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★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

I want to encourage each and every one of you to go out and Vote your personal conscious this November 3rd. We are all blessed to live in a country with free elections paid for by the blood of our fellow Veterans. It is the least we can do to honor their sacrifices. We are still going forward with our outdoor Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, November 11th at 11AM sharp to be followed by an indoor lunch limited to 50 people maximum. Veterans and their spouse are welcome to RSVP for this lunch by using **our RSVP phone line 631-407-5555 or our RSVP email address post803rsvp@gmail.com** We need you to do this ASAP because



we need to give that information to the Southold Rotary Club team that is sponsoring us. We have plenty of room in the hall to spread out our round tables with 4 people instead of eight seated at each table. We could use a hand the morning of Veterans Day to decorate the tables and setup for the event. If you are part of the Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts or any of our friends and would like to help please give me a call at 631-702-3083 or email me at the Post email gtgpost803@gmail.com. Please arrive at the Post to help at **8AM** on Veterans Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans Day Ceremony at 11AM on November 11th to be followed by a brunch for all Veterans and their spouses. The meal will be served inside the hall while conducting proper social distancing, sanitizing practices and mask wearing. The meal is once again provided by the kind efforts of the **Southold Rotary Club**. In order to help them estimate how many meals to serve we ask you to RSVP with the names of those in your party by **using our RSVP phone line 631-407-5555 or our RSVP email address post803rsvp@gmail.com** We will be limited in how many we can serve so RSVP ASAP to make sure you are included in this great day.

Pearl Harbor Cross Sound Ferry Ceremony & Day at Foxwoods is still on. More exact details to follow as we get closer to December 7th but be prepared to arrive at the ferry terminal in Orient at approximately 7:30AM. You must RSVP with me first to be on the list to attend and receive a free roundtrip on the ferry. You can RSVP by leaving a message on my cell 631-702-3083 or emailing the Post gtgpost803@gmail.com. The ferry will stop at some point in the Sound and a wreath ceremony will be conducted to honor the fallen at Pearl Harbor and then the ferry will proceed to New London. We will disembark and board free bus

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★ ★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★ ★

Rest in Peace - I am sad to report that we have lost two of our member this past month.

William P. Vogel, a retired US Marine Corps Major, passed on October 16th at the age of 89. Bill was a long time member of our Post who served on the Bingo Committee and who was also a volunteer at numerous other events. I am told that his family is planning a memorial service for him sometime this upcoming spring. I will pass along details about that when I get them.

Norman H. Wamback, a US Army veteran who served during the Korean War, passed at the age of 84. Norman was born and raised in Mattituck and then after retirement returned to Mattituck. He served as President and Trustee of the Mattituck Laurel Historical Society and was the author of several books about the area including "Mattituck and Laurel" and "The North Fork: The Way We Were". On October 28th an American Legion Wake Service was conducted at the DeFriest-Grattan Funeral Home in Mattituck.

On behalf of The American Legion it is my honor to thank both William P. Vogel and Norman H. Wamback for their dedicated service to their Country, their

Families, our Community and The American Legion. They were true American heroes. May their souls rest in peace.



Jeff Chagnon, Post Chaplin
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"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love." - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta"

Commander's Report Continued

transportation to Foxwoods and enjoy the day. We depart Foxwoods at approximately 4:30PM on free buses and then take the ferry home for free. Exact times will be posted in the December Reporter and if you RSVP with me I will call you with more details as they develop.

Legion Cleanup Day is scheduled for **Saturday, November 14th** from **9AM** until complete. The goal is to clean up the basement, kitchen area and second floor. We can accomplish this by removing all old items no longer needed at the post, organize the storage rooms, kitchen cabinets and basically spruce up the place. We could use some trucks with dump stickers so we can dump junk, some shop-vacuums to help vacuum the basement and storage areas, work-gloves, safety glasses, and industrial facemasks to help filter dust. Oh...yea and some volunteers willing to work ☺

BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE

We are holding off on any new projects that require funds until we can get back to normal operations; however, we are forming a building fund committee to help plan out our future renovation goals and raise funds toward those goals. If you would like to be a part of this committee please reach out to me via phone or the Post normal email address: gtgpost803@gmail.com.

