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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

MARCH 2021

★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

I'm not sure how you are feeling but this year seems to be going very fast? I can't believe we are already in March. I'm happy to say that the Bob Bittner Stimulus Challenge Donation Drive is off to a great start. Thank You: 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. We have already raised \$1,000.00. Please consider the Post this year as



we are not able to produce the revenue we normally do because COVID-19 has essentially closed us down

BINGO

The goal is to resume Bingo in July if the COVID-19 pandemic is under control and Bingo can be conducted safely for all players. Keep your fingers crossed.

2021 QUEEN OF HEARTS GAME

The Queen of Hearts game is back and running and available to the public. 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 from 1 to 54 and displayed in the locked glass case 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.

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★ ★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★ ★

REST IN PEACE

Albert J. Vicarelli, a US Navy World War II veteran who served on the USS Indiana and with the Sixth Marine Division in Japan, passed on February 7th at the age of 94. Albert was also a 20 year member of the Marine Corps Reserve.

Edward R. Grohoski Jr., A US Army veteran of the Vietnam War era, passed on February 13th at the age of 68. Edward was a life long resident of the North Fork and a member of the Mattituck Fire Department.

On Sunday March 7th we will set our Post flag at half mast in honor of both Albert and Edward. It will remain that way until sundown on March 8th.

On behalf of the American Legion we thank Albert J. Vicarelli and Edward R. Grohoski Jr. for their loyal and dedicated service to their country, their community and their families. They were true American heroes. May their souls rest in peace.



Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplin*
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"Have patience with all things, but first of all with ourself" - St. Francis de Sales

Commander's Report Continued

ALSO! Jan is cooking up a soup or stew every Friday evening for the bar and that is a perfect time to come on down and buy Queen of Heart Tickets!

The March drawing will take place on Friday the 12th. 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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★ ★ HISTORIAN ★ ★

WHEN DID DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (DST) START IN THE USA?

In 1916, during World War I, Germany became the first country to adopt DST to save energy for the war effort. Many countries across Europe soon followed suit. In the US, "Fast Time," as it was called then, was first introduced in 1918. The initiative was sparked by Robert Garland, a Pittsburgh industrialist who had encountered the idea in the United Kingdom. Only 7 months later, DST was repealed. But some cities, including Pittsburgh, Boston, and New York, continued to use it.

"War Time" and "Peace Time"

In 1942, at the height of World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt reintroduced the measure, instituting year-round Daylight Saving Time in the US. Referred to as "War Time," DST was in force continuously from February 9, 1942 to September 30, 1945. During this time, the US time zones were called "Eastern War Time," "Mountain War Time," "Central War Time," and "Pacific War Time." After the surrender of Japan in mid-August 1945, the time zones were relabeled "Peace Time."

National DST Rules since 1966

From 1945 to 1966, there were no uniform rules for DST in the US. This caused widespread confusion, especially for trains, buses, and the broadcasting industry. As a result, the Uniform Time Act of 1966 was established. While granting US states the ability to opt out of DST, the law provided a framework for a nation-wide, synchronized DST schedule, starting on the last Sunday of April and ending on the last Sunday of October.

Year-Round DST in 1973

During the 1973 oil embargo, the US Congress ordered a year-round DST period lasting from January 1974 to April 1975. The rationale was to study the effects of seasonal time change on energy consumption. Following staunch opposition from the public and the realization that the measure yielded only modest energy savings, the plan was soon amended to allow for a return to standard time during the winter months.

Energy Policy Act of 2005

After the energy crisis was over in 1976, the United States DST schedule was revised several times throughout the years. From 1987 to 2006, the country observed DST for about 7 months each year. The current schedule was introduced by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and has been followed since 2007.

This article was obtained from the following website: <https://www.timeanddate.com/time/us/daylight-saving-usa.html>

★★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★★

March is here and soon the snow and cold will be behind us for another year. As more and more of us are vaccinated against COVID we look forward to meetings and gatherings in our future!

Last month we voted again to support the Girl Scout Cookies for the Troops program. Our military overseas look forward to receiving these delicious treats! Contact your local Girl Scout troop if you would like to participate as well.

The American Legion Auxiliary encourages us all to treat our American flag with respect. The flag represents what all Americans strive for- liberty and justice for all of us! Our Auxiliary has booklets on flag etiquette available for anyone who would like one.

Although the Auxiliary does not participate in partisan politics we do support good citizenship and patriotism. Contact your government representatives by mail or email and let them know you support policies that support our veterans and active military and share your concerns. The American Legion website at www.legion.org has a section devoted to legislative issues. Let's remember the old adage, "The pen is mightier than the sword."

We welcome new members and look forward to an exciting year ahead. Eligibility requirements are listed on the Membership Application which will soon be available on our Legion website, www.post803.com. We have a great group of dedicated volunteers always ready with new ideas and hard work to support our mission to advocate for our veterans and active military and their families, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00 PM. I look forward to seeing you all again!

Joan Cochran, President

★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



Post Status: We currently have 175/211 (83%) paid up members for 2021.

We have 36 Members who need to submit their dues for 2021. Due to the COVID situation our fund raising has been adversely affected. Your dues will help the Post meet its financial obligations.

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.

