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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

DECEMBER 2021



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays
Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

What a fantastic Veterans Day Ceremony to include the planting of our new 9/11 memorial tree and a fantastic lunch provided to us by the Southold Rotary Club with special thanks to event coordinator Kathleen Morris, Roger Satnick – president and the rest of their team to include Nancy Cervelli, Chris Gallagher, John Shack- Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart Recipient, Lisa Jacobs, Deborah Doty, Cindy Succoso, Jean Mahoney, Paul Herman, and Bob Griffin. We also extend our thanks to the families of those that gave us our 9/11 sapling tree and to Lucino Romero from Natural Images for lending is expertise with the planting. **THANK YOU ALL!**

We are just about to enter a New Year and we have a lot of plans for the future. If you would like to be a part of the planning for our future, please attend our annual planning meeting on Wednesday, December 8th. We will enjoy pizza and drinks at 6:30PM and then begin the meeting at 7PM. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting but please attend if you are looking to participate in helping the Legion grow and accomplish projects moving forward. This year we will not be participating in Toys for Tots but instead we are working local and supporting CAST with their Toys for CAST. The Toys for Tots program is awesome but we decided to shift to CAST because the toys our community gathers go directly to the children in our community. The Toys for Tots program requires us to drop off toys at the Marine base up island and then request toys in return. The logistics of this made it too difficult to support. We only have one more event planned for December and that is our annual Christmas Pot Luck on Friday, December 17th at 6:30PM. Everyone is invited to come to this event but we ask you to please come with a dish that can support the amount of people that you are bringing. We do not have the ability to track what food everyone is bringing so we will feast like Kings & Queens or look at each other like the old cartoons where our friends start to turn into a big ham or turkey leg...so please someone bring some ham and turkey. We all should be very proud of what we accomplished in 2021. Individually we all had to recover from the events of COVID-19. The Legion was not able to accomplish all of its goals but 2022 will usher in a New Year and a new focus. It is our goal to help everyone understand what the vision is for Post 803 going forward. In our January issue we will have new goals and priorities but this next year we will help everyone visualize our future with artist renderings of what we hope the Post will look like after our projects are complete so stay tuned.

For God and Country, God Bless,
Charles J. Sanders, *Post 803 Commander*

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If you want to purchase tickets please contact Jan Powers 914-213-8467 or email GalaxyFCC@gmail.com.



Future Pavilion Rendering

★ ★ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ★ ★

It has been a quiet month and at this time I have little to report. I pray that we are all looking forward to spending some quality time with our family and friends this upcoming holiday season. Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! God Bless and be well.

Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplin*

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"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love" - Hamilton Wright Mabie.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." - Matthew 5:9

★ ★ VETERANS BENEFITS "CORNER"

"Love the giver more than the gift" – Brigham Young

THIS MONTH: "VETERAN DISCOUNTED" SHOPPING – I was born in a decade when every holiday season meant anxiously awaiting receipt of the Sears Catalog to compile my "Santa list"! We might even remember shopping the base exchange, or the commissary and getting BIG savings! Nowadays, the possibilities are essentially endless with the computer.

How do YOU get the best prices on items either in-person or on-line?

Did you know that by registering at "*id.me*" as a Veteran, you have the ability to shop online or in-person hundreds of stores and receive HUGH discounts just for being a Veteran (or Nurse / First Responder / Teacher / Government / Medical / Student)?? Did you know that by registering at "*id.me*" you can use it when visiting Social Security Administration / Veterans Administration / Internal Revenue Service? If you have an existing *My HealthVet* or *DS Logon* when you sign in to VA.gov. you can verify your identity using *ID.me*. It's fast, secure and it was developed by an Army Ranger Infantry Officer for use across multiple Federal platforms:

(<https://mission.org/podcast/how-a-former-army-ranger-is-disrupting-the-world-of-online-identity-verification-with-id-me-founder-and-ceo-blake-hall/>)

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Until next month!

David Chiaro

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December is here and with it all the fun of the holidays! It's been a long tough year so let's celebrate this joyous time!

Thank you to all who helped make our Holiday Craft Fair a great success! Denise and her committee did an amazing job of filling the hall with a wonderful variety of goods. Thanks go to Linda Ruland for putting together a fantastic Thanksgiving basket for our raffle. And thank you Margie for that delicious chili and Denise for the terrific rice pudding. Everyone did a great job! Many thanks to the people of our community who showed up and shopped. Your support is greatly appreciated.

As the year draws to a close we can look back and be proud of all we have accomplished under the difficult conditions of this pandemic. The Summer Fair and Holiday Craft Fair felt like a refreshing return to normalcy. The Car Show and Golf Outing were very successful, and the delicious Chicken BBQ returned! We participated in parades and ceremonies, and attendance at our monthly meetings started to improve — we even welcomed several new members!

Now it is again the time of giving. We are grateful to all those who donate to our causes and we are in the process of sending it on to those who need it.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Potluck on Friday December 17th. There is no December monthly meeting scheduled, so we look forward to starting fresh in the new year on Wednesday January 12th at 7:00pm.

Joan Cochran, *President*

★ ★ MEMBERSHIP ★ ★



Post Status: We currently have 120/198 (60.5%) paid up members for 2022.

We still issue 2021 Membership Cards if you are in need of one.

If your current membership card has a date of 2022, you have already paid your dues for 2022. You would be surprised how many checks I return due to double payments. For those members who like to pay their dues at the beginning of the calendar year, the time is near. If you send in your dues in December I can get your Membership Cards to you by January 1st.

