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THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

JULY 2021



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

The Legion is back running on all cylinders. Speaking of cylinders, we have the annual Car Show on Sunday, August 29th, the Auxiliary Summer Fair on Saturday, July 10th, the Legion Golf Classic at Islands End on Monday, September 27th and the Chicken BBQ planned for Saturday, October 2nd. What does this mean? It means we need a lot of help to ensure that each of these events are executed smoothly. You will notice a new ad in the *Reporter* titled **Volunteer Corner** as well as a portion of each events ad calling for



volunteers. This is where you can see areas that we need help with at the Legion. We have over 200+ members at the Post but only a handful of Legionnaires volunteer consistently. If you are busy and can't take on a big project then please think about volunteering to take on a small task that will contribute to the overarching needs of the Legion. This past month turned out to be a lot of fun. The Boy Scouts held their Eagle Scout ceremony with a great turnout of parents as well as leaders in the community showing their support. The Boy Scouts did a fantastic job supporting the Memorial Day parade with hotdogs and they are planning on doing the same for the 4th of July parade. Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL please line up in the same spots you did for the Memorial Day parade. The parade will kick off at 12PM. So, Legionnaires gather across the street from Wayside market at 11:30AM to stage for parade. The uniform for Legionnaires will be short sleeve white shirt, Legion tie, grey slacks if you have them and your Legion cover. If you don't have any of these items please make sure you are wearing clothes and just come on down anyway. Mullen Motors Jeep will be at the Legion at 11AM to pickup anyone that needs a ride during the parade. We want to honor your service! I would like to thank the Auxiliary and all of the volunteers that came out to "plant" our Poppy garden in front of the post for Memorial Day. Here are some pictures at the end of this article as well as some cool pictures of classic cars that are participating during our Friday evening cruise nights. Be sure to come down to the Post on July 9th to hear the live band, "Who Are These Guys." There will be no cover but please participate in the 50/50 as this is what we are using to pay for the band.

ELECTION OF LEGION OFFICERS

We will be voting for our next slate of Legion officers at our August 10th meeting. COVID-19 has disrupted our normal election calendar so we need to be flexible in 2021. If you or anyone you know would like to run or be considered for the following positions please send an email to gtgpost803@gmail.com or attend in person during our July 6th and August 10th meeting. The slate of officers are as follows: Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer i.e. Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, Chaplain, Historian, Service Officer. You would like to learn more about these positions you may go to Legion.org and type in the search bar 2021 Officer's Guide. This will help you have a better understanding of the duties and responsibilities of each position. You will find what you are looking for starting on page 8 with Post Commander onward.

★★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★★

SICK CALL

Our dear friend and comrade Henry Santacrocce had some recent surgery and was in the hospital for a few days. He is now at home where he is continuing his recovery. You can send him a card to 870 Richmond Rd., Southold, NY 11971. Please remember Henry in your prayers.

Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplin*

Home: 631.765.6077, Cell: 631.456.3258

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

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Commander's Report Continued

ST PATRICKS DINNER REFUND TICKETS

This is the last call to receive a refund for the 2020 St Patricks Dinner tickets. We will consider the remaining funds we have held for refund a donation to the Post at the end of July. If you still need a refund you may email gtgpost803@gmail.com no later than July 31st. Thank you for those of you that did not request a refund knowing it would go towards the good of the Legion.

THANK ALL OF YOU THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TOWARD THE BOB BITTNER STIMULUS CHALLENGE:

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Harris, Charles Salice, Allan Goldsmith, John Foster, Frank Sannino, John Ship, Anne and Paul Kraehling, Clare and Stanley Sledz, Walter Strohmeyer, Gary Iorio, Mike Burke, Timothy Hollowell, Hellen Tynan, Vincent Daley, Mr. & Mrs. O'Neill, Al Kropp, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Reardon, Bob Bittner, Kathleen Bittner, Jack Mc Greevy, Dr. Irving Pitman, and Kenneth Stock.

2021 QUEEN OF HEARTS GAME

Update: Starting in July there will be a drawing every Friday evening.

The Queen of Hearts is rocking. 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 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.

JACKPOT IS NOW UP TO \$4,134
That is the winner take home!!!



If you want to purchase tickets please contact Jan Powers 914.213.8467 or email GalaxyFCC@gmail.com.

For God and Country,
God Bless,
Charles J. Sanders,
Post 803 Commander
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Our Poppy garden in front of the post for Memorial Day, Thank You to the Auxiliary and Volunteers



Friday evening cruise nights

★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

Happy birthday America! We've had a rough year but the USA has come through it strong! It was heartwarming to hear the crowd singing the National Anthem at the Islander's playoff games - God Bless America!