Thanks for supporting Post 803.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

THE BITTNER STIMULUS CHECK \$100 DONATION DRIVE CHALLENGE

Bob Bittner is challenging every member to donate \$100 out of their stimulus check to help support Post 803!

WILL YOU TAKE THE CHALLENGE?

★ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ★

★★ DR. CHAT ★★

HELLO AND WELCOME TO YOUR DR. CHAT INSTALLMENT FOR MARCH 2021.

I was thinking yesterday that we are having the winter that we haven't had for at least several years and that means not just cold temperatures, but SNOW. So far this winter we've had three substantial storms and many smaller ones. This brings to mind something many people are prepared for, but many more people aren't prepared for and that's how well if at all you are prepared for the possibility that you might be in a car in a major blizzard where you might be stuck in a ditch for an extended period of hours and possibly overnight. I've had a kit in my truck that I've had for years and periodically check and restock for just such an emergency.

None of us plan on getting stuck in a ditch during a blizzard but it does happen and people have died due to this. It's not hard to plan for this, but is one of those things you figure you should do but might not get to. That said here is a list of things that anyone who lives in a cold climate should pack in their car for the duration of winter.

1. Keep a one gallon jug of drinking water, wrapped in a sweatshirt/blanket (this keeps it from freezing in your car) and it works.
2. Two warm blankets.
3. Two emergency foil sleeping tubes available at any camping store. if you are stuck overnight these thin foil tubes along with a warm blanket will maintain your body heat.
4. Several packaged candy bars, nuts, granola bars. (keep enough of these to provide calories, maintain a quick source of energy.
5. A one day supply of any medicines you take daily.
6. Always have a fully charged cell phone to call for help.
7. A charging source for your car will give you several recharges.
8. A small first aid kit, nothing major merely some bandages, band aids, tape, gauze pads, steel 4x4 dressings, 4" ace bandages, scissors.
9. A folding shovel available at camping stores to dig your car out.
10. A flashlight with extra batteries.
11. Finally I keep a well sealed one gallon gas can filled just in case you run out of gas.

This list might sound like a bit much and no one plans to get stuck in a ditch during a blizzard/whiteout conditions but it DOES happen and these little precautions can save your life.

Jose L. Perez PA-C is a retired Surgical Physician Assistant with forty years experience. He is also Second Vice Commander of the Griswold Terry Glover Southold American Legion Post 803

★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



Spring is around the corner and the hope for normalcy continues as the vaccine is distributed. "Sons of The American Legion" for the following purposes:

"To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the association of our members and our forefathers in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country."

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander

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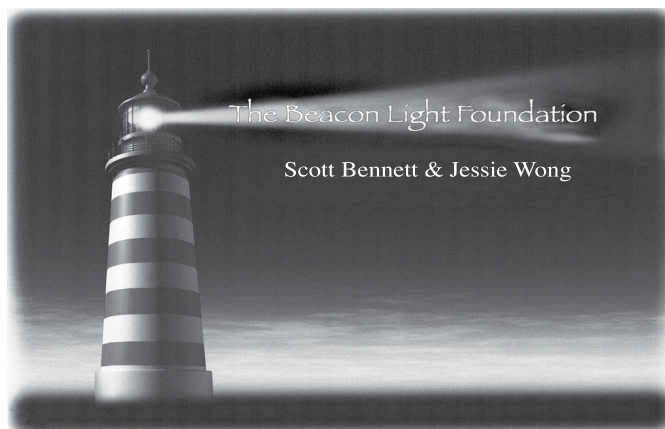
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SOUTHOLD AMERICAN LEGION Queen of Hearts RAFFLE

You can purchase tickets in person by contacting our Queen of Hearts Chairman Jan Powers at **914.213.8467** or email **GalaxyFCC@gmail.com**

\$10 for 3 Tickets

You can also purchase tickets by cutting out the coupons below and sending them and a **check made out to American Legion Post 803 Queen of Hearts Raffle** \$10 for 3 tickets or however many you want to purchase.

Send the coupons to Attention: Jan Powers,
American Legion Post 803 P.O. Box 591 Southold, NY 11971.

Jan will fill out your tickets and place in the tumbler for you.
If you choose this option you will not receive a stub for your tickets.

Don't forget to choose your Envelope Number!



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Name _____

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(3 Tickets for Each \$10)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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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. Slate Entrance Steps Repaired or Replaced
6. LED Motion Lights with Cameras Installed Outside
7. Go-Fund-Me Page Established
8. Bilco Door Painted
9. Flag Box Painted
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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- 03/09 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:30 PM
- 03/10 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM
- 03/12 Fri. Sons of the Legion Meeting:
Bar 6 PM • Meeting 6:30 PM
- 03/12 Fri. Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 04/09 Fri. Sons of the Legion Meeting:
Bar 6 PM • Meeting 6:30 PM
- 04/09 Fri. Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 04/13 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:30 PM
- 04/14 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM
- 05/11 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30 PM • Meeting 7:30 PM
- 05/12 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7 PM
- 05/14 Fri. Sons of the Legion Meeting:
Bar 6 PM • Meeting 6:30 PM
- 05/14 Fri. Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 05/31 Mon. Memorial Day Parade:
Southold Post this Year



MADE IN AMERICA

★★ 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 - Jim Best
 Treasurer - Jim Best
 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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