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THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

SEPTEMBER 2021



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

I'm excited to announce that we have a volunteer to take on the duty as the Post Treasurer. I want to thank Mort Kelly for all of his incredible work and welcome onto the team Jim Cowan. We were not able to vote for our Post Officers because so many of our current officers were away that evening. We will be voting on September 14th at 7:30PM during our regular meeting. We have a couple of big events coming up in September. We have the Walk4Valor event that the Legion is supporting on Saturday, September 18. You will see



the letter that I wrote to the *Suffolk Times* attached to this *Reporter* and the flyer for the event. I hope you will support this event in some manner given the current state of affairs in Afghanistan. We have the golf classic on Monday, September 27th at Islands End Golf course and on Saturday, October 2nd we have our annual chicken BBQ. All of these events are vital for the future success of the Post. Without the funds that these events generate the Post could not stay in business. As you can see, we are attempting to raise funds to ensure the future of this Post by focusing on the replacement of our roof. If we are successful in raising funds to replace our roof, we can then turn our attention to the interior renovations to include two new bathrooms. The Post serves this community in so many ways. Please consider a donation to our building fund to ensure the Post 803 may continue the mission of fulfilling the Four Pillars of the American Legion. I would like to end with good news regarding a donation to the Post of a sapling that came from an acorn that was picked up from one of the Swamp White Oaks at the 911 memorial in NYC. The Legion plans on taking possession of this sapling and planting it in an honorable spot on the Post grounds. The place and time of this planting is TBD. Keep an eye out in the *Reporter* for future details but take a look at the picture provided in this issue.

★★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★★

REST IN PEACE

Our dear friend and comrade **William A. Riedell** Passed on August 6th in Lake Park, Florida at the age of 87. Bill served as an Ordinance Officer in the US Navy for thirty-one years where he attained the rank of Captain. Bill was an active member of our Post for many years who was always there for us when we needed him. He was a member of our Color Guard who marched with us and carried a rifle up to the age of 84. When Bill attended his last meeting at the Post before leaving for Florida, he made it a point to personally thank each and every one of us for our service and what it meant to him. He was truly a kind and generous man.

On behalf of The American Legion, we thank William A. Riedell for his service to his country, his community and his family. Bill was a true American hero. May his soul rest in peace.

Correction - In the August edition of *The Reporter* I reported the passing of **George J. Baldwin**. In my report I indicated the he was survived by his wife, Muriel. That was incorrect. Muriel passed away many years ago. He was survived by his second wife, Peggy. I sincerely apologize to Peggy for this error.



Jeff Chagnon, *Post Chaplin*

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"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests, but each of you to the interests of others." - Philippians 2:3-4



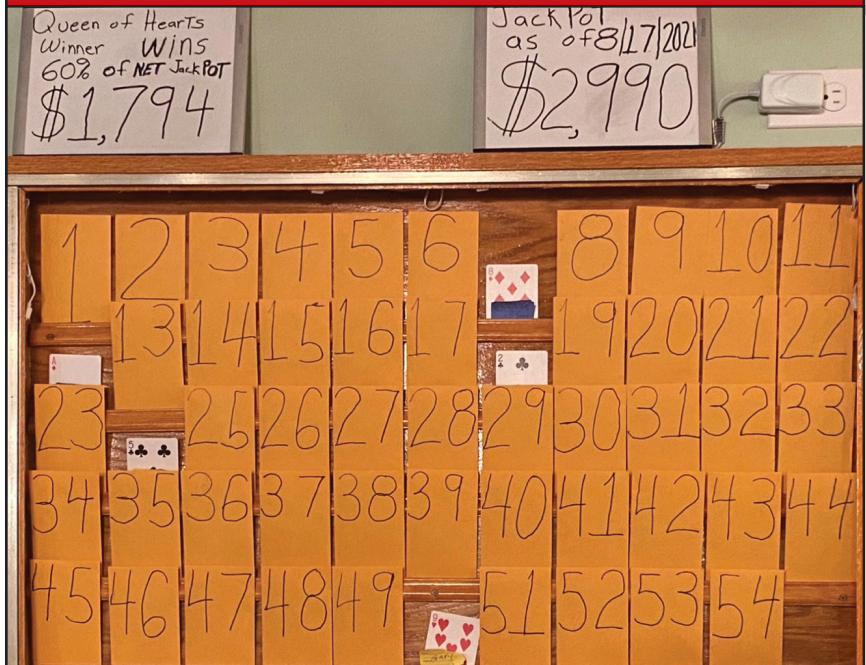
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2021 QUEEN OF HEARTS GAME

