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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

September was a very busy month. I would like to welcome Full Service Marina to our new *Reporter* Sponsors. Welcome to the Legion Family! The Legion successfully supported the Walk4Valor and accomplished another Annual Golf Classic. There are so many folks to thank so I'm going to list some that I did not get pictures of and the rest we can see below. I have to say thank you big time to the North Fork Fire Departments and especially Southold Fire Department for hosting us at the end of the Walk4Valor and providing us an awesome BBQ. They also displayed the huge United States Flag outside for us as well. The Goldsmith family provided an impromptu water point for us at their Boat



Shop. You will be amazed to know that Richard Brewster who descends from the Brewster family as in the Mayflower walked 20+ miles at 80+ years of age! Amazing family back in 1620 and still amazing in 2022!

As for the Golf Classic, I need to thank all our Sponsors. I can't mention all of you but thank you to the team at Kolb Mechanical, DeFriest Gratton, Tom Uhlinger, Mattituck Environmental, Jessie and Scott Bennett, Sannino Vinyard, Al Kropp and so many more. Forgive me if you are reading this and I failed to mention you. I would like to thank Bob Bittner for all of his tremendous work keeping track of the Sponsors, handling all the accounting and much more. Thank you, Bob! Earl Brock and his check-in raffle crew were fantastic to include Ray Terry, Jim Maino, Bill Egan, John Foster. Neil Rochford as always runs around doing whatever it takes and trying desperately to avoid having someone take his picture. Thank all of you that came out to golf. Here are some pictures for you too.

We still have two more busy months of activities for the Post to include our annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday the 8th. You can call our reservation line at 631-407-5555 and make a reservation and we will call you back. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event you may give me a call. The Auxiliary Holiday Fair is on Sunday, November 6th so this is your opportunity to get some of your Christmas shopping done early and support the Post. We will again celebrate our Veterans on November 11th with the ceremony starting promptly on the 11th Month, 11th Day, and the 11th Hour. "On this day, at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ends. At 5 a.m. that morning, Germany, bereft of manpower and supplies and faced with imminent invasion, signed an armistice agreement with the Allies in a railroad car outside Compiegne, France. The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded, with Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, France, and Great Britain each losing nearly a million or more lives. In addition, at least five million civilians died from disease, starvation, or exposure." This quote is from the following website: <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/11-418-video> Let's NEVER FORGET our Veterans.

For God and Country, God Bless,

Charles J. Sanders, *Post 803 Commander*

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Walk4Valor



★ Richard Brewster ★
20+ miles
80+ years of age

Annual Golf Classic

Volunteers



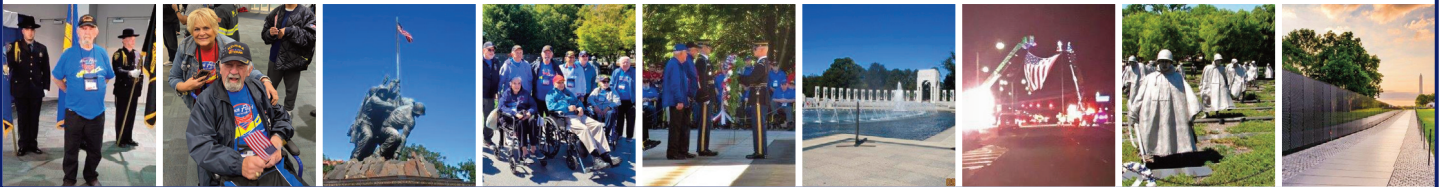
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★ ★ HISTORIAN ★ ★

Hello Legion Family:

Remembering all that our Veterans have done for us is very important if we desire to honor them and inculcate in our youth a sense of obligation to the State and Nation. This column is dedicated to our Korean War Veterans. Recently after returning home from an Army school in Idaho my last leg of my trip was out of the Baltimore airport. It happened to be the same time that one of our members John Foster was returning as a participant in an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Honor flight's mission states, "The mission of Honor Flight is to celebrate America's Veterans by inviting them to share in a day of honor at our Nation's memorials." Their vision states, "A Nation where all of America's Veterans experience the honor, gratitude, and community of support they deserve." You can go to honorflight.org to learn more and if you're a Veteran you may apply online to become a participant and visit D.C. at no cost. I have to tell you that the Honor Flight team succeeded in fulfilling their vision and mission with John Foster as he could not stop expressing how much fun he had while we flew back to Islip. He was also sitting with Jane Koropsak his dedicated tour guide. Honor Flight makes sure that each Veteran is provided a guide to help them through the whole day. This is an awesome organization that absolutely fulfills these two Legion's Pillars, Americanism, Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation.

Charles J. Sanders,
Post 803 Commander & Historian



★ ★ VETERANS BENEFITS "CORNER" ★ ★

FIND OUT HOW TO APPLY FOR VA HEALTH CARE BENEFITS AS A VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER

HOW DO I PREPARE BEFORE I START MY APPLICATION?

Find out if you're eligible for VA health care benefits : www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/ Gather the information listed below that you'll need to fill out an Application for Health Benefits VA Form 10-10EZ: www.va.gov/find-forms/about-form-10-10ez/

YOU'LL NEED THIS INFORMATION:

- Social Security numbers for you, your spouse, and your qualified dependents. Your military discharge papers (DD214 or other separation documents)
- Insurance card information for all insurance companies that cover you, including any coverage provided through a spouse or significant other. This includes Medicare, private insurance, or insurance from your employer.
- Gross household income from the previous calendar year for you, your spouse, and your dependents. This includes income from a job and any other sources. Gross household income is your income before taxes and any other deductions.
- Your deductible expenses for the past year. These include certain health care and education costs.

