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# THE REPORTER

## GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

OCTOBER 2021

### ★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

We had one event packed September for sure. I would like to thank all the volunteers that came out to support the Walk4Valor and Run4Life event on September 18th. The NJROTC students came out in force as did our own Legionnaires. The 22-mile walk ended up being 24 miles and everyone that walked all 24-miles were exhausted when they crossed the finish line. The Legion Golf Classic was just a short while after this event and it was a smashing success. We experienced fantastic weather and a wonderful turnout. This event is one of our most important fundraising events as it supports our student scholarship program and this year, we are also contributing funds toward our goal to replace the entire roof of the Legion. If we are able to get this done then we may be confident in our future interior work. It is always wise to make sure the roof is tight so that any interior work does not get damaged by leaks. As I write this, we are preparing for the annual chicken BBQ on Saturday, October 2nd. Moving into November the Auxiliary will hold their annual craft fair on Sunday the 7th and then we will conduct the Veterans Day ceremony at 11AM, Thursday the 11th. We also look forward to a wonderful brunch provided by Southold Rotary Club after the ceremony for Veterans and their spouses. There will not be a Veterans dinner dance this year but we hope to have one in 2022.



For God and Country,  
God Bless,  
Charles J. Sanders,  
Post 803 Commander  
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### ★ ★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★ ★

#### REST IN PEACE

Our dear friend and comrade **Floyd R. Vail**, who served in the US Army during World War II, passed on September 7th at the age of 97. He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Audrey Reinhart. Floyd was a lifetime resident of the Northfork. He had four children, seven grandchildren and five great-grand children. Floyd was a Past Commander at our Post. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Parish and he served on the Sacred Heart School Board. He served on the local district committee of The Boy Scouts of America, he was a trustee for the Mattituck Laurel Library and he was a past president of The Mattituck Community Fund.

On behalf of The American Legion it is our honor to thank Floyd R. Vail for his exemplary and dedicated service to our country, his community and his family. He is a true American hero. May his soul rest in peace.



Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplin*  
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*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." - Matthew 5:9*



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★★ VETERANS BENEFITS "CORNER" ★★

BY DAVID A. CHIARO / keyarrow@hotmail.com

As a new member joining Southold American Legion Post No. 803 from Nassau Post 1050, my first September meeting reminded me of my days in the military, filled with purpose, direction and the comradery only found within the military culture. After initially meeting and exchanging pleasantries with several members of Post 803, Post Commander Charles Sanders determined that my background and experience might prove useful as the new *Veterans Benefits Officer* for Post 803; so here it is, the first *NEW* "Veterans Benefits Corner".

Fortunately, having just completed multiple weekly presentations at the 106th Rescue Wing Westhampton as a Veterans Business Advisor for TAP (*Transition Assistance Program*), I was fortunate to meet several key individuals that work at the VA, or at satellite offices, who can be very helpful and utilized to research and find answers directly related to *YOUR* Veteran Benefits questions or concerns.

If you have not visited the VA website recently, the best place to start is "*VA Welcome Kit*".

[https://www.va.gov/welcome-kit/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=VAntage?](https://www.va.gov/welcome-kit/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VAntage?)

**THIS MONTH:** Speaking with my VA contact, a topic considered extremely important, is the new "presumptions" for "Agent Orange" and "Burn Pit Exposures" this includes an upcoming informational virtual seminar(s) on **September 30, 2021, 1330 -1500 hrs ET:**

**I would like to hear from you:** Each month I would like to address a subject of concern or general interest to the Membership, a Member or a Member's family member...email me.

What would you like to know related to Veteran's Benefits?

Until next month!

## ★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

**Fall is welcome this year after our hot summer! Cool crisp air is on the way so go out and enjoy it!**

Sadly, our long time and beloved member Daphne Horton passed away in September at the age of ninety-nine. Daphne was very dedicated to the Auxiliary and will always hold a special place in our hearts. She loved to don the uniform and wave her American flag to one and all during the annual parades. We will miss her smile and her great insights and advice. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.



We are currently working on two projects. As I write this, we have had many responses from families of deployed military to attend our "You're Not Alone" event, a gathering for support, conversation and refreshments scheduled for September 26th. We hope to continue this regularly in the months ahead, giving families an opportunity to meet others in the same circumstances. Next up is our Holiday Craft Fair to be held on Sunday November 7th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This event has generated some excitement as we all wish to get back to some fun activities. Shoppers will be able to find handicrafts, jewelry, artwork, baked goods and lots of gift ideas. Vendor applications are coming in now and it's shaping up to be a great day! Mark your calendars! The Annual Legion Car Show was a great success! A big thank you goes to Denise and her committee for a job well done! Thank you to everyone who helped out, participated and attended. As always, we appreciate all the support from the community. The Legion demonstrated flag folding instructions at the Car Show thanks to Carl Deliteris and his helpers. Great job, Carl! The flag sales also proved to be a popular idea, giving us all an easy and convenient place to purchase American flags.

As the election season approaches let us pay attention to good policies rather than get caught up in personalities. And fly the American flag proudly as it stands for each and every one of us! Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 13th at 7:00pm. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Joan Cochran, *President*

## ★ ★ MEMBERSHIP ★ ★



### Membership for the August 2021 Reporter

**Post Status:** We currently have 77/197 (39.1%) paid up members for 2022.

We stand at 193/207 (93.24%) paid up members for 2021. For those of you who renew their membership's Electronically "on line" please be patient. I will forward your Membership ID's once the Department of NY provides Post 803 with the list of names.

