



# THE REPORTER

## GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

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### COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

I would like to start off by welcoming the DeFriest-Grattan funeral home to our family of ad sponsors. I also need to make a correction on last month's new ad. I said we need to welcome Full-Service Marina to our family but I meant to say Port of Egypt a Full-Service Marina. Welcome to both of our new sponsor families. This is just an example of being way too busy to get everything right. Along those lines I need to say it has been a pleasure being the commander of Post 803. I have learned so much these past 6+ years and I'm proud to have witnessed our members and the community coming together to support Veteran causes. December 31st will be my last



day as Commander and Historian. The American Legion is an all-volunteer organization and it is amazing how many members dedicate their personal time and energy to contribute for others. We are looking for a new commander to take over the helm but until then, the members will run the Post as a Team. If you would like to support the Legion in 2023 then please come to our 2023 planning meeting here at the Legion on November 16th at 6PM. We will plan out the New Year and choose what projects to focus on and what direction the Post is to go into the future. We will provide a catered meal for this meeting so come on down with an empty stomach. I have transitioned to a new position in the Army National Guard and will need more time to dedicate to it and a myriad of other responsibilities in 2023. It is time to take a break from the Legion even though doing so will be very difficult for me. I hope over these past years I have fulfilled the requirements of command. It has been a pleasure.

Our Veterans Day ceremony is Friday, November 11th at 11AM sharp. Please come before 11AM so we may start the ceremony right on time. During the ceremony we will add George Sullivan and Cuppy Horton to our 9/11 memorial sign for future pavers. Long Island Cares organization will also be on hand with a table to address any questions Veterans may have regarding their organization and their programs. After the ceremony is complete, all Veterans, SAL, Auxiliary and spouses are invited to a brunch provided by the Southold Rotary Club. We will also be handing out our annual awards to members for their great contributions to the Post. On December 16th we will celebrate Christmas for Legion members, SAL, Auxiliary and their spouses with a Pot Luck Christmas Party. The bar will be open at 6:30PM and we hope to start digging in around 7PM.

Last month we accomplished quite a bit for the Post. The roof repair and gutter work was completed so we may proceed with interior work without fear of a leaky roof damaging our progress. Dr. John Pitman was kind enough to build a cabinet to house our new automated external defibrillator (AED) to help keep our members and guests safe in case of an emergency. We also executed our annual chicken BBQ. Joe St. Pierre was not only instrumental in supervising the roof work but he was our Senior Chef cooking away all the chickens we enjoyed. Donna St. Pierre and Margie Brock whipped up our sides and so many more volunteered to help. You can see them in all the pictures that follow this article. I must say thank you to the NJROTC's that supported us. The majority of the NJROTC were away at a leadership event but those that made it to the Post worked tirelessly to make sure it was a success.

#### THE QUEEN IS BACK & JACKPOT IS \$3,120!



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 ★ ★

Hello Legion Family:

*This article is derived from the following website: <https://www.military.com/veterans-day/history-of-veterans-day.html>.*

### ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on Nov. 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, Nov. 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans. In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress -- at the urging of veterans service organizations -- amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniform Holiday Monday Act ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971. Finally on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law that returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on Nov. 11.

### CELEBRATING THE VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY

If the Nov. 11 holiday falls on a non-workday -- Saturday or Sunday -- the holiday is observed by the federal government on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday). Federal government closings are established by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. State and local government closings are determined locally, and non-government businesses can close or remain open as they see fit, regardless of federal, state or local government operation determinations. United States Senate Resolution 143, which was passed on Aug. 4, 2001, designated the week of Nov. 11 through Nov. 17, 2001, as "National Veterans Awareness Week." The resolution calls for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

### THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VETERANS DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day honors service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day, but the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military -- in wartime or peacetime.

Charles J. Sanders,  
Post 803 Commander & Historian

## ★ ★ VETERANS BENEFITS "CORNER" ★ ★

### VETS BENEFITS POISED FOR BIGGEST COST OF LIVING BOOST IN 40 YEARS

Veterans could see their benefits boosted by the biggest margin in four decades after Congress on Thursday, September 22, 2022, finalized plans to guarantee that veterans' checks see the same cost-of-living boost as Social Security payouts.

Federal officials aren't expected to announce the Social Security benefits adjustment until mid-October. Earlier this week, the nonprofit Senior Citizens League predicted a cost-of-living increase of about 8.7% for 2023, based on inflation data through the first eight months of the year.

If that estimate is correct, it would be the highest annual increase since 1981. The 2022 cost-of-living adjustment was 5.9%.

By David Chiaro, [keyarrow@hotmail.com](mailto:keyarrow@hotmail.com)

## ★ ★ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ★ ★

For those of you who have a family member who is suffering from an illness or affliction please remember them in your prayers.  
"Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands, We place our sick and afflicted under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again, Above all grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us." - Amen

Jeff Chagnon, Post Chaplain

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## ★ ★ MEMBERSHIP ★ ★



**Post Status:** We currently have **187/205 (91.2%)** paid up members for 2022. If you have 2021 on your current membership ID you probably need to pay your 2022 dues. The Post is at **103/194 (53%)** paid up members for 2023. Please send in your dues for 2023 at your convenience. I am slowly mastering the new computer based system for managing membership and additional lead time is a good thing.