We now have a brand new Queen of Hearts game going now that Mr. Heins took home the big win. Jan Powers is still our chairman and the game still consist of 52 shuffled playing cards plus two jokers. Each card is randomly sealed inside an envelope that is numbered 1 to 54 and displayed in the locked glass class as shown in the picture below. Players write one of these numbers from the unopened envelopes on each of their Queen of Hearts tickets (\$10.00 for 3 tickets). Please refer to our Reporter for exact dates of each drawing. A ticket will be drawn randomly from a large see-through bin and the envelope that corresponds with the number on that ticket will be opened to reveal the card inside. If the Queen of Hearts card is chosen the ticket holder wins 60% of the jackpot for that drawing. If the Queen of Hearts is not chosen, the game continues until the following month and the funds roll over into the next drawing and more tickets will be sold building up the pot. All the official rules will be posted in the Legion bar and the card display case and tumbler are located in the bar locked until the drawing.

For God and Country,
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★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

September is here and fall is on the way. Our thoughts and prayers are with all our active military as they deal with the confusion in Afghanistan.

At this writing we are still preparing for the Annual Legion Car Show. It's a great day of fun and this year the Auxiliary is planning to assist the Legion with their flag sales. Now more than ever is a great time to hoist our flag, as a patriotic gesture representing not only liberty and justice for all but unity as well. Just as the words of the Star-Spangled Banner tell the story of the flag continuing to wave above the battle raging around it, let's keep the flag waving above all of today's controversies. The American flag represents all the citizens of the United States, no matter their political leanings. It stands for our nation's independence and our individual liberty, and represents all those who have died for our country. Let's continue to give it the respect it deserves.

We look forward to the Annual Golf Classic coming up this month, the Chicken BBQ in October and the Auxiliary's Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday November 7th. Mark your calendars! We plan to have flags available for sale at the Fair and you can contact Commander Sanders to get flags as well. And don't forget Bingo every Tuesday! Earl and his committee do a great job and a good time is had by all!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday September 8th. I look forward to good attendance now that summer vacations are winding down. As always we welcome new members!

Joan Cochran,
President

★ ★ MEMBERSHIP ★ ★



Membership for the August 2021 Reporter

Post Status: We are off to a good start with 60/197 (30.5%) paid up members for 2022.

We stand at 193/207 (93.24%) paid up members for 2021. The Post membership committee is currently issuing ID cards for both 2021 and 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, SAL Commander.

Post 803 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.

Warmest regards to all Veterans and their families.

Bob Cochran,
Membership Chairman,
631.765.5828

★ ★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★ ★



Legion Sons welcomes new member Denis Noncarrow to our ranks.

As I write the September column, I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. Our big event this month is the Legion Golf outing on September 27th so come on down. Golf, lend a hand, or just come for the dinner. It is a great event and a lot of fun. We are also working on a Legion tashirt which we hope will be available for our SAL fundraiser.

On a more serious note, this is a difficult time for our returning veterans and all who have served. To our veterans who served in Afghanistan: "You kept terrorism at bay for 20 years." you helped make the USA a safer place."

We thank you and salute you. God Bless the USA.

