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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

JUNE 2020

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

Even though COVID-19 shut down most of the country we are still striving to fulfill the four pillars of the American Legion. Our 2nd Vice Commander Jose Perez is diligently working to execute pillar number IV. Child and Youth Services by coordinating with our local high schools to receive applications for our annual scholarship. Soon he and his team will meet to choose what students will receive a \$1,000 scholarship provided by the funds we raise during our Annual Golf Classic.



We were able to promote pillar number III. Americanism as we honored the dead by continuing with our wreath laying ceremony. I was so proud of our local Fire Departments as they too came out to lay a wreath in front of the Post on Memorial Day and fly the American Flag from one

of their fire trucks. Thank you, Ty Cochran for coordinating all the departments. It was great to see our Color Guard commander Cuppy Horton out there in support of his men along with Jeff Chagnon his second in command. Tom Lamothe stepped up to the plate to command the rifle team with precision and a lot of motivation. Tom got so caught up in the moment that he had a flashback to drill days as he barked commands to the Fire Department. We all had a laugh when the ceremony ended as both Firemen and Legionnaires remembered we are not at the academy or boot camp anymore.

I want to express my thanks to Earl Brock and Mort Kelly for keeping the Post going with the administrative tasks as I have been on active duty in NYC for COVID-19. Even though we don't have a lot of activities going on at the Post the mail still needs to be picked up and the bills paid. **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

All activities at the Post are canceled for June with the exception of our golf meeting planned for Monday, June 5th at 5PM. We will be stuffing envelopes for our Annual Golf Classic now re-scheduled for Monday, September 21st. We want to give ample time for our local sponsor businesses to get back and running so that we may ensure maximum participation. This is going to be one of the most important events for Post 803 in the year 2020. We are relying on this fundraiser to fill the gap caused by COVID-19. We will need maximum participation for this event and I ask all of you

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CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Rest in Peace

Kenneth Blair, a US Navy veteran who served during the Korean War, passed on April 2nd at the age of 85. Kenneth was a 22 year member of our Post.

Alfred H. Harbich, a US Army veteran who served during the Korean war passed at the age of 91.

Both Kenneth and Alfred were honored on Memorial Day along with all of our other Legionnaires who have passed during this past year with a prayer and a rifle salute at the flagpole service in front of our Post. May their souls rest in peace.



Special thanks to our Color Guard for their outstanding service on this past Memorial Day.

*"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted."*

- Matthew 5:4

Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplin*

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to do what you can to make this a successful event. You may help individually by sponsoring a hole for \$50.00, purchasing raffle tickets, volunteering during the outing or participating as a golfer.

The Auxiliary Summer Fair is canceled for July. We are still waiting for news to determine if Southold Town will have a 4th of July parade. The July Pancake breakfast will also be canceled for July but we will look for another date to have it as soon as we have a better picture of public activities.

Refunding of St. Patrick's Tickets UPDATE!!!!

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

The Tree that we lost last month is cut down and the stump removed. Joe St. Pierre coordinated with All-Island Blower and Sheet Metal and the work is almost finished. Take a look at the progress despite COVID-19 madness with the pictures provided. 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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HISTORIAN

The Fourth of July — also known as Independence Day or July 4th — has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2020 is on Saturday, July 4, 2020.

This article was obtained from the following website:

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th>

Sincerely,

Commander Sanders

MEMBERSHIP

As of May 2020:

The Membership for 2020 is currently 207/234 (88.46%) paid up members. Since the start of the current virus crisis the Post has been closed. If you recently sent in your membership dues for 2020 please be patient your ID cards will sent to you at the first opportunity. Keep safe and don't make a trip to the Post until the virus crisis passes. Please send your dues (\$50) to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971. Thanks for supporting our Post 803.

Bob Cochra,
Membership Chairman
631.765.5828



COMMANDER'S NOTE

What an amazing country we live in. I know it is sometimes hard to believe we are not going to experience another civil war but at the heart of this country is our ability to adapt and overcome adversity. I'm fond of saying the America is the perfect imperfection because there is no other country on earth that grants immigrants and citizens a path to greatness if they choose to strive for it and work hard. How easy is it to look at America's past and find error with it when historical context is removed? We must be careful not to judge those of the past through the lens of the present. Remember we too will be judges in the future and I can only wonder what they will say about us? America is not perfect for its inhabitants are flawed humans that make mistakes but the system of government that was born of revolution is one that takes this imperfection into consideration. We have what is known as checks and balances that do not allow unobstructed abuse of power. Does abuse occur? Yes! Abuse of power does occur in America but look at the fruits of our history. We have fostered throughout the world this concept of the American Dream. What does this mean? The vision of the American dream is different for each person that grasps for it but at its heart is the concept of FREEDOM. We have more freedom here in America than any other country in history. Where would you rather be during COVID-19? Can you say in your heart that America is the worst place to be during a pandemic? Look at all the resources that have been applied to combat this pandemic. For me I will stay in America and appreciate all its imperfections knowing that these imperfections are but a little birthmark compared to what they could be on foreign soil.



