

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