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THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

FEBRUARY 2022

★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

We are off to a good start in 2022. We have already crossed off two of our 2022 goals. You can see which ones on our goal page. We also received an amazing commitment by an anonymous Veteran to pay for the construction and installation of our new permanent sign. This means the funds that we raised to purchase the sign can now be directed toward other projects at the Post. We have hired Bill Von Eiff from Reflective Image in Greenport to design and build our sign. It is looking promising that we will have the sign up in 2022.



I was very impressed with Martin Faint and his son Oliver from the Cubs. They volunteered to be the team that helps take care of lowering the flag when directed by the President or the Governor. I was at the Legion one early morning and to my surprise Martin and Oliver rolled into the parking lot to take care of the flag. Martin also noticed that our flag was torn because of the wind and Martin took this as perfect opportunity to teach the Cubs flag etiquette. He reached out to me and I found myself reading one of the Legion flag etiquette books that the Auxiliary purchased to make sure I understood the rules. I was surprised as I read a little closer that I forgot a lot of the rules and in one instance, I actually gave wrong direction to my fellow Legionnaires during our monthly meeting. I thought that we Legionnaires may salute the flag while we are reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. NOPE! We are supposed to take off our covers and hold them over our heart and then conduct the Pledge of Allegiance. Sorry guys we won't do that again. We can salute when we hear the National Anthem or when we are witnessing a parade and the colors are passing by us. I conflated this in my mind but now I know. Martin and a couple of other dads with their Cubs came to the Legion and we took the time to go over the flag etiquette book and then we lowered our tattered flag and placed it in our retirement box for later shipment to Calverton for a respectful incineration by the team there. Lan Currier a member and employee at Calverton volunteers to pick up the flags for the Legion. Thank you, Lan!

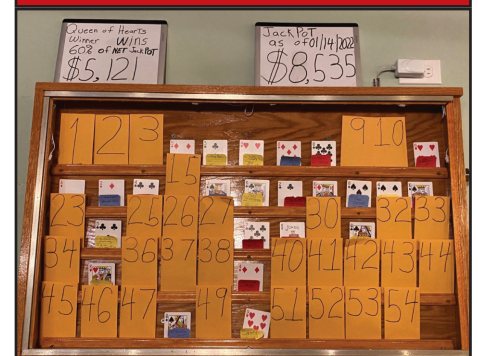
I would like to say thank you to the new businesses that have joined the Legion Team and are advertising in the Reporter. Welcome Paul Romanelli from Suffolk Security, Chris Mohr from Chris Mohr landscaping and Bob Ghosio from Jarzombek Energy. Thank you to all of our other Sponsors that have renewed your ads. All of these ads help us eliminate the cost to produce and mail the Reporter each month.

We have some fun events planned for February. Come on down and enjoy the Daytona 500 party on Sunday the 21st from 1:30PM to approximately 6PM. Jan Powers scheduled some great music for us in February to include Tom Chupka and Bill Galente, the Flash Back Trio and NRG. Come on down on Friday evenings and enjoy the music from 6:30PM to 9:30PM and don't forget to get your tickets for the Queen of Hearts. The jackpot is up to \$5,121 take home to the winner!

We are looking forward to a great year but we need our members and friends to take a look at our goals and see how you may contribute to our success in 2022. Feel free to reach out to me personally if you would like to help and be sure to take a look at our Volunteer Corner for pressing needs.

For God and Country, God Bless,
Charles J. Sanders, Post 803 Commander
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JACKPOT IS NOW \$5,121
That is the winner take home!!!



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

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ROAD TO RENOVATION PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Potential Company for Project: RCP Shelters, Inc.
Website: www.rcpshelters.com

Key Tasks

1. Removal of unhealthy Trees **COMPLETED**
2. Movement of dumpsters and BBQ Pit
3. Site plan
4. Approval from Town & neighbors + permit
5. Construction of foundation
6. Construction of pavilion

Potential New Location of Dumpsters on side or back of property with easy access for pickup.

