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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

MARCH 2022

★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

Our first fundraiser of the year was a great success. The Daytona 500 party was a lot of fun and we have to say THANK YOU Denise Thilberg, Joan Cochran, Ty Cochran (Mr. TV Man) and all the other volunteers that stepped up to help. We have a wonderful organization and the Legion could not survive if we didn't have volunteers like them. The Queen of Hearts jackpot is now up to \$5,946 to the winner. You have a much greater chance of winning this jackpot than you do playing the NYS lottery...ah...just don't tell them I said that. Jan will be selling tickets



Friday evenings and he has also lined up some great bands for us. Friday the 4th we have NRG playing and then its Who Are Those Guys on the 11th, North Fork Dirt Band on the 18th and the Deadwood Quartet on the 25th. I would also like to thank Artie from Gerarti Electrical for donating back his 50/50 winnings from one of the Friday night drawings. The Legion has been offered to lead the St Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 12 in Cutchogue this year. We are meeting at the corner of Eugene's Road and Main Road at 1:30PM. The uniform of the day is your Legion Tie and Cover with warm clothes unless you are in the Color Guard and then it's your uniform.

For God and Country, God Bless,
Charles J. Sanders,
Post 803 Commander
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JACKPOT IS NOW \$5,946
That is the winner take home!!!



If you want to purchase tickets please contact Jan Powers 914-213-8467 or email GalaxyFCC@gmail.com.

★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★



Welcome new members Walter Krupski Jr. and Greg Schlachter to our ranks. This Memorial Day & July 4th we will once again stand with and march with our honored veterans. Now is a good time to place an order for a Legion Sons uniform cap. On the web go to emblem.legion.org click on Sons (SAL) The web site will walk you through how to size your cap. The logo (NY State Cap) to order is Southold NY Squadron 803. Stay informed by this newsletter, post803.com or Southold-American Legion-Griswold Terry Glover Post 803 on facebook.

Next Meeting March 8th. We will meet from 6PM-6:30PM and then joint the Legionnaires at the bar for pizza and drinks, hope to see you all there.

Hope everyone is well, as I leave you with a quote from President Reagan:

"When we honor our flag we honor what we stand for as a Nation - freedom, equality, justice and hope."

Gary Iorio,
SAL Commander

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★ ★ VETERANS BENEFITS "CORNER"

VA PROPOSES DISABILITY RATING CHANGES
<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-38/chapter-I/part-4>

The Department of Veterans Affairs is proposing changes to the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities specifically pertaining to the respiratory, auditory and mental disorders body systems. The proposed updates to the rating schedule for these conditions will enable VA to incorporate modern medical data and terminology to provide Veterans with more accurate and consistent decisions. Veterans who currently receive compensation for a service-connected condition in these body systems will not have their disability rating impacted when the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities is updated. Updating the rating schedule allows Veterans to receive decisions based on the most current medical knowledge relating to their condition. By incorporating modern medical data Veterans will receive evaluations which more accurately compensate them for their service-connected disabilities. Proposed updates include:

- Modernizing the evaluative rating criteria for sleep apnea, using developments in medical knowledge to evaluate it based on its responsiveness to treatment, bringing the rating criteria for sleep apnea more closely in line with the stated purpose of the rating schedule.
- Evaluating tinnitus (ringing in the ears) as a symptom of the underlying disease which causes it, rather than as a stand-alone disability.
- Evaluating mental health conditions based on a more robust and holistic approach that assesses how impactful the disability is to cognition, interpersonal relationships, task completion, life activities and self-care. Additionally, the proposed evaluation criteria include a 10% minimum evaluation for having one or more service-connected mental health conditions and will no longer require "total occupational and social impairment" to attain a 100% evaluation.

No change to a Veteran's current rating would occur due to these proposed changes. If the proposed changes are finalized, Veterans who currently receive compensation for a service-connected condition can apply for increased compensation, but no reductions shall be made unless an improvement in the Veteran's disability is shown to have occurred.

Until next month!

David Chiaro, keyarrow@hotmail.com

★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

March is here and spring can't be far behind! Welcome back snowbirds! Better times are ahead. The Post 803 Daytona Party returned this year and a good time was had by all! Members and guests enjoyed watching the race and snacking on some great food. It was good to get out and socialize! Thanks go to Wendy Zuhoski from Wendy's Deli for donating little burgers that were a big hit!

