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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

AUGUST 2017

Commander's Report



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

I would first like to thank Coster-Heppner Funeral Home for becoming the first business to respond to our call for advertisement. They not only were the first to respond but they took two ad spaces out of the eight that we have planned. If we

are able to fill the other six at \$600.00 per year then we are able to cover the cost of printing and distributing the Reporter for every month in a calendar year. This is a great savings toward reducing our operating costs and will help us allocate more funds toward needed building projects. I'm also excited to report that we have four new members that joined the Post in July. Please read Don's report for details on membership. The Sons of the American Legion are off to a great start as Greg Dickerson has agreed to become the new Commander. Recently their number has dramatically grown and Greg will host his first SAL meeting on Friday the 25th of August at 6PM. I have to say thank you to Jim and Joe Best for all of their hard work keeping the SAL going. They are both extremely busy men and have done so much for the Post. They are not departing the ranks of the SAL but will continue to contribute as they have for many years. The month of August is going to be another busy one for us. We have the Annual Car show on Sunday the 27th of August. I encourage Legionnaires and SAL members to heed Denise & EJ's call for help to make this fundraiser a success. Take a look at the information below this article for details on the Car Show and other upcoming events.

Our future is looking bright!
For God and Country, Sincerely,

Charles J. Sanders
Post 803
Commander
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Chaplain's Report

Sick Call:

Rest in Peace – Joseph Grohoski a World War II veteran and longtime Cutchogue volunteer fire-fighter.

Sick Call - Daniel McConlogue is still resting at home.

Please keep our sick and departed in your prayers.
Love is the beauty of the soul - St. Augustine

Jeff Chagnon, Chaplain

Legion Auxiliary Post 803

The Installation of Officers was held in June and was sponsored by the Shelter Island Auxiliary. Two carloads of Southold Auxiliary members traveled over by ferry for the event. Shelter Island really went out of their way to make us feel welcomed. The meeting was casual, food was great and we met some really nice women. I for one am planning to go back in the fall for their Friday night dinners.

Our annual yard sale, held on July 8th, was a marvelous success! Foot traffic was high and the vendors were happy with the day's sales. For the 1st time the Auxiliary had their tables set up in doors. Great call ladies! Not only did we sell 90 hotdogs before 12:30, we also offered homemade egg and tuna salad. Thanks to all who donated items for the Auxiliary yard sale. We were able to sell some good pieces from our tables. Special thanks to Joe St. Pierre, Earl Brock, Bob Cochran, John Christina and Gregg Johns for help with setup and takedown. Thanks to the Auxiliary members who gave their time and home baked goods for the event. It was great to see you Diane!

Our next event will be the Car Show run by Denise Thilberg and EJ Flynn on Sunday, August 27th from 9am to 3pm. Denise and EJ need help to hang posters, sell 50/50's and on the day of the event

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Tuesday 8 August 2017 Executive and Business Meeting Bar

The bar will open at 6:30PM and the meeting will begin at 7:30PM. You don't have to be a member of the executive board to attend this meeting. This is your opportunity to learn about what the Post is doing and how you may get involved. Food will be served at the end of the meeting.

Friday 25 August 2017 Sons of the Legion Meeting

The new Commander Greg Dickerson will host his first SAL meeting at 6PM at the Post. The bar will be available after the meeting so all may enjoy a drink. This is a great opportunity for new members to learn about the Sons and Post 803.

Sunday 27 August 2017 Annual Car Show 9AM to 3PM

As usual there is a food truck, a band and vendors. By having the food truck it cuts down on our workload, but we still have tasks that need to be handled:

- hanging posters in the weeks before the show
- pre sell 50/50 chances
- handling the donations at the 3 gates
- registering the cars
- directing the cars where to park
- selling chances and raffles that day
- having fun etc...

REMEMBER "MANY HANDS MAKES LIGHT WORK"

We need volunteers and supporters. Even if you only have an hour or two. We will take it. Please contact either EJ Flynn (631)680-5855 or Denise Thilberg (631)466-2527.

Keep in mind that all proceeds from this event go to the preservation of our post. This year the monies will be earmarked to help pay for the new heating system that we need. Thank you, Denise & EJ.

Building Projects

We are still plugging away on our 2017 goals. If you would like to contribute to any of our building projects please feel free to reach out to the Commander or Joe St Pierre 516-398-0065.

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show up for light and fun work. Please call Denise @ 631-466-2527 or EJ @ 631-680-5855 if you would like to participate.

November will be a busy month for the Auxiliary. The Craft Fair will be held on Sunday, November 5th and the Veteran's Dinner Dance on Saturday the 11th. We've booked the same band STUDIO G along with Ammirati's of Love Lane Caterers. Everyone had a great time last year so mark your calendars! Enjoy the rest of the summer! We hope to see you at the Car Show!

2017 GOALS

1. New Heating Units **Getting Estimates**
2. Fix the steps and handrails for both of our entrances.
3. Develop a cost estimate for each of our building projects. **In Progress**
4. Heating Units. **Getting Bids**
5. Complete restoration of Commander's office. **100% Complete**
6. Update bathroom in Sons of the American Legion room. **SAL Project**
7. Increase Legion member participation by 20%.
8. Install new batteries and PA system in new golf cart. **100% Complete**
9. Change hardware on front door.
10. Create an email contact list. **In Progress**
11. Clean and inventory Color Guard weapons. **50% Complete**
12. Paint the Post interior entrance and hall.
13. Update parking lot lighting. **80% Complete**
14. New Visitor logbook to capture information on those that visit the post. **100% Complete**