Many thanks are in order to all who supported our poppy events! Our community was again very generous to our veterans. Charlotte and her helpers distributed poppies at sites around town, at the parade and at our new "Pop Over for a Poppy" drive through event which was a great success! Poppy distribution is about more than fundraising- it's a way for veterans to connect with us and share their stories, and for people to be educated about the sacrifices our military has made for them. We were glad to see Rob DeVito, Commander of Post 861 in Mattituck who brought a generous donation to our drive through event. Overton Day stopped by to remember five members of the 175th Engineer Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade, who were killed in action In 1968 and 1969: Dayton Joseph Hooks, Peter Russell Lowell, Charles Robert Bales, Newell Ferrell Leigh, Jr, and Terry Teruo Kawaurra. Thank you Overton for the donation in their memory.

Thanks go also to Earl Brock and Joe St. Pierre for setting up the "Field of Poppies" on the lawn this year. As the Memorial Day Parade approached the Legion it was a moving reminder of those who gave their all for our country. And thanks again to Mullen Motors for generously lending the vehicles to drive those members who cannot walk the parade route.

Next up is our Summer Fair on Saturday, July 10th with the rain date on the following day. Priscilla has done a great job planning and organizing. We have a lot of vendors signed up and it looks like it will be a great success! This year we will have soda and water available for sale. Since it was planned as an outdoor event this year due to Covid we will not be selling hot dogs and our usual goodies.

Mark your calendars for Saturday **July 10th for the Summer Fair** and **August 29th for the Annual Legion Car Show**. **Our next meeting will be on Wednesday July 14th** - please let Rose know if you are attending since she is in charge of our food this month. See you then!

Joan Cochran, President

★ ★ MEMBERSHIP ★ ★

Membership as of June 2021



Post Status: We currently have 185/205 (90.24%) paid up members for 2021. Well we hit the 90% mark for our 2021 membership year. The letters sent out to remind members to pay their dues helped get us there. We have 16 Members who still need to submit their dues for 2021. This is the time of year the Department of NY starts to finalize the status of all members on the computer printouts used for Membership year 2022. I encourage all members to make sure they have the 2021 membership card.

New Members: Are always welcome, Legionnaire's, Ladies Auxiliary, and Sons of the Legion.

Post 803 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.

Regards to all and thanks for supporting Post 803.

Bob Cochran,

Membership Chairman, 631.765.5828

★ ★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★ ★



Absolutely outstanding to see to see this year's Memorial Day parade in Southold, and remember all our Veterans who paid the ultimate price in service to our country. It was an honor to march alongside our veterans. Carl - Vietnam combat wounded, Charles - Commander (Afghanistan) of our Post (great guys) and amazing Dr. Irving Pitman WWII God Bless at 104 years young he marched with us the entire parade!

I encourage our members to come on down lend a hand or just support the SAL. Recently SAL national has begun a new website which I will share as soon as it's official. When it rolls out I will be able to more efficiently keep roll call and dues up to date. I have also set up an email account, and you can contact me with any questions at Legionsons803@gmail.com. Take a look through the newsletter we have some great events in July so come on down. Important dates: July 9 - local band Who Are Those Guys join us for some classic rock, and every Friday evening is Cruise Night and open bar & refreshments. Come support us!!

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander

In the last Reporter our journey into American history focused on the transatlantic adventure of the Pilgrims. We now transition into the struggle for the Pilgrims to establish a settlement and to answer the question, “Who owns the land the Pilgrims settled on?” This question is especially important in the 21st Century because there is a powerful movement in America today to delegitimize the very existence of the United States. There are varied reasons for this but some may argue that Europeans stole the land from the Native Americans and this very act is tied to the history of the United States and therefore, it invalidates America's very existence. That is an interesting argument but it is too simplistic of a claim.

It is important to define words in order to tease out this claim and any similar arguments used to delegitimize America's very existence. How we define the word own is crucial. What does one appeal to in order to say I, “own it?” How far back in time do we need to go to determine the first, “owners” of land? I have been reading an interesting historical atlas of North America written by Eric Homburger. He traces what we believe to be the history of how humans ended up in the Americas. I use the word “Americas” as an accepted word used to describe the, “...landmass comprising the totality of North and South America. The Americas make up most of the land in Earth's Western Hemisphere and comprise the New World.” 1

One theory proposes that humans made their way to the Americas via an ice bridge across the Bering Strait in Alaska and down the West Coast of the United States into Mexico and Central and South America. Some of the first civilizations archeologists discovered in Mexico are the Olmec's in Veracruz Mexico and the Maya in the Yucatan (1200BC-AD900). These civilizations were supplanted by the Toltecs and Aztecs (1200-1519). 2 The Aztecs you may recall were loosely depicted in the film Apocalypto directed by Mel Gibson. The film reenacts gory scenes of human sacrifices that occur during the time of the Aztecs. Scenes of hearts being cut from living souls and decapitation resulting in heads rolling down the stone steps of ancient pyramids while crowds cheer. These scenes are not just the result of imaginative writers in Hollywood but they actually depict historically backed events.

