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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

MAY 2022

★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

May has arrived and we are seeing the first signs of warm weather as the trees begin to bloom. With warm weather comes more activities for Post 803. Come on down Friday, May 27th, which is National Poppy Day and support the Auxiliary with their Drive-up Poppy Sale between 11:00AM and 5:00PM. The Memorial Day parade falls on the Greenport American Legion Post this year. The Greenport Post is still planning this event so I do not have any specific details to convey at this time. Check the Suffolk Times for details on when and where the parade begins. Our Post will conduct our monument ceremonies starting at 8AM on Monday the 30th of May. We will muster at the Post at 7:30AM and then head over to each monument to honor the fallen. When we are complete with our monument ceremony, we will head out to Greenport to march in the Greenport parade. All Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary are welcome to march in the parade. The 4th of July parade is still on and Post 803 will once again lead the parade that will end at the Post where hotdogs will be served by the Boy Scouts of Troop 6. The Queen of Hearts is back and running so get your tickets. We paid out over \$7,000 to our last pair of winners. YOU COULD BE NEXT!

For God and Country, God Bless,

Charles J. Sanders, *Post 803 Commander*

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2022 Queen of Hearts Game: THE QUEEN IS BACK!

Queen of Hearts Winner: W/15 502 of 117 - \$1002
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55

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

★ ★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★ ★

SICK CALL - Henry F. Santacroce is at home being cared for by his wife, Barbara. He is suffering from a lot of age related issues. **John T. King** had a stroke and spent some time at San Simeon for rehab. He is now at home where he is being cared for by his wife whose name is also Barbara. Please remember both Henry and John in your prayers.

REST IN PEACE - Our Dear friend and comrade **James H. "Jim" Rich Jr.** passed on March 9th, 2022 at the age of 94. Jim was a life long Southold resident who enlisted in the US Navy in 1945. He was a seventy year member of our Post and a fifty-eight year member of the Southold Fire Department. Jim was a very kind and generous man whose service to his family and our community was remarkable at the highest levels. He coached Little League Baseball, served on the Southold School Board, a member of the Southold Rotary, Director of The Southold Savings Bank, a board member at Eastern Long Island Hospital, a Southold Town Councilman, Southold Justice of the Peace and a member of the Town Preservation Committee. Our dear friend and comrade, **Thomas F. Reese**, a US Marine who served as a Drill Instructor during the Korean War, passed on April 2, 2022 at the age of 92. Tom was a long time member of our Post who served as both Post Commander and Post Chaplain. As Post Commander he established our annual golf outing whose proceeds are instrumental in maintaining our scholarship fund. During his time as Post Chaplain he officiated The American Legion Wake service for more than one hundred and twenty of our deceased Legionnaires. Tom loved his family, his country and his fellow veterans with all his heart and soul. On behalf of The American Legion it is my honor to thank both James H. Rich Jr. and Thomas F. Reese for their service to our country, their families, our community and The American Legion. They are true American heroes. Jim and Tom will be dearly missed. May their souls Rest In Peace.

Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplin Home*: 631.765.6077 • Cell: 631.456.3258

"A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love." - Saint Basil

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DOD PERSONNEL, FAMILIES CAN RENEW PASSPORTS ONLINE

Active-duty, reserve and retired service members, and Defense Department civilians and contractors and their families will soon be able to renew their U.S. passports online, according to the State Department. The online portal, which became available Dec. 23, will enable customers to renew their passports from the convenience of their homes 24/7 without having to go to a post office to mail their application and supporting documents, an official said. The requirements include:

- The most recent passport is or must have been valid for 10 years. It's OK if the passport is expired.
- The passport was issued over nine years ago (2012), but less than 15 years ago (2006).
- No changes were made with respect to name, gender or other personal information, such as date or place of birth.
- No travel internationally can be made within three weeks of the date of renewal. The State Department will offer routine (8-11 weeks) and expedited processing (5-7 weeks).
- Online applications may be for a passport book only; passport cards may not be requested online.
- Applications must be for regular (tourist) passports only. Special issuance diplomatic or official passports may not be renewed online.
- Applicants must live in the United States.
- Applicants must have the passport in their possession, and it cannot be damaged or mutilated.
- An applicant can pay for a passport using a credit/debit card or an automated clearing house payment transferring funds from a bank account.
- Applicants can upload a digital photo in the .JPEG file format.
- Applicants who don't meet all of these requirements may still be eligible to renew by mail or in-person, the official said.

The State Department will send a confirmation email with more instructions.

Interested preregister:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4qBPgIziTAAb5IokDkXZypT799tFleg81Vc3-CXAh7zNo-w/viewform>

Preregistration does not obligate those interested to renew online. Registrants will receive email updates and a customized link based on a registrant's individual email address to access the online portal. Interested parties will have the flexibility to renew online over a six-month period through June 30, 2022, the official said. For any additional information, contact the State Department at pptmandi@state.gov.

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★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



Post Status: We currently have **173/206 (84%)** paid up members for 2022. We still have 30 members who need to pay their 2022 membership dues. I sent out a friendly reminder to those members who need to send in their dues. The Suffolk County American Legion is encouraging all Posts to obtain 100% membership renewal for 2022. Your help is required and appreciated.

