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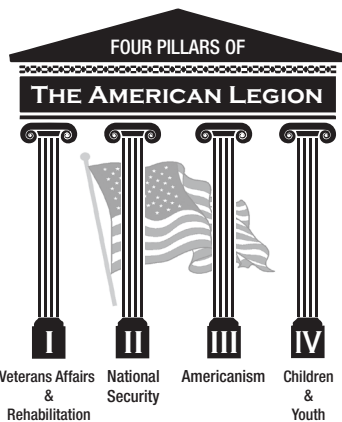
COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

I would like to thank Rich Mullen Jr. and family for their generous donation to the American Legion and their constant support. They are now a part of the sponsor section of the Reporter. We only have one more space available in the sponsor page

to fulfill our goal to fill up one full page of ads to help reduce the cost of producing our monthly newsletter. We have had one amazing year! Next month we will highlight our successes and discuss our 2018 goals. November was a very busy month. The Auxiliary held a successful craft fair and hosted the Veteran's Day dinner dance. The band was amazing and you know a party is a success when so many people stay longer even though the music has stopped. We have to thank the Auxiliary President Joan Cochran and her team of outstanding volunteers. Margie Brock and Donna St. Pierre were instrumental in the success of these events. Our Veteran's day ceremony was held on the 10th of November. We put this date on the calendar way in advance but didn't realize that we planned for the observation date and not the actual date of Veteran's day until it was too late to make the change. We still had a great turnout for the event despite the date and the cold weather. Next year we will make sure to hold the event on Veteran's day unless there is some sort of scheduling conflict. I want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I encourage everyone to come out and participate at the Post in December. We have another busy month



Commander's Report continues next page

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Rest in Peace -

James R. Wells passed on September 5, 2017. Jam Sick Call - Joe Stadler, a Vietnam Veteran is at Stony Brook where he is recovering from surgery. Keep him in your prayers. He can not take visitors at this time but you could send him a card at P.O.B 1439, Southold, NY 11971.

Rest in Peace - Harvey McMahon passed on October 22, 2017. An American Legion Wake service was conducted at the Coster-Hepner Funeral home which was well attended.

Jeff Chagnon - *Post Chaplin*
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“Hope is the virtue of a heart that does not close itself in darkness or remain locked in the past, but looks toward the future.”

~ Pope Francis

SON'S OF THE LEGION

The Sons of the American Legion is a patriotic service organization formed on September 12-15, 1932. The S.A.L. is made up of male descendants of people who served in the United States Armed Forces during times specified by Congress but did not serve themselves. Only males are eligible to join the S.A.L. Women of Veterans are eligible to join The Legion Auxiliary. You may also be a dual S.A.L. and Legionnaire member if you qualify as a regular Legion Member. We always have forms to sign you up and we hope to see you at our next meeting Jan 23rd at 6pm.

Greg Dickerson, *Commander*

Commander's Report continued from previous page but December is a time for us to fellowship together and relish in a successful 2017. Please come on down and lend a hand decking the hall with cheer on the 1st of December or lending your mind to our 5th of December planning meeting. Better yet come down to the Post with a dish on Saturday the 16th of December to contribute chow to fill the bellies of Legion members at our annual Post potluck Christmas party. Here are some pictures of our November events.

Our future is looking bright!

For God and Country

Sincerely,
 Charles J. Sanders, *Commander*
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FRIDAY 01 DECEMBER 2017 DECORATE LEGION FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY Volunteers needed to come help decorate the Legion Hall for our potluck Christmas party. Please arrive at 5PM and enjoy holiday music while we deck the hall out. The bar will be open at 6PM and food will be provided for all the volunteers.

TUESDAY 05 DECEMBER 2017 2018 PLANNING MEETING Come on down and give your input as we

plan our 2018 goals. We were very successful in 2017! The meeting will be held at 6:30PM and the bar will be open and food provided for those that attend.

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2017 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 will be served at the end of the meeting.

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2017 AUXILIARY MEETING The Auxiliary will meet in their room at 7PM.

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 2017 POST POTLUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY The Christmas party has been changed to this Saturday to accommodate more member participation. The festivities will begin at 6:30PM with libation at the bar and soon to follow the scrumptious food provided by all that attend. If you come as a couple please bring a main dish and side. If you're solo then any dish will be great. If you have any question feel free to call Joan Cochran at 631-765-1166.

LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

November was a busy month! Our Holiday Fair on Sunday November 5th was a great success with over 30 vendors. There were many beautiful items for sale and customers visited all day. Margie's chili was a big hit - especially the chili dogs! Thanks go to Denise for chairing another wonderful event! Special shout outs to Donna, Margie, Mimi, Harriet, Holly, Marlene, Ada, Charlotte, Daphne, Marie and Jill for baking, cooking, selling food and tickets and all you did to make our fair so nice! Thanks also to all the Legion members and Sons and significant others who help us set-up and clean up our events!

On November 10th we participated in the annual Veterans Day observance ceremony at the post. It was a very moving experience including members, guests and a large contingent of ROTC from our local schools.

The Auxiliary hosted the annual Veterans Day Dinner Dance on November 11th this year, a very fitting day to give thanks for the service of all our veterans and active military. Ammirati's served us a delicious meal and we had great music by Studio G. Thank you Margie for chairing another successful event and to all as above who gave so much of their time and talents during that especially busy week! Thank you Commander Sanders for providing us with pizza Friday night after set-up! We are planning to decorate for Christmas on Friday December 1st. Come join us!

Joan Cochran, *President*

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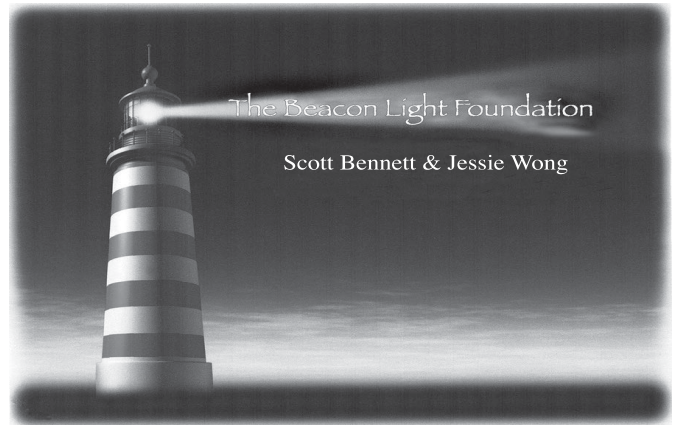
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LONG TERM GOALS

These goals will come under review during our annual 2018 Planning meeting to be held at 6:30PM on Tuesday the 5th of December. We will examine our past 2017 goals and issue new ones for 2018. This meeting will be a great opportunity to voice your views on where our focus should be as a Post so come on down.

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

Decorate the Legion

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

Volunteers needed to come help decorate the Legion Hall for our potluck Christmas party. Please arrive at 5PM and enjoy holiday music while we deck the hall out. The bar will be open at 6:00 PM and food will be provided for all the volunteers.



2018 PLANNING MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

Come on down and give your input as we plan our 2018 goals.

We were very successful in 2017!

The meeting will be held at 6:30PM and the bar will be open and food provided for those that attend.



Potluck Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 6:30 PM

The festivities will begin at with libation at the bar and soon to follow the scrumptious food provided by all that attend. If you come as a couple please bring a main dish and side. If you're solo then any dish will be great.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION FEEL FREE TO CALL JOAN COCHRAN AT 631-765-1166

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 2017 GOALS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

- New Heating Units. **100% Complete**
- Fix the steps and handrails for both of our entrances. **50% Complete**
- Develop cost estimates for building projects. **100% Complete for 2017**
- Restoration of Commander's office. **100% Complete**
- Update bathroom in Sons of the American Legion room. **SAL Project**
- Increase Legion member participation by 20%. **75% Complete**
- Install new batteries and PA system in new golf cart. **100% Complete**
- Change hardware on front door. **100% Complete**
- Create an email contact list. **100% Complete**
- Clean and inventory Color Guard weapons. **50% Complete**
- Paint the Post interior entrance and hall. **Shifting to 2018**
- Update parking lot lighting. **80% Complete**
- New Visitor logbook to capture information on those that visit the post. **100% Complete**

HISTORIAN

Frank Richards was a British soldier who experienced the “Christmas Truce”. We join his story on Christmas morning 1914:

“On Christmas morning we stuck up a board with ‘A Merry Christmas’ on it. The enemy had stuck up a similar one. Platoons would sometimes go out for twenty-four hours’ rest - it was a day at least out of the trench and relieved the monotony a bit - and my platoon had gone out in this way the night before, but a few of us stayed behind to see what would happen. Two of our men then threw their equipment off and jumped on the parapet with their hands above their heads. Two of the Germans done the same and commenced to walk up the river bank, our two men going to meet them. They met and shook hands and then we all got out of the trench.