Potential Location 2nd Floor Exterior Emergency Exit

Key Tasks

1. Determine project manager
2. Determine what qualifies as legal egress
3. Develop site plan & cost
4. Approval from Town+ permit
5. Construction of foundation
6. Construction of stairs
7. Construction of 2nd Floor Exit

Painting of the Exterior of the Post

Key Tasks

1. Determine project manager
2. Determine what was done in past was it stain or paint and type?
3. Determine color taking awning color into consideration
4. Get bids
5. Choose company
6. Execute painting

Potential Location of New Sign

Key Tasks

1. Develop Design
2. Determine cost
3. Submit new plans to town
4. Construct and install sign



Veterans Affairs
& Rehabilitation



Hall Ceiling Upgrade or Repair
Key Tasks

1. Determine project manager
2. Determine condition of ceiling tiles and structure
3. Develop Options for Improvement
4. Determine Cost
5. Choose Options
6. Submit plans if required
7. Execute project



Picture Molding Installation
Key Tasks

1. Determine project manager
2. Determine where molding can be installed
3. Determine cost
4. Get bids
5. Choose company
6. Execute picture molding installation



Paint Hall & Main Entrance
Key Tasks

1. Determine project manager
2. Determine color
3. Determine cost
4. Get bids
5. Choose company
6. Execute painting of hall and entrance



National Security



Americanism



Room to expand bathrooms due to closet availability



Renovation of Bathrooms

1. Determine project manager
2. Develop Options for Improvement
3. Determine Cost
4. Choose Options
5. Submit plans and get permits
6. Execute project

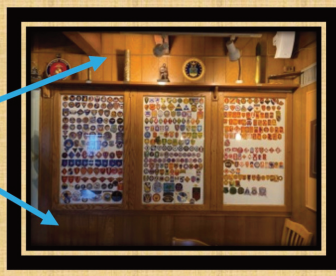


Potential Design Similar to Islands End Golf Course



Brighten up bar by painting beams, removing or painting paneling

Keep our Heritage but lighten up the wood.



Repair windows potentially add tile backdrop with new glass shelving. New carpet or possibly extend tile?



Children & Youth

★ ★ VETERANS BENEFITS “CORNER”

***NEW* “ASK VA” QUESTIONS**

Do you have a question or want more information about VA benefits and services?

Use the new “Ask VA” online question portal. (<https://ask.va.gov/>). What is Ask VA? The Ask VA online question portal, launched on October 18, 2021, was created to provide the Veteran community with an easier, faster and more convenient way to get their questions answered. It replaces VA’s outdated Inquiry Routing & Information System (IRIS) and the GI Bill Help Portal. It is an easy, fast, and convenient way to get your questions answered.

Do you want to find more information on VA benefits and services? Do you have a question, concern, recommendation, or compliment for VA? Learn more about Ask VA and how to use it:

(<https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/96585/new-ask-va-portal-allows-anyone-to-contact-va-securely/>)

Until next month!

David Chiaro

keyarrow@hotmail.com

★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

The cold and dismal month of February has arrived! We long for warm sunshine and blue skies! Let’s make the best of it and bundle up, put on our scarves and mittens and get out in the fresh air whenever we can. Many of our snowbirds have flown the coop and we wish them well!

We are looking forward to our Daytona Party coming up on Sunday February 20th. We set up the big TV in the hall, get out the checkered flags and have some fun! COVID shut us down last year but the numbers are coming down after this latest wave. Join us at 1:30PM to watch the Daytona 500 and enjoy refreshments. There is a \$10 entrance fee - well worth it! - and there will be a cash bar.

We purchased a new Christmas tree this year and disposed of the old one in the bar which had seen better days. January saw a fresh start at the Legion with a thorough cleaning. Auxiliary members are planning to help out by lining the cabinets with new shelf paper, cleaning the salt and pepper shakers, etc. We thank Commander Sanders for spearheading this effort! We were able to get a great deal on shelf liner right here in Southold at Ace Hardware! Try to support our local merchants in the lean winter months just as they support us all year long.

