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THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

DECEMBER 2018

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

Wow! The Veteran's dinner dance was a blast. Thank you Auxiliary and especially Margie Brock for organizing and executing another wonderful dinner for Veterans. I would also like to thank the Southold Rotary Club for provided a wonderful lunch for Veterans after our Veteran's Day ceremony. They have offered to do it again next year so stay tuned for more information in 2019. On Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30PM we will hold our annual planning meeting to coordinate our 2019 events and goals. Food will be provided at 6:00PM and the bar will be open so come on down. This year we will have participants from the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Auxiliary, SAL, NJROTC and more to help us all get on the same page and increase coordination, avoid scheduling conflicts, accomplish our goals and ensure that we fulfill the Four Pillars of the American Legion. We have had quite a few new members step up to the plate and volunteer. Tom Kennedy who is still serving in uniform has volunteered to be our Social Media Director and the chairman of our annual Christmas Pot Luck Party on December 8th. Be sure to RSVP to Tom at 631-255-5069. Jose Perez volunteered to take on two chairmanships the Americanism Scholarship and Chicken BBQ. Bob Bittner will chair the Golf Classic and Co-chair Bingo while Jan Powers took on the job as our "quartermaster" and chairman of our Legion breakfasts. Ron Rossi has been recovering from an illness that has sidelined him for almost a year now and he has volunteered to chair the St Patrick's Day Dinner. Talk about sacrifice! The Sons of the American Legion have recently added a bunch of new members and all of this translates into new vibrant energy that is permeating the Post. This is your time to step up to the plate like

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

We are very sad to report that Mr. John Hearn passed away. Mr. Hearn was a vibrant part of the Post until he moved away to Connecticut. His family was gracious to request donations be sent to Post 803. Many of his friends and family sent in donations in his honor. Mrs. Hearn we are very sorry for your loss.

Sick call -

Norm Womback is currently in the Acadia Center in Riverhead where he is recovering from recent surgery. If you can pop in and say hello. I know he would appreciate that or maybe send a card. The address is Acadia Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, 1146 Woodcrest Ave., Riverhead, NY 11901. At the writing of this report Harold Schwerdt is still at San Simeon. He will most likely be there for another week or two. Harold enjoys visitors, stop in and say hello. Bob Mallgraf is also at San Simeon.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year to all!



Jeff Chagnon - Post Chaplin

"Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord."

~Leviticus

MEMBERSHIP

GTG Post 803 has 144 / 223 (64.5%) paid up members for 2019. We have three new members to welcome to our post,

Dianne Wamsley (US Navy), Mike Devine (US Air Force) and Rich Heins (US Army). Unpaid members Please send your 2019 dues to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold N.Y. 11971.

Enjoy the Holidays.

Bob Cochran, Chairman



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these members and be a part of something that is bigger than self. The Four Pillars of the Legion are not just words but actions that have a positive effect on our community, our youth, our Veterans and yes our Nation! I would also like to mention that we have made

great progress on our goals. Recently the handicap ramp was completed and all of the rest of our accomplishments will be detailed in the January issue of the Reporter. I look forward to seeing you at our December 4th planning meeting. P.S. We have the best Post in NY!!!!

God Bless All of You!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our future is looking bright but our brilliance is only sustained through combined effort!

For God and Country
Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Commander*
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New Handicap Ramp



Veteran's Day Celebration



Veteran's Dinner Dance



TUESDAY 04 DECEMBER 2018 PLANNING MEETING FOR 2019 AT 6:30PM The bar will open at 6:00PM and food will be served at that time. The meeting will begin at 6:30PM. There is no Executive Business Meeting in December.

EXECUTIVE AND BUSINESS MEETING: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER The planning meeting will act as our December meeting. Finances and other issues will be addressed at our January 8th meeting.

WEDNESDAY 05 DECEMBER 2018 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 6PM

FRIDAY 07 DECEMBER 2018 SETUP FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:30PM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SATURDAY 08 DECEMBER 2018 CHRISTMAS POT LUCK PARTY 5PM BAR & 6:30PM POT LUCK

WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2018 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM

LONG TERM GOALS

1. Renovation of entire 2nd Floor (excluding the SAL Bar Room)
2. Emergency exit for 2nd Floor
3. Bar makeover
4. Bathroom renovation Male and Female Main Hall (Handicap Accessible)
5. Bathroom Renovation 2nd Floor SAL Project

