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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

NOVEMBER 2021

★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

The Chicken BBQ was another great success. We are doing a great job of bouncing back after 2020, the dreaded year of COVID-19. I want to extend special thanks to Joe St Pierre, Neil Rochford, Bob Cochran, Greg Johns, E.J Flynn and Jan the cooking kings as well as the cooking queens Margie Brock and Donna St Pierre for the amazing baked beans and coleslaw. We could not have executed this event if it were not for all the hard work conducted by our local NJROTC. These kids worked tirelessly to ensure everyone that purchased a ticket was fed and the hall was clean after the event. Mike Burke and Paul Kraehling did an awesome job working the door for us. I also want to mention the North Fork Roadhouse and their donation to the Post of \$267.00. They did what they could to support Americanism during the time when we lost Service Members to a suicide bomber in Afghanistan during the evacuation. They setup a table at the restaurant in honor of the fallen and raised funds that they gave to the Legion. It is wonderful when members of our community pull together to support Americanism and honor those that serve in uniform. Speaking of honoring those in uniform, we will be conducting our annual Veterans Day ceremony on November 11th at 11AM sharp. We will be adding to our celebration of Veterans by planting a sapling from a 9/11 tree located at the 9/11 memorial in NYC. New life is continually growing from the events of 9/11 despite the aims of terrorist to disrupt and destroy America. You will soon notice that we are removing three trees from the property. The one little one in the front will be replaced by the 9/11 tree and the two large trees in the side yard will be removed for safety as they begin to get old and threaten the building. It is our goal to make some changes to this space by removing the dumpsters to the side of the building and opening up that space for a future outdoor pavilion. We hope to construct a pavilion so that we may conduct outside activities and receive shelter from the sun after our



9/11 Sapling

annual Memorial and 4th of July parades. We are receiving several new estimates to replace the roof at the Legion. We were informed by one roofer that some of the Legion roof is in good shape and does not need to be replaced right now. We may draw back from replacing the entire roof and just replace the portion that needs it most. This may free us up funds to concentrate on other projects like getting our bathrooms renovated or building the pavilion. As we move into December, we look forward to breaking bread together at the Pot Luck Christmas party planned for Friday the 17th. Come on down with a dish to share with the rest of the gang. We also will conduct our 2022

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★ ★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★ ★

REST IN PEACE

On 9/7/21 **Floyd R. Vail** passed at the age of 94. An obituary was posted in the October edition of The Reporter. On October 1st, an American Legion Wake Service was conducted at the DeFreist-Grattan Funeral Home in Mattituck. Special thanks to the members of our Funeral Detail who attended and Bob DeVito who filled in for me as Post Chaplain.



Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplain*

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"The nation doesn't simply need what we have. It needs what we are." - St. Teresia Benedicta

Commander's Report Continued



Chicken BBQ

planning meeting on Wednesday the 8th of December to chart out all of our activities and goals for the new year. Remember to checkout our new Legion Facebook page for updates to events and bands coming to play at the Post. Thank You Rose Anasagasti for taking the lead on creating this page and updating the events.

For God and Country,
 God Bless,
 Charles J. Sanders,
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★ ★ VETERANS BENEFITS "CORNER"

"Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." – Ben Franklin

THIS MONTH: As Ben Franklin pointed out, the fundamentals of planning for one's demise should be expected, fortunately, the VA provides Veterans with their own "VA Survivors and Burial Benefits Kit"
<https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/docs/VASurvivorsKit.pdf>

We never want to burden our loved ones, so planning ahead, and filing forms **NOW** can ease the burden on our beloved. If you haven't already taken advantage of pre-need planning, fill out and file:

VA Form 40-10007: PRE-NEED BURIAL PLANNING (to include supporting documentation e.g. DD Form 214), to determine and receive your letter confirming eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery.

