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THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

AUGUST 2019

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

Each month I mention how much progress we are making at Post 803. This is true but we are struggling with the need for more members to help support those members that always volunteer. We have over 200 members but only a handful are actively participating in the Post. I'm reaching out to all of you in hope that you will come out and volunteer for one of our events or take up a chairmanship to help relieve the burden from those that have been tirelessly working to keep the Post running. For example, our Color Guard volunteers are at a minimum and it is getting more difficult each year. I call upon our able-bodied Veterans to step up and take on this duty. If you can carry a flag or a rifle and don't have issues walking then I ask you to please volunteer to support the three times the Color Guard actually march and they are Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veteran's Day. This is how we ensure that Post 803 continues to defend Americanism in light of so much negative press about America's "Checkered Past!" Like I said last month in the historian's column, "America has always been great!" Yes! America as a country has made mistakes but so has every human on earth. How could we expect anything different from a country made up of imperfect humans? There is no other place on this planet better suited for the opportunity to overcome one's mistakes and succeed. An honest broad inquiry into America's short history will reveal this. If you believe this to be true and you want to ensure statements supporting Americanism continue then please volunteer at Post 803. Ok...ok... I'm stepping off my soapbox. Going forward I'm going to place a little ad in the Reporter with specific areas that we need volunteers. Please consider filling these positions. This month's ad is all about the Color Guard. On a different note, I have to say thank you for all the volunteers that participated in the Auxiliary Summer Fair and the Legion Breakfast. Joan and her team from the Auxiliary once again executed a great event. Jan Powers cooked up a fabulous breakfast and he was able

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

It has been a quiet month and there is not much to report, although there are two things I would like to mention. Firstly, if anyone is ill or in need of any possible help from the Post please call me at any time. Secondly, our Color Guard needs some volunteers. Take a look at the request from the Post Commander which is inside this bulletin. I have been a member of the color guard for sixteen years and I can tell you that it is a great honor to represent our Post and country by carrying our flag and honoring those who have died while in the service of the United States of America.

Jeff Chagnon - Post Chaplain
Hm. - 631-765-6077



*"Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called
the children of God."*

-Matthew 5:9

MEMBERSHIP

Attention All Members!

Post 803 is currently at 206/ 228 (90.4%) paid up members for 2019. We have 1/228 (00.44%) paid up members for 2020. Norman Wamback, U.S. Army from Riverhead, was the first to pay Post 803 dues for the year 2020. Please send your dues (\$50) for 2019 or 2020 to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971. Thanks for your support.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*



SONS OF THE LEGION

August is here already and we could use some helping hands at the Car Show on Sunday August 25th, please plan on attending this fundraiser event and supporting our American Legion. The next SAL meeting will be August 27th at 6pm in the SAL meeting room with the Legion Social to follow. We had a great time marching in the 4th of July Parade and hope to see some more support from the SAL members.

Sincerely, Joe Best, Sal Commander

COMMANDER'S REPORT

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to exceed last year's profit even though we didn't get the word out as much as we did previously. With this in mind we are looking for any Legionnaire or Friend of the Legion that is willing to be our public relations person. The main duty is to get the word out to the public about our events by contacting the local papers, posting on our Facebook page, adding information on our website and standing in front of the Post in a clown outfit jumping up and down...ah...ok that last part was an exaggeration unless you like clown outfits. If you would like this job then please feel free to email or call me. We have two major events in the next two months. The Legion Car show is on Sunday the 25th of August and the Chicken BBQ is on Saturday the 14th of September. All of these events could use volunteers... oh... I did it again...I got back on my soapbox. I think everyone gets my point. Bottom line we have a great organization and I look forward to more progress each month.

God Bless All of You.

Our future is looking bright and our 2018/2019 successes prove that our brilliance is sustained through combined effort!

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Commander*
Post 803
www.post803.com
gtgpost803@gmail.com
Post Number 631-765-2276



THE BAR IS OPEN
every Friday at 6:30 pm
until the crowd
goes home

TUESDAY 13 AUGUST 2019 EXECUTIVE AND BUSINESS MEETING 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 is served prior to the meeting at 6:30PM. Thank You Jan Powers for cooking!!!

**WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 2019 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM
NOTE DAY CHANGE!!!!**

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2019 VOLUNTEERS TO SETUP FOR CAR MEET AT THE POST 6 PM

**SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 2019 AMERICAN LEGION CAR SHOW
9AM-3PM**

TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2019 SONS OF THE LEGION MEETING
The bar will open at 6PM with dinner social after the meeting.

TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2019 DINNER SOCIAL 5:30PM Bar is open and 6:30PM dinner is served so that we may accommodate all please RSVP to the NEW POST RSVP LINE 631-407-5555 or new RSVP email: post803rsvp@gmail.com Cost \$10.00 Volunteers are needed at 4PM to setup for the event so come on down. **NOTE: This is our last social for the year**

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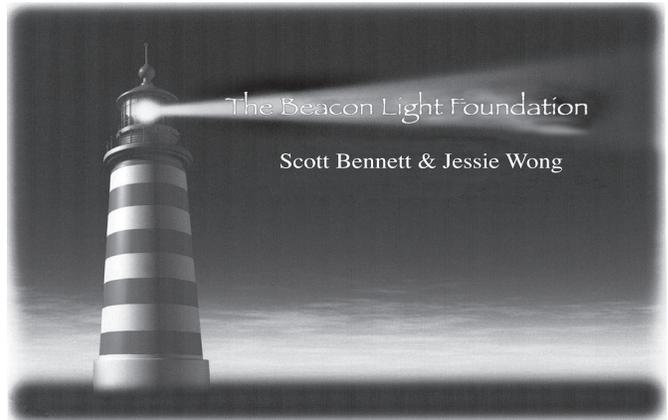
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**Monthly Social
Tuesday 27 August 2019**

5:30PM Bar open · 6:30PM dinner served

Please RSVP to the NEW POST RSVP LINE 631-407-5555 or our new RSVP email: post803rsvp@gmail.com We don't want to turn anyone away so please RSVP names of each person on your RSVP list. Don't just RSVP the number of people. We need names thank you so much. **NOTE: This is our last social for the year.**

Cost \$10.00

Volunteers are needed at 4PM to setup for the event so come on down.



On behalf of Griswold Terry Glover Post 803 I would like to take this opportunity to express our Thanks and gratitude to all the volunteers who helped make the 2019 Community Pancake Breakfast a success.

AMERICAN LEGION

Bob Cochran · Joan Cochran · Dave Defriest
EJ Flynn · Gary Herman · Chris Miller
Jose Perez · Charles Sanders · Joe St Pierre
Carol Terry · Denise Thilberg

NJRROTC AT SOUTHDOLD HIGH SCHOOL

William Grigonis · John Blasko · Matt Blasko
Ainsley Brewer · Sidney Brewer
Ryan Deerkoski · Jack Giovannello

I would especially like to Thank all of the people who came for breakfast and supported Griswold Terry Glover Post 803. I hope everything was up to the high standards you expect.

*Jan Powers
Breakfast Committee
Chairman*



**5TH ANNUAL GTG POST 803
CAR SHOW**



SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019 · 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\$20.00 Fee · Live Music · Food Trucks · Vendors · 50/50 Raffle

TASKS THAT NEED TO BE HANDLED:

watching the gates ♦ registering the cars
directing the cars where to park ♦ selling chances and raffles ♦ etc.

Remember that "Many Hands Make Light Work!"

VENDOR SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR \$30 PER SPACE PLEASE CALL 631-466-2527

We need volunteers and supporters ~ an hour or two would be great!

Hang posters in local stores · preselling 50/50's · setup · cleanup

CONTACT 631.680.5855 OR 631-466-2527

SOUTHOLD AMERICAN LEGION POST #803

AMERICAN

ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

LEGION

September 14 - 2019 · 4pm-7pm

Takeout Available - Advanced Ticket Sales Call 631.407.5555 - \$25 per ticket

Includes:

1 Beer or Soda, 1/2 Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert



Mail Your Check:

Attn. Jose Perez - American Legion Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971



SUPPORT FOR COLOR GUARD MEMBERS

Calling all members, we desperately need color guard volunteers! We will pay for your uniform and your only duty is to support the Memorial Day Parade, 4th of July Parade and our Veteran's Day Ceremony. If you are a member that never volunteers because you don't have the time I'm sure you can commit to just these three events or at least be on the roster with other members to ensure we have enough people for the parades. This is a great way for you to support the 3rd Pillar of the American Legion... **AMERICANIMS!**

If you are interested
please call
Jeff Chagnon
- Post Chaplain
Hm. 631-765-6077,
Cell 631-456-6077

HISTORIAN

We are quickly approaching the anniversary of 9/11. I will be giving a presentation on 9/11 again this year but the time and place has not been set; however, it will be on September 11th so look for an update in the September Reporter. Here is an article about Patriot Day derived from the following website: <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/patriot-day>

Observe Patriot Day:

On the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings in the whole world. The flag should be flown at half-staff as a mark of respect to those who died on September 11, 2001. Many people observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM (Eastern Daylight Time). This marks the time that the first plane flew into the World Trade Center. Some communities, particularly in the areas directly affected by the attacks, hold special church services or prayer meetings. People who personally experienced the events in 2001 or lost loved ones in them, may lay flowers or visit memorials.



Public Life:

Patriot Day is not a federal holiday and schools and businesses do not close. Public transit systems run on their regular schedules. Some people and organizations may take some time out to hold prayers for the victims of the attacks, but these do not usually affect public life for more than a few minutes.

About Patriot Day:

On September 11, 2001, four planes were hijacked. The hijackers then deliberately flew three of the planes into two important buildings, the Pentagon in Washington DC and the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. The fourth crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The loss of life and damage that these hijackings caused form the biggest act of terrorism ever on United States soil. Nearly 3000 people died in the attacks and the economic impact was immense. The attacks have greatly increased attention to national security in the United States. This has had huge implications for United States national and international

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LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

Our American Legion Auxiliary Summer Fair was a great success! Inside the hall every space was rented and we had a large number of vendors outside as well. Thankfully the weather held off and a good time was had by all! Our new children's craft table was a big hit - thanks Priscilla! It was a busy weekend and we had a nice crowd attend - the vendors were happy as was the committee. A big thank you goes to Donna St. Pierre and her Auxiliary team of hard working ladies! Many thanks also to Earl Brock, Joe St. Pierre, Ty Cochran, and Greg Johns (Auxiliary member's spouses) who were pivotal to our success, and also to EJ Flynn, Neil Rockford, Dave Defriest, Joe Monaco, Mort Kelly, and Commander Sanders for all their help. This event was another example of our great teamwork!

Congratulations to our baking contest winner, Laurie Sanders, who made some fantastic "star-spangled" cookies decorated in red, white and blue - great job! She is shown in the Reporter proudly wearing her prize of a patriotic apron. Laurie is the mother of 1st Lt. Sydney Sanders stationed in Texas who recently returned stateside from a deployment in Poland.



Remember our Legion Social on the fourth Tuesday of the month. There is a dedicated phone number for RSVPs. The Auxiliary enthusiastically hosted July's Social and look forward to more in the future.

Mark your calendars for the annual Legion Car Show on August 25th. Denise and EJ invite you to sign up for an hour or two manning one of the entrances. It's a great way to enjoy the Car Show and help out the Legion. Cars, food, music, vendors and raffles are all part of the fun!

At last month's meeting there was some discussion regarding the change of meeting night. After polling our members a decision will be made on whether to keep the change.

Enjoy your summer!

Joan Cochran, *President*

HISTORIAN

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politics. This is particularly true for the relationships between the United States and Islamic countries in the Middle East.

Symbols:

The most potent symbol of the events that happened on September 11, 2001 are pictures and videos of planes flying into buildings, of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center engulfed in smoke and later collapsing and of people falling from buildings. Pictures taken of damaged buildings and relatives looking for loved ones in the days and weeks after the attacks are also often shown. The flag of the United States is often displayed around images of the events on September 11, 2001. This is to remind Americans that their country remained strong in the face of massive terrorist attacks.

