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# THE REPORTER

## GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

AUGUST 2020

### ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

COVID-19 go away please! I think you are all thinking the same thing. Regardless of COVID we are still plugging away here at the Post. We are striving to fulfill our goals and to uphold the Four Pillars of the American Legion. We have two big events coming up, the Annual Car Show and Golf Classic. We have lost so much revenue from our hall rentals and the cancelation of our events.

We need these two events to help make up for our losses so I ask each and everyone of you to try and support these events. You can purchase raffle tickets, sponsor a raffle prize, purchase a T-Sign, volunteer, gather a foursome for golf or send in a donation. I'm keeping this short because we are trying to reduce the Reporter's size to save money during this difficult time. We will come back stronger than ever so hang in there with us.



#### **Bingo**

We understand that our Bingo players want to get back at it and enjoy the game but we need to be careful. Things were not secure enough for us to open in July and Earl will keep an eye on the current COVID-19 situation and possibly open up for Bingo on Tuesday August 18th. You may call Earl for more details 516-901-3228.

#### **Post Elections**

Per guidance from Suffolk County American Legion all elections for Post officers are suspended until further notice. All Post officers will hold their positions until we are able to resume elections. We will wait for further guidance from Suffolk County.

#### **Upcoming Events**

The Car show on Sunday, August 30th is still a go as well as our re-scheduled Golf classic for Monday, September 21st. The annual Chicken BBQ and Veterans Day Dance events are canceled.

#### **Refunding of St. Patrick's Tickets**

We have a plan for how you may receive your refund until we are open for business. Our finance officer Mort Kelly is prepared to send you a check for your St Patrick's dinner ticket purchase. If you paid by check and it never cleared he will be sending your check back to you. If your check did clear or you paid cash he will mail you a refund. All you need to do is send him your tickets with your address and he will send you a refund check back.

**Mail to Mort Kelly P.O. Box 391, Southold, NY 11971.** If you do not want a check mailed to you then you will have to wait until the Legion is officially open for business. You will still need to provide us your tickets in order to receive a refund in the mail or in person. We will setup a future time for people to come in and receive a refund face-to-face.

#### **Update on Legion Projects**

Joe St. Pierre coordinated to have the stoves put back and all the electrical work has been completed. We are getting closer to cooking once more. Again, thank you **Mattituck Environmental Services and the Lomangino family** for your generous donation of \$25,000 toward this needed repair. You should be very proud of how you helped the Legion. When COVID-19 is over the kitchen will be safer and ready to be used to cook some great meals for Veterans and all the Friends of the Legion.

For God and Country, God Bless,  
Charles J. Sanders, Post 803 Commander  
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### ★★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★★

#### **Sick Call**

**Don Wagner**, suffered an injury as the result of a fall. He is now residing in The Bluffs at Peconic Landing which is a short term rehab facility. I have not been able to speak to Don but I have been told that he is alert and coming along. Please remember Don in your prayers. If you would like to send him a card it can be addressed to Don Wagner, Peconic Landing 1600 Brecknock Rd., Greenport, NY 11944. "*Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but having the right to do what we ought.*"

- Venerable John Paul II.  
Jeff Chagnon, Post Chaplin  
Home: 631.765.6077 - Cell: 631.456.3258

# HISTORIAN

## Veteran History - Guest Article by Bob Bittner

On August 7, 1942 just eight months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor elements of the reformed First Division of the Marine Corps, who were supposed to have additional training in New Zealand, were forced into action. They were diverted to and landed on Guadalcanal. They landed unopposed by the surprised Japanese immediately securing the objective of the half constructed airfield naming it Henderson Field. That night after finding rice wine or Saki the young marines (average age 19) celebrated. If the enemy had known the next day might have been a disaster.

Supplies were off loaded as quickly as possible upon landing mostly necessary ammunition, artillery, jeeps, trucks, tractors. The division had enough food for three days. The Navy under orders from John McCain's Grandfather was order away before additional supplies could be off loaded as the Japanese fleet was heading their way. The marines were on their own.

Following that day many battles and skirmishes ensured including Alligator Creek, Edson's Ridge, and the Battle of the Overland Trail to name a few. The average marine lost 40 pounds and about one third of the division suffered from malaria and other jungle disease upon being relieved by the Army in early December. The battle is credited as the first land victory of the war and stopped the Japanese from moving onto Australia. The division enjoyed legendary R&R in Melbourne quartered on the "Cricket Field" before moving onto the next campaign.

Casualties, 1600 Killed 4200 Wounded and several thousand dead from Malaria and other tropical diseases

Bob Bittner

### ★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



#### The Membership for

**2021** is currently underway and Dave Steele gets credit for being the first to renew his membership. We currently have 51/217 (23.5%) paid up members for 2021. We are off to a good start. Anyone who still needs a membership card for 2020 please send in your dues. Remember if you skip a year you lose your accumulated years of contiguous membership. We hit 90% 211/234 paid up members for 2020. Please send your dues (\$50) to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971. Stay safe and thanks for supporting our Post 803.

Bob Cochra,

*Membership Chairman*

631.765.5828

### ★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★

Virus restrictions continue to ease, but starting with the cancellation of our St. Patrick's Day Party back in March, it has had a devastating effect on our fundraisers. So I am happy to report the August 30th Car Show is on!

It will be a safe, fun day for all. While I ask for some volunteers to help out, I also ask you to bring friends and family down to support the legion. Feel free to spend your stimulus check on a great organization. (See ad in newsletter for details).