Congratulations are in order for Commander Sanders on his designation as “Public Servant of the Year” by the Suffolk Times. It is a well deserved honor! Thank you Charles for all you do for the Legion and the community at large. You are an inspiration of good citizenship for all of us!

Although the pandemic caused us to cancel our January meeting, we were still able to accomplish projects and help veterans through email communications. There is no meeting scheduled in February. We look forward to our March meeting on Wednesday March 9th at 7:00PM, when we will welcome a representative from the Warrior Ranch in Calverton. Her presentation was postponed from January and we anticipate a good crowd! Members please let me know if you will attend and if you would like to join us for pizza at 6:30PM.

Joan Cochran,

President

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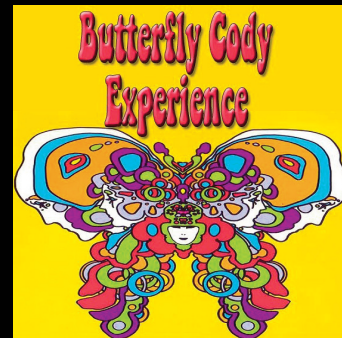
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BUTTERFLY CODY
FEBRUARY 11th



NRG
FEBRUARY 18th



FLASHBACK TRIO
FEBRUARY 25th





Daytona 500 Party

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

1:30 PM until ?

\$10 ENTRY FEE

Includes Food & Big Screen TV's

CASH BAR



★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



Post Status: I would like to welcome two new members to our Post, Wayne Hopkins a Marine who transferred from NY Post 1, and Tom Uhlinger who served in the US Navy. Both served during the Vietnam War. We currently have **154/202 (76.24%)** paid up members for 2022. We have 52 members who need to pay their dues to achieve 100% membership for 2022. Please check to see if you have your 2022 membership card. If your card has 2022 on the top please disregard membership notices from the National American Legion in Indianapolis. There is a processing delay from Post 803 thru the Department of NY to the National American Legion. You don't have to send proof that you paid your dues for 2022 to Post 803. If you don't have a 2022 Membership ID Card send in \$50 and I will send you your card ASAP.

Membership ID's have been issued for Electronic Renewals up to and including 21 Dec 2021. Electronic Renewal Membership Cards will be issued monthly.

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

Thanks for supporting our Post. Stay healthy.
Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



We started January with our new meeting schedule and it worked well. After a brief SAL meeting at 6:30 we enjoyed a pizza dinner followed by the regular Post meeting. In this way we can stay abreast of Legion activities, support our Veterans, and assist in anyway needed. The Post Commander has great plans for 2022 and the SAL will assist in many ways. Our next meeting is March 8 and all SAL members are urged to attend. Keep an eye on this newsletter for dates/times of all Legion events. If you have not paid your 2022 dues (\$25.) you can send a check to the Post Att: SAL.

All welcome at the Legion bar Fridays nights 6:30-9:30 check this letter for a listing of some great bands that have been booked. Make a table up with friends, bring nibbles, and come down for dancing and a fun time with some great folks!

I leave you with a quote.

"If you want total security, go to prison. There you're fed, clothed, given medical care and so on. The only thing lacking... is freedom." President Dwight D. Eisenhower

We want to welcome to the SAL our new members Walter Krupski and Greg Schlachter. Next Meeting March 8th. We will meet from 6PM - 6:30PM and then joint the Legionnaires at the bar for pizza and drinks.

