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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

FEBRUARY 2018

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

I would like to start off by saying thank you to Daniel Wilcenski of Wilcenski Electrical Contracting for responding to our 2018 call for more sponsor ads in the Reporter. The Reporter is getting bigger and it is reaching more people each month. An ad in the Reporter is

\$600.00 per year and will run 12 times per year. Thank you to all of our Sponsors.

CALLING ON VOLUNTEERS/ST PATRICK'S DINNER

I now call upon my fellow Legionnaires and SAL members to help with our upcoming 2018 events. We are seeking more volunteer help at the Legion. We are not looking for a lot but for everyone to try to chip away at one item that we need help with each month. For example, next month we have the St Patrick's Day Dinner and you will see in our ad for that event a list of volunteer tasks that we need filled. Please give me a call if you can fulfill one of those simple tasks. If we all work together we will limit the burden of responsibility on those that have been volunteering day in and day out for years. E.J. Flynn will be cooking up his special corn beef and cabbage on Saturday the 17th of March. The bar will open at 5:30PM and food will be served at 6PM. The cost is \$15.00 for dinner and includes one soda, beer, or glass of wine for those 21 years and over. Note: Takeout is available too!



VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

I'm happy to report that I'm now your new Town

Commander's Report continues next page

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Sick Call

Tom Reese is recovering from some fairly serious abdominal surgery. I had a nice visit with him a few days ago and I was very pleased to learn that he is doing well and that his prognosis is very positive. You just can not keep a marine down. I am sure that he would appreciate a phone call or a card.

Rest in Peace

I am sad to report that we have lost two members this past month. Robert Strimban a World War Two veteran passed on 12/29/17. An American Legion Wake service was conducted at the DeFriest-Grattan Funeral Home in Mattituck on 1/3/18. Patrick V. Guiney passed on 12/31/17. An American Legion Wake service was conducted at the Defriest-Grattan Funeral Home in Southold on 1/4/18.

A special thanks to the members of our funeral detail who often come out on short notice and in bad weather to honor our departed.



Jeff Chagnon - Post Chaplin
Hm. 631-765-6077
Cell - 631-456-3258

"Listen and attend with the ear of your heart."

~ St. Benedict

MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year! Our 2018 goal is to increase ACTIVE membership as well as adding new members. Will You Help? We have 189 paid members for 2018. Non-paid members will be called later this month.



Don Wagner, Chairman

Commander's Report continued from previous page

Assessor and I want to make all my fellow Veterans aware that the deadline to submit your Veteran's exemption is 1st March 2018. For those of you that are Cold War Veterans you too may apply for an exemption. Please feel free to give me a call at the Assessor's office if you need any help. 631-765-1937

FEBRUARY SOCIAL DINNER

In February we will have another Social Dinner that is open to everyone. We had a great turnout in January and we have to thank Earl Brock, Bill Eagan, Bob Cochran, Edovard Beaugard, Jim Maino and Bob Cochran for all of their hard work preparing a great meal for us. Also, thank those that volunteered to make calls to get the word out. We could use some more volunteers that are willing to make 5-10 calls each month to invite members to the social. Please give me a call if you would be willing to at least contribute in that manner. Dinner is only \$10.00 per person and we hold a 50/50 and wine raffle too.

Here is a task list for February's Social:

Phone Callers: Need people to volunteer to invite 5-10 people 1-2 weeks in advance.

Cooks: We have cooks covered:

Table Setup: Need four volunteers to come to the Post at 4:30PM on Tuesday the 27th to help setup the tables and place settings.

Food Servers: Need two volunteers to come to the Post for dinner but are also willing to help serve the food at 6:30PM.

Cleanup Crew: Need three volunteers to come to the Post for dinner but are also willing to help clean up after the dinner at 7:30PM.

Our future is looking bright!

TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018 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.

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2018 DINNER SOCIAL 5:30PM Bar is open and 6:30PM dinner is served so that we may accommodate more members. Please **RSVP to the Post 631-765-2276** Cost \$10.00 Volunteers are needed at 4PM to setup for the event so come on down.

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2018 SON'S OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 5:30PM Meeting and then dinner social at 6:30PM.

