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THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

DECEMBER 2022

★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires
& Friends of the Legion:

Christmas is upon us and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. The year is coming to an end and my time as commander too. I will need to take a break from the Legion and I hope you will take time out of your busy schedule and do what you can in the coming year to support the Legion. Veterans Day was a great success. It was wonderful to see all the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cubs attend the ceremony. I want to thank the Southold Rotary for the fantastic meal we enjoyed after the ceremony. Here are some great pictures provided by John Christina.

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.



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I was surfing the internet for a cool Christmas poem
and I came across the following that I believe is
fitting for almost any conflict a Veteran has faced.

I hope you enjoy the read as I did.

Merry Christmas!



More truth **"JUNGLE BELLS"** than poetry!

'Twas the night before Christmas and all
through the tent
Not a creature was stirring, the rats had all went;
The helmets were hung by the foxhole with care
In case a few Zeros might buzz through the air.
The soldiers were sleeping, dreaming of things
Like vine-covered bungalows and wedding rings,
Of beautiful blondes and thick juicy steaks,
Of sundaes and sodas and Mom's chocolate cakes.
An air of contentment crowded the place
And satisfied smiles were on each GI's face;
The stockings were nailed to the center pole
tight,
Moldy and green in the faint evening light.
Whether home or in jungle, this time of the year,
Living secure or in perpetual fear,
The holiday spirit stands out like a light,
A symbol of justice, of right over might.
So as they slept, their thoughts were the same:
They saw all their dear ones and called them
by name.
May your Christmas be merry and the coming
year find
Dear ones together—the war far behind.

*Charles J. Sanders,
Post 803 Commander & Historian*

★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



Post Status: We currently have 188/205 (91.7%) paid up members for 2022. You can still pay your dues for 2022 and maintain the continuous years of membership on your membership ID. The Post is at 125/194 (64.4%) paid up members for 2023 including online renewals. January is on the horizon, please send in your dues for 2023.

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

Ladies Auxiliary: Attn: Membership Donna St Pierre **Sons of Legion:** Attn: Membership 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. All membership correspondence should be sent to Post 803, Attn. Membership, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971.

If you play BINGO come by the Post on Tuesdays at 12 Noon.

Thanks for supporting Post 803

Bob Cochran, Membership Chairman • 631.765.5828

★★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★★

DECEMBER IS HERE ALONG WITH THE HOLIDAY SEASON. BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL!

Our recent Holiday Craft Fair was a resounding success! Thanks go to Denise for organizing a variety of vendors with lots of quality merchandise. Thank you Margie for making that great chili and Donna for making the delicious crumb cake and rice pudding! Thank you Linda Ruland for putting together a beautiful Harvest Basket! Thank you Joan Cear for publicizing the event, and Beverley for donating wine for the raffle. Marlene, Mimi, Valerie and I rounded out the team selling hot dogs and raffle tickets. Thanks also go to Ty, Greg, EJ, Rich, Earl, Joe, Neil, and to all who contributed to our efforts. Vendor David Arteaga donated a beautiful piece of art for the raffle, and another vendor Terri Prendergast donated jewelry. And of course we appreciate the community for coming out and supporting us! Remember us next year on the first Sunday in December for this annual event.

Let's give Commander Sanders a big round of applause for all his hard work for Post 803! As his term winds down, we greatly appreciate all he has done to help and support American Legion Auxiliary Unit 803. We will miss you Charles! Good luck with all your future endeavors!

There will be no December meeting as we all spend time with family. As of this writing we are trying to put together a "Snacks with Santa" event on an afternoon in December. Stay tuned!

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00PM.**

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Joan Cochran, President

★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



December is once again upon us, so first may I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Once again I encourage all our SAL members new and old to join us for any of the Legion events. December 16 will be a Pot Luck dinner at the legion, the bar will be open so bring your favorite dish or just pick up a pizza and join us for a Christmas toast!

I leave you with a quote from President Roosevelt

"Yesterday, December 7, 1941 – a date which will live in infamy – the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."

Never forget our servicemen who never returned.