*Sincerely,
Commander Sanders*

For a Laugh...

**Update to
Fighting 69th
Medical
Dummy.
He has a
new job
offering
Honey Buns
to Soldiers.**



LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

Hope you all are well as we enter into the summer months. Let's let the fresh warm winds of June revitalize us! Everyone has been careful to stay distanced to avoid the Covid-19 virus and hope is on the horizon. Soon we will be able to gather again as long as we give each other plenty of space! Remember to continue the use of masks whenever we cannot properly distance.

The June Auxiliary meeting is cancelled but I hope to see you all on July 8th. My idea is to conduct our meeting outside, weather permitting. As long as we stay six feet apart we should be able to conduct our business. I know we are anxious to see each other!

Denise has volunteered to distribute some poppies at her salon once she gets the green light to open again. American Legion Auxiliary Department of New York has advised us that the poppies will not have a date on them and they can be given out at any time. Charlotte suggested Veterans Day would also be a good time to distribute them.

Congratulations go out to our Girls State Representative Anna Maria Napolitano from Southold! She will be able to participate in a virtual event this year. Anna Maria has been active in NJROTC, Interact Club, National Honor Society, sports and music. She is ranked third academically in her class! Congratulations on a job well done!

Congratulations to all the graduating high school and college seniors! Their journey this year has been uniquely stressful and sad, but hopefully it gives them insight and strength to get through all of life's difficulties.

Suffolk County Legion Auxiliary conducted a phone conference for the May meeting. As different and unusual as it was, it got the job done! It's somewhat comforting to communicate with others in the same boat. Sadly, they reported that former Suffolk County President Joanne Shueter (2005-2006) passed away due to Covid-19. Please keep her family and all those who are ill in your prayers.

Please try to stay safe as the temptation to ignore precautions comes with nicer weather.

May God bless us all, and may God Bless America!

Joan Cochran,
President

The Bar IS CLOSED FOR JUNE

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



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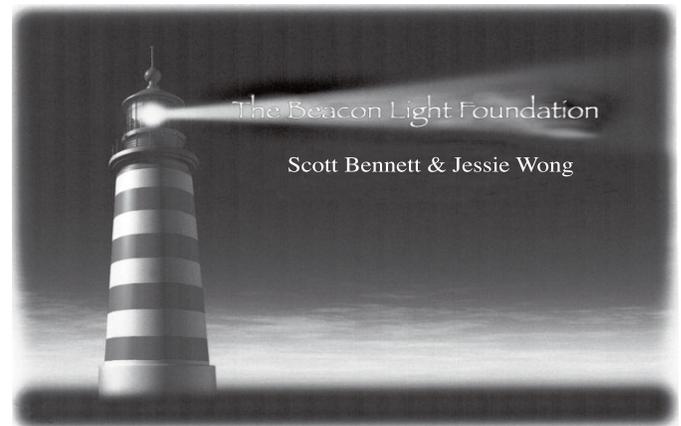


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CHANGE OF DATE! MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

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



SONS OF THE LEGEND



As we continue to eagerly await getting America back to business we have some good news to report. As many of you know a recognition at Yankee Stadium for WWII Veteran Dr. Irv Pitman had to be cancelled. Thanks to Legion Commander Charles Saunders and his "Improvise, adapt, and overcome" attitude we pulled off a great drive-by parade for Dr. Pitman and his family on short notice. Our Legion Commander while on deployment was able to coordinate the event. Charles reached out to so many in the Southold community who jumped at the chance to recognize Southold Legion member WWII veteran Dr. Irv Pitman on his 103rd birthday. The energy of Southold was apparent as Dr. Pitman and his family seated front and center at the Legion enjoyed the day. Special thanks to all who lent a hand including Southold Police and Southold Fire Dept. Fire Trucks from Greenport and East Marion also joined in.

As America returns to business we will rebuild the "Sons of the Legion" and make it stronger and better. If you know of a Veteran in need of assistance please reach out.

SAL Commander
Gary Iorio



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



MEMORIAL DAY

★ ★ ★ 2020 ★ ★ ★



JUNE & JULY ACTIVITIES 2020

ALL JUNE ACTIVITIES CANCELED Except Golf Meeting

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| 06/15 Mon. | Golf Meeting to Stuff Invitations 5PM at the Post |
| 07/03 Fri. | Tentatively Still On: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM |
| 07/04 Sat. | Tentatively Still On: 4th of July Parade |
| 07/07 Tues. | Tentatively Still On: Golf Classic Committee Meeting 5PM |
| 07/07 Tues. | Tentatively Still On: Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM - Meeting 7:30PM |
| 07/08 Wed. | Tentatively Still On: Auxiliary Meeting 7PM |
| 07/10 Fri. | Tentatively Still On: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM |
| 07/17 Fri. | Tentatively Still On: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM |
| 07/24 Fri. | Tentatively Still On: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM |
| 07/31 Fri. | Tentatively Still On: Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM |



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1st Vice Commander - Jeff Chagnon
2nd Vice Commander - Jose Perez
Past Commander - Earl Brock
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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

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