**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.

Regards to all, God Bless America.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

## ★ ★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★ ★



**October is here and that brings us to some more great events. Come on down to the chicken BBQ Saturday Oct 2nd.** See ad in this newsletter for details. Jan has also planned for a band Friday Oct 22 bar night. Music by "Sahara" will make for an enjoyable night. This is only the second time we have had a Friday night band and the first time was a big success. As always if you know of veteran that is need of help please reach out. I leave you with a quote from President Teddy Roosevelt. *"No nation can permanently retain free government unless it can retain a high average of citizenship."*

Gary Iorio,  
*SAL Commander*

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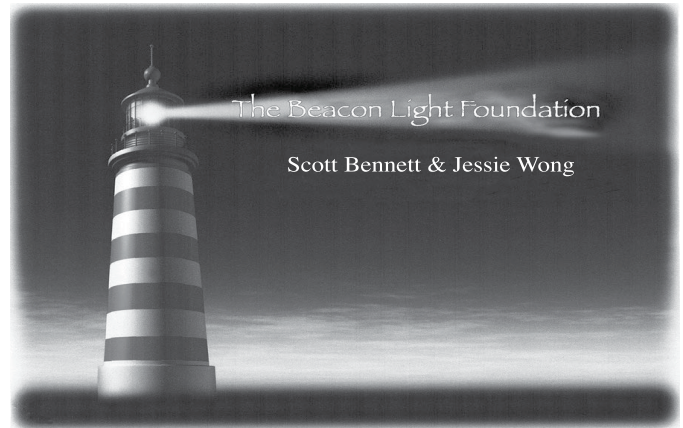
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You can purchase tickets in person by contacting  
our Queen of Hearts Chairman Jan Powers  
at **914.213.8467** or email **GalaxyFCC@gmail.com**

**\$10 for  
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**THE SAHARA BAND**  
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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 are looking for help with the following:

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR on November 7th

Need someone to take on the SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Queen of Heart Ticket Sales Assistant

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In the last *Reporter* our journey into American history addressed how the Pilgrims were able to come to America and by what authority they did so. We also addressed the similarities between the Taliban's occupation of Afghanistan and every other group's occupation of land throughout history in light of the Pilgrims pursuits in America. Power and negotiation ultimately determine who possesses land but how power is wielded makes a huge difference in how people perceive the legitimacy of possession.

When the Pilgrims arrived in what would become known as Cape Cod, they did not land with a powerful army bent on subjugating the native population but rather with the goal of establishing their own colony for their posterity. When they arrived, they were not in the best state as William Bradford explains, "But here I cannot but make a pause, and stand half amazed at this poor people's present condition; and so I think will the reader, too, when he considers it well. Having thus passed the vast ocean, and that sea of troubles before while they were making their preparations, they now had no friends to welcome them, nor inns to entertain and refresh their weather-beaten bodies, nor houses-much less towns-to repair to."<sup>1</sup> Not only were they exhausted from their journey but the only food they had was the limited supply remaining on the ship. They also arrive in the worst possible time of the year and it happens to be around the corner for us. They arrived on the 11th of November and for those of us that live on the East Coast we know how quickly November transitions into December with bitter cold results.

This is what faced the Pilgrims as they ventured to explore Cape Cod. On November 15th 1620 sixteen under the leadership of Captain Standish took a shallop to shore and began to survey the environment. They saw about five or six people with a dog on shore but never made contact with them. On another trip Bradford describes coming upon the habitat of two Indians, "They also found two of the Indians' houses covered with mats, and some of their implements in them; but the people had run away and could not be seen. They also found more corn, and beans of various colors. These they brought away, intending to give them full satisfaction when they should meet with any of them, -as about six months afterwards they did."<sup>2</sup> The full account of their exploration can be found in reading William Bradford's account in *Of Plymouth Plantation* but one important encounter with one Native American would change Cape Cod forever. Bradford states, "About the 16th of March a certain Indian came boldly among them, and spoke to them in broken English...His name was Samoset."<sup>3</sup> Samoset introduced them to their great Sachem Massasoit who in turn they made peace with and these are the terms of their first agreement:

1. That neither he nor any of his, should injure or harm any of their people.
2. That if any of his did and harm to any of theirs, he should send the offender, that they might punish him.
3. That if anything were taken away from any of theirs, he should cause it to be restored and they should do the like to his.
4. If any made unjust war against him, they would aid him; if any made war against them, he should aid them.
5. He should send to his neighboring confederates, to certify them of this, that they might not wrong them, but might be likewise comprised in the conditions of peace.
6. That when their men came to them, they should leave their bows and arrows behind them.<sup>4</sup>

The key to this story is the fact that the Pilgrims did not come ashore with the intent to destroy the native population but they explored and over time were able to establish a relationship and alliance with one segment of the native population. The key to this first treaty is point number 4 where the Pilgrims agree to assist Massasoit and his people if they are attacked by another force. That other force that Massasoit was worried about was not other Englishmen but other natives. This points to the fact that North America was not inhabited by a harmonious group of Native Americans but like all other continents North America had its troubles too. In the next instalment we will discuss what this means to the future of North America.

Charles J. Sanders, Post 803 Commander & Historian

<sup>1</sup> William Bradford, "Of Plymouth Plantation." Dover Publications, INC., Mineola, NY (2006) 43.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., 45. <sup>3</sup>Ibid., 51. <sup>4</sup>Ibid., 52.

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10/01 Fri.	Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
10/02 Sat.	Annual Chicken BBQ: 4PM - 7PM
10/08 Fri.	Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
10/12 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM - CHANGE
10/13 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
10/15 Fri.	Sons of the Legion Meeting: Bar 6PM • Meeting 6:30PM
10/15 Fri.	Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
10/22 Fri.	Cruise Night/Queen of Hearts Drawing/THE SAHARA BAND: 6PM
10/29 Fri.	Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
11/02 Tue.	Local Election PLEASE VOTE
11/05 Fri.	Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
11/07 Sun.	Craft Fair
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



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