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander

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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: Thank you Joe St. Pierre~~
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 Not Cost Effective~~
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 Ty Cochran
Thank you Dr. John Pitman for building the cabinet~~
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 Not Cost Effective~~
19. ~~Organize Kitchen Cabinets and Re Stock Salt/Pepper and Other Items for 2022: Project Manager
Needed but Will Work with Jan Powers Thank You WRF Volunteers and Auxiliary!~~
20. ~~New Reusable Patriotic Table Centerpieces for Events (20 Needed): Thank You Auxiliary!~~
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
Not Cost Effective~~
6. Bathrooms Renovation (Handicap Accessible)
7. Basement Walls Coating for
Brick Deterioration Mitigation
8. Pavilion
9. Exterior of Post Painted/Stained

VOLUNTEER CORNER

- New Legion Commander Needed
- Someone to help prepare the Reporter each month for publication working with Ink Spot
- Historian to write columns in the Reporter
- Hall Rental Coordinator to work with Sandra Kollen on hall rentals
- Contact Charles if you are interested 631.702.3083

★★ VETERANS BENEFITS "CORNER" ★★

NEW VA BENEFIT WILL SELL GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE TO MOST VETERANS

A new Department of Veterans Affairs life insurance policy for veterans of any level of disability rating is beginning to offer Veterans Affairs Life Insurance, or VALife, on Jan. 1, 2023, in line with a law passed last year, with applications opening that day. VALife will be open to all veterans 80 years old or younger who have a disability rating of 0 to 100. Older veterans will also be eligible if they applied for VA disability compensation before age 81 but did not receive the disability rating until after turning 81, and if they apply for the life insurance within two years of getting the rating.

VALife is what's known as guaranteed acceptance whole life insurance. That means no medical exams or health questions are required to be approved, with the VA saying the plan will have "fully automated online enrollment with instant approvals." VALife will offer beneficiaries payouts of up to \$40,000, with lesser coverage available in increments of \$10,000.

The cost of the insurance varies based on age and the amount of coverage, but could run as low as \$11 per month for an 18-year-old with \$10,000 of coverage or as high as \$1,768 per month for a 95-year-old with \$40,000 of coverage. The premiums are fixed for the life of policy, meaning veterans will pay the amount for the age they were when they enrolled even as they get older.

The department already offers what's called Veterans' Group Life Insurance, but veterans have to apply within one year and 120 days of leaving military service in order to be eligible for that plan. The department also offers the Service-Disabled Veterans Life Insurance for veterans of any level of service-connected disability rating, but vets have to apply within two years of getting their rating.

The new VALife has no such time restriction on applying for veterans 80 or younger. Veterans who already have the Service-Disabled Veterans Life Insurance will be able to stay in that program, but the policy will close to new applicants after Dec. 31, according to the blog post.

By David Chiaro, keyarrow@hotmail.com

★★ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ★★

For those of you who have a family member who is suffering from an illness or affliction please remember them in your prayers.

"Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands, We place our sick and afflicted under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again, Above all grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us." - Amen

Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplin*

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★ ★ DECEMBER 2022 & JANUARY 2023 ★ ★

- 12/02 Fri. Bar is Open 6:30PM
and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM

- 12/09 Fri. Bar is Open 6:30PM
and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM

- 12/13 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

- 12/16 Fri. Christmas Pot Luck for Members:
Bar is Open 6:30PM, 7PM Eat

- 01/06 Fri. Bar is Open 6:30PM
and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM

- 01/10 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

- 01/11 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

- 01/13 Fri. Bar is Open 6:30PM
and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM

- 01/20 Fri. Bar is Open 6:30PM
and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM

- 01/27 Fri. Bar is Open 6:30PM
and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM



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★ ★ LEGION OFFICERS ★ ★

- Commander - Charles J. Sanders
- 1st Vice Commander - Jeff Chagnon
- 2nd Vice Commander - Vacant
- Past Commander - Earl Brock
- Adjutant - David DeFriest
- Finance Officer - Jim Cowan
- 1st Finance Assistant - Mort Kelly
- 2nd Finance Assistant - Raymond Terry
- Sergeant at Arms - Neil Rochford
- Chaplain - Jeff Chagnon
- Post Historian - Charles J. Sanders
- Membership Chair - Bob Cochran

★ ★ SAL OFFICERS ★ ★

- Commander - Gary Iorio
- 1st Vice - Rich Feely
- 2nd Vice - Michael Anasagasti
- Adjutant - Brian Hughes
- Treasurer - Brian Hughes
- Sergeant at Arms - Jonathan Bitner
- Chaplain - Daniel Kaelin
- Historian - Douglas Kalvns

★ ★ AUXILIARY OFFICERS ★ ★

- President - Joan Cochran
- Vice Pres - Denise Thilberg
- Treasurer - Margie Brock
- Recording Sec., - Priscilla Devine

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