If you know of a veteran in need of help please reach out to us so we can assist in any way

Gary Iorio,
SAL Commander

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

to man checkpoints for walkers.

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VETERANS A DAY DIE BY SUICIDE



SATURDAY SEPT 18 2021

WALK4VALOR OR RUN4LIFE

AMERICAN LEGION POST 803 TO GRUMMAN MEMORIAL PARK, CALVERTON AND VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, WADING RIVER, NY.

JOIN NYARNG MAJOR CHARLES J. SANDERS AND U.S. MARINE CORPS MAJOR CHAD LENNON AS THEY CARRY 22 POUNDS FOR 22 MILES FOR THE 22 VETERANS LOST EACH DAY OR RUN A 5K COURSE ON THE SAFE, FLAT AND PAVED VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL TRAIL.



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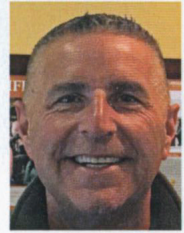


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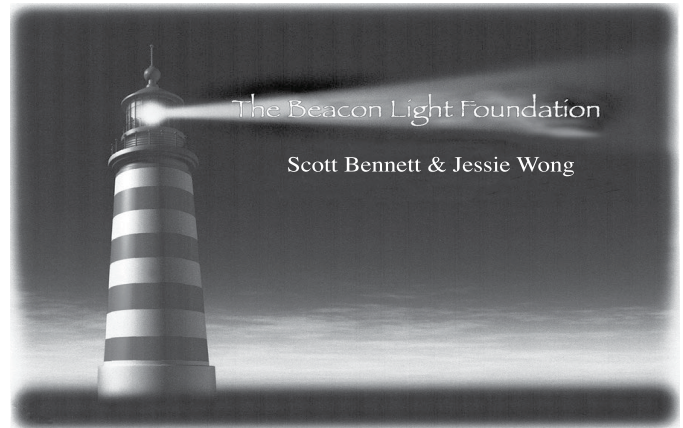
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2021 GOALS

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:

GOLF CLASSIC on Monday, September 27th

Chicken BBQ Saturday, October 2nd

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SOUTHOLD, NEW YORK

Let's play no part in the blame game. The bottom line is Afghanistan is now overrun by the Taliban and countless Afghan citizens fear for their lives. Can you imagine what it would take for you to cling onto a moving C17 taxiing for takeoff and then grasp even harder as that plane lifts into the air knowing you will likely fall to your death? I would now ask you to imagine what it is like for Veterans who have served in Afghanistan and for the families of Service Members who have lost a son or daughter in Afghanistan to see the news coverage? All of us seek some type of meaning in the activities we engage.

There is no difference for Veterans. They want their service to matter. They want their service to mean something. Every Service Member who deployed to Afghanistan should be proud of their duty regardless of the current state of affairs in Afghanistan. They had the courage to serve their country and risk their lives and for some paid the ultimate sacrifice. Sadly, these images may make some feel their service and sacrifice were meaningless. A sense of meaningless can lead to depression and depression potentially can lead to suicide. Before these events transpired the Griswold-Terry-Glover American Legion Post 803 committed to support the Bob Feller Act of Valor Foundation to bring awareness and to help stamp out Veteran suicide.

One of the Four Pillars of the American Legion is Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation. We are calling on you to help support the Walk4Valor (22-mile walk) or Run4Life (5K Run) events on Saturday, September 18th. I will be participating in the walk that will start at the American Legion at 8AM and concluding at the Grumman Memorial Park in Calverton. You may participate in-person or virtually. If you would like to support or participate in any of these events please go to the following website: www.actofvaloraward.org Blaming is effortless but taking action to support your Veterans can actually make a difference.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Sanders

