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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

JULY 2020

★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

We are getting there. We are close to opening up the Legion to normal activities but we are not quite there yet. We will try to open up for Bingo starting July 14th but we still need to see where we stand

regarding COVID-19. For more information pertaining to Bingo you may call Earl Brock 516-901-3228. I'm proud to announce that Jose Perez and his team have concluded their scholarship work and the following students will receive \$1,000 each from the Post. From Southold Steven

Russell, from Mattituck Gabriella Finora and from Greenport Emily Hughes. Congratulation to all of you for your hard work and we look forward to hearing about all the great things you will accomplish.



One of our next big events is the annual Car Show. We are calling on volunteers to come on out and help on that day. Friday the 28th of August will be setup day around 6PM with more organizing needed the morning of the Car Show on Sunday the 30th. For more information and how to volunteer you may call 631-680-5855 or 631-466-2527. We are looking forward to another great show for everyone.

Post Elections

Per guidance from Suffolk County American Legion all elections for Post officers are suspended until further notice. All Post officers will hold their positions until we are able to resume elections. We will wait for further guidance from Suffolk County.

Upcoming Events

The 4th of July Parade is canceled but we can still show our patriotic support by flying our flags and remembering how blessed we are to be Americans. The Summer Fair, Pancake Breakfast, and July Social have been canceled but all of our July meetings are still on schedule. The Car show in August is still a go as well as our re-scheduled Golf classic for Monday, September 21st. Bingo may start on July 14th but we still need to see where we stand in July. You may call Earl Brock for more details 516-901-3228.

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★ ★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★ ★

Rest in Peace

Roy R. Allen, a World War II veteran, passed on May 26th, 2020 at the age of 93. Roy will be honored next year on Memorial Day when we perform our Wreath Ceremony at the Post. On behalf of The American Legion I would like to thank Roy for his service to both his country and our Post. We extend our deepest condolences and prayers to both his family and friends.

In Memoriam

A Two Thousand Dollar donation was made to the Post in memory of Charles Au. Charles was a US Army veteran of the Korean War who served as a Medic. He was awarded the Bronze Star for risking his life by exposing himself to enemy fire while recovering bodies which were left behind on the battlefield. Charles was a long time active member of our Post who was always there for us when we needed him. Charles was a true American Hero who is dearly missed by his family and friends. Special thanks to the gentleman who made the donation. He wished to remain anonymous.



*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine
upon them. May their souls
and all the souls of the faithful
departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in
peace. Amen"*

Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplin*

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COMMANDER'S REPORT

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Refunding of St. Patrick's Tickets

We have a plan for how you may receive your refund until we are open for business. Our finance officer Mort Kelly is prepared to send you a check for your St Patrick's dinner ticket purchase. If you paid by check and it never cleared he will be sending your check back to you. If your check did clear or you paid cash he will mail you a refund. All you need to do is send him your tickets with your address and he will send you a refund check back. **Mail to Mort Kelly P.O. Box 391, Southold, NY 11971.** If you do not want a check mailed to you then you will have to wait until the Legion is officially open for business. You will still need to provide us your tickets in order to receive a refund in the mail or in person. We will setup a future time for people to come in and receive a refund face-to-face.

Update on Legion Projects

Joe St. Pierre coordinated with All-Island Blower and Sheet Metal and the work is almost finished. Again, thank you **Mattituck Environmental Services and the Lomangino family** for your generous donation of \$25,000 toward this needed repair. You should be very proud of how you helped the Legion. When COVID-19 is over the kitchen will be safer and ready to be used to cook some great meals for Veterans and all the Friends of the Legion.

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



The Membership for 2020 is currently 211/234 (90.2%) paid up members. We would like to welcome Thomas May to the Post who recently transferred from the American Legion in Stony Brook. Tom served in the Coast Guard. Anyone who still needs a membership card for 2020 please send in your dues. We are trying to wrap up the membership effort for 2020. We hit 90% for 2020 which was the mark for 2019. After the 4th of July we will start issuing our 2021 membership cards. Please let us know if your dues submitted are for the membership year 2020 or 2021. Please send your dues (\$50) to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971. Stay safe and thanks for supporting our Post 803.

Bob Cochra,
Membership Chairman
631.765.5828

★★ SONS OF THE LEGEND ★★



What a year it has been! As we finally see the virus winding down, the country is now grappling with social unrest. We need more than ever to pass on our American values and respect for God and country. America needs to be reminded that our freedom was never free. It was paid for by the blood of veterans who fought to keep our freedoms. I hope the coming months and nice weather will bring us closer to normal. Fortunately, we were able to participate in an abbreviated Memorial Day. With adapted protocol we visited our local veterans monuments and had a 21 gun salute for those who died for our country. We are here in support of our veterans.

