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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

JUNE 2023

COMMANDER'S REPORT



My Fellow Legionnaires and Friends of the Legion,

The month of June is upon us. Six months, half a year, where does the time go? In the previous month of May the Legion Auxiliary held their annual drive through Poppy Day. "Lest we forget". The Auxiliary sets up a small tent in an area off the parking lot in front of the Legion and it allows the people easy access to drive through and make a donation in exchange for a poppy. Great idea!

On May 12th at Peconic Landing Edwin Cartoski was awarded the well deserved New York State 2023 Veteran of the Year honors. He had an exemplary and amazing military career. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1974 with the rank of Colonel.

Post 803 Commander presented six NJROTC Cadets from Southold High School with Academic/Scholastic and Military American Legion awards.

Post 803 observed Memorial Day by conducting brief memorial ceremonies honoring and remembering our fallen Veteran Comrades at five memorial sites that have been erected over the years. For those of you who are not aware of these memorial sites, they are located at the soldier monument on the monument turn next to the Legion, In front of the library down town on Route 25, Triangle Memorial Park also on Route 25, Peconic School on Peconic Lane and at flag pole in front of Highway Dept on Peconic Lane. These brief ceremonies were officiated by the Commander, Chaplain, and our Color Guard beginning at 7:30 AM. Then at 10:00 AM our members, Sons of the Legion, Auxiliary and guest Legion members and Veterans participated in the annual Memorial Day Parade which was held in Mattituck.

As mentioned in previous monthly Reporter issues, on June 12th we will be holding our 30th Annual Golf Outing at Island's End Golf Course. A well deserved Thank You goes out to Bob Bittner and his Golf Committee for all their time and effort that they devoted in planning and executing this event. I'm certain that it will prove to be a very successful event.

Flag day is celebrated every year on June 14th. It commemorates the adoption of the Flag of the United States which took place on June 14th 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

We need volunteers if we are going to continue holding our Queen of Hearts drawing on a weekly basis. Jan Powers will be stepping down once the Queen of Hearts is drawn. Two to three persons would be ideal so we can have back up when one person is not available.

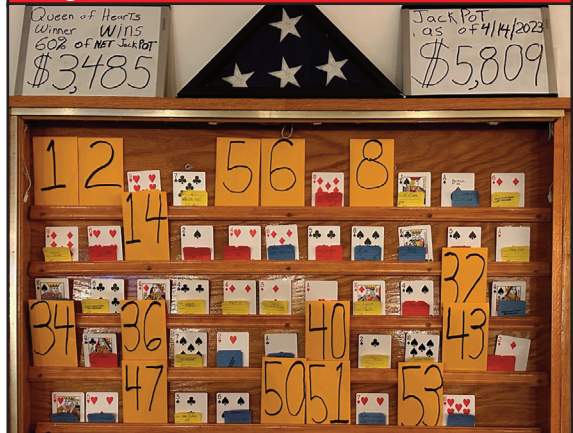
Upcoming events include the annual July 4th Parade in town. It usually steps off at Boisseau Ave and concludes at the American Legion. The Auxiliary will be hosting their Annual Summer Fair on the Legion grounds Saturday July 15th. The Legion Classic Car Show will be held on the Legion grounds on Sunday August 27th. We look forward to seeing everyone who plans to support the American Legion and attend these events.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. Stay Calm and Carry On.
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For God and Country, God Bless,
David E. DeFriest
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2023 Queen of Hearts Game
The Queen is still on the board. Please support this last QOH fundraiser as this will be the last QOH board after this queen is revealed. Good luck to all!!



