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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

AUGUST 2024

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Greetings fellow Legionnaires and Friends of the Legion,

Welcome to the Summer and the month of August, the eighth month in the Julian and Gregorian calendar, which has 31 days.

I realize there are many of you who may not be concerned with this information. However, in preparing my monthly report, I occasionally have difficulty coming up with interesting and quality content for my articles.

I therefore, enter into a google search or consult Wikipedia. Every year, August 4th is celebrated as the U.S. Coast Guard Birthday, commemorating the Military organization for its Valor and Discipline. August 6th marks the 77th anniversary of the Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima during world war II.

There are 22 more important days listed, too many to list in my monthly report. In July members of our Post 803, Auxiliary Unit 803, and Sons of the Legion participated in the 26th annual July 4th parade. I would like to commend and give a big Shout Out to Joan Tyrer and Carol Scott for organizing and carrying out this event so efficiently as they have done for the past 26 years. The Southold Village Merchants also work very closely with Joan and Carol to make this parade the success that it is each year. The parade was well attended by spectators, community organizations, and participants marching in the parade.

On July 12th a memorial celebration of life was held at Founders Landing for William Brian Kelly, age 84, who passed away at his residence in Southold on February 8, 2024. Brian served in the U.S. Army in the 82nd Airborne Division from 1957 to 1960. Commander Dave, Vice Commander and Chaplain, Jeff Chagnon and Membership Chairman Bob Cochran were present to represent Post 803 American Legion. Dave presented the United States Flag to Brian's family, Jeff recited a prayer, and Bob shared some fond memories. The memorial tribute for Brian was well attended by his relatives and many friends. His Sailboat was anchored in the Bay off Founders Landing with the U.S. Flag lowered to half staff and the Irish Flag off the stern. Bagpipes, Folk music, food and drink, fireworks. It was a well deserved and beautiful memorial tribute.

My August Shout Out goes to our Post 803 member, Vincent Guastmacchia. He has a Podcast, Small Town Values to help sustain Agriculture on the North Fork. One of his recent podcasts, Am I a Local Yet? Small Town Values discussion. Check it out! <https://perimeteragency.com/small-town-values/>

Our Post 803 has been invited to participate in the East Marion Fire Dept. 125th Celebration. It takes place on August 10th in East Marion with a 6 PM step off parade to the East Marion Fire House and continues with live music, food and refreshments, and culminates with a drone laser light display at 10 PM. I feel that we should plan to attend this event. We will meet at the Legion at 5 PM and plant to arrive in East Marion at 5:30 PM.

Our annual Car Show will take place this month. August 25th 9AM to 3PM. We will discuss it in more detail at our August meeting on August 13th. We will be needing volunteers to help out with setting up Saturday and on the day of the event.

Our Chicken BBQ will take place on September 14th. As is normally the case we will need volunteers for this event as well. There will be more information at our August meeting and next month.

David E. DeFriest, Post 803 Commander
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SOUTHOLD AMERICAN LEGION POST 803

SAVE THE DATE
OUR CHICKEN BBQ IS BACK!
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2024
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE BBQ.
CONTACT DAVE DEFRIEST AT 631.682.8810



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Easy tasks and any amount of time will be greatly appreciated.

We also need volunteers for the Chicken BBQ.

Please contact Dave DeFriest if you can help. Ded631@aol.com

★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



The Southold July 4th parade was a great success. Post 803 looked sharp leading the parade. Main Road was lined with hundreds of people. Patriotism is alive and well! After the parade everyone headed back to the Post for hot dogs and soda. Special thanks to the JROTC and Boy Scouts for assistance.

In July we watched history unfold as we witnessed the attempted assassination of President Trump. Thankfully he survived. God Bless President Trump. Although this organization does not endorse candidates we do encourage everyone to vote. So I hope all voters educate themselves about the unprecedented events that have taken place in the last few years and make an informed decision on election day.

I leave you with a quote from President Theodore Roosevelt Jr. After he had been shot he continued to give his speech.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I don't know whether you fully understand that I have just been shot, but it takes more than that to kill a Bull Moose."