New Members: Are always welcome, 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 2021 dues (\$50) or your New Member Requirements use Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971.

Thanks for supporting our Post.

Enjoy the Holiday season

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

★ ★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★ ★



It was an honor to attend the Veterans Day ceremony at the post. A great turn out of local residents and a crisp military pass and review march by the Post color guard, followed by the Southold JROTC and a 9/11 tree planting. An inspiring talk by our Post Commander was a fitting tribute to all our veterans.

All are welcome every Friday night at 6PM for Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts drawing. Also, come on down December 17 for our special Christmas Pot luck and Queen of Hearts drawing 6 PM.

Always remember to teach our youth to stand for the flag and respect our military. A very Merry Christmas and Happy New year to all.

Gary Iorio, *SAL Commander*

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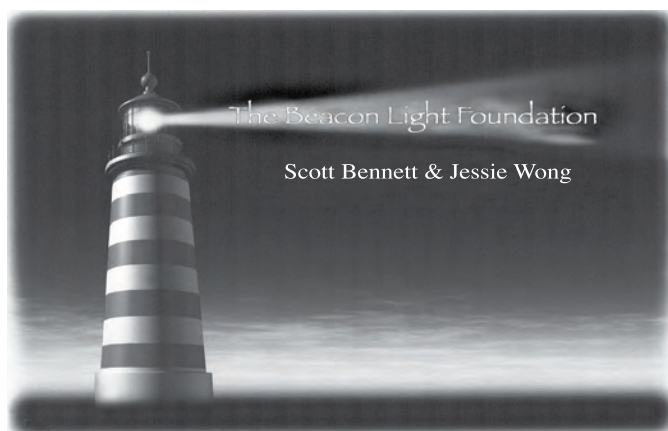
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Butterfly Cody Experience

December 3, 2021
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Open to the Public.
Family and friends welcome to join in for
dancing and music!



Tom Chupka & Bill Galante

February 4, 2022
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Open to the public.
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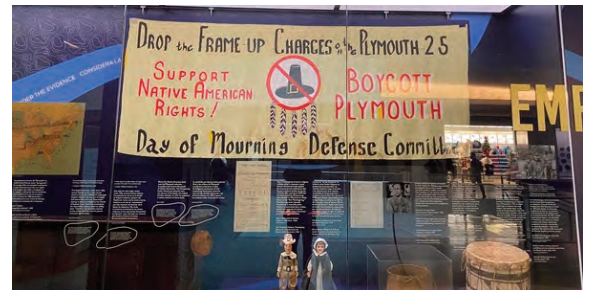
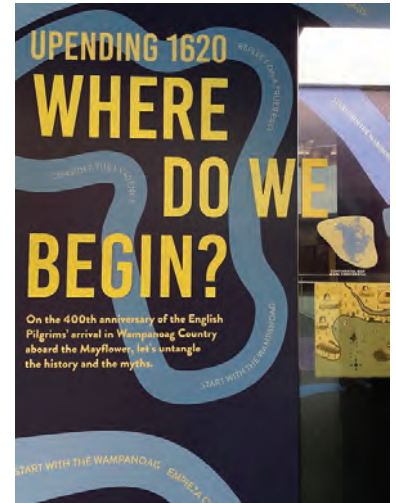
CHRISTMAS POT LUCK

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I would like to finish up the series on the Pilgrims and United States history with some thoughts about how to teach American History. I have made it clear that America is not a perfect country nor is any individual. With that being said we need to evaluate the country similarly to how we would evaluate an individual. I will pose the question, “Are you the culmination of one act good or bad?” In today’s world a young kid acting on childish impulse can find his or her life destroyed by the constant replaying of a foolish act caught on video. For those of you that are reading this and are over 50-years old, can you imagine what it would be like if some of the things you did when you were a kid were captured on video and broadcast around the world? Each and every one of us are a culmination of years of acts that can be construed as good or bad but all of these acts do form a character and a reputation. The same goes for evaluating a Nation. What has that Nation done for the humans that occupy its borders and for those outside of its borders? I’m saying this because I was disturbed by the tone of an exhibit on the Pilgrims that is prominently stationed next to the famous U.S flag that inspired the National Anthem located at the National Museum of American History. The display is titled, “Upending 1620 Where do we begin?” It appears the goal of the exhibit is to depict the Pilgrims as an invading army and the native population as innocent inhabitants of a Garden of Eden. The truth is found somewhere between these two extremes. One section of the display states, “Desire for Native American land soon led Plymouth colonists to enslave and remove thousands of Native Americans. The Wampanoag leader Metacomet, pictured here, was the son of the leader who helped the first colonists. In 1675, he organized a military defense of Native lands.” Simply reading this section of the exhibit one is encouraged to conclude that Metacomet was an innocent Native American that was being attacked by the descendants of the original Plymouth Colony but this is quite deceptive. If one takes the time to read a book like, Mayflower written by Nathaniel Philbrick one may understand the story is so much more complicated and the history of the occupation of land in America is not as simple as evil white man took from angelic Native American. The story is more like culturally different humans struggling to figure out how to get along on a planet they both didn’t create. I suggest American History be taught with the same measure of carefulness we hope others would grant us if our lives were exhibited. Let’s not display the got you picture that captures the moment you depart the bathroom after forgetting to zip up your pants.



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 Post 803 Commander & Historian

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12/08 Wed. Annual Legion Planning Meeting Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:00PM

12/10 Fri. Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM

12/14 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: NO MEETING

12/17 Fri. Christmas Pot Luck and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM

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