Note: You don't have to tell about your income and expenses when you apply. But if you're not eligible based on other factors, VA needs this information to decide on your application.

HOW DO I APPLY?

You can apply online right now: www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/

You can also apply in any of these 4 ways

> **OPTION 1: APPLY BY PHONE.** Call our toll-free hotline at 877-222-8387, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET to get help with your application.

> **OPTION 2: APPLY BY MAIL.** Fill out an Application for Health Benefits (VA Form 10-10EZ).

Get VA Form 10-10EZ to download www.va.gov/find-forms/about-form-10-10ez/

You or someone acting as your power of attorney must sign and date the form. And:

- If you're using a power of attorney, you'll need to submit a copy of the Power of Attorney form along with your application.
- If you sign with an "X," 2 people you know must witness your signature. They'll also need to sign and print their names on the form.

SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION HERE:

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> **OPTION 3: APPLY IN PERSON**

Fill out an Application for Health Benefits (VA Form 10-10EZ). Get VA Form 10-10EZ to download: www.va.gov/find-forms/about-form-10-10ez/

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- If you're using a power of attorney, you'll need to submit a copy of the Power of Attorney form along with your application.
- If you sign with an "X," 2 people you know must witness your signature. They'll also need to sign and print their names on the form. Go to your nearest VA medical center or clinic. Bring a signed Application for Health Benefits (VA Form 10-10EZ) with you.

> OPTION 4: APPLY WITH THE HELP OF A TRAINED PROFESSIONAL

You can work with a trained professional called an accredited representative to get help applying for health care benefits. Get help filing your claim - www.va.gov/disability/get-help-filing-claim/

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY? www.va.gov/health-care/after-you-apply/

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE VA TO MAKE A DECISION?

Less than 1 week: If more than a week has passed since your application and you haven't heard back, please don't apply again. Call toll-free hotline at 877-222-8387, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET.

By David Chiaro, keyarrow@hotmail.com

★ ★ MEMBERSHIP ★ ★



Post Status: We currently have 187/205 (91.2%) paid up members for 2022. The Department of New York sent down a list of 13 Post 803 Paid Up For Life (PUFL) members who should have received their Membership I.D. cards in September for membership year 2023. The additional PUFL tally puts the Post at 102/193 (52.8%) paid up members for 2023. October is a good month to send in your dues to before the upcoming holiday season.

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: o 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.

Thanks for supporting Post 803

Bob Cochran, Membership Chairman • 631.765.5828

★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

October is here - one of the nicest times of the year on the North Fork! Crisp, cool air is on the way! This is the month we prepare for our upcoming Holiday Craft Fair, which will be held on Sunday, November 6th. The hall will be filled with vendors selling wonderful items ideal for gift giving. We will have tasty chili and hot dogs available for sale as well. Mark your calendars now and join us on November 6th!

At our last meeting we welcomed Michael Haynes from L.I. Cares by Zoom. We had many questions about their programs for Veterans. Besides their food bank they also do Community Outreach, Care Coordination, Mobile Pantry, and a VetsWork program. Mr Haynes was very informative. We hope to establish a rapport and help L.I. Cares reach out to our area.

Congratulations to Commander Sanders on a job well done with the Walk4Valor. The group of walkers had a great send-off at Post 803 on Saturday morning. Many walked a portion of the route and some completed the entire walk to Orient and back! The event raised funds to help reduce suicide among Veterans, and brings attention to this issue. Let's throw down a challenge to get even more involved next year, as this will be an annual event!

The next Legion event is the Chicken BBQ on October 8th. Donna and Margie will be helping with the sides, which are always delicious! Mark your calendars!

Remember Election Day is coming up on Tuesday, November 8th. Now is the time to prepare - find out where your polling place is, check when early voting is available, and get an absentee ballot if you need one. Voting is part of our civic duty! Former President Dwight Eisenhower once said, "The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter." And Thomas Jefferson said, "We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday October 12th at 7:00PM.

Joan Cochran, President

★ ★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★ ★



In these uncertain times, when it seems like the country is being led by the media - no one feels good about the direction we are heading. I have two suggestions to make you feel better about our country. First, get out and vote, and second come on down to any of the American Legion events and lend a hand. You will meet some great folks who understand patriotism! I leave you with a quote from President Teddy Roosevelt.

"The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life."

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: Project Manager Needed (Estimates already complete)
5. ~~Paint Both Exterior Entrances: Project Manager is Boy Scout Leadership Not Cost Effective~~
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
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 -

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
Not Cost Effective~~
6. Bathrooms Renovation (Handicap Accessible)
7. Basement Walls Coating for
Brick Deterioration Mitigation
8. Pavilion
9. Exterior of Post Painted/Stained

VOLUNTEER CORNER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HELP WITH CHICKEN BBQ.
CALL OR TEXT CHARLES 631-702-3083

★ ★ 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

Special thanks to Dave Chiaro, Joe Best, Bob DeVito and Charles Sanders for marching with the Color Guard at the maritime festival.

Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplain*

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★★ OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2022 ★★

10/07 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
10/08 Sat.	Chicken BBQ 4:PM to 7PM
10/12 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
10/14 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
MEETING DATE CHANGE OCTOBER	
10/18 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
10/21 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
10/28 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30PM and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
Legion Executive Meeting is on the 1st of Nov due to Election Day	
11/01 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM
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 11:11AM
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



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- Commander - Charles J. Sanders
- 1st Vice Commander - Jeff Chagnon
- 2nd Vice Commander - Vacant
- Past Commander - Earl Brock
- 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
- 1st Vice - Rich Feely
- 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
- Vice Pres - Denise Thilberg
- Treasurer - Margie Brock
- Recording Sec., - Priscilla Devine

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

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