Buffalo Bill [the Company Commander] rushed into the trench and endeavoured to prevent it, but he was too late: the whole of the Company were now out, and so were the Germans. He had to accept the situation, so soon he and the other company officers climbed out too. We and the Germans met in the middle of no-man’s-land. Their officers was also now out. Our officers exchanged greetings with them. One of the German officers said that he wished he had a camera to take a snapshot, but they were not allowed to carry cameras. Neither were our officers.

We mucked in all day with one another. They were Saxons and some of them could speak English. By the look of them their trenches were in as bad a state as our own. One of their men, speaking in English, mentioned that he had worked in Brighton for some years and that he was fed up to the neck with this damned war and would be glad when it was all over. We told him that he wasn’t the only one that was fed up with it. We did not allow them in our trench and they did not allow us in theirs.” This quote was obtained from the website Eye Witness to History.com: <http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/trenches.htm>

Until next time. Merry Christmas and may we all reflect on how blessed we are not to be in the trenches on Christmas day.

Until next time.

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Historian*

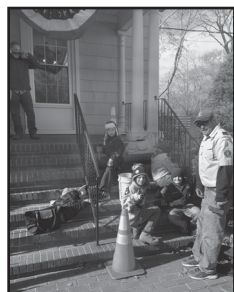
BUILDING PROJECTS



Hot Water Heater



Heating System



Cub Scouts

a new member to the Post and he has already chipped in and contributed toward the successful completion of our 2017 goals. We are almost there!

If you would like to contribute then please reach out to the Commander or Joe St Pierre 516-398-0065.

We have successfully fulfilled our goal to install two new heating systems and a new hot water heater at the Legion. Joe St Pierre was instrumental in the success of this project. He spent countless hours meeting with contractors to acquire bids, presenting his findings to the Executive board, coordinating the installation of the systems and making sure everything was installed properly. Joe! You did an amazing job! Joe also helped coordinate the repair of the roof and he and new member Neil Rochford placed sealant over the bar roof extending its life into the future. In the January Reporter we will discuss the completion of our 2017 goals and introduce our new 2018 goals. If you would like to participate in the future focus of the Post in 2018 then come on down to our 2018 planning meeting at 6:30PM on Tuesday the 5th of December. We also have to thank Paul from North Fork Refrigeration for volunteering his time and equipment to fix our beer cooler in the bar. The cooler broke down and he came down on Veteran’s Day with his crew to fix it at no cost to the Post. Matthew Larsen and his team of Cub Scout volunteers have just about completed the re-pointing and brick replacement of the front steps. Matthew is a

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome all five new members that were added to the Post in November: Please welcome Charles Salice, Lewis Angotti, Ronald Rossi, Thomas Cunningham, and John McDonald. We now have 168 paid members and that makes us about 73% complete for 2018. If you have not paid your dues then please do so by January 1st. We will reach out to those unpaid members in January. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.



Don Wagner, *Chairman*

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Attractions

**12/01 Fri. Decorate the Hall for Christmas
Pot Luck Party 5PM**

12/05 Tues. 2018 Planning Meeting 6:30PM

**12/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting
Bar Open 6:30PM
Meeting 7:30PM**

12/13 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting 7PM

**12/16 Sat. Post Potluck
Christmas Party:
6:30 PM Bar is Open
& Chow Served**



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IS POKER NIGHT AT THE LEGION**

LEGION 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
Membership Chair - Don Wagner
Membership Assistant - Bob Cochran

SAL OFFICERS

Commander - Greg Dickerson
1st Vice - Daniel Kaelin
2nd Vice - Rich Feeley
Adjutant - Jim Best
Finance Officer - Jim Best
Sergeant at Arms -
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Chaplain - Joseph Cavanagh
Historian - John Slattery

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