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander



★★ HISTORIAN ★★

- **August 4:** George Washington signs the Tariff Act thereby establishing the Coast Guard 1790
- **August 7:** Purple Heart Day, 1782, when General George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit, now known as the Purple Heart
- **August 7:** Marines land on Guadalcanal 1942 ... for further reading
- **August 10:** First Army would be officially organized in 1918 under the command of GEN John J Pershing.
- **August 20:** 1982 – During the Lebanese Civil War, a multinational force including 800 U.S. Marines lands in Beirut to oversee the Palestinian withdrawal from Lebanon.
- **August 30:** 1780 – General Benedict Arnold betrayed the US when he promised secretly to surrender the fort at West Point to the British army.

- Bob Bittner

★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



Post Status: We currently have **182/189 (96.7%)** paid up members for 2024. If you want to get credit for membership year 2024 the dues are still at the current rate of \$50, please specify year 2024 on check. The dues for 2025 are \$57 for Post 803 due to the National American Legion raising their dues by \$5 and the Suffolk County American Legion raising their dues by \$2. Currently the notices from the National American Legion are still requesting \$50 for 2025 membership. The value of the membership dues required for Post 803 was corrected, in the Dept. of NY database, on the 23 July from \$50 to \$57. Future notices from The National American Legion (Indianapolis) should read \$57 to renew your dues for 2025. Sorry for the confusion relating to the current value of annual dues.

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. Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

★★ VETERANS BENEFITS "CORNER" ★★

Air Force colonel's family reacts after she's denied burial at Arlington National Cemetery

A decorated, active-duty Air Force colonel of nearly 30 years was denied burial on a paperwork technicality. ARLINGTON, Va. — The family of decorated Air Force Colonel thought the last thing they would be dealing with after she lost her battle with cancer would be bureaucratic red tape. But in the process of trying to lay their loved one to rest, that's all they've encountered, leaving the family deeply grieving.

An Army document the family knew nothing about prevents Tara Lunardi from being buried at Arlington. It's called a DD-93 Form, or a record of emergency data. It communicates your wishes to the military should you die or become incapacitated.

Instead of being laid to rest, the colonel's family has found themselves caught up in what they call bureaucratic red tape. *In accordance with DOD policy, active-duty service members are required to fill out a DD Form 93 "Record of Emergency Data" to designate beneficiaries for certain benefits in the event of their death. Col. Lunardi's DD Form 93 was signed in the summer of 2023, and her mother was designated as the authority to carry out her written wishes upon her death. This form explicitly stated that Col. Lunardi's cremated remains were to be scattered at a location other than Arlington National Cemetery.*

WHAT'S THE LESSON HERE? *Make sure your intentions are clearly defined by documents available to you before your death.*

For your full 24-page publication: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/docs/VASurvivorsKit.pdf>
David Chiaro – keyarrow@hotmail.com

★★ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ★★

The American Legion Wake service was conducted for Joseph Henry Kollen at the Horton Mathie Funeral Home in Greenport. Special thanks to Past Commander Earl Brock who offered a heartfelt eulogy. Special thanks to all our Legionnaires who attend and participate in our Wake Services. Your kindness means so much to us all.

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

COLOR GUARD - I would like to extend a hearty welcome to the newest member of our Color Guard, Thomas May Jr. Our Color Guard ranks have been thinning of late and I have been wondering where the new recruits might be and then Tom appeared. Funny how that happens. Thank you, Tom. Special thank to all the men who carried the colors and marched in the Fourth of July Parade (Joe Best, Gary Iorio, Paul Kraehling, Ray Mitchell and Dave Chiaro). It was a hot one, and as usual, our men conducted themselves with the highest degree of grace and aplomb. Jeff Chagnon - Post Chaplain 631.456.3258

22 VETERANS A DAY DIE BY SUICIDE

SUNDAY, SEPT 29 2024

JOIN NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER MAJOR CHARLES J. SANDERS FOR 22-MILES OR CHOOSE SEGMENTS OF THE ROUTE TO WALK.

START AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 803 IN SOUTHOLD AND TRAVERSE ROUTE 25 THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF GREENPORT TO ROUTE 48 STOPPING AT EACH LOCAL FIRE HOUSE AND AMERICAN LEGION TO HONOR THE FALLEN. TURNAROUND AT ORIENT FIRE HOUSE AND END AT THE SOUTHOLD FIRE HOUSE.

WALK4VALOR WILL RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDING FOR MEASURES TO HELP REDUCE VETERAN SUICIDE AND SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF MILITARY FAMILIES.

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Join us and help create awareness for this tragedy.
WE WALK FOR VALOR!



INFORMATION
REGISTRATION



Earl Brock would like to thank the people who participate weekly at BINGO and there is always room for more participants. BINGO is open to everyone, every Tuesday, 12 - 3:30.

★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

August brings the Annual American Legion Post 803 Car Show. Join us on Sunday, August 25th! Thank you to those who have signed up to help. We can always use more help! We will have lots of show cars, a food truck, vendors, music and more!

As I welcomed our new members last month I failed to list our new member Carol Horne. Welcome Carol! We are excited to include you and all our new members in all our projects helping veterans, active military, and their families.

Our beloved member Beverley Greene passed away last month. Priscilla, Donna and I attended her wake and expressed our condolences to her family. She was always willing to help at our events, and she loved Bingo! We will all miss her. May she Rest in Peace.

Rose and her committee are working on a project to hang banners picturing our veterans in Southold, similar to what has been done in Riverhead township. We will keep you informed as this project progresses.

At our last meeting Donna brought to our attention that the picnic tables on the Legion lawn need to be painted, and we authorized funds for paint.

Remember to mark your calendars for our Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday, November 3rd.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14th, at 7:00PM. I am looking forward to seeing you all!

— 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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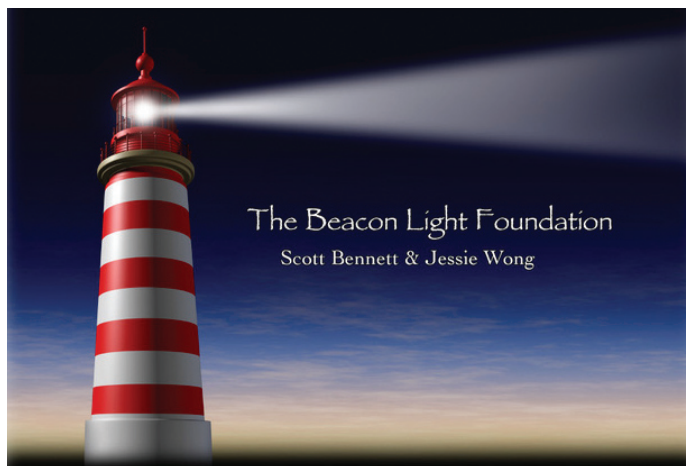


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08/02 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
08/09 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
08/10 SAT.	EAST MARION FIRE DEPT. 125TH CELEBRATION PARADE BEGINS AT 6 PM IN EAST MARION MUSTER AT THE LEGION 5PM
08/13 TUES.	EXECUTIVE AND BUSINESS MEETING: BAR 6:00PM, DINNER 6:30PM, MEETING 7:00PM
08/14 WED.	AUXILIARY MEETING: 7PM
08/16 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
08/23 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
8/23 FRI.	CAR SHOW SET-UP 6PM
8/25 SUN.	ANNUAL CAR SHOW 9AM – 3PM
08/30 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
09/06 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
09/10 TUES.	EXECUTIVE AND BUSINESS MEETING: BAR 6:00PM, DINNER 6:30PM, MEETING 7:00PM
09/11 WED.	AUXILIARY MEETING: 7PM
09/11 WED.	PATRIOT'S DAY NEVER FORGET!
09/13 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
09/14 SAT	CHICKEN BBQ
09/20 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
09/27 FRI.	BAR IS OPEN 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8PM
09/29 SUN.	WALK FOR VALOR STARTS AT THE LEGION 8 AM ENDS AT SOUTHOLD FIRE DEPT 5 PM



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