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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

JUNE 2021

★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

All I can say is there is a lot of excitement in the air. I think everyone has been so pent up like a spring coiled under a heavy weight that the first glimpse of COVID-19 freedom has everyone bouncing around with excitement. Over the past few Fridays the Legion has been jumping due to the coordinating efforts of Denis Thilberg and her awesome Friday Night Cruise Night. Jan Powers has been busy selling a lot of Queen of Hearts tickets and now he has encouraged us to have a band on Friday evenings. We are going to try this out



for the first time on Friday, July 9th from 6:30PM to 9:30PM. The first band to play is, "Who Are Those Guys." Who are they, oh...yea...the band literally is, Who Are Those Guys. We have decided to open up the hall to rentals again. Sandra Kollen will be handling all of our rental requests and anyone interested may contact her at 631-767-5322 and the best way to reach her is through a quick text. Our Post goals are beginning to be executed and one of the first to be complete is the painting of the Bilco doors and the flag retirement mailbox. Thank you Joe St. Pierre for painting the Bilco door and thank you Martin Faint and the Cub Scouts for the flag retirement mailbox and the little AC cover. Pictures available at the bottom of this article. I also want to thank everyone that came out and helped plant the Poppy Field of honor outside the Post. I also need to thank the very humble and loyal Legionnaire, Carl Deliteris for his hard work pressing our local businesses to see if they will purchase an ad in the Reporter to support us. Well, he was able to encourage Founders Tavern to renew their ad. Thank you Carl and Founders Tavern. I know that restaurants were hurt the most during the COVID-19 pandemic and your support means a lot to us. I almost forgot to mention what an awesome idea the curbside poppy distribution sale was. So many of our members are coming up with great ideas to help the Post and to promote the Four Pillars of the American Legion. Our meetings are back on so I encourage any Legionnaire that does not normally attend to come out and enjoy some food and drinks prior to our meetings. We have a bright future and the brightness only shines through all the volunteers that make this Post run.

BOB BITTNER STIMULUS CHALLENGE DONATION DRIVE is going strong. **Thank You for all that have contributed toward this challenge. We had a few more come in that I still need to process but a huge, "Thank You!" to the following:** Frank Sannino , John Ship, Anne and Paul Kraehling, Clare and Stanley Sledz, Walter Strohmeier, 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.

BINGO

Earl Brock the Bingo chairman has officially announced that Bingo will start on Tuesday, June 1st. If you would like to volunteer to help out with Bingo and join the team then please call Earl at 516-901-3228.

2021 QUEEN OF HEARTS GAME

UPDATE: 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

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★ ★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★ ★

SICK CALL

Our dear friend and comrade Henry Santacroce 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*

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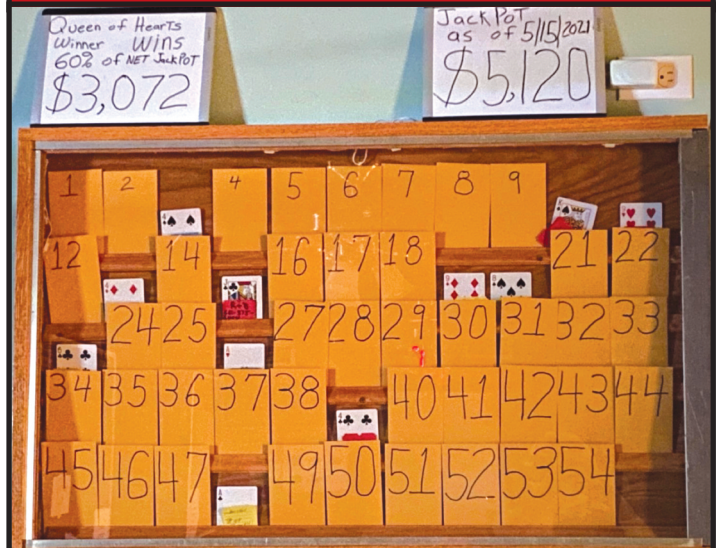
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." - Matthew 5:9

Commander's Report Continued

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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WILL YOU TAKE THE CHALLENGE?

★ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ★

★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

June is here and it's beginning to feel a lot like summer! We welcome the return to Bingo on Tuesdays! On Friday nights the bar is open and, thanks to Denise, we are enjoying the "Cruise Nights".

As I write this we are preparing for Memorial Day with our "Field of Poppies", a solemn tribute to those who gave their all for our country. Due to the decrease in cases of Covid, distribution of the paper lapel poppies resumed with our "Pop Over for a Poppy" event on May 28th, National Poppy Day and the Memorial Day Parade tradition restarted right here in Southold. Hope is in the air for a return to normalcy!

Our plans for the Summer Fair on July 10th are proceeding nicely. Vendors can contact Priscilla Devine at 516-633-8332 or email her at Priscilla516@aol.com for information regarding renting a space on the Legion lawn for forty dollars. An assortment of items including crafts, antiques, jewelry, books and odds and ends have been sold in past years. You will need to provide your own tables and chairs. Why not clean out those garages and basements and rent a spot on our lawn for your yard sale? And remember to mark your calendars for the annual Legion Car Show on Sunday August 29th.

As I look back on the past difficult year, I think we should again thank all our healthcare workers, fire department Rescue Squads, police, grocery store workers, veterinary workers, postal workers, teachers, delivery people, restaurant workers, and all essential workers who have worked so hard for us through troubling times. Let's also thank all those who put their fears aside and stepped up to get vaccinated, not only for themselves but for the good of our country. Let's put the scourge of Covid 19 to rest!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday June 9th. A suggestion was discussed and agreed upon at our last meeting to have a meal beforehand so we can enjoy some social time together! We will meet at 6:30 pm for pizza prior to our meeting at 7:00 pm. As of this writing those who have been vaccinated are excused from having to wear a mask to the meeting. I look forward to seeing you all!

Joan Cochran, President

★ ★ MEMBERSHIP ★ ★



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 ★ ★



As I write this column Memorial Day is fast approaching – a day that honors our Military who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We stand with our veterans and honor those who never returned. Hope to see you all at the parade.

The Friday night cruise night at the Legion has been a big success. Come on down and meet some great people, and cool cars. As we ramp up Legion events, I ask all our SAL members to come on down and bring potential members as we continue to bring the organization back to strength.

I leave you with a quote from General Dwight D. Eisenhower a "Neither a wise nor a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him."

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander

We now return where we left of last month with our first installment of American history focusing on the Pilgrims.

I think we all have to admit that when we hear the word Pilgrim we either think of John Wayne or our thoughts drift back to elementary school with images of cardboard cutouts of turkeys, black buckled clad hats and tipis. I'm sure everyone reading this has some sort of picture flashing in their mind. The Pilgrims story is so much more vibrant than our imagination because their story occurred for them in real time. We simply can't fully fathom what these people went through. We can't view a video or a photograph that displays million-pixel clarity for our pleasure and analysis. What we do have is the written word and especially firsthand accounts of the events that unfolded for the Pilgrims.

This segment will simply cover the passage from Europe to what is now the United States of America. Today we can simply get on a plane from London and be in Boston in less than eight hours. We could also book a quick cruise from London and arrive in Boston in about four days. Let's think about this for a minute. How often do we complain about the cramped conditions on modern flight in economy class? Those seats are so small and the food is just a little better than the old tv dinners we "enjoyed" as kids. The cabins on cruise ships are small too if one travels in the under belly of the ship. What if during our travels on a plane or ship we could hear the crew discuss how they were not sure if the engine could make it all the way to America? What if we overheard them say, "I don't get paid enough to do this job and risk my life!"

In essence that is what occurred during the voyage of the Pilgrims to America which took over a month. William Bradford in his famous firsthand account called, *Of Plymouth Plantation* writes, "After they had enjoyed fair winds and weather for some time, they encountered cross winds and many fierce storms by which the ship was much shaken and her upper works made very leaky. One of the main beams amid-ships was bent and cracked, which made them afraid that she might not be able to complete the voyage."* He goes on to describe one passenger falling overboard, "Once as they lay at hull in a terrible storm, a strong young man, called John Howland, coming on deck was thrown into the sea; but it pleased God that he caught hold of the top-sail halliards which hung overboard and ran out at length; but he kept his hold, though he was several fathoms under water, till he was hauled up by the rope and then with a boat-hook helped into the ship and saved..."* This part of the Pilgrims' journey is after they had to abandon a smaller ship that was to take the journey with additional supplies and equipment. This little section of Bradford's account does not even describe the crowded conditions on the ship nor the meager provisions provided each passenger. Let's put it this way, when we enjoy a cruise we have to decide what not to eat or struggle to eat after gorging ourselves on endless buffets during just the first day of our voyage.

The point I'm making in this installment of our history journey is the journey of the Pilgrims is one of incredible suffering and sacrifice. We in the 21st Century can really not fathom their courage and dedication to risk all for a brighter future for their posterity. In our next installment we will discuss land and try to address the issue of, "Who owns the land the Pilgrims settled on?" This question is vitally important today because of some 20th and 21st Century thinkers attempt to delegitimize Americas very existence.

* Bradford, William. *Of Plymouth Plantation*. Mineola, Dover Publications, INC. 2006.



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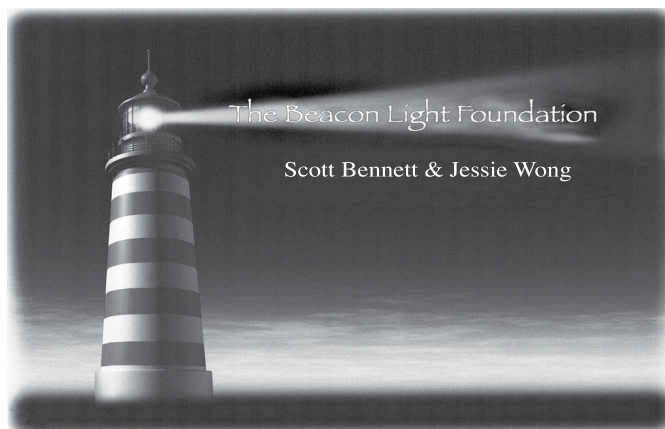
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1. Outdoor Sign Installed
2. Fundraising Thermometer Installed
3. Main Hall Painted and Hall Ceiling Tiles Painted
4. Outside Entrance Painted
5. Slate Entrance Steps Repaired or Replaced
6. LED Motion Lights with Cameras Installed Outside
7. Go-Fund-Me Page Established
8. ~~Bilco Door Painted~~
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



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- 6/08 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting
Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM

- 6/09 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

- 6/11 Fri. Sons of the Legion Meeting
Bar 6PM • Meeting 6:30PM

- 6/11 Fri. Queen of Hearts Drawing

- 6/25 Fri. Queen of Hearts Drawing

- 7/06 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting
Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM

- 7/09 Fri. Sons of the Legion Meeting
Bar 6PM • Meeting 6:30PM

- 7/09 Fri. Queen of Hearts Drawing

- 7/09 Fri. Auxiliary Yard Sale Setup

- 7/10 Sat. Auxiliary Yard Sale

- 7/14 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

- 7/23 Fri. Queen of Hearts Drawing



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- 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
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