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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

JANUARY 2024

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Greetings fellow Legionnaires and Friends of the Legion,

I inadvertently overlooked including a submission to my December Commander's Report with regards to a very significant historical event, Pearl Harbor Day December 7, 1941. Each year on December 7th Pearl Harbor survivors, Veterans, and visitors from all over the world come together to honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians that were killed during the Japanese Armed Forces surprise air attack on our Naval Ships and forces at Pearl Harbor. The day

following the attack, then President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, delivered his famous speech to the Nation. The speech in which he stated, "yesterday, December 7, 1941, a date which will live in infamy!" Two hours after the attack Japan officially declared War against the United States. The rest is History. There is much more written in History Books and a Movie was produced about the attack on Pearl Harbor.

During the month of December 2023 on December 8th Commander Dave and Member O.D. Lingo, representing Post 803 attended the Southold, Greenport, Mattituck NJROTC Annual Inspection and Parade held in the Southold High School Gymnasium. Also in attendance was Bob DeVito, Mattituck Legion Commander & Suffolk County Legion 4th District Commander. It was very impressive to observe all the Cadets in uniform execute all the various Marching Maneuvers and their inspection that took place on this day.

On Monday December 11th at 4:00 PM our Auxiliary Unit 803 held their annual "Snacks With Santa"! Santa and Mrs. Santa did an outstanding job. Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time. Thank you to all who participated in this Holiday event.

On December 15th our Post held it's Annual Pot Luck Christmas Dinner and Party. It was well attended and the food prepared by the people in attendance was delicious. Everyone had an enjoyable experience. We held a raffle drawing for the Queen of Hearts. Dean Eichorn's ticket was drawn, but it was not the QOH. So the Queen is still in play. There is approximately \$2100 in the jackpot so the winner who draws the QOH would win about \$1260 at this time.

I hope that everyone was able to spend time with family and enjoy the Christmas and New Year Holiday Season. We have come to the end of the calendar year 2023 and the New Year, 2024 has arrived! Happy and Healthy New Year to All!

In my opinion the previous year has gone by rather quickly it seems. I have been in the Office of Commander for Griswold Terry Glover Post 803 for one full year already. You are probably thinking, when is this idiot gonna jump ship? Well??? Actually, the experience has been enjoyable, rewarding, educational, and overall, outstanding! Thanks mainly to all of you who have been so supportive of me and my Home Grown North Fork Ways. I do Love our Community here in Southold Town and the people who make up our community.

As we move forward into 2024 I continue to maintain an enthusiastic attitude and look forward to another great year with all of you and the American Legion.

For God and Country, God Bless

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★ ★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★ ★



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A happy and healthy New Year for all. As we begin 2024 I hope to see more of our SAL members turn out for Legion events. As I have stated before, I believe the most important events are Memorial Day and Veterans Day. I would like to see more of our members turn out on important dates. Legion Sons are always welcome to march in the Memorial Day Parade. It is early in the year and there is time to order a parade hat. Our Veterans are aging and need our support on Memorial Day. Feel free to attend the monthly Legion business meeting (Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30). We will address any questions and share some comradery. Food and drink are



served before the meeting so come join us!

I leave you with this day in history January 1, 1951. - "As almost half a million Chinese Communist and North Korean troops launched a new ground offensive, they take Inchon and Kimpo Airfield. The Fifth Air Force embarked on a campaign of air raids on enemy troop columns. "

Those who do not study history are doomed to repeat it.

Have a great New Year and remember we are being kept safe by the greatest force in history, our United States Military.

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander

★ ★ 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS ★ ★

01/09 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:00 PM	07/09 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:00 PM
01/10 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM	07/10 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM
02/13 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:00 PM	08/13 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:00 PM
02/16 Fri. Daytona 500 Party Set Up 6 PM	08/14 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM
02/18 Sun. Daytona 500 Party 1 PM - 6 PM	08/23 Fri. Car Show Setup 6 PM
03/02 Sat. Come Out and DANCE Party with DJ Phil 7 - 10 PM	08/25 Sun. Annual Car Show: 9 AM to 3 PM
03/10 Sun. RSVP Deadline for St. Patty's Dinner - RSVP to Earl Brock	09/11 Mon. Patriot's Day NEVER FORGET!
03/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:00 PM	09/10 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:00 PM
03/13 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM	09/11 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM
03/15 Fri. St. Patrick's Dinner Set Up 6:00 PM	09/22 Sat. Walk 4 Valor
03/16 Sat. St. Patrick's Dinner Bar Opens 6:00 PM and Dinner at 7:00 PM	10/08 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:00 PM
04/09 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:00 PM Need to Select New Officers	10/09 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM
04/10 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM	11/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:00 PM
05/08 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM	11/01 Fri. Craft Fair Setup 6 PM
05/14 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:00 PM Need to Vote on New Officers	11/03 Sun. Holiday Craft Fair 11 AM to 4 PM (Chair Auxiliary)
05/27 Mon. Memorial Day Parade	11/05 Tues. Election Day PLEASE VOTE!
06/11 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:00 PM Need to Swear in New Officers	11/13 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM
06/12 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM	11/11 Mon. Veterans Day Ceremony 11 AM and Veteran Brunch to Follow
06/17 Mon. Golf Classic	11/12 Tues. 2025 Planning Meeting 6 PM
06/28 Fri. Legion Consolidated Reports Due to Suffolk County/State Legion	12/09 Mon. Event with Santa
	12/10 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:00 PM
	12/13 Fri. Legion Pot Luck Christmas Party 6:30 PM

★★ HISTORIAN ★★

Jan 1962 - The Navy SEAL teams were established with Teams One and Two, formed with personnel from Underwater Demolition Teams.