BINGO

Due to the uncertainty and an abundance of caution the decision has been made to cancel Bingo for the remainder of 2020. We may have been knocked down for 2020 but keep an eye out for a 2021 comeback.

REFUNDING OF ST. PATRICK'S TICKETS

If you have not requested a refund for your St. Patrick's Tickets we will assume this is a donation at the end of this year. We have posted this option in the Reporter for months now and all of our phone and emails have been working. Our finance officer Mort Kelly is prepared to send you a check for your St Patrick's dinner ticket purchase. If you paid by check and it never cleared he will be sending your check back to you. If your check did clear or you paid cash he will mail you a refund. All you need to do is send him your tickets with your address and he will send you a refund check back. **Mail to Mort Kelly P.O. Box 391, Southold, NY 11971.** If you do not want a check mailed to you then you will have to wait until the Legion is officially open for business. You will still need to provide us your tickets in order to receive a refund in the mail or in person. We will setup a future time for people to come in and receive a refund face-to-face.

For God and Country, God Bless,
Charles J. Sanders, *Post 803 Commander*
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ANNUAL LEGION CLEAN UP

**Saturday, November 14th
starting at 9 am until complete**

— GOALS —

**TO CLEAN UP THE BASEMENT,
KITCHEN AREA AND SECOND FLOOR.**

We can accomplish this by removing all old items no longer needed, organize the storage rooms and kitchen cabinets.

— NEEDED —

We could use some trucks with dump stickers so we can dump junk, shop-vacuums, work-gloves, safety glasses, and industrial facemasks.

Oh... yea and some volunteers willing to work!



HISTORIAN

COMMANDER'S NOTE:

If there is any time in the history of the United States that we citizens of these United States need to extend our gratitude for our Veterans, it is in the year 2020. I say this because the memory of all that our past Veterans have accomplished is under review and in my opinion attack. I'm especially thinking of the Veterans of the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. The fact that I have the freedom to express my thoughts on paper is a direct result of the sacrifices made by those serving to create and sustain this Union. Can you imagine what our Founding Fathers would say if they heard the things being said about them? I think they would be astonished by how quickly some today forget to view history in context. I think they would argue that they built an imperfect system of government but within its design was the flexibility and intent to address the evils of slavery as well as potential abuses of power by evil men. That is the entire point of the checks and balances built into the three branches of our government. It seems the loudest and most boisterous voices against the history of the United States are from the people with so little skin in the game and I'm not talking about race. It appears the people (of all races) that have not obtained something significant in their lives are so quick to decry the accomplishments of those who have. Those with little experience due to their youth often have many opinions but they don't realize because of their lack of maturity the profound sacrifices made by individuals in the past to sustain their freedoms. Those that have never deployed on behalf of their Nation and laid down or were willing to lay down their life for its perpetuation are also at times too quick to find the cracks in the foundation of the building they enjoy. Some may say that unless you are a person of color and have experienced the evils of racism then you have no voice. I think the Veterans of the Civil War would be astonished by such arguments and by the broad claims that the United States was founded by slavery and continues to suppress minorities through systems of systemic racism. I think Soldiers that lost a limb or life in the Civil war would say that slavery was abolished by their acts and racism was dealt a deadly blow by wars end. They would also not be fooled into the belief that racism was eliminated by the Civil War but they would likely have confidence that great strides would be made in the future as indeed they were. I do not know exactly what they would think but as one that has deployed three times with a rainbow of races, I know that America has made amazing strides since its foundation and the horribly devastating Civil War. America is the freest country in the world for all colors of the rainbow. If you read this and construe from my words any hint of racism then I'm confident you are most like one that is excellent at Monday night quarterbacking and throwing stones at stained glass windows. I'm speaking to my fellow Veterans when I say, "Thank You for your Service because you gave or were willing to give some of your skin to secure freedom for others even if they don't cherish that gift you provided them."