Patriot Day should not be confused with Patriot's Day, also known as Patriots Day, which commemorates the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, which were two of the earliest battles in the American Revolutionary War.

POST 803 LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OUR LONG-TERM GOALS & NEEDS

We will be installing a fundraiser thermometer in front of the Post to raise funds for the Legion to address our Long Term Goals. Eventually we need to address these needs because the Post is showing its age and there is no better way to do this than to increase our building funds so that we may accurately plan for the accomplishment of these goals. We are seeking your help to begin to address these issues and ensure the stability of the Post. We have been repairing the roof and bathroom issues for years but these small repairs will not last forever. If you are able to contribute financially or perhaps you have a construction company or construction skills and would like to assist us then please reach out to me or Joe St. Pierre our designated in-house construction expert. Call the post and leave a message for either one of us 631-765-2276.

- 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

2019 Goals

- ✓ **Raise \$20,000 for Building Projects Above Normal Fundraising**
- ✓ **Paint Main Hall**
- ✓ **Replace Broken Post 803 Decorative Light Fixture Front of Post** - Thank you to Joe St Pierre for installing the light fixture and Bill Kietsek for his donation and Bill Von Efff's donation of the emblem
- ✓ **New Permanent Sign in Front of Post**
Co-chair Denise Thilberg, E.J. Flynn & Bob Cochran
- ✓ **Purchase New Bar Stools and Tables for Bar**
Co-chair Denise Thilberg & Jim Best
Mission Accomplished! Thank you Bob Cochran for all your hard work on coordinating this!
- ✓ **Repair Brick Steps Emergency Exit and Front of Building** - Co-chair Joe St. Pierre & Michael Devine
- ✓ **Install New Soda Dispenser in Bar** - Bartenders agreed not to install soda dispenser at this time.
- ✓ **Install New Professional Coffee Maker in Kitchen**
Thank you to Chaplain Jeff Chagnon and our generous donors Doris Sherman, Paul Krieling, and Al Kropp
- ✓ **Repair or Replace Kitchen Stoves**
Stoves repaired! Thank you Joe St. Pierre and Jan Powers for coordinating this!

• Brass Memory Plates •

*I would like to purchase a brass plate
to help support the purchase
of new bar furniture.*

This brass plate is:

In honor of _____

or

In memory of _____

I'm including my check for \$100.00.

Sincerely: _____

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803 and mail to P.O.Box 591 Southold, NY 11971**

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 08/13 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 08/14 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM **NOTE DAY CHANGE!!!!**
- 08/23 Fri. Volunteers to help setup for Car Show
meet at the Post 6PM
- 08/25 Sun. American Legion Car Show: 9AM to 3PM
- 08/27 Tues. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM
Meeting 6:30PM Dinner Social to Follow
- 08/27 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM
- 09/10 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 09/11 Wed. Commander's 911 Presentation (Patriot's Day):
Time Location TBD
- 09/11 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:00PM
- 09/14 Sat. American Legion Annual Chicken BBQ: 4PM-7PM
- 09/NA . SAL Meeting: **NO MEETING in SEPTEMBER!!!**
- 09/23 Tues. Dinner Social: **NO MORE DINNER SOCIALS UNTIL 2020**



LEGION OFFICERS

Commander - Charles J. Sanders
1st Vice Commander - Jeff Chagnon
2nd Vice Commander- Jose Perez
Past Commander - Earl Brock
Adjutant - David DeFriest
Finance Officer - Mort Kelly
Finance Assistant - Raymond Terry
Sergeant at Arms - Neil Rochford
Chaplain - Jeff Chagnon
Post Historian - Charles J. Sanders
Membership Chair - Bob Cochran
Membership Assistant - Don Wagner

SAL OFFICERS

Commander - Joe Best
1st Vice - Gary Iorio
2nd Vice - Michael Anasagasti
Adjutant - Jim Best
Treasurer - Jim Best
Sergeant at Arms -
 Jonathan Bitner
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Historian- Douglas Kalunas

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