For God and Country

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Commander*
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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**

SONS OF THE LEGION

I'm away until Feb 1st. The SAL meeting will be Tuesday the 27th of February at 5:30PM. After the meeting we will join the Legionnaires and Auxiliary for the monthly social dinner at 6:30 PM. Hope all is well for all the members of the SAL and hope you come to February meeting to come in warm up and eat and have some Food and drinks with all our Legion members. Stay warm and safe.



Be safe and stay warm,
Greg Dickerson,
Commander

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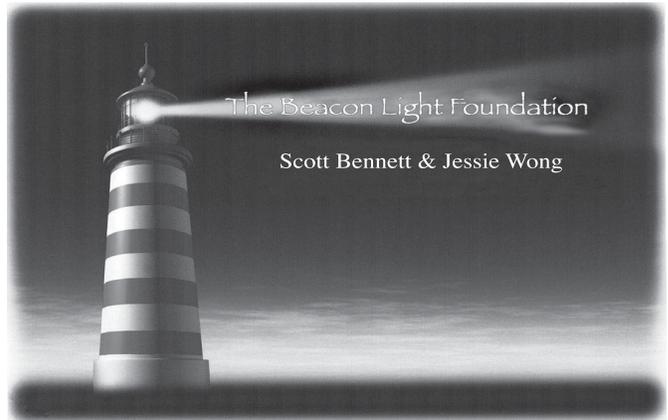
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*St. Patrick's Day
Dinner
Saturday March 17th*

The bar will open at 5:30PM
and food will be served at 6PM.

The cost is \$15.00 for dinner
and includes one soda, beer, or
glass of wine for those 21 years and over.

NOTE: TAKEOUT IS AVAILABLE TOO!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COOKS: We have cooks covered with E.J. Flynn and his crew

TABLE SETUP: Need four volunteers to come to the Post at 4:30PM on Saturday the 17th to help setup the tables and place settings for dinner.

CHECK IN CREW: Need two volunteers to help collect payment for the

meals and conduct the 50/50.

FOOD SERVERS: Need four volunteers to come to the post at 5PM to help hand out meals to take out patrons and help serve stay in patrons.

CLEANUP CREW: Need three volunteers to come to the post at 8PM to help clean up after the dinner.

*If you can volunteer then please call the Commander's cell phone
and leave a message 631-702-3083*



2018 Calendar of Events

January

- 01/09 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 01/10 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 01/23 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM
Dinner Served 6:30PM

February

- 02/13 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 02/27 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM
Dinner Served 6:30PM

March

- 03/13 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 03/14 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 03/17 Sat. St. Patrick's Day Dinner: Bar 5:30
Dinner Served 6PM "Takeout Available"
- 03/27 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM
Dinner Served 6:30PM

April

- 04/03 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 04/11 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 04/15 Sun. Galaxy Car Club Show: Details TBP
- 04/24 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM
Dinner Served 6:30PM

May

- 05/08 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 05/09 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 05/22 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM
Dinner Served 6:30PM
- 05/28 Mon. Memorial Day Parade: Details TBP

June

- 06/04 Mon. Golf Classic: Course Brunch 11AM,
Shotgun 12PM, Dinner Post 6:30PM
- 06/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 06/13 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 06/14 Thur. Flag Day Installation of Officers Dinner:
Bar 6PM, Dinner 7:15PM
- 06/26 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM
Dinner Served 6:30PM

July

- 07/04 Wed. 4th of July Parade Southold: Muster 11:30
Intersection Boisseau & Rt. 25
- 07/07 Sat. Auxiliary Yard Sale: 9AM to 3PM
- 07/10 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 07/11 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting 7PM
- 07/24 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM
Dinner Served 6:30PM

August

- 08/08 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 08/21 Tues. 3rd Tuesday: Executive & Business
Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 08/26 Sun. Annual Car Show: 9AM to 3PM
- 09/11 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM

September

- 09/12 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 09/15 Sat. Annual Chicken BBQ: 4PM to 7PM
Takeout is available!
- 09/25 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM
Dinner Served 6:30PM

October

- 10/09 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 10/10 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 10/23 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM
Dinner Served 6:30PM
- 10/31 Wed. Halloween Trick or Treat for Kids 4-6PM
then Adult Party 8PM

November

- 11/04 Sun. Holiday Craft Fair 11AM to 4PM
- 11/10 Sat. Annual Veteran's Day Dinner Dance
6PM to 10PM
- 11/11 Sun. Veteran's Day Ceremony 11AM
Ceremony Begins
- 11/13 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 11/14 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