LONG TERM GOALS

1. Renovation of Entire 2nd Floor excluding the Son's Bar Room.
2. Emergency Exit for 2nd Floor.
3. New Roof where required.
4. Kitchen Makeover Walls and Floor.
5. Bar Makeover
6. New Interior Staircase to 2nd Floor.
7. Bathroom Renovation Male and Female Main Hall.
8. Bathroom Renovation 2nd Floor SAL Project

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*CW2 Jeffrey T. Heppner
Active Duty, Fort Drum, NY*

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*Show your
support
and
volunteer!*

Call EJ Flynn:
631-680-5855
or Denise Thilberg:
631-466-2527



American Legion Annual Chicken BBQ

September 16, 2017 • 4PM - 7PM

Takeout Available • Advanced Ticket Sales Available

\$25.00 per ticket

Includes the Following:

- 1 Beer or Soda
- ½ Chicken
- Roasted Potatoes
- Baked Beans
- Coleslaw

Mail your check or call:
Attn. Earl Brock
American Legion Post 803
P.O. Box 591
Southold, NY 11971
631-765-1357



Historian

I have one more paper to write in order to officially receive my Master of Arts in History from Norwich University. I chose to cover the very early stages of the Cold War and a pivotal choice that President Harry S. Truman had to make. Over the next few months I will share with you what I'm writing and learning. Here is an introduction to start our historical journey together:

Helmstedt-Marienborn border crossing was a demarcation line between the British and Soviet occupation zones in Germany. This border crossing was established in 1945 but in less than three years it became the backdrop of the Cold War. On June 24, 1948 the Soviet Military Administration (SMA) stopped all rail traffic at Marienborn. This action was one of many that the Soviets executed in order to block Western access to Berlin. These blocking actions presented President Harry S. Truman with a dilemma unlike any he had previously faced as President. He could use Allied combat forces to break the blockade and risk war, he could choose some form of diplomatic means to re-establish freedom of maneuver or he could capitulate and allow the Soviets full control of Berlin.

What do you think you would do in this situation? What factors would you need to consider before responding to the Soviets? Did you know that Germany was divided into zones after the WWII and Berlin the capital was divided into sections too? Did you know that Berlin was entirely surrounded by the Soviet zone and the British, U.S. and French sections in Berlin were accessed by rail, road, and air but only by going through the Soviet zone? Why was this?

Until next time.
Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders
Historian

Membership

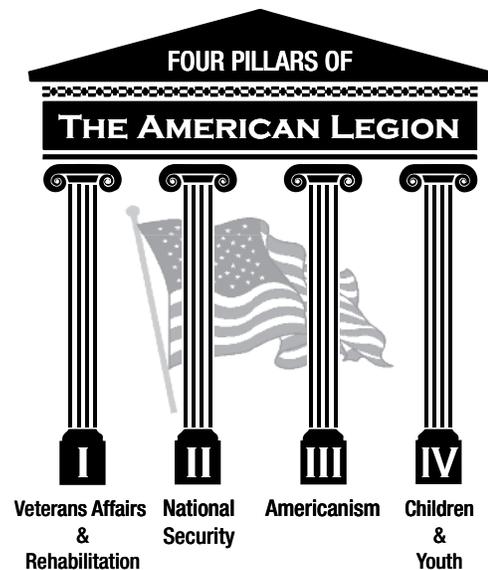
Congratulations to David DeFriest. He was the first to pay his 2018 dues on July 4, 2017. We have 65 renewals to date including 4 new members. They are Walter J. Strohmeier Jr., Dana Quinn, Alina Lan Ta, and Michael Rebutisch. Please welcome them at our August meeting. Keep the dues coming.

Don Wagner, Chairman



Son's of the Legion

The Sons of the American Legion has a new commander. Greg Dickerson will take command at his first official meeting on Friday the 25th of August. Please come out to the Post at 6PM to learn more about the future of the Sons. Greg will hold an introductory meeting and then the Legion bar will be open to enjoy some spirits. You will be receiving a letter in the mail with renewal information for 2018. Everyone is receiving an application in the mail in case you have not filled one out or sent in information on your family member that served in the Armed Forces during authorized periods. The Sons of the American Legion is a vital part of Post 803 and the Son's membership is growing. We have a bright future at Post 803 so please come and be a part of it. We have to thank Joe and Jim Best for all their hard work over the years. They are not leaving the Sons but they will continue to contribute as they have always done. Joe and Jim thank you for your service to the Post!



Post Officers

Commander- Charles J. Sanders
1st Vice Commander - Jeff Chagnon
Past Commader - Earl Brock
Adjutant - David DeFriest
Finance Officer - Mort Kelly
Finance Assistant - Raymond Terry
Sergeant at Arms - Neil Rochford
Chaplain - Jeff Chagnon
Post Service Officer - Robert Neville
Post Historian - Charles J. Sanders
SAL Adjutant - Jim Best
Membership Chair - Don Wagner

2017 Calendar of Events

Coming Attractions

- 8/8 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting Bar Open 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 8/25 Fri. Sons of the Legion meeting at 6PM Bar to Follow after Meeting
- 8/27 Sun. Car Show 9AM to 3PM
- 9/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting Bar Open 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 9/16 Sat. Annual American Legion Chicken BBQ
- 9/26 Tues. September Dinner Social Bar Open 5:30 PM 6:30 PM Dinner Served
- 10/10 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting Bar Open 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 10/24 Tues. October Dinner Social Bar Open 5:30 PM 6:30 PM Dinner Served
- 11/5 Sun. Tentative Date for Auxiliary Craft Fair
- 11/10 Fri. Veteran's Day Ceremony: Time TBD
- 11/11 Sat. Veteran's Day Dinner Dance: Time TBD
- 11/14 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting Bar Open 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 12/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting Bar Open 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM



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