Also consider collecting and retaining important papers in one place to help your loved ones, when most needed. Below are some important forms that can be prepared and kept safe now:

- **DD Form 214: Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty**
- **VA Form 40-1330: CLAIM FOR STANDARD GOVERNMENT HEADSTONE OR MARKER**
- **VA Form 40-1330M: CLAIM FOR GOVERNMENT MEDALLION FOR PLACEMENT IN PRIVATE CEMETERY**
- **VA Form 40-0247: PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORM**
- **VA Form 27-2008: APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES FLAG FOR BURIAL PURPOSES**
- **VA Form 21P-530: APPLICATION FOR BURIAL BENEFITS**
- **VA Form 10-5345a: INDIVIDUALS' REQUEST FOR A COPY OF THEIR OWN HEALTH INFORMATION***

(*Fax 631.754.7972 or Mail to Department of Veterans Affairs, 79 Middleville Rd, Northport, NY 11768)

Until next month!

David Chiaro – keyarrow@hotmail.com

★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

With November comes Veterans Day, a time to show our appreciation to all who have served our country in the military. Each year Post 803 conducts a ceremony on November 11th at 11:00AM. All are welcome to come to the Legion to take part in this moving event.

On Sunday, November 7th, the Legion Auxiliary will begin again our traditional Holiday Craft Fair. At this writing we have more than twenty vendors, selling handcrafted items, jewelry, art, baked goods, soaps, duck carvings, tie dye, Christmas decorations, toys and so much more! We will also be selling our famous chili dogs! Join us on November 7th between 10:00AM and 3:00PM and purchase all your gifts locally. Avoid all the crazy supply chain issues and get wonderful quality merchandise right at home! And don't forget our raffle basket and 50/50 raffle as well!

We recently held two "You Are Not Alone" events at Post 803 for those with family members deployed. Lots of interest has been generated for these supportive meetings, but we may move to a more convenient time and day in the future to attract more participation. Stay tuned!

I would like to send out a big thank you to Earl and his Bingo crew! These Legion members work tirelessly every week to help sustain the Legion and to help all the players have a good time. Bingo is a fun daytime activity, especially as the weather cools and we look for indoor social opportunities. Chairs are a few feet apart from each other so everyone has plenty of personal space. I urge you to join in on Tuesdays at 12:00PM when the doors open for Bingo!

Our meeting this month will be held on Wednesday, November 10th at 7:00PM. See you there!

Joan Cochran, *President*

★ ★ MEMBERSHIP ★ ★



Post Status: We currently have 95/198 (48%) paid up members for 2022. We stand at 193/207 (93.24%) paid up members for 2021. If your current membership card has a date of 2021, send in your dues for 2022.

New Members: Are always welcome, 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 our Post.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

★ ★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★ ★



Sons of the Legion welcomes new member, Arthur Picchione. Welcome! As we roll into November take a moment to think about all who have served. November 11th is Veterans Day. The Post will host a ceremony at 11 AM followed by brunch. Come join us and honor our veterans. Election Day is also upon us so let's get out and vote. Local elections are very important as they set the foundation of the direction of our country. As of late there has been a show of anti-American sentiment in the media. We stand on the shoulders of our veterans who fought and died for this great country. Always respect our flag and stand for the pledge. I leave you with this thought by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both."

Gary Iorio, *SAL Commander*



Southold American Legion -
Griswold Terry Glover Post 803



Join our new Southold American Legion
Griswold Terry Glover Post 803 Page.

Keep up with events & activities and support your local Legion.
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Visit Facebook for updates on the next band playing at the Legion!

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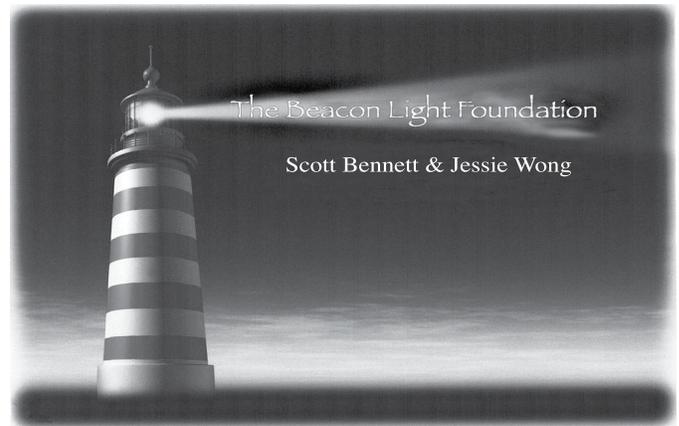
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**NOVEMBER 11TH
STARTING AT 11AM**