On January 16, 1991, Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as allied coalition forces launched an all-out attack air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait and enforce the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. During the course of Operation Desert Storm, coalition forces included more than 415,000 American troops.

On January 20, 1968, the second battle for Khe Sanh began outside the village of the same name in the Quang Tri Province, Vietnam, 14 miles south of the DMZ and six miles east of the Laotian border, when the People's Army of North Vietnam (PAVN) launched a massive artillery bombardment on the U.S. Marine garrison. For the next 77 days, until April 6, the Marines and their South Vietnamese allies, the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN), fought off the siege in what was the longest, and one of the bloodiest, battles in the war

Bob Bittner

Daytona 500 Party

The Ladies Auxiliary is starting to plan next month's Daytona 500 Party

SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH • 1PM - 6PM,

with a set-up date of Friday 2/16 at 6PM.

We need volunteers to help to make this event happen!

Please contact Joan Cochran (joanec@optonline.net) or Denise Thilberg (msvater69@aol.com)



SAVE THE DATE!

More Info to Come!

Come Out and
DANCE PARTY!

DJ Phil will be spinning all the dance classics

Saturday, March 2, 2024

7 to 10 PM

Southold American Legion Hall

Cash Bar ♦ 21 and over ♦ 50/50 Raffle

No outside food or beverage permitted
Food will be available to purchase



SAINT PATTY'S DAY DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY MARCH 16TH, 2024

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★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



Post Status: We currently have **143/183 (78.1%)** aid up members for 2024. For those of you who like to wait until the New Year, January is upon us, please send in your dues for 2024. We would like to welcome Lawrence Bowles, a new member to our Post. Lawrence served in the U.S. Navy. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the American Legion please forward their mailing address or telephone number so I can contact them. **Come join us we need new Veterans.**

Members are welcome: To contact the Post, use P.O. Box 591, Attn. Membership Ladies 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 \$50 for annual dues. All membership correspondence should be sent to Post 803, Attn. Membership, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971. Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

★★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★★

Welcome 2024! We look forward to another great year serving our veterans, active military, and their families.

Our Snacks with Santa event in December was a wonderful success, with lots of children enjoying cookies and snacks awaiting the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. At 4:30 they were announced by jingling Elf Bob, and excitement broke out as Santa and Mrs. Claus made their entrance. Visits with Santa ensued, with plenty of photo opportunities for their families. Santa read them “The Night Before Christmas” and a good time was had by all! Thanks go to Denise and Greg, Linda, Tina, Jeanette, and Sherry for all their hard work that day, and Rose and Joan Cear for publicity.

As we anticipate this new year, we also look back at all we have accomplished in 2023. We had a big response for our Girls State interviews in January and February and were lucky to be able to send two young women to participate in the program in July. We hosted the Legion Daytona Party in February, helped to support the bar renovation, and gathered groceries and sent a meal to a veteran’s family in need. We helped out some local veterans with home repairs and necessities and bought lunch for a group of veterans at the Warrior Ranch in Calverton. We ordered Girl Scout Cookies for troops deployed overseas. Denise and I worked with Reflective Images on the sign designs for the Auxiliary events throughout the year. May brought our Poppy Drive and participation in ceremonies and the town Memorial Day parade. June was the time for our Installation Ceremony and Initiation of new members. July was the big Summer Fair event, along with planning for the Car Show in August. We participated in the Walk for Valor in September, as well as running our Food Truck Veterans Appreciation event for Legion members. We organized and ran two events during the year at San Simeon and honored their residents who are veterans. In November we sent thank you notes to our veterans and participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony. Through a LI Cares program we handed out turkeys, hams and chickens as a thank you to our Legion members for their service to our country. We held our Holiday Craft Fair and Snacks With Santa events as the year drew to a close. Linda put together holiday gift bags for veterans who attend the Nutrition Center in Mattituck. We decorated the Legion Hall for Christmas and participated in the Potluck, and sent gift cards for the holidays to one of our local military personnel along with the members of her unit. We donated to Wreaths Across America, Hero Hunger Help Project, Secret Soldier Santa Program, Long Island Cares, and sent a donation to a veteran who experienced a house fire. All in all, it was a very productive year, and we thank Commander Dave DeFriest and all the Legion family volunteers who help us accomplish so much! And as always we thank the community for all their support, and wish you all a Happy New Year!

Joan Cochran, President



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— 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 —

1. 9/11 Memorial Tree Pavers
2. Renovation of 2nd Floor
3. Emergency Exit for 2nd Floor
- ~~4. Bar Makeover~~
5. Bathrooms Renovation (Handicap Accessible)
6. Basement Walls Coating for Brick Deterioration Mitigation
7. Pavilion
8. Exterior of Post Painted/Stained
9. Renovation of Second Floor Bathroom and Rooms

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

We are happy to announce that because his scheduled has allowed, Charles Barkley will continue as Chairman for our Scholarship Committee. Also I am pleased to report that Jeff Chagnon has stepped up to be Chairman for the Boys State Program.

GOLF OUTING

The Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday June 17, 2024... A Committee is forming now. The majority of the work is done in March, April and May prior to the event. We are in need of individuals Experienced in the Fundraising aspect of Golf Outings or Sales...or those able to pitch in at the course or with the Raffle. Also needed is pamphlet design experience to update the Registration Pamphlet. Email Bob Bittner at navyjan70@gmail.com.

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QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 8 PM

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2nd Vice Commander - Vacant
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1st Finance Assistant - Mort Kelly
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Chaplain - Jeff Chagnon
Post Historian - TBD
Membership Chair - Bob Cochran

★★ SAL OFFICERS ★★

Commander - Gary Iorio
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Adjutant - Brian Hughes
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Historian - Douglas Kalvns

★★ AUXILIARY OFFICERS ★★

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