Gary Iorio,
SAL Commander

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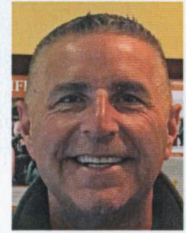
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- 2022 GOALS -

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: Jan Powers and one other Legion Member
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

What breaks my heart the most when I think of America is how many Americans do not love if not at least like America? How can this possibly be? We have all heard the question asked, “Is the glass half full or half empty?” How one responds to this question says a lot about how one views the world. Some people not only say that the glass is half empty but they criticize the very design of the glass that contains life-giving nourishment. Would we even care about how we answer this if we were lost in the desert and came upon someone holding a cool refreshing glass of water? We would lick our lips and beg for the refreshing water within. Perspective is so vital when trying to make sense of the complicated history of America. We do not need to be in the desert to actually understand how thirsty we would be if we were lost among its dunes. Imagination and perspective grant us the ability to understand how refreshing that water would taste. Let’s apply that same principle when we study American history. Let’s try to imagine what it was like for the first humans to arrive and live in what would become America. Let’s try to imagine the conditions that existed when America was first formed. Let’s try to imagine what our lives would be like if the events of the past leading up to the moment we read this column were different? What is your life like as you read this column? Are you worried that and arrest you because you are reading some-even gain the opportunity to learn to read? Did at the end of your drive or the trip you took to caused by an improvised explosive device? Do sexual orientation truly fear that we will be and simply hung in the streets because we do the past at this moment, but I’m talking about unlikely that any of these things would cross in the 21st Century of another country. Why don’t fear these things because of the amazing and molded America into what it is today. Freedom even with all of its imperfections past many Americans holding glasses of water of horrible America is. Perhaps a real visit to a for-will embark on a new journey into American realizing that water is all around us. The refresh-Legion exists, it’s why we Legionnaires served in uniform and it is why we continue to promote Americanism. I believe taking an honest look at American history to include America’s poor choices will reveal that America, due to its governing principles has created a more perfect Union, established Justice, insured domestic Tranquility, provided for our common defense, promoted the general Welfare, and secured the Blessings of Liberty to those of us living in the 21st Century and to our Posterity if we can keep it. Has America fulfilled these things equally to all its inhabitants throughout its history? It has not. What country has? Has America evolved considerably from it founding and secured these things for more humans than any other Nation on this earth throughout written history? Do inhabitants of this Country legal and illegal benefit from these blessings? Arguably, yes! For me, I will gladly take a sip from the American glass that contains the cool refreshing taste of Freedom. If you don’t feel the same way then you have a myriad of opportunities to depart these shores in search for a more inviting body of water, but until then please enjoy America’s water available to you by the Veterans that secured it for you.



Charles J. Sanders, Post 803 Commander & Historian

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. If you want to help the Legion but you just don’t have time to come to all the meetings and volunteer for big events then this job is perfect for you.
- 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.

★★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★★

It has been another quiet month and at this time I have nothing new to report,

Our Friends and neighbors who have been serving their community as Police Officers have been under attack on so many levels. Many of them have paid the ultimate price. I for one sleep well at night knowing that we have such fine young men and women in our service. Please remember them in your prayers

Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplin*

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"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" —Matthew 5:9



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★★ FEBRUARY & MARCH 2022 ★★

- 02/04 Fri. Tom Chupka and Bill Gilente and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
- 02/08 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM
- 02/11 Fri. Butterfly Cody Music and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
- 02/18 Fri. NRG Music and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
- 02/20 Sun. Daytona 500 Party: 1:30PM until Approximately: 6:30PM
- 02/25 Fri. Flash Back Trio and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
- 03/04 Fri. NRG Music and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
- 03/08 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM
- 03/09 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 03/11 Fri. Who Are Those Guys and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
- 03/18 Fri. NRG Music and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
- 03/25 Fri. Dead Wood Quartet and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM



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- 2nd Finance Assistant - Raymond Terry
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- Post Historian - Charles J. Sanders
- Membership Chair - Bob Cochran

★★ SAL OFFICERS ★★

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- Treasurer - Brian Hughes
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- Historian - Douglas Kalvns

★★ AUXILIARY OFFICERS ★★

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