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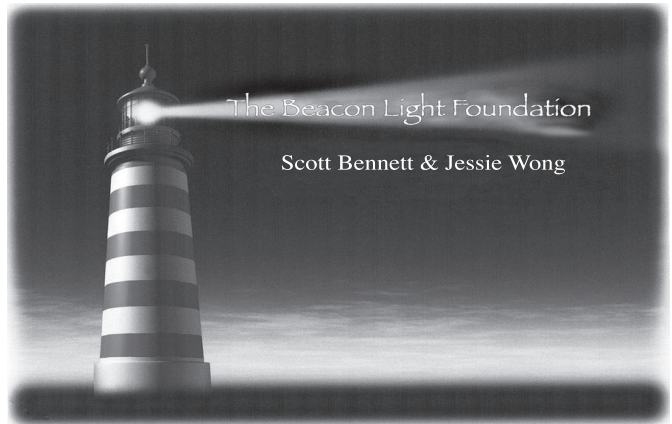
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2019 CHAIRMANSHIP REQUEST SIGNUP SHEET

Event	Date of Event	Chairman	Co-Chairman
Dinner Socials	Monthly	Still Need Volunteer	
St Patrick's Day Dinner	March 17, 2019	Ron Rossi	NEW
Golf Classic Chairman	June 2019	Bob Bittner	
Americanism Scholarship Chairman	Yearly	Jose Perez	
Flag Day Installation Dinner	June 14, 2019	Charles J. Sanders	
Car Show Chairman	Aug. 2019	Still Need Volunteer	
Chicken BBQ	Sept. 2019	Jose Perez	NEW
Boy State Chairman	Yearly	Cuppy Horton	
Veteran's Day Chairman	Nov. 11, 2019	Charles J. Sanders	
Legion Breakfast Chairman	As Scheduled	Jan Powers	
Christmas Party Chairman	Dec. 2019	Tom Kennedy	
Pearl Harbor Fleet Rescue Event	Dec. 7, 2019	Charles J. Sanders	
Color Guard Commander	As Needed	Cuppy Horton	Jeff Chagnon NEW
Social Media Director	As Needed	Tom Kennedy	
Bingo Chairman	Yearly	Earl Brock	NEW Bob Bitner



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THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 803
HOLIDAY P A R T Y

S A T U R D A Y

D E C | 8 | 5 P M

5:00 PM - BAR OPEN (CASH BAR)

6:30 PM - DINNER SERVED (POT LUCK BRING A DISH TO SHARE)

R.S.V.P: Tom Kennedy (631) 255-5069

HISTORIAN

The Four Pillars

In 1919, The American Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our nation's veterans, its servicemembers, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens. These programs make a difference in hundreds of thousands of lives each year.

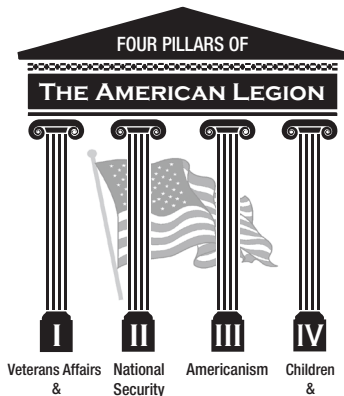
Our organization's positions and programs are guided by resolutions passed by American Legion National Convention delegates, and by committee and commission members who represent 2.5 million wartime veterans and their families.

These programs, and the men and women who take the time to perform them allow The American Legion to make a difference on the local, state and national levels. It's who we are and what we do.

For more than 90 years, The American Legion has acted as the nation's leading advocate for proper health care, economic opportunity and legal benefits for U.S. military veterans. The Legion was instrumental in the creation of the Veterans Administration

in 1930, and an ardent supporter of its elevation to cabinet status when it became the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1989. The relationship between VA and The American Legion continues to evolve today.

As it has for decades, The American Legion continues to aggressively lobby for adequate funding of VA health care, timely access to facilities, fair rulings on benefit claims, and economic opportunities for those who have come home changed by their military experiences. A nationwide network of American Legion department service officers works diligently to assist veterans as they pursue benefits and care they earned and deserve. At the local, state and national levels, thousands of Legionnaires provide countless hours to help veterans obtain their benefits. The American Legion provides professional representation in claims appeals, discharge disputes and transition assistance



from active-duty to civilian status throughout the country.

Today, as the number of discharged veterans from the global war on terrorism has surpassed 500,000, the Legion's federally chartered role to support them could not be more profound. The Legion strongly believes that a veteran is a veteran, no matter the war era, nature or location of service. In that light, The American Legion is the only organization that works on behalf of all 24.5 million U.S. veterans and all who will follow.

The following information was obtained from the Legion.org website: https://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/four_pillars.pdf

SONS OF THE LEGION

I would like to thank the Auxiliary for doing a great job on the Christmas Party! Our next meeting is Wednesday December 5th at 6pm in the American Legion Bar area. We have had 4 new members join in the last 2 months so the SAL Membership is growing each month. I look forward to continued participation at our meetings so we may plan some new events, again 2019 will be the SAL 100 Year Anniversary. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone!

Happy Holidays
Jim Best, SAL Adjutant

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LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

November was a very busy month! We started with a very successful Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday November 4th with 29 vendors participating. We sold all our chili and home-baked goods and had to go out to get more hot dogs! Thank you Denise and to all our volunteers who worked so hard to make this a great event! The next weekend was our annual Veterans Day Dinner Dance on November 10th. Thank you Margie and all who worked so hard to honor our veterans! It is so heartwarming to take time out of our busy lives to appreciate our veterans! A wonderful dinner was served and we all "danced the night away". Great job by all our volunteers On Sunday November 11th the annual Veterans Day Ceremony was well attended by Legion and Auxiliary members and the community as a whole. It is always a very moving experience to see our veterans and our local ROTC students present the colors and parade around the grounds of Post 803. Next up is decorating the Legion for the holidays on Friday November 30th at 6:00pm. This is always a fun time as

we all get into the spirit of the season. On Tuesday December 4th the annual Legion planning meeting will be held at 6:30. Please come out to plan a great schedule of events and fellowship for next year! On Friday December 7th we will gather again to set up for the annual Christmas Party at 6:30 pm. The party is a potluck on Saturday December 8th. It is a great way to enjoy the season with friends in a relaxed setting! Please let the Kennedys know what you are bringing. At our last meeting we voted to send gift cards to active military units from our area, support grocery gift card drives through Northport's Hero Hunger Help Project and Boots on the Ground, donated to a local family in need and planned a party for the Veterans Home. We also planned a fun night of bowling with the Shelter Island Auxiliary. Thank you to everyone who has been so generous throughout the year so that we may support all these projects!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday December 12th at 7:00pm. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Joan Cochran, *President*

BUILDING PROJECTS/2018 GOALS



- Paint the hall, bathrooms, and clean up the ceiling tiles in the bathrooms **Bathrooms are painted and the rest of hall painting is shifted to 2019**
- Landscape front of the Legion and side of the Legion **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**
- Fix electrical issues to include fire alarms, electrical panel, basement lighting, outdoor power box **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**
- New chairs for the hall **Cost has been approved and 50 chairs as well as some new long tables will be purchased soon**
- New curtains for the hall **New curtain rod purchased and Auxiliary will clean current curtains**
- New events sign in front of Post **Seeking sign chairman to investigate cost and town requirements**
- ~~New survey of property~~ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Original Survey Discovered**
- New light fixture front of Post **Mr. Bill Kreitsek is investigating this for the Post**
- Update signs in front of Post **Will discuss with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts at 2019 Planning Mtg.**
- Repair or replace "Handicap" ramp **Partial Donation Granted from Salice Family Trust/ MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**
- Boots on Ground Food Drive **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Auxiliary Members and Others**
- USMC "Toys for Tots" **Drop off box is at the post and last day to give is 13th December**
- New bar stools, tables and chairs **Investigation in Progress/Shifted to 2019 and seeking chairman to take the lead in investigating new tables and chairs**
- Four Pillars of the American Legion mural **Commander's Office MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Andrea Ochoa**
- Fire Extinguishers Replaced **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED by Neil Rochford and Joe St Pierre**
- Apply Strong Sealant to Contemplation Benches **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED by Joe St. Pierre**
- Complete Cleaning of Color Guard Weapons **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED by Jim O'Malley and Jeff Chagnon!**
- Create a Larger E-Mail Database **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED FOR 2018**

DECEMBER & JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 12/04 Tues. 2019 Planning Meeting: 6:30PM**
- 12/05 Wed. SAL Meeting: 6PM**
with pizza and the bar is available
- 12/07 Fri. Setup for Christmas Party 6:30PM**
- 12/08 Sat. Christmas Party 5PM bar is available**
and 6:30PM Pot Luck served
- CANCELED Executive & Business Meeting:**
No Meeting in December
- 12/12 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM**
- 01/08 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:**
6:30PM bar opens, 7:30 meeting begins
- 01/09 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM**
- TBD SAL Meeting**

LEGION OFFICERS

Commander - Charles J. Sanders
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SAL OFFICERS

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