HISTORY.COM ARTICLE:

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

- Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States in honor of the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, known as Armistice Day.
- In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.
- In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.
- Veterans Day commemorates veterans of all wars.
- Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and World War II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November).
- In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.
- Every Veterans Day and Memorial Day, Arlington National Cemetery holds an annual memorial service. The cemetery is home to the graves of over 400,000 people, most of whom served in the military.

This article was derived from History.com at following URL:
<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/veterans-day-facts>

DR. CHAT

COMMANDER'S NOTE:

Dr. Chat is here for all of our members to send in articles of positive medical experiences they have or to give advice on what they did in a particular procedure. Dr. Chat came about after listening to the guys talk about their experiences at Bingo lunch. This is not intended to be professional medical advice but just the conveyance of your experiences that may help your fellow member. If you happen to be a medical professional then you can speak as Jose is in his article. Please enjoy Jose's article:

WELCOME TO DR. CHAT: This month I'd like to discuss Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, a common disorder of overuse that plagues many older people. Carpal Tunnel Syndrome is caused by compression of the median nerve on the palmer side of the wrist. The median nerve sits in a small groove or tunnel in this location. It is caused by repetitive flexion of the wrist and or repetitive lifting strenuous activity. It is seen in people with repetitive action such as typing, writing, hammering, etc.

It's important to note that this starts off mildly as tingling in the thumb, index and middle fingers which will progress to numbness this area sometimes it's also painful. It can be one wrist or both. These symptoms left untreated over time can become permanent. There are many treatment options available including bracing at night, activity modification, occasionally surgery is needed.

Consultation with an Orthopedic Surgeon should be sought as early intervention gives the best chance for resolution and prevention of permanent nerve damage. Remember early treatment will result in the best outcome.

See you next month with a new topic.

Jose Perez MS PA-C

Mr. Perez is an Orthopedic Surgical Physician Assistant with forty years of Orthopedic Practice.



VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Wednesday, November 11th, 2020

11:00 A.M. Sharp

followed by a Brunch for all Veterans and their Spouses

Brunch will be served inside the hall while conducting proper social distancing, sanitizing practices and mask wearing. The meal is once again provided by the kind efforts of the Southold Rotary Club.

Please RSVP as soon as possible for a head count as Seats and meals are limited.



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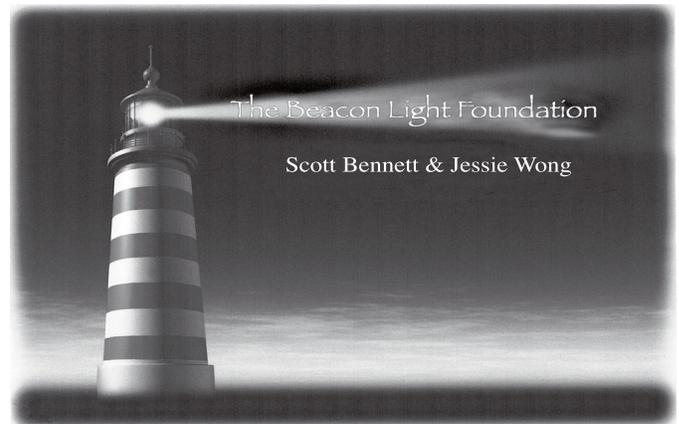
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LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

WELCOME TO NOVEMBER! Election Day is here - please vote! If you haven't voted early put on your mask and grab your hand sanitizer and go exercise your hard won right to vote on Tuesday November 3rd! This is your opportunity to have your say in a peaceful manner, something so many in this world yearn to be able to do. God Bless America!

A big thank you goes to Patty Hocker for coming up with the idea for our Veterans Day Patriotic Sign fundraiser and donating her time and talent! Patty, Priscilla, Rose, Donna and Denise have been working hard on taking orders and distributing the signs. Thank you to all who honored our veterans and supported the Auxiliary!