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

**Ladies Auxiliary:** Attn: Membership Donna St Pierre **Sons of Legion:** Attn: Membership 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. All membership correspondence should be sent to Post 803, Attn. Membership, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971.

If you play BINGO come by the Post on Tuesdays at 12 Noon.

Thanks for supporting Post 803

Bob Cochran, Membership Chairman • 631.765.5828

## ★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

**November is here along with three very meaningful days for our Legion family.** Voting is our civic duty and responsibility on Election Day. Veterans Day is when we show our appreciation for all those who have served our country in the military- part of our American Legion Auxiliary mission. Please consider attending the Veterans Day Ceremony here at Post 803 on November 11th at 11:11AM. Thanksgiving Day is a time to share a meal with family and be grateful to God. Those facing challenges with food prices will be happy to know that thanks to the efforts of Joan Cear and the Auxiliary, the Long Island Cares organization is reaching out to North Fork veterans. A representative will be on hand on Veterans Day to answer your questions about their programs for veterans, including food pantries, Care Coordination and VetsWork.

We also look forward to our Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday, November 6th from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. The Legion Hall will be filled with vendors selling art, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, soap, beach glass and handcrafted items which make wonderful gifts. Come down and join us! Admission is free and there will be hot dogs and chili available for sale.

The Legion Chicken BBQ served up a wonderful meal! Thanks go to Donna and her Auxiliary committee for preparing the beans and helping out. The Legion Golf Outing was a great time for all who participated and worked so hard to make it a success.

The Auxiliary would like to thank Peconic Landing for donating various signs to the Post during the Great Give Back to the community. We appreciate their support!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 9th at 7:00PM. New members are always welcome. If you are a spouse, daughter, granddaughter, mother, grandmother, or sister of a Legion member or of a deceased veteran, or if you are a female Veteran, contact us for an application.

Joan Cochran, President

## ★ ★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★ ★



As I write this column Veterans Days is upon us, so I leave you with a quote from Rear Admiral Jeremiah A. Denton USN Ret. who spent over 7 years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam and who endured endless torture in a North Vietnam POW camp. As the enemy attempted to use this tortured soldier in a propaganda film, he was able to blink morse code with his eyes T-O-R-T-U-R-E ! this was confirmation to military intelligence that our American POWs were being tortured.

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to demonstrate. it is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allow the protester to burn the flag."

Gary Iorio, SAL Commander

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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: Thank you Joe St. Pierre~~
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 Not Cost Effective~~
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 Ty Cochran  
Thank you Dr. John Pitman for building the cabinet~~
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 Not Cost Effective~~
19. ~~Organize Kitchen Cabinets and Re Stock Salt/Pepper and Other Items for 2022: Project Manager  
Needed but Will Work with Jan Powers Thank You WRF Volunteers and Auxiliary!~~
20. ~~New Reusable Patriotic Table Centerpieces for Events (20 Needed): Thank You Auxiliary!~~
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 —

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 9/11 Memorial Tree Pavers</li> <li>2. Renovation of 2nd Floor</li> <li>3. Emergency Exit for 2nd Floor</li> <li>4. Bar Makeover</li> <li>5. <del>Point of Sale (POS) System for the Bar<br/>Not Cost Effective</del></li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Bathrooms Renovation (Handicap Accessible)</li> <li>7. Basement Walls Coating for<br/>Brick Deterioration Mitigation</li> <li>8. Pavilion</li> <li>9. Exterior of Post Painted/Stained</li> </ol> |
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## VOLUNTEER CORNER

- New Legion Commander Needed
- Someone to help prepare the Reporter each month for publication working with Ink Spot
- Historian to write columns in the Reporter
- Hall Rental Coordinator to work with Sandra Kollen on hall rentals
- Contact Charles if you are interested  
631.702.3083



## MISSING!

Be on the lookout for this golf cover lost during the American Legion Golf Classic! If you find it please call the Post and leave a message.  
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**NO EXECUTIVE AND BUSINESS MEETING IN NOVEMBER:  
ONLY 2023 PLANNING MEETING**

11/04 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
11/08 Tues.	Election Day: Please Vote!
11/09 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
11/11 Fri.	Veterans Day: Ceremony Begins at 11:00AM
11/11 Fri.	Brunch Provided by Rotary after Ceremony with Bar Available
11/11 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
11/16 Wed.	2023 Planning Meeting 6:00PM
11/18 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
11/25 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
12/02 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
12/09 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
12/13 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
12/16 Fri.	Christmas Pot Luck for Members: Bar is Open 6:30PM, 7PM Eat



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 Adjutant - David DeFriest  
 Finance Officer - Jim Cowan  
 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  
 Sergeant at Arms - Jonathan Bitner  
 Chaplain - Daniel Kaelin  
 Historian - Douglas Kalvns

★ ★ AUXILIARY OFFICERS ★ ★

President - Joan Cochran  
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