December

- 12/07 Fri. Pearl Harbor Cross Sound Ferry
Ceremony & Foxwoods Gathering
- 12/08 Sat. Potluck Christmas Party 6:30PM
- 12/11 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 12/12 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

HISTORIAN

Next month we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day at our Post with a traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. E.J. Flynn will be cooking up another great meal for us. The bar will open at 5:30PM and dinner will be served at 6:00PM with takeout available. Here is a little history about St. Patrick's Day from the History.com

ST. PATRICK'S DEATH AND THE FIRST ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well known legend is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. Interestingly, however, the first parade held to honor St. Patrick's Day took place not in Ireland but in the United States. On March 17, 1762, Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as with fellow Irishmen serving in the English army.

Over the next 35 years, Irish patriotism among American immigrants flourished, prompting the rise of so-called "Irish Aid" societies like the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Hibernian Society. Each group would hold annual parades featuring bagpipes (which actually first became popular in the Scottish and British armies) and drums.

In 1848, several New York Irish Aid societies decided to unite their parades to form one official New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Today, that parade is the world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States, with over 150,000 participants. Each year, nearly 3 million people line the 1.5-mile parade route to watch the procession, which takes more than five hours. Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and Savannah also celebrate the day with parades

involving between 10,000 and 20,000 participants each.

This article is from the following website: <http://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/history-of-st-patricks-day>

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Historian*

LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

This winter has been brutal so far! Hopefully by the time you read this we will be finished with flu and cold weather!

Our annual Christmas Potluck was a big success. A big thank you to all who helped decorate and made all the wonderful food!

Our new desk and credenza is in place and looks great! Thanks go to Capital One Bank for the donation and to Ty and Bob Cochran, who along with Erik Heins and Cody Grathwohl managed to get the furniture up those steps! Joe St. Pierre painted our office- thanks Joe!

We recently voted to support the five year Marine Reunion that will be held here in Southold with a \$1000.00 donation. A few years ago we were involved with the original reunion when India Company got together after going through a very traumatic operation in Afghanistan after which they were all separated. Many of them were seriously injured and by getting together they were able to share with each other what they could with no one else. They held a very moving Memorial Ceremony for those who were lost. The idea of these reunions is catching on and helps the veterans deal with PTSD.

We also voted to send twelve cases of Girl Scout Cookies to our military overseas. This program has been very successful over the years and you can get involved by contacting a local Girl Scout Troop or by calling Suffolk County Girl Scout Council.

There will be no Auxiliary meeting in February so we will get together next on Wednesday March 14th. Our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage/Legion Birthday party will be on Saturday March 17th. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our Food Drive for Boots on the Ground.

Happy New Year!
Joan Cochran, *President*

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BUILDING PROJECTS/2018 GOALS

- Create a call chain/ e-mail list for volunteers to support events
- First annual Halloween Trick or Treat for kids and then adult party
- Paint the hall, bathrooms, and clean up the ceiling tiles in the bathrooms
- Landscape front of the Legion and side of the Legion
- Fix electrical issues to include fire alarms, monitoring cameras, electrical panel, basement lighting, outdoor power box
- New chairs for the hall
- New curtains for the hall
- New events sign in front of Post
- New survey of property
- New light fixture front of Post
- Update signs in front of Post
- Repair or replace "Handicap" ramp
- Boots on Ground Food Drive
- USMC "Toys for Tots"
- Four Pillars of the American Legion mural Commander's Office
- New bar stools, tables and chairs
- Fire Extinguishers Replaced
- Apply Strong Sealant to Contemplation Benches
- Complete Cleaning of Color Guard Weapons
- Create a Larger E-Mail Database



FEBRUARY & MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**2/13 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM**

**2/27 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM
Dinner Served 6:30PM**

**2/27 Tues. SAL Meeting at 5:30PM and
Dinner Social 6:30PM**



NO AUXILIARY MEETING IN FEBRUARY

3/14 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

**3/17 Sat. St. Patrick's Day Dinner: Bar 5:30
Dinner Served 6PM "Takeout Available"**

3/27 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM

3/27 Tues. SAL Meeting at 5:30PM and Dinner Social 6:30PM

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Finance Assistant - