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# THE REPORTER

## GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

JANUARY 2021



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

### Happy New Year!

2020 is finally behind us and we now begin a fresh year with new possibilities as well as new challenges. COVID-19 is still a challenge for our planning in 2021 and this reality is reflective in our choosing not to conduct Bingo and any type of social dinners to include our St Patrick's Day dinner for the first six months. During the 2nd half of the year we will review where we stand with COVID-19 and possibly resume Bingo and our dinner Socials. Our first major Legion event will be in July with the Auxiliary Summer Fair on Saturday, July 10th to be followed by our annual Car Show Sunday, August 29th. Our regularly scheduled Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion meetings will continue and you may reference our 2021 calendar of events for dates and times as well as the *Reporter* calendar each month for new updates. Our website [www.post803.com](http://www.post803.com) is another great resource to find out what is going on as well as looking back at copies of all of our past *Reporters*.



2021 will be the year that we focus on our capital improvement fundraising efforts. This year is a great opportunity for us to raise funds for the future work that needs to be accomplished to ensure the Post is secure into the future.

We conducted a productive 2021 planning meeting and we revised some of our goals due to the changes that occurred in 2020. The need to address the old brick foundation was revealed after the annual cleanup concluded. We removed a lot of junk from the basement opening up to view the condition of some of the old red bricks. The foundation is not in bad shape but some sections of the bricks are crumbling and they need to be repaired or replaced. We also need to take seriously the need to update our bathrooms to convert them to handicap accessible as well as improve their aesthetic appearance. The goal is to raise enough funds to assist in those future efforts while simultaneously tackling new 2021 goals. You may reference our goal ad in the *Reporter* for details.

We had a difficult 2020 but we still came together and accomplished a lot more than expected. I'm looking forward to another year where we continue to uphold the Four Pillars of the American Legion and build a stronger Post for the future.

### BINGO

The goal is to resume Bingo in July if the COVID-19 pandemic is under control and Bingo can be conducted safely for all players. Keep your fingers crossed.

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### ★★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★★

I have very little to report at this time as a result of December having been a quiet month for both the Chaplin and the Post. On December 6th I responded to the Mattituck Post where I Attended a service for Pearl Harbor Day which was conducted by Bob DeVito who is their Post Commander. If you ever get to the island of Oahu I recommend a trip to the USS Arizona Memorial. The remains of US Sailors and Marines are still entombed on the ship. It is a very solemn place.

Happy New Year and best wishes to everyone for 2021. Lets hope that in a few months this COVID nightmare will be done with and we can all get back to normal.

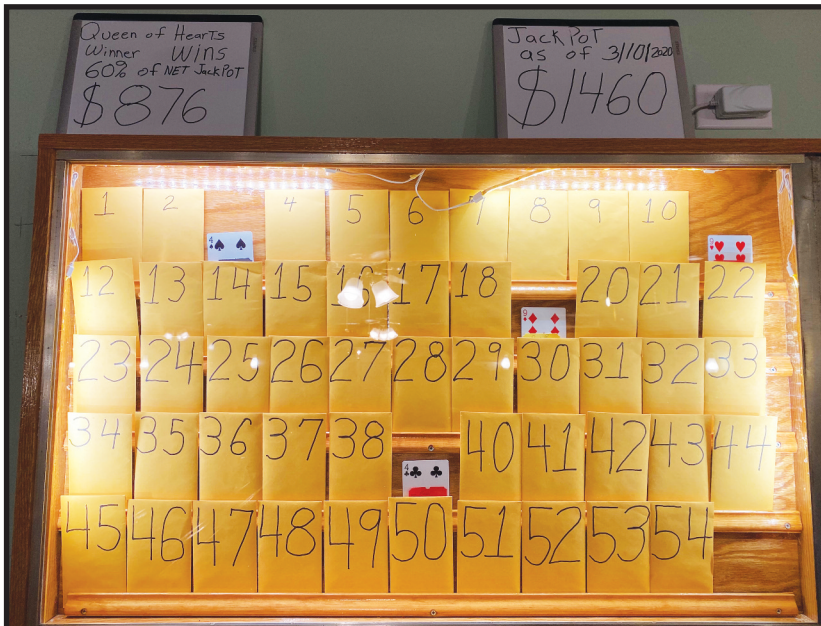
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*"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."  
- Isaiah 40:30-31 ( The popular song "On Eagles Wings" was written by Fr. Jan Michael Joncas and was based on Psalm 91 and the above reading from the Book of Isaiah)*

Commander's Report Continued

**2021 QUEEN OF HEARTS GAME**

The Queen of Hearts game is back and running and available to the public. Jan Powers is the chairman and the game consist of 52 shuffled playing cards plus two jokers. Each card is randomly sealed inside an envelope that is numbered from 1 to 54 and displayed in the locked glass class as shown in the picture below. Players write one of these numbers from the unopened envelopes on each of their Queen of Hearts tickets (\$10.00 for 3 tickets). Due to COVID-19 we will conduct a drawing at the Legion bar once per month. Please refer to our annual calendar for exact dates. We will post each drawing in the Reporter too. A ticket will be drawn randomly from a large see through bin and the envelope that corresponds with the number on that ticket will be opened to reveal the card inside. If the Queen of Hearts card is chosen the ticket holder wins 60% of the jackpot for that drawing. If the Queen of Hearts is not chosen, the game continues until the following month and the funds roll over into the next drawing and more tickets will be sold building up the pot. All the official rules will be posted in the Legion bar and the card display case and tumbler are located in the bar and locked until the drawing.



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**The January drawing will take place on the 15th.  
If you want to purchase tickets please contact  
Jan Powers 914-213-8467 or  
email GalaxyFCC@gmail.com.**

**THE CURRENT JACKPOT  
IS UP TO \$1,110.00**

★ ★ MEMBERSHIP ★ ★



**Post Status:** We currently have 156/212 (73.6%) paid up members for 2021.

For the Legionnaires who like to wait until the beginning of the year to pay their annual dues, Happy New Year.

**Membership Issue:** We all get Membership Renewal Notices from the American Legion National Committee. Recently I had to return almost 30 double payment checks to our most loyal members. If you have your 2021 Membership card please don't respond to the renewal notices sent from the National Committee. If your latest Membership Card in your possession is 2020 then it's time to renew your membership for 2021.

**New Members: Are always welcome.**

**SAL Membership:** Sons of the American Legion Membership issues are handled through the SAL Commander Gary Iorio. You will need to fill out a Sons of the American Legion application form, and submit annual dues (\$25).

**Post 803 Membership Requirements:** To join Post 803 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.

Enjoy the Holidays and thanks for supporting Post 803.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Happy New Year! While times are trying let's make the best of it! Hopefully 2021 will eventually bring a return to normal. Thinking along those lines we scheduled our annual Summer Fair and Holiday Fair for next year. We agreed at the annual Legion Planning Meeting to revisit the calendar in June to see how life is progressing at that point. We will try to do as much as we can as safely as we can as the pandemic continues.

Thanks go to Charlotte as she arranged our donation to the Hero Hunger program run by the VA in Northport. Hunger is a very serious issue, especially this year. There is still a great need for donations of Uber gift cards to the Northport VAMC as well. The volunteer transportation programs have been shut down due to COVID, and the cards enable veterans to get to their appointments. We donated some last year and may revisit the need at our January meeting.

The bar looked festive for the holidays although we kept it very simple. The Friday after New Year's Day will be a good opportunity to take down the decorations.

As we endure the long winter ahead let us remember that no matter what we face in the upcoming year, our mission is to "advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security". I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Wednesday, January 13th, at 7:00 PM.

Joan Cochran, President

★ ★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★ ★



Today we learn that the long-awaited vaccine has begun to be distributed. Operation Warp Speed a plan set forth by President Trump with help from our military and four-star General Gustave F. Perna running the operation. I would like to wish General Perna God Speed on his mission. At this point I would like to wish Everyone a Merry Christmas and a better new year.

We hope by Spring to resume some of our activities.

SAL Commander,  
Gary Iorio

**SOUTHOLD AMERICAN LEGION**

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RAFFLE**

You can purchase tickets in person by contacting our Queen of Hearts Chairman Jan Powers at **914.213.8467** or email **GalaxyFCC@gmail.com** • **\$10 for 3 Tickets**

You can also purchase tickets by cutting out this coupon and sending in your **\$10 check made out to American Legion Post 803 Queen of Hearts Raffle** for 3 or however many you want to purchase.

**Send the coupon to Attention Jan Powers, American Legion Post 803 P.O. Box 591 Southold, NY 11971.**

Jan will fill out your tickets and place in the tumbler for you. If you choose this option you will not receive a stub for your tickets.

**Don't forget to choose your Envelope Number!**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets  (3 for \$10)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number Choice (1 to 54)

*This month I'm repeating last year's article because I think it can help put our lives in perspective. We tend to forget the past when we are inundated with the present. All we hear on the news is COVID-19 pandemic but those that lived in 1942 could not escape the shadow of WWII. This article was derived from the following website: <https://blogs.shu.edu/ww2-0/1942/01/01/new-year-celebrations-in-wars-shadow/>*

## In Wars Shadow

As the nation rang in the New Year last night, the anxiety of war loomed over the typically festive occasion. Americans packed churches in quiet reflection, government employees gave up their days off, and major cities saw an enormous police presence.

Officers patrolled areas where large groups of people were gathered to celebrate the start of 1942, such as Times Square in New York and F Street in the District of Columbia.

The police detail in Times Square was the largest ever assigned to the vicinity. More than 2,000 officers were assigned to the area as a safety measure on New Year's Eve, compared to 1940's patrol of just under 1,500 officers.

"You can't close Time Square unless you close every theater, movie, hotel and night club," New York City Police Commissioner Lewis Valentine said. "There's no justification for that."

Valentine said he decided to permit the festivities in spite of the danger of an air raid. He ordered the emergency services spotted on site in the event of an air attack. There were no air raids during last night's celebrations.

Washington, D.C. police officers reported a lesser use of horns at midnight, a likely result of Director of the Office of Civil Defense Fiorello La Guardia's request. "We can have just as much fun without blowing the horns," La Guardia said.

He sent the request for minimal use of sirens or horns last night to prevent the possibility of serious disorder. The concern stemmed from the thought that the horns might be mistaken for the air-raid siren.



*Times Square on a quiet night.*

Even with the precautions in place, a majority of the clubs, hotels and restaurants remained open. Theaters on Broadway have sold out their shows for the week.

The spike in business started as soon as the announcement that the Times Square festivities would be permitted. Although there were fire trucks, ambulances and patrol cars at hand (among other reminders of the war), more than 500,000 people gathered in Times Square to watch the ball drop at midnight.

Precautions were taken across the board, with officers stationed at every streetlight and fire

alarm box in Times Square. Due to the recent update of a manual shut-off feature, the officers stationed were placed to ensure street lights were not extinguished by an unauthorized individual.

Along with the additional police presence, evacuations signs were installed that directed the safest and fastest route out of Times Square. "In case of alarm, leave Times Square," the signs read. "Do not run."

Washington, D.C. did not see the same turnout as New York City. Government employees returned to work today at the unprecedented request of bureau orders. As a result, approximately 100,000 employees offered their holiday to the war effort.

Another request came from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had asked the nation to spend New Year's Day in prayer. Churches held midnight services, including the first night watch at the Washington National Cathedral in its 35-year history.

Archbishop Samuel Stritch lead the prayer service at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Ill. "Fervently we shall pray that God will make us calm in triumph... without hatred and greed in our hearts," he said.