The reason I mention this is to shed light on the very murky nature of attempting to discover who, “owns land.” Should the Maya own the land or the “brutal” Aztecs? Should the legitimacy of land ownership be based on the humanity of the inhabitants? Could there be another civilization that we don't know about that the Maya, “stole” their land from? Where did the concept of land ownership come from? If we honestly look at the development of humans over time we likely conclude that land possession initially had a lot to do with strength of one group of humans against the strength or lack thereof of another group of humans. Those humans that possessed the greatest strength over the greatest length of time end up in our history books and end up “owning the land.” If this statement is accurate then how did the Pilgrims behave when they landed in what would become Plymouth? Did they disembark their ship and simply strike down every Native American they encountered or did they seek to negotiate and work with the native population? We will explore these questions as well as dig a little deeper into who are these native peoples in our next instalment. Before I end this article, I would like to leave you with one question to ponder: “If you were mysteriously stranded on an island after a plane crash, how would you and the other 100 stranded souls survive knowing rescue was impossible?” This question reflects the reality of our early human ancestors with the exception that these early humans may not have had any governmental structure to appeal to in order for them to figure out how to survive. These early humans had to do everything from scratch. History is the story of how humans answered these very difficult questions and we are still figuring things out in the 21st Century. So, what would you do?

1. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Americas>
2. Homburger, Eric. *The Penguin Historical Atlas of North America*. Middlesex, Viking. 1995.

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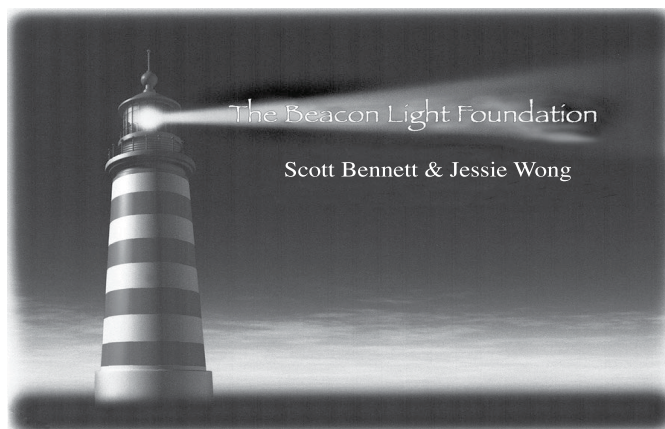
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\$10 for 3 Tickets



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at the Legion on Fridays

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2021 GOALS

1. Outdoor Sign Installed
2. Fundraising Thermometer Installed
3. Main Hall Painted and Hall Ceiling Tiles Painted
4. Outside Entrance Painted
5. ~~State Entrance Steps Repaired or Replaced~~
Thank You Joe St. Pierre
6. LED Motion Lights with Cameras Installed Outside
7. Go-Fund-Me Page Established
8. ~~Bileo Door Painted~~
Thank You Joe St. Pierre
9. ~~Flag Box Painted~~
Thank You Cub Scouts
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

VOLUNTEER CORNER

We are looking for help with the following:

SUMMER FAIR on July 10th

CAR SHOW on Sunday, August 29th

GOLF CLASSIC on Monday, September 27th



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★★ JULY & AUGUST 2021 ★★

- 07/04 Sun. 4th of July Parade, meet at 11:30AM Muster across from Wayside Market • Parade Begins at 12:00 PM
- 07/06 Tues. Golf Meeting Before the Legion Meeting: 5:30PM
- 07/06 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM, Commander is away
2nd Tuesday in July so meeting is on the 6th
- 07/09 Fri. Sons of the Legion Meeting: Bar 6PM, Meeting 6:30PM
- 07/09 Fri. Queen of Hearts Drawing & The Band, "Who Are These Guys"
- 07/09 Fri. Auxiliary Summer Fair Setup
- 0710 Sat. Auxiliary Summer Fair: 9AM to 3PM
- 07/14 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 07/20 Tues. Golf Meeting: 6PM
- 07/23 Fri. Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 08/06 Fri. Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 08/10 Tues. Golf Meeting Before the Legion Meeting: 5:30PM
- 08/10 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM, Meeting 7:30PM
- 08/11 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 08/13 Fri. Sons of the Legion Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM
- 08/13 Fri. Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 08/20 Fri. Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 08/27 Fri. Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 08/27 Fri. Car Show Setup
- 08/29 Sun. Annual Car Show
- 08/31 Tues. Golf Meeting: 6PM



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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

★★ SAL OFFICERS ★★

- Commander** - Gary Iorio
- 1st Vice** - Rich Feely
- 2nd Vice** - Michael Anasagasti
- Adjutant** - TBD
- Treasurer** - TBD
- 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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9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**



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to follow in
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