The SAL was lucky to receive an anonymous donation of a "Big Green Egg"! That is the brand name for an expensive quality barbecue smoker with accessories valued at \$1200. Raffle tickets will be available at the Car show and golf outing. Drawing will be held at the September 21 golf outing.

Hope to see you at the car show! I close with a quote. "Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives." – President Ronald Reagan

SAL Commander,

Gary Iorio



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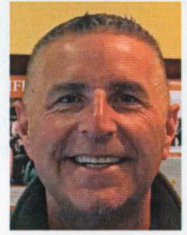
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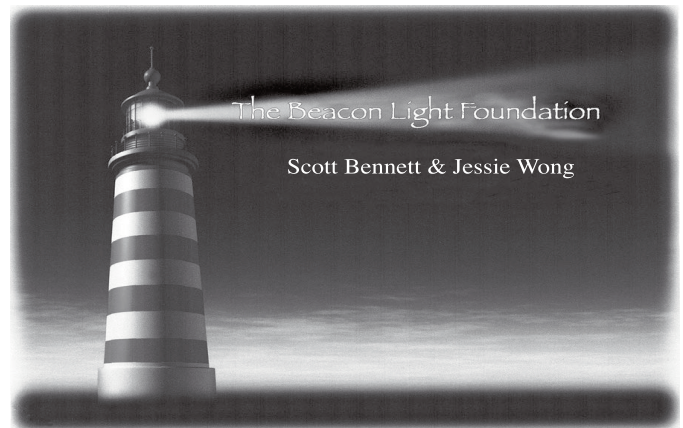
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# CHANGE OF DATE! MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST



## AMERICAN LEGION GOLF CLASSIC FUNDRAISER

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

### LOCATION

### TIME

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

Check-In - 10 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 - 7 PM

**PRICE** \$165 per golfer • **ISLAND'S END MEMBERS ONLY** \$140 • **DINNER ONLY** \$55

### 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



## 6TH ANNUAL GTG POST 803 CAR SHOW

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th, 2020**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**



**\$20 Fee • Live Music • Food Trucks  
Vendors • 50/50 Raffle**

### TASKS THAT NEED TO BE HANDLED:

Watching the Gates • Registering the Cars  
Directing the Cars where to Park • Selling Chances and Raffles etc.

*Remember that "Many Hands Make Work Light!"*

**We need volunteers and supporters, an hour or two would be great!**  
Hang Posters in Local Stores • Preselling 50/50's • Set Up • Clean Up

**Contact 631.680.5855 or 631.466.2527**

## LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

“For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.” This is part of the mission statement of the American Legion Auxiliary. At our July meeting we were happy to get back on track and work towards these goals. We voted to purchase Uber gift cards for a program at Northport Veterans Hospital which aids veterans who need transportation. We also voted to purchase brochures about flag etiquette to distribute in our community. The Auxiliary is going to purchase a banner that reads “God Bless America” which can be displayed on the Legion lawn. We decided to begin a program for youth with activities to educate them about American history, good citizenship and patriotism. This discussion resulted in our new page for activities for children on our American Legion Post 803 website!

In addition to fun patriotic crafts we have included information on our reading program. Children who read five books about American history will be sent a certificate for free ice cream. Details can be found on our website, along with a form to print. Or you can just send us a letter showing the title and author of each of the 5 books you read (2 of which should be biographies), which you liked best and why, along with your name, mailing address and age. We hope this will generate an interest in history among our youth! Remember the famous quote, “Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it.” Please try to share your knowledge of history with your children and grandchildren.

Priscilla has also come up with some great sites that are online. One is for children about the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7KfZQIfZQ9E>. The second is an instructional video on painting a picture of the American flag at <https://stepbysteppepainting.net/2018/05/29/how-to-paint-american-flag-sky/>. Priscilla is also designing some poppy notecards for us. Thanks Priscilla!

As of now the Car Show is still on for August 30th, and Denise and I are working with Commander Sanders to try to make it happen. Sadly, we decided to cancel the Veterans Dinner Dance this year due to Covid 19 concerns, but we are considering alternatives.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12th. Hope to see you all there!**

Joan Cochran, *President*



### The Bar IS CLOSED FOR AUGUST

Tentatively opening up in September

Queen of Hearts Drawing is tentatively scheduled to restart in September



### 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



★★ AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2020 ★★

08/11 Tues.	Golf Classic Committee Meeting 5 PM
08/11 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30 PM - Meeting 7:30 PM
08/12 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM
08/18 Tues.	Possible Start Date of Bingo 12 PM
08/28 Fri.	Car Show Setup 6 PM
08/30 Sun.	CAR SHOW 9AM to 3 PM
09/04 Fri.	Tentative: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8 PM
09/08 Tues.	Golf Classic Committee Meeting 5 PM
09/08 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30 PM - Meeting 7:30 PM
09/09 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM
09/11 Fri.	Tentative: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8 PM
09/18 Fri.	Tentative: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8 PM
09/21 Mon.	Annual Golf Classic at Islands End Golf Club
09/25 Fri.	Tentative: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8 PM



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**Adjutant** - David DeFriest  
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**Finance Assistant** - Raymond Terry  
**Sergeant at Arms** - Neil Rochford  
**Chaplain** - Jeff Chagnon  
**Post Historian** - Charles J. Sanders  
**Membership Chair** - Bob Cochran  
**Membership Assistant** - Don Wagner

★★ SAL OFFICERS ★★

**Commander** - Gary Iorio  
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**Adjutant** - Jim Best  
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