"It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle."- General Norman Schwarzkopf

SAL Commander
Gary Iorio

The Bar IS CLOSED FOR JULY

*Tentatively opening up in August
Queen of Hearts Drawing
is tentatively scheduled
to restart in August*



All American Lives Matter

I want to let you know that regardless of what is going on in the rest of the country the American Legion and Post 803 is still committed to the Four Pillars of the American Legion. The pillar that is under the most severe attack is Americanism. There are some in the United States that believe that our Nation is evil and our history is evil and it should be destroyed. I have to argue that this is an absurd point of view and the fact that this view has gained such large support is dangerous for our Nation.

If we choose to view The United States as founded upon evil principles and infused with systemic racism then we must choose to disregard all historical facts. The United States is comprised of imperfect creatures from our Founding Fathers to our current leaders holding political office both left and right. Our Nation's history is filled with imperfect acts but the most amazing aspect of our Nation is its ability to evolve and progress. Have we lost sight of the fact that we suffered a Civil War? Have we forgotten that white abolitionists fought against the evils of slavery and they won? Have we lost sight of the amazing progress that has been made in civil rights just in the past 60 years? America is changing and it is changing for the better so long as we don't forget our past and choose not to repeat our errors.

We are in danger of the creation of a new segregation in this Nation instead of retaining the progress that we have made in integration and equality. For some odd reason these historical events are absent from the National discussion regarding race and equality. Monuments are being torn down with little or no understanding of their historical context. What sin of the past will be revealed about Martin Luther King that will result in his statue being torn down? Should we tear down his statue and John F. Kennedy's statue because of the rumors of adultery? At what point do we stop? Should we destroy Lincoln's statue because he didn't end slavery earlier? How are we to judge those of the past? Do we view them through the lens of the past or through the ever-changing views of the present?

How do you want to be judged? Do you want to be judged by a broad view of your life or the microscopic moment when you drank too much and said something stupid? Have you heard the saying, "In wine there is truth?" Well, there is also, "In wine there is exaggeration!" Has the youth of today become drunk on a baseless narrative that blacks in America are under assault by the police? What statistical data is supporting this view? Just because a narrative is repeated over and over again does not make it right. Just because our eyes are constantly bombarded by select videos of horrific acts conducted by police officers while good acts get no coverage does not mean the horrific ones are most prevalent. What disgusting narrative permeated the homes of slave owners in the 1800's? Could it be the narrative that blacks are inferior to whites and they can never be as smart as whites? We all know this to be absurd today and we as a Nation reject such a narrative yet it was the narrative of its day. How was this narrative destroyed? It was destroyed by blacks and whites having the collective courage to stand up against such an absurd notion and fighting against it.

Generalities and unsubstantiated statements are dangerous to civil discourse and they do little in uniting us as a nation. What happened to all lives matter? I believe the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement is an awesome example of young people coming together to fight for equality but I believe their message would be so much more powerful if they supported All Lives Matter (ALM). This view encourages unity of all races and if wrapped in the American flag it can blanket this nation with unity and not division. Just because I'm encouraging an ALM point of view does not make me a racist. What definition are we to use to identify someone as a racist in the 21st Century? Is it anyone that does not line up and support the popular movement of the day? Is it anyone that does not speak at all? What court of law is one to be judged in? The court of popular opinion or rational discourse? Will I be judged by the content of my character or the color of my skin? You Mr. Sanders are White i.e. racist. I wonder what Martin Luther King would have to say about that? I have a feeling if we were sitting together discussing this very issue he would look at what I have done in my life rather than how others have defined me in print.

Sincerely,
Commander Sanders

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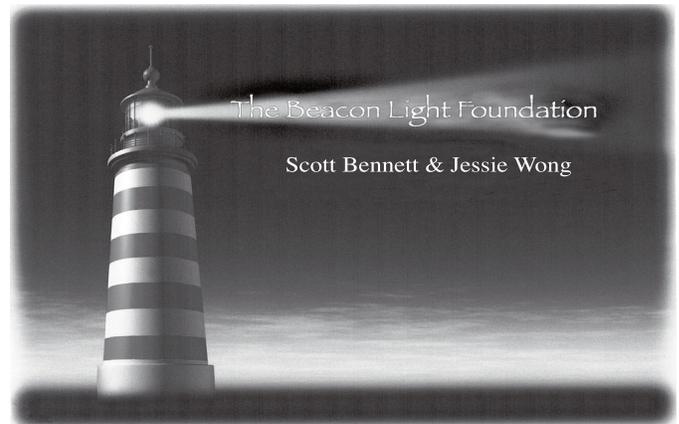
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CHANGE OF DATE! MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST



AMERICAN LEGION GOLF CLASSIC FUNDRAISER

Dedicated this Year to the Memory of 1LT George Sullivan USMC

LOCATION

This Year all Events will be held at Island's End Golf Course to include Dinner.