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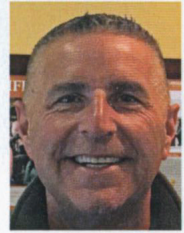


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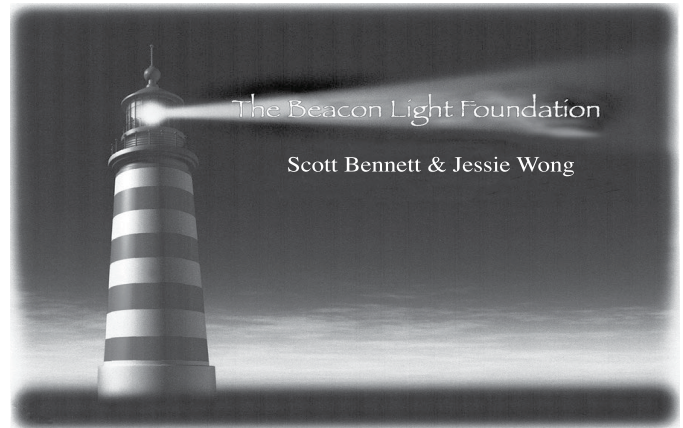
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# ★ ★ 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS ★ ★

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|-------------|---|-------------|---|
| 01/08 Fri.  | Sons of the Legion Meeting:<br>Bar 6PM • Meeting 6:30PM   | 07/14 Wed.  | Auxiliary Meeting 7PM   |
| 01/12 Tues. | Executive and Business Meeting:<br>Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM  | 08/10 Tues. | Executive & Business Meeting:<br>Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM  |
| 01/13 Wed.  | Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM  | 08/11 Wed.  | Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM  |
| 01/15 Fri.  | Queen of Hearts Drawing   | 08/13 Fri.  | Queen of Hearts Drawing   |
| 02/09 Tues. | Executive and Business Meeting:<br>Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM  | 08/NA       | No August Meeting Sons of the Legion  |
| NA          | <b>Auxiliary Meeting:<br/>No Meeting this Month</b>   | 08/27 Fri.  | <b>Car Show Setup 6PM</b>   |
| 02/12 Fri.  | Sons of the Legion Meeting:<br>Bar 6PM • Meeting 6:30PM   | 08/29 Sun.  | <b>Annual Car Show: 9AM to 3PM<br/>(Chair Denise Thilberg)</b>  |
| 02/12 Fri.  | Queen of Hearts Drawing   | 09/08 Wed.  | Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM  |
| 03/09 Tues. | Executive and Business Meeting:<br>Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM  | 09/10 Fri.  | Queen of Hearts Drawing   |
| 03/10 Wed.  | Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM  | 09/14 Tues. | Executive and Business Meeting:<br>Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM  |
| 03/12 Fri.  | Sons of the Legion Meeting:<br>Bar 6PM • Meeting 6:30PM   | 09/11 Sat.  | <b>Patriot's Day NEVER FORGET!</b>  |
| 03/12 Fri.  | Queen of Hearts Drawing   | 09/NA       | No September Meeting<br>Sons of the Legion  |
| 04/09 Fri.  | Sons of the Legion Meeting:<br>Bar 6PM • Meeting 6:30PM   | 09/17 Fri.  | Chicken BBQ Setup<br>7PM after 911 Ceremony   |
| 04/09 Fri.  | Queen of Hearts Drawing   | 09/18 Sat.  | <b>Annual Chicken BBQ: 4PM to 7PM<br/>Takeout is available! (Tentative)</b>   |
| 04/13 Tues. | Executive and Business Meeting:<br>Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM  | 09/27 Mon.  | <b>Annual American Legion<br/>Golf Classic (Tentative Date)</b>   |
| 04/14 Wed.  | Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM  | 10/08 Fri.  | Sons of the Legion Meeting:<br>Bar 6PM • Meeting 6:30PM   |
| 05/11 Tues. | Executive and Business Meeting:<br>Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM  | 10/08 Fri.  | Queen of Hearts Drawing   |
| 05/12 Wed.  | Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM  | 10/12 Tues. | Executive and Business Meeting:<br>Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM  |
| 05/14 Fri.  | Sons of the Legion Meeting:<br>Bar 6PM • Meeting 6:30PM   | 10/13 Wed.  | Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM  |
| 05/14 Fri.  | Queen of Hearts Drawing   | 11/02 Tues. | Election: Go and Vote!  |
| 05/31 Mon.  | <b>Memorial Day Parade:<br/>Southold Post this Year</b>   | 11/05 Fri.  | Craft Fair Setup 6PM  |
| 06/08 Tues. | Executive and Business Meeting:<br>Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM  | 11/07 Sun.  | <b>Holiday Craft Fair 11AM to 4PM<br/>(Chair Auxiliary)</b>   |
| 06/09 Wed.  | Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM  | 11/09 Tues. | Executive and Business Meeting:<br>Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM  |
| 06/11 Fri.  | Sons of the Legion Meeting:<br>Bar 6PM • Meeting 6:30PM   | 11/11 Mon.  | <b>Veterans Day Ceremony<br/>&amp; American Legion Brunch 11AM<br/>Ceremony Lunch to Follow<br/>(Chair Charles Sanders)</b> |
| 06/11 Fri.  | Queen of Hearts Drawing   | 11/12 Fri.  | Veterans Dinner Dance Setup 6PM   |
| 07/04 Sun.  | <b>4th of July Parade Southold:<br/>Muster 11:30 Intersection Boisseau<br/>&amp; Rt. 25 (Chair Charles Sanders)</b> | 11/13 Sat.  | <b>Annual Veteran's Day Dinner Dance<br/>6PM to 10PM (Tentative)</b>  |
| 07/06 Tues. | Executive and Business Meeting:<br>Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM  | 11/13 Sat.  | <b>Queen of Hearts Drawing at the Dance</b>   |
| 07/09 Fri.  | Auxiliary Summer Fair Setup 6PM   | 12/08 Wed.  | <b>2022 Planning Meeting 6PM</b>  |
| 07/09 Fri.  | Sons of the Legion Meeting:<br>Bar 6PM • Meeting 6:30PM   | 12/10 Fri.  | Decorate the Hall for Christmas 6PM   |
| 07/09 Fri.  | Queen of Hearts Drawing   | 12/17 Fri.  | <b>Legion Pot Luck Christmas Party 6PM</b>  |
| 07/10 Sat.  | <b>Auxiliary Summer Fair: 9AM to 3PM</b>  | 12/17 Fri.  | <b>Queen of Hearts Drawing<br/>at the Pot Luck</b>  |