Everyone enjoyed our raffle thanks to some generous prize donations. A big thank you goes out to Riverhead Beverage for donating a blue tooth cooler, Pete DeCandia from Pete's Ultimate Detailing for donating a windshield treatment, Dan Lynch for donating an autographed Joey Logano hat and an autographed die-cast Ryan Blaney car, and to Denise Thilberg from Making Waves for the wine basket. Thanks again to all the hard workers who made it happen - EJ, Neil, Bill, Janique and Rob, Mary Ann, Ty, Carlisle, Greg, Gary and Charles all helped Denise and I produce a wonderful event! And thank you to Tina and Jamie for feeding the set-up committee!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 PM. We will welcome Ellen Shannahan from Warrior Ranch. Members who are interested in meeting beforehand for pizza at 6:30 should RSVP to me.

Joan Cochran, *President*

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★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



Post Status: We currently have 158/203 (77.8%) paid up members for 2022. I would like to welcome Marine William Zebroski to our Post who recently transferred from Post 1, Albany NY. Welcome Aboard Bill. We still have 45 members who need to pay their 2022 membership dues. If you don't have a 2022 Membership ID Card send in your dues.

New Members: New Members are always welcome to contact the Post, use P.O. Box 591

Ladies Auxiliary Membership Attention: Donna St Pierre

Sons of Legion Membership Attention: 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. 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

MARCH LIVE MUSIC

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- 2022 GOALS -

1. Investigation of 2nd Floor Emergency Exit (Internal or External):
Project Managers are Boy Scout/Girl Scout Leadership
2. Set of Building Plans for the Post to Assist with Future Vision: Project Manager/Architect Needed
3. Outdoor Sign Installed: Project Manager is the Commander
4. Execution of Roof Replacement and Repair: Project Manager Needed (Estimates already complete)
5. Paint Both Exterior Entrances: Project Manager is Boy Scout Leadership
6. Go Fund Me Page/Amazon Smile: Project Manager is Cub Scout Leadership
7. Fundraising Thermometer Installed after project costs developed: Project Manager is Commander
8. ATM for Events: Project Manager is Jan Powers
9. Paint Interior of Main Hall and Entrance: Project Manager Needed
10. ~~New White Boards for Organization: Project Manager Jan Powers~~ Thank You Jan Powers!
11. Fixing the Handicap Signs in Parking Lot: Project Manager is Cub Scout Leadership
12. ~~Major Cleaning of Hall to Include Waxing Floors: Project Manager is Commander~~
Thank You Southold Cleaners!
13. Investigate the Repair, Replacement and or Exposure of Main Hall Ceiling to Improve Aesthetic of Main Hall: Project Manager Needed
14. Install Picture Molding in Hall to Keep Tape off Walls and Provide Picture Molding Wire:
Project Manager Needed
15. Install an Automated External Defibrillator: Project Manager Needed
16. Ring Camera and Motion Detection Outdoor Light System Installed: Project Manager is the Commander
17. Investigate and Prepare Plans for Pavilion: (Preliminary Cost Estimate Complete)
Thank You Jeff Chagnon for volunteering to be Project Manager!
18. Investigate Point of Sale System for Bar: Project Manager is Dave Chiaro
19. Organize Kitchen Cabinets and Re-Stock Salt/Pepper and Other Items for 2022: Project Manager Needed but Will Work with Jan Powers
20. New Reusable Patriotic Table Centerpieces for Events (20 Needed): Project Manager Needed
21. Another Legion Clean Out Event to Keep the Post Clean & Organized: Project Manager is the Commander
22. Department of Health Class Taken and Certification: Jan Powers and one other Legion Member
23. New House and Grounds Member Identified to Assist with Overall Maintenance of Facility:
Will be Trained by Joe St Pierre

- LONG-TERM GOALS -

1. 9/11 Memorial Tree Pavers
2. Renovation of 2nd Floor
3. Emergency Exit for 2nd Floor
4. Bar Makeover
5. Point of Sale (POS) System for the Bar
6. Bathrooms Renovation (Handicap Accessible)
7. Basement Walls Coating for
Brick Deterioration Mitigation
8. Pavilion
9. Exterior of Post Painted/Stained

Why Can't We Just Get Along?