TIME

Check-In - 10 AM - 11:15 AM • (Putting Contest Available)
Brunch - 11:15 AM • Shotgun - 12:30 PM
Open Bar - 5 PM - 6 PM • Dinner & Open Bar - 6 PM - 7 PM

PRICE \$165.00 per golfer

ISLAND'S END MEMBERS ONLY \$140.00

DINNER ONLY \$55.00

ACTIVITIES

Driving Range • Scramble Tournament • Other Contests

ON THE COURSE

Beer and Wine Cart • Hamburgers
Hot Dogs • Raw Bar

DINNER MENU

Sliced Prime Rib • Fried Chicken • Mac
Pasta • Salad • Veg



LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

Summer is upon us! As of this writing we anticipate the opening of the Legion soon, although there will not be a Fourth of July Parade. Our July meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 8th at 7:00PM. Please bring a lawn chair if it's nice and we can meet outside observing social distancing, and bring a mask as well in case we need to go inside. I am looking forward to seeing familiar faces!

I would like to thank Joe St. Pierre and his team for setting up the Memorial Poppy Field on the Legion lawn in May. We appreciate your hard work. I would personally like to thank our local Rescue Squads who, as Fire Department volunteers, have voluntarily suited up to enter homes in our community, without regard to race, ethnicity, religious or political beliefs, to help and transport those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. They are truly an example of kindness and compassion, a road map of human decency. Let them be an inspiration to the rest of us.

I would also like to remind everyone why the American flag is important. The flag of the United States is a symbol of "One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All." It represents the blood, sweat and tears expended over the years to maintain this place of freedom. It reflects the goals of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, which are the road map to Liberty. Our avenue for change is in the halls of legislation and the courts of justice, not in streets of anarchy. Yes, the flag is just a piece of cloth, but it stands for so much more and should be treated with respect.

We of the American Legion Auxiliary understand that with freedom comes personal responsibility. I would like to share a few excerpts from our Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary: "For God and Country We associate ourselves together for the following purposes:"

"To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America", "To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation", "To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy ". And from our opening prayer, "We pray for all those who serve the people and guard the public welfare; that by Thy blessing they may be enabled to discharge their duties honestly and well."

In closing, I would like to quote a verse of the great hymn, "America the Beautiful":

"America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy Liberty in law."

Joan Cochran,
President

2020 GOALS

1. Outdoor Sign Installed
2. Fundraising Thermometer with goal to raise \$25,000 per year
3. Emergency Egress for 2nd Floor
4. New Main Hall Ceiling Repair/Cleaning or Replacement
5. Main Hall Painted
6. Fire Alarm System Installed
7. Finish Replacement of all Blue Hall Chairs
8. 10 New Chafing Dish Sets for Catering
9. New Kitchen Hood and Suppression System Installed
10. Website Updated and New Pages Added
11. Total of 16 Paid ad in the Reporter
12. Compile Cost Estimates on Long-Term-Goals
13. Basement and 2nd Floor Cleaning and Organizing

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





**6TH ANNUAL
GTG POST 803**



CAR SHOW

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th, 2020
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**\$20 Fee • Live Music • Food Trucks
Vendors • 50/50 Raffle**



TASKS THAT NEED TO BE HANDLED:

**Watching the Gates • Registering the Cars
Directing the Cars where to Park • Selling Chances and Raffles etc.**

Remember that "Many Hands Make Work Light!"

**We need volunteers and supporters, an hour or two would be great!
Hang Posters in Local Stores • Preselling 50/50's • Set Up • Clean Up**

Contact 631.680.5855 or 631.466.2527

★★ JULY & AUGUST ACTIVITIES 2020 ★★

07/04	Sat.	4th of July Parade CANCELED
07/07	Tues.	Golf Classic Committee Meeting 5:00PM
07/07	Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
07/08	Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
07/14	Tues.	Tentative Start of Bingo, Call Earl: 516-901-3228
08/07	Fri.	Tentative: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
08/11	Tues.	Golf Classic Committee Meeting 5PM
08/11	Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
08/12	Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
08/14	Fri.	Tentative: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
08/21	Fri.	Tentative: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
08/28	Fri.	Car Show Setup and Bar 6PM
08/28	Fri.	Tentative: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
08/30	Sun.	CAR SHOW 9AM to 3PM



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★★ LEGION OFFICERS ★★

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

★★ SAL OFFICERS ★★

Commander - Gary Iorio
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2nd Vice - Michael Anasagasti
Adjutant - Jim Best
Treasurer - Jim Best
Sergeant at Arms - Jonathan Bitner
Chaplain - Daniel Kaelin
Historian - Douglas Kalunas

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