Our October meeting was informal with six members participating. We discussed holiday giving and will send gift cards to Erik Thilberg's unit in Germany this year. We also discussed how important it is, especially this year, to participate in the Hero Hunger Project and to donate to local food pantries during these difficult times. Denise and Priscilla are looking into these possibilities.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday November 4th, which is the first Wednesday of the month. We moved up the meeting since the second Wednesday November 11th is Veterans Day. Please attend the ceremony on Veterans Day at 11:00 am, with masks and distancing. The preceding Saturday, November 7th, is the date for the final sign pick-up from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Since we do not have a meeting scheduled for December this year, we plan to have a small year end celebration with food at the November meeting. Hope to see you all there!

Joan Cochran, President

★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



We currently have 115/209 (55%) paid up members for 2021. We still could improve our 90.5% 212/234 paid up members for 2020. If you are not sure if you paid your dues for 2020 call me and leave your contact info, I will get back to you with your status. Please send your 2021 dues (\$50) to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971. Stay safe and thanks for supporting our Post 803.

Bob Cochran,
Membership Chairman
631.765.5828

★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



A great day was had at the Legion golf outing. The SAL was able to lend a hand and sell raffle tickets. The winner of the Green Egg Barbecue was Todd Newman. Congrats and thanks to all who supported us. We raised approx. \$800. in much needed funds as the Covid limitations have restricted our events.

We are saddened to hear of the passing of SAL member Peter Grattan Jr. He was a very supportive member of our community and he will be missed.

SAL members were represented at two major Legion events this past weekend. Members of SAL and the Legion made our way upstate to Camp Smith to see our very own Legion Commander Charles Sanders be promoted to Major and become Commanding Officer 53rd Troop Command HHD New York Army National Guard. Charles previously served with the Marine Corps during the Gulf War. His military career includes two deployments to Afghanistan. No room here to give you all of his impressive service record but to say it was an honor to attend. Well done Major Sanders!

Some of our group continued on to Arlington National Cemetery to attend the delayed military interment of Legion member Lt. George Sullivan US Marine Corps Vietnam. Many of you knew George who worked at Southold Town hall. George lost a leg in combat but returned to live an exemplary life. Rest In Peace Marine you will not be forgotten.

As I submit this article Election Day is upon us. Please turn out and vote for this important election.

Our veterans served to protect Democracy, lets strive to maintain it. God Bless America.

SAL Commander,
Gary Iorio

2020 GOALS

1. Outdoor Sign Installed
2. Fundraising Thermometer with goal to raise \$25,000 per year
3. Emergency Egress for 2nd Floor
4. New Main Hall Ceiling Repair/Cleaning or Replacement
5. Main Hall Painted
6. Fire Alarm System Installed
7. Finish Replacement of all Blue Hall Chairs
8. 10 New Chafing Dish Sets for Catering
9. ~~New Kitchen Hood and Suppression System Installed~~
10. ~~Website Updated and New Pages Added~~
11. Total of 16 Paid ad in the Reporter
12. Compile Cost Estimates on Long-Term-Goals
13. Basement and 2nd Floor Cleaning and Organizing

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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- 11/03 Tues. Election Day: VOTE! We Served so We Can!
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- 11/04 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
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- 11/10 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
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- 11/11 Wed. Veterans Day Ceremony:
11:00AM Sharp and Lunch to Follow
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- 11/14 Sat. Legion Cleanup Day: 9AM Until Complete
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- 12/04 Fri. Decorate the Bar for Christmas:
6PM Until Complete
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- 12/07 Mon. Pearl Harbor Ceremony
and Foxwoods Trip:
Time TBD
-
- 12/08 Tues. 2021 Planning Meeting:
6PM Until Complete
-
- 12/11 Fri. Legion Christmas Pot Luck Party:
7PM Until Complete



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Post Historian - Charles J. Sanders
Membership Chair - Bob Cochran

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Sergeant at Arms - Jonathan Bitner
Chaplain - Daniel Kaelin
Historian - Douglas Kalunas

★★ AUXILIARY OFFICERS ★★

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