Last month we discussed freedom that we all enjoy as American citizens and even for those non-citizens living in America. Let's turn to the question of war. Why do wars exist? Is it because of religion? Is it because of race? Is it because of power? Is it because of resources? Is it because of ego? I venture to say war exists because of a bit of all of it. I would also say war exists because we are human. I laugh when I hear people argue, "If we could only get rid of religion then there would be no more war!" Another funny one, "If we could only have X or Y government then there would be no war and only peace!" I think all of these easy solutions are diminished in a flash as soon as someone cuts in front of us while we are driving. Has that ever happened to you? Do you remember how fast you went from tranquility to anger? Can you imagine what it would be like if you had the power to exact punishment upon the driver while in the middle of your fueled anger and without any fear of consequences? I venture to guess that in the past you didn't express your anger in a violent manner because something restrained you. I'm confident you are aware that there are consequences to freely expressing your anger without restraint. Ok...you may have flashed them the singular symbol of sign language but it is unlikely you crashed your car into them. Do you know what that makes you? That makes you human. You have the capability to exert incredible destruction through anger and you have the potential to restrain that anger. Our Founding Fathers understood this about themselves and they understood this about others. They were also acutely aware of all the reoccurring wars throughout history and the pattern of abuse that existed by wars raged by monarchs and tyrants that possessed incredible freedom to exert their personal will upon others. The Republic of the United States was at its creation an incredibly radical departure from what existed at the time. Our Founding Fathers designed a government around the concept that I need protection from your tendency toward anger (abuse) and you need protection from my tendency toward anger (abuse). They formed a government with the flexibility to change as the times changed. What did they say, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a Perfect Union?" No! They said, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union..." They didn't strive for a perfect union because they knew it wasn't possible. They understood that humans are not able to perfectly interact so they went about to design a reasonable government with checks and balances to constrain our human tendency toward abuse. Over time the flexibility of this newly formed government was able to overcome one of the greatest expressions of human abuse, slavery. So where does this leave us in the 21st Century? It leaves us with the ability to diminish the potential for division based on race in America. It leaves us with the opportunity to view history through the lens of humans abusing humans rather than appeal to the color of our skins to either claim superiority or claim condemnation. We have the opportunity to confidently appeal to the success of the Republic and to attempt to resist the temptation to bait one another into a 21st Century race war. When we examine history are we viewing the events of the past through a lens of color or a wider lens of humans interacting with humans? I'm not proposing that race has not been a factor in American history nor hide the very hypocrisy that existed with those that formed a Republic based on liberty while restraining the liberty of so many people of color and native birth. I suggest that we in the 21st Century seize upon our successes and strive to diminish if not eradicate the very appeal to color as a measuring stick beyond its helpful use as a identifier like the color of our eyes. When we are able to acknowledge that all humans lean toward a propensity to abuse when unrestrained, then we will appreciate more the government that is designed to limit the power of license established by an abusive dictator or tyrant. Thank goodness we are not capable of being a dictator the moment we are cut off in traffic. How quickly we might find ourselves abusing our fellow traveler regardless of our skin color. I encourage everyone reading this to take the time and read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States if you have not done so recently. These documents form the foundation of this Republic that we are all so blessed by. For the remainder of this year, we will embark on a journey to unravel how 13 Colonies united to form the United States and to shine light on just how radical it was for the times. It just might explain why so many Veterans are willing to go to war to protect this Country.

Charles J. Sanders, Post 803 Commander & Historian

VOLUNTEER CORNER

- **URGENT** Need for volunteers to help out with Bingo on Tuesday's starting in March. Earl Brock needs your help from 12-3:30 pm so we can keep Bingo alive. You can text Earl at 516-901-3228 or call the Commander at the Post and leave a message, 631-765-2276.
- ~~We need a new ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) Officer for the Post.~~ *Thank You Dave Chiaro for Volunteering.*
- We need a **new house-and-grounds member** to help manage projects and keep the Post facility in good working order. If you are good with projects around the house and you like fixing or working on projects then this job is perfect for you.
- Please contact the commander for more information or ask Joe St. Pierre as he has been tirelessly holding this position for years.

★★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★★

Once again it has been another quiet month for the Chaplain and there is nothing new to report. If there are any members who are ill or in need of our help in any way please let me know.

Jeff Chagnon,
Post Chaplin

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



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★★ MARCH & APRIL 2022 ★★

03/04 Fri.	NRG Music and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
03/08 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
03/08 Tues.	Sons of the Legion Meeting: 6PM
03/09 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
03/11 Fri.	Who Are Those Guys and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
03/12 Sat.	St Patricks Day Parade Cutchogue: Line up at Eugene's Rd and Main Rd 1:30PM
03/18 Fri.	North Fork Dirt Band and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
03/25 Fri.	Dead Wood Quartet and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
04/01 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
04/08 Fri.	Rob Europe Band and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
04/12 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
04/12 Tues.	Sons of the Legion Meeting: 6PM
04/13 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
04/15 Fri.	Closed for Good Friday
04/22 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
04/29 Fri.	DNA Band and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM



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