Post 803 Commander

In the last *Reporter* our journey into American history left off with a series of questions relating to the actions the Pilgrims took upon arriving in what would become known as North America. New developments in the Middle East will cause those questions to be addressed in the next column. An important issue to look into is, by what “authority” did the Pilgrims appeal to for “permission” to come to North America? What were the “rules” of travel the Pilgrims and other people followed to travel in the early 1600’s? Today we look at things quite differently. We are governed by a totally different set of “rules” and regulations that restrict or grant permission to travel. If you want to depart the United States today and visit another country you have to have a passport and at times a visa. If you want to get to another country you have the option to drive if there are shared borders, fly or take a ship if crossing the oceans are necessary. All of these options come with a set of regulations and costs associated with them. For example, if you want to fly to another country you will likely take an aircraft that is owned by a company with the primary purpose of making money by providing a service to the public. You probably don’t even think twice about purchasing a ticket on an airplane because it is a common way of operating in the 21st Century.

In the 1600’s Europeans functioned under a different system but there were similarities. In order for anyone to travel across the sea they had only one option and that was by ship. Unless one was independently wealthy and able to afford purchasing, equipping, and sailing a ship on one’s own the individual had to purchase passage. These ships were often part of a company in the form of a semi-joint stock company, full joint stock company, or a voluntary association company. The bottom line with these companies is the pooling of funds by individuals with the hope to make money similarly to our major airlines today. So, who granted these companies in the 1600’s permission to form and travel around the world?

Answering this question gets a little tricky but to keep things simple during the time of the Pilgrims Europe consisted of a collage of Kingdoms all vying for power and treasure. Simply put the European powers of the 1600’s England, France, and Spain sent out explorers that claimed land for each power. Once these lands were “discovered” by these various powers they claimed them in the name of their monarchs. Moving forward the English crown like all other powers sought benefit from these claimed lands and encouraged colonization to do so. Some may now ask the question, “Who said they have the right to do this?” The answer to this question is simple, “power.” Right now we are all witnessing the Taliban take over Afghanistan. We can ask the same question, “Who said they have the right to do this?” Again, the answer is, “power.” There is no “right” that the Taliban can appeal to in order to justify their taking over Afghanistan unless as stated in past issues of this column, the Taliban appeals to a “higher power.” (This they are doing but that discussion is for another day)

You might ask, “Commander! What does the Taliban have to do with the Pilgrims?” The answer to this lies in the actions of the Taliban. The Taliban’s use of force is a 21st Century example of what has been going on in history since the beginning of time. A group of individuals came together to possess land for their own set of purposes. The difference between the Taliban and the Pilgrims is the method they are using to take possession of land. The same goes for the people we now call, Native Americans. Native Americans may not have had the same European understanding of land ownership and possession but they surely did have an understanding of territory as it relates to use of the land.

The problem arises in lumping all the various Indian tribes into the nice neat title of Native Americans. It makes one think that all the Indians that lived in North America were a unified happy family that uniformly treated each other with respect and honor but this is untrue and too simplistic. It also leads to the false claim that the Europeans simply took the lands that the Native Americans “rightly” possessed and “owned.” The Native Americans possessed the same fundamental characteristic of the Europeans and the Taliban. They are humans that have formed a collective group seeking out what they view is good for their group. The question we will address in the next column is what methods did they use to get what they wanted for their group?

Charles J. Sanders, Post 803 Commander & Historian

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09/03 Fri.	Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
09/07 Tues.	Golf Meeting: 4:10PM
09/10 Fri.	Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
09/14 Tues.	Golf Meeting Before the Legion meeting: 5:30PM
09/14 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
09/17 Fri.	Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
09/18 Sat.	Walk4Valor: 22mile walk or virtual starts 8:00AM at Legion
09/21 Tues.	Golf Meeting: 4:10PM
09/24 Fri.	Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
09/27 Mon.	Annual Golf Classic Islands End check-in 10AM
10/01 Fri.	Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
10/02 Sat.	Annual Chicken BBQ: 4PM-7PM
10/05 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM CHANGE
10/08 Fri.	Cruise Night and Queen of Hearts Drawing: 6PM
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



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