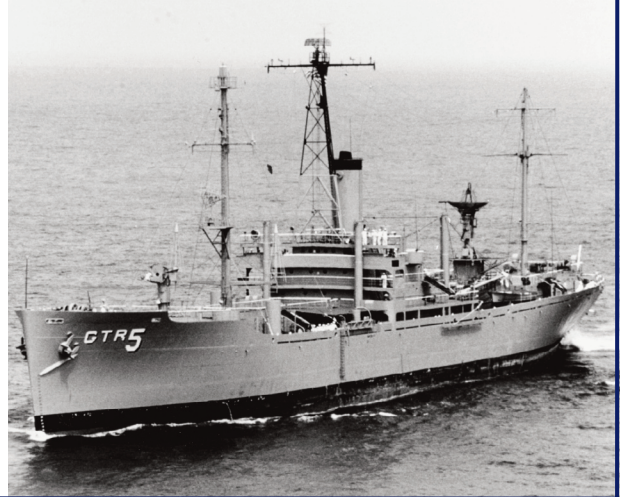
If you want to purchase tickets, please contact Jan Powers 914.213.8467 or email GalaxyFCC@gmail.com.

★★ HISTORIAN ★★

ON JUNE 8, 1967, while patrolling in international waters in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea, USS Liberty (AGTR-5) was savagely attacked without warning or justification by air and naval forces of the state of Israel. Of a crew of 294 officers and men (including three civilians), the ship suffered thirty four (34) killed in action and one hundred seventy three (173) wounded in action. The ship itself, a Forty Million (\$40,000,000) Dollar state of the art signals intelligence (SIGINT) platform, was so badly damaged that it never sailed on an operational mission again and was sold in 1970 for \$101,666.66 as scrap.

For more info go to www.uslibertyveterans.org

Bob Bittner, Military History



THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, UNIT #803 INVITES ANTIQUE VENDORS, CRAFTERS, ARTISANS & YARD SALE VENDORS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR

ANNUAL SUMMER SALE

**SATURDAY, JULY 15TH, 2023 (RAIN DATE: JULY 16TH)
8 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

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**OUTSIDE
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**SET UP TIME:
6 a.m. - 8 a.m.**

**MEMBERS OF THE LEGION FAMILY, IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED,
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★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



Post Status: We currently have **187/207 (89.9%)** paid up members for 2023. We are almost at 90% paid up members for 2023, I urge all members to see if they have their 2023 membership ID card. We need all of our members to support the Post. If you have paid your dues, please ignore the renewal notices from Indianapolis.

New Members are welcome: To contact the Post, use P.O. Box 591, Attn. Membership, Legion 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.

Thanks for your support of Post 803.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



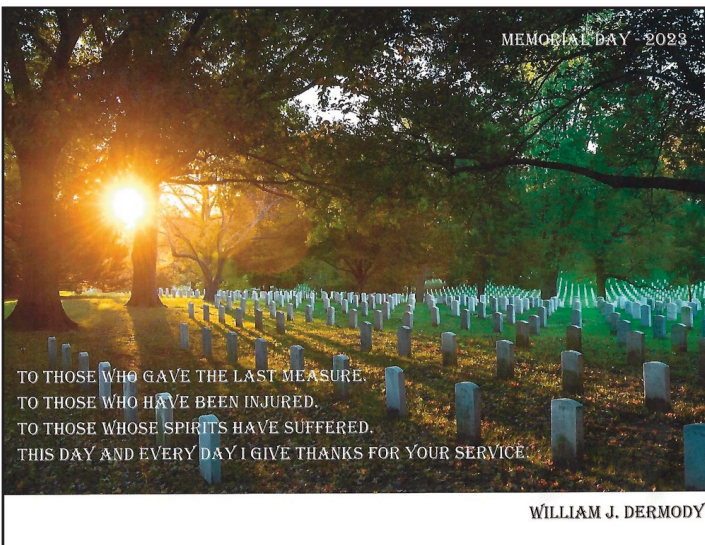
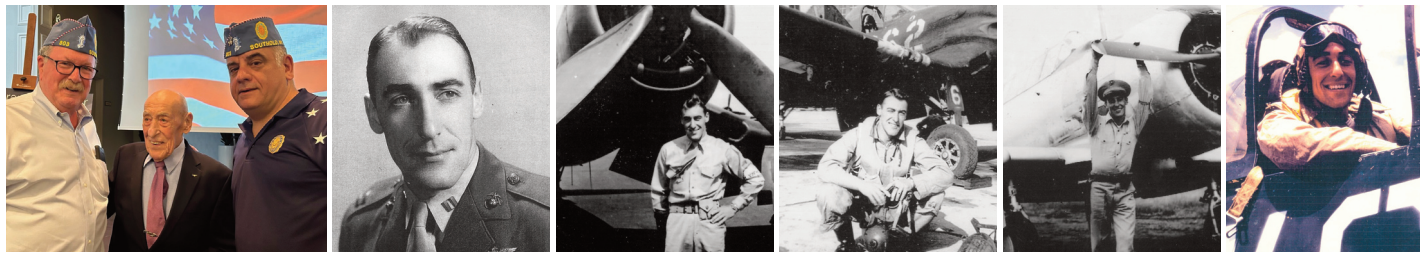
On May 12th I represented the Post at Peconic Landing honoring resident Edwin Cartoski who was being honored as New York State 2023 Veteran of the Year. The recognition was presented by Senator Anthony Palumbo and organized by VFW Post 5350. Myself and Adjunct Brian Hughes congratulated 99 year old Colonel Cartoski and presented him a Challenge coin from the Sons of the Legion.