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 2022 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

★★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★★

May has arrived and with it a profusion of blooms! Try to get out and enjoy nature now that spring has definitely arrived. Maybe all those masks we made over the past two years can help with the pollen! May is the month of remembrance and there are plenty of opportunities to honor our fallen soldiers. This year we will again have our poppy drive-thru event, "Pop Over for a Poppy", on Friday, May 27th, which is National Poppy Day. Drive in to Post 803 between 11:00AM and 5:00PM to get your lapel poppies to wear on Memorial Day. Please use the Tucker's Lane entrance. Last year's inaugural event was a great success and we look forward to seeing you all again. Funds raised from poppies are used exclusively for veterans and active military in need and their families. Our committee chair Charlotte will also be coordinating poppy distribution at local post offices and grocery stores. Please contact her to sign up to help. Our Post 803 Legion members are all set to "plant" our annual Memorial Poppy Field on the Legion lawn. We thank them for helping with this moving tribute to those who gave their all for our country. On May 30th we will participate in the annual wreath laying ceremonies in Southold and the Memorial Day Parade in Greenport. These are all reminders of the ultimate sacrifice made by so many. Take a moment to remember them all on this solemn holiday. We were sad to hear about the passing of former Post Commander Tom Reese. He was very supportive of the Legion Auxiliary and all our activities. May he rest in peace. This year's Summer Fair will be on Saturday, July 16th. Contact Priscilla for vendor applications and to sign up to help. Our May meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 11th. We have rescheduled Eileen to do her presentation about Warrior Ranch in Calverton on that night. We will also hold our annual elections. Members please mark the date on your calendars! Please RSVP to me and let me know if you would like to share pizza at 6:30PM before the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Joan Cochran, *President*

★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



As we approach Memorial Day I leave you with an excerpt of a letter dated Sept. 2, 1945 V-J Day Philippines WWII

"When I came topside fireworks were filling the sky with all sorts of colors, and even the 658 helped out. I watched from the quarterdeck and it was really wonderful. Something you will never see again. The ships were blowing out victory and the whole thing almost made you stop thinking. But aside from all those things other thoughts came to mind. The names of all these Islands out there, and the young men that died on them. I was wondering how long it will take the people to forget them if they haven't already done so." "But maybe they should forget and turn their attention, not to memories but to ideas that will prevent any reoccurrence of what took place on those Islands" "My mind is filled but with one thought, how long will it be before I get back home, and what it's going to be like after I get there."

Charles Bunnell SK1 US Navy LST 658

(This was one of many letters my wife found after her father passed.)

Published In Memory of the greatest generation.)

Next Meeting May 10th. We will meet from 6PM-6:30PM and then joint the Legionnaires at the bar for pizza and drinks.

Gary Iorio, *SAL Commander*

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.



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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: Thank You Jan Powers!~~
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

WAR LETTERS

When I was in Afghanistan my friend John Ramirez not only sent me a huge care package but within that care package was a very cool book that was kind of like those kid books where you open them up and a 3-D building or structure pops up. The difference between that and his book is the pages had individual slots where you could pull out a replica of an actual war letter from the past. I was reminded of this when I read Gary Iorio's commander column today. We are approaching Memorial Day and it is a time for us to remember the sacrifices those Veterans have made for us in the past. Gary's letter is so poignant as the author wonders how long it will take people to forget the events that he lived through. I was searching through the internet for another letter that I could include with this column and I found a short but powerful one. This letter is written by a WWII POW. If there is anyone that is homesick and worried about the future it is a POW. I will leave you to ponder this little letter and photo.

Notify: C. R. KENNEDY, Box 842
 MARICOPA, CALIFORNIA. DEATH OF
 SON, LT. THOMAS R. KENNEDY. O-890396
 JAN 16, '45.

Mommi + Dad: It is pretty hard to cheer
 out this way with out a fighting chance
 but we caid live forever. Im not afraid to
 die, I just hate the thought of not
 seeing you again. Buy Turkey Ranch
 with my money and just think of
 me often while your there. Make
 liberberal donations to both
 sisters. See that Gary has a
 car his first year. his



The letter and photo were obtained from the following website:

<https://www.chapman.edu/research/institutes-and-centers/cawl/about-letters/index.aspx>

Charles J. Sanders, Post 803, Commander & Historian



Pop Over for a Poppy

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★★ MAY & JUNE 2022 ★★

05/06 Fri.	Suffolk County American Legion Meeting: 7PM
05/06 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
05/10 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
05/10 Tues.	Sons of the Legion Meeting: 6PM
05/11 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
05/13 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
05/20 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
05/27 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
05/30 Mon.	Memorial Day Parade Held in Greenport by the Greenport Post
06/03 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
06/07 Tues.	Sons of the Legion Meeting: 6PM
06/07 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
06/08 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
06/10 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
06/14 Tue.	Flag Day Event More to be published in June Reporter
06/17 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM
06/24 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6:30PM



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1st Vice Commander - Jeff Chagnon
2nd Vice Commander - Vacant
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1st Finance Assistant - Mort Kelly
2nd Finance Assistant - Raymond Terry
Sergeant at Arms - Neil Rochford
Chaplain - Jeff Chagnon
Post Historian - Charles J. Sanders
Membership Chair - Bob Cochran

★★ SAL OFFICERS ★★

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2nd Vice - Michael Anasagasti
Adjutant - Brian Hughes
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Sergeant at Arms - Jonathan Bitner
Chaplain - Daniel Kaelin
Historian - Douglas Kalvns

★★ AUXILIARY OFFICERS ★★

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