**OUR ANNUAL CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE
THE PLANTING OF OUR MEMORIAL 9/11 TREE.**

**AFTER THE CEREMONY THE SOUTHOLD
ROTARY CLUB WILL BE PROVIDING A BRUNCH
FOR VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES.**



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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. ~~State Entrance Steps Repaired or Replaced~~
Thank You Joe St. Pierre
6. LED Motion Lights with Cameras Installed Outside
7. Go-Fund-Me Page Established
8. ~~Bileo Door Painted~~
Thank You Joe St. Pierre
9. ~~Flag Box Painted~~
Thank You Cub Scouts
10. Bar Ceiling Painted and Paneling painted or Removed
11. ~~Total of 13 Paid Ads in the Reporter~~
Thank You Carl Deliteris for Hitting the Pavement!

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

VOLUNTEER CORNER

- We need someone to help Jan sell Queen of Hearts tickets when he is not available or when we have large events. Please contact Jan at 914.213.8467
- We need a new ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) Officer for the Post. If you want to help the Legion but you just don't have time to come to all the meetings and volunteer for big events then this job is perfect for you.
- 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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In honor of Veterans Day, I will take a pause from writing about American History in general and focus on Veterans Day itself.

Veterans Day is our opportunity to celebrate the sacrifices our Veterans have made for our country. Here is a side-by-side comparison of information that I published in our 2018 Reporter compared to the updated information for 2021. Information for this article came from the following website:
<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/veterans-day-facts>

2018	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16.1 million living veterans served during at least one war. • 5.2 million veterans served in peacetime. • 2 million veterans are women. • 7 million veterans served during the Vietnam War. • 5.5 million veterans served during the Persian Gulf War. • Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II, about 558,000 are still alive. • 2 million veterans served during the Korean War. • 6 million veterans served in peacetime. • As of 2014, 2.9 million veterans received compensation for service-connected disabilities. • As of 2014, 3 states have more than 1 million veterans among their population: California (1.8 million), Florida (1.6 million) and Texas (1.7 million). • The VA health care system had 54 hospitals in 1930, since then it has expanded to include 171 medical centers; more than 350 outpatient, community, and outreach clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35 live-in care facilities for injured or disabled vets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18.2 million living veterans served during at least one war as of 2018.* • 9 percent of veterans are women. • 7 million veterans served during the Vietnam War. • 3 million veterans have served in support of the War on Terrorism. • Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II, about 325,000 were still alive as of 2020. • 2 million veterans served during the Korean War. • As of 2019, the top three states with the highest percentage of Veterans were Virginia, Wyoming, and Alaska. <p>*This number was not updated when I published the information in our 2018 issue of the Reporter</p>

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- 11/02 Tue. Local Election PLEASE VOTE
- 11/05 Fri. Mystery Band Coming & Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
- 11/07 Sun. Craft Fair 10AM to 3PM
- 11/09 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM
- 11/11 Thur. Veterans Day Ceremony
10:30AM Arrive • Ceremony 11AM
- 11/11 Thur. Brunch Provided by Southold Rotary After Ceremony
- 11/12 Fri. Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
- 11/19 Fri. Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
- 11/26 Fri. Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
- 12/03 Fri. Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
- 12/08 Wed. Annual Legion Planning Meeting
Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:00PM
- 12/08 Fri. Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
- 12/10 Fri. Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
- 12/14 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM
- 12/17 Fri. Christmas Pot Luck
& Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM



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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 ★ ★

- Commander - Gary Iorio
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- 2nd Vice - Michael Anasagasti
- Adjutant - Brian Hughes
- Treasurer - Brian Hughes
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- Chaplain - Daniel Kaelin
- Historian - Douglas Kalvns

★ ★ AUXILIARY OFFICERS ★ ★

- President - Joan Cochran
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