## 2021 GOALS

1. Outdoor Sign Installed
2. Fundraising Thermometer Installed
3. Main Hall Painted and Hall Ceiling Tiles Painted
4. Outside Entrance Painted
5. Slate Entrance Steps Repaired or Replaced
6. LED Motion Lights with Cameras Installed Outside
7. Go-Fund-Me Page Established
8. Bilco Door Painted
9. Flag Box Painted
10. Bar Ceiling Painted and Paneling painted or Removed
11. Total of 13 Paid Ads in the Reporter

## 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

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01/08 Friday Sons of the Legion Meeting  
Bar 6PM  
Meeting 6:30PM

01/12 Tuesday Executive and  
Business Meeting  
Bar 6:30PM  
Meeting 7:30PM

01/13 Wednesday Auxiliary  
Meeting  
7PM

01/15 Friday Queen of Hearts  
Drawing



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**Sergeant at Arms** - Neil Rochford  
**Chaplain** - Jeff Chagnon  
**Post Historian** - Charles J. Sanders  
**Membership Chair** - Bob Cochran

★★ SAL OFFICERS ★★

**Commander** - Gary Iorio  
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**Treasurer** - Jim Best  
**Sergeant at Arms** - Jonathan Bitner  
**Chaplain** - Daniel Kaelin  
**Historian** - Douglas Kalvns

★★ AUXILIARY OFFICERS ★★

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