His military record is amazing! Born in Quogue, he graduated early from Westhampton Beach High School in 1942, in order to enlist in the Navy and help with the war effort. After training in the Navy V-5 pilots program, he became 2nd Lt. Marine Pilot- flew Corsairs, Hellcats on delivery and test runs. He served on missions for Admiral "Bull" Halsey including service in the Pacific Theater. After the war he returned home and attending College on the GI bill but was called upon to serve again in the Korean War. Flying air support for the 1st Marines he still recalls with emotion being surrounded by enemy forces of China and North Korea during an ambush. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1974 as a Colonel.

With an impressive amount of fruit salad (Military ribbons) on his uniform, and Awards too numerous to list, he resumed civilian life with his family as a test pilot for Grumman before retirement in 1983. During it all Mr. Cartoski and his wife Althea raised five children.

Congratulations on this well deserved recognition as NYS Veteran of the Year!

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander



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New U.S. Flag Social Media Graphics for Promotion

In the weeks leading up to Flag Day, June 14, a new set of social media graphics is available for you to promote.

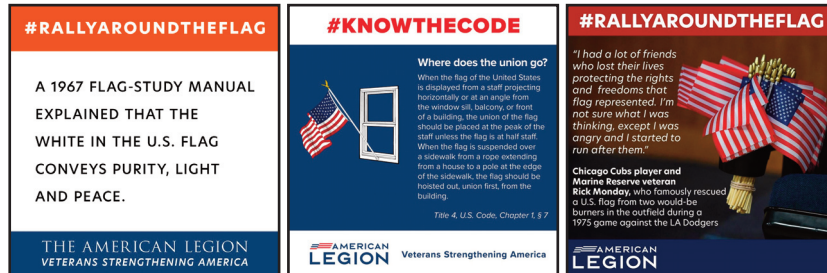
Produced as part of the “Rally Around the Flag” campaign by the The American Legion and the Citizens Flag Alliance, the Voices of Our Flag series include individual, downloadable graphics that can be shared on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The flag quotes are from veterans, Legion leadership, presidents, Olympians and many others.

For example, one graphic includes this inspiring flag statement from Alvin Owsley, a World War I combat veteran and the fifth national commander of The American Legion:

“It is not so much the flag of our fathers as it is the flag of our children, and all of our children’s children yet unborn. It is the flag of tomorrow. It is the flag of yourself and of all your neighbors.”

Download the Voices of Our Flag social media graphics at legion.org/flag/resources.

Also, the Rally Around the Flag and Know Your Code series of social media graphics can still be downloaded and shared in



the weeks heading into Flag Day. These graphics feature historical notes, fun facts and voices from history about Old Glory, and U.S. Flag Code facts. Learn more about the U.S. flag at legion.org/flag. And share your story about the flag on Legiontown.org under the heading “Rally Around the Flag.”

By David A Chiaro
keyarrow@hotmail.com

These are samples that can be downloaded.

★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

June on the North Fork - it doesn't get much better than this! Let's get outside and enjoy it! Remember to fly your American flag proudly on Flag Day, June 14th. The Legion has flags available for sale if you need a new one. Dispose of old flags properly by dropping them off at the designated box at the Legion.

Also on June 14th the Auxiliary will officially welcome our five new members and swear in our present slate of officers again at our Annual Installation and Initiation Ceremonies. Patty Burns, Doris McGreevy, Kay Rolle, Sherry Steele, and Marcia Kucera are a great addition to our Legion family!

We had great fun playing Bingo together in May! Earl and his crew do a great job! Join in every Tuesday at 12 noon when the doors open for Bingo.

As I write this we are busily in the midst of preparations for Memorial Day. Our thanks go to Donna and her Poppy Committee for organizing the distribution of lapel poppies, and thanks also to our community for their support of our Poppy projects. All monies raised from poppy donations go to veterans and active military in need. Thanks also to Joe, Neil, and all the crew who worked again to set up the Memorial Field of Poppies on the Legion lawn. This solemn display reminded us of those who gave their all for our country. Never forget.

Vendors interested in our Summer Fair on July 15th and the Car Show on August 27th can call and leave a message at the Legion.

We will meet next on June 14th for our Annual Installation and Initiation Ceremonies. Representatives from Suffolk County American Legion Auxiliary will be there to officiate. Please arrive by 6:30PM and enjoy some light fare together prior to our ceremonies.

Joan Cochran, *President*



Your attendance at the Post is appreciated and Legionnaires are encouraged to attend our monthly meeting. As Veterans we share a bond of service to our country.



Some of us faced our enemy on the front lines, while others served where they were sent. "I was never anywhere so good that it couldn't have been better or anywhere so bad that it couldn't get worse" was the saying.

Well, we are home now, settled in a great part of the country and we are all grateful for that. The Legion was started after World War 1 and our Preamble tells us why. Together we can help lead our community.

The Legion is a volunteer organization trying to teach our posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy. Come on down to the Post meet others who have served and get the feeling of Pride back.

Prayer for the Sick - O God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them feel the healing power of Your love. Amen.

There is a lot of great gospel music on the internet by some very well-known country music performers. One of my favorites is How Great Thou Art by Alan Jackson. Give it a try.

Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplin* • 631.456.3258

— 2023 GOALS —

1. Volunteer member to step up to fill the position of Adjutant vacated by Dave DeFriest 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

— LONG-TERM GOALS —

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Basement Walls Coating for Brick Deterioration Mitigation 7. Pavilion 8. Exterior of Post Painted/Stained |
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Are you available all day? Part day?
Morning? Afternoon?

If you can help out with the **AUXILIARY'S SUMMER FAIR**, please contact Priscilla Devine at 516-633.8332 or Priscilla516@aol.com

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★★ JUNE & JULY 2023 EVENTS ★★

06/02 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
06/09 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
06/12 Mon.	Golf Classic
06/13 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:00PM Need to Swear in New Officers
06/14 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: Installation of Officers 7PM
06/16 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
06/23 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
06/30 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
06/30 Fri.	Legion Consolidated Reports Due to Suffolk County/State Legion
07/11 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:00PM
07/12 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
07/14 Fri.	Auxiliary Summer Fair Set up 6PM
07/15 Sat.	Auxiliary Summer Fair 9AM to 3PM



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★★ LEGION OFFICERS ★★

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 1st Vice Commander - Jeff Chagnon
 2nd Vice Commander - Vacant
 Past Commander - Earl Brock
 Adjutant - TBD
 Finance Officer - Jim Cowan
 1st Finance Assistant - Mort Kelly
 2nd Finance Assistant - Raymond Terry
 Sergeant at Arms - Neil Rochford
 Chaplain - Jeff Chagnon
 Post Historian - TBD
 Membership Chair - Bob Cochran

★★ SAL OFFICERS ★★

Commander - Gary Iorio
 1st Vice - Rich Feely
 2nd Vice - Michael Anasagasti
 Adjutant - Brian Hughes
 Treasurer - Brian Hughes
 Sergeant at Arms - Jonathan Bitner
 Chaplain - Daniel Kaelin
 Historian - Douglas Kalvns

★★ AUXILIARY OFFICERS ★★

President - Joan Cochran
 Vice Pres - Denise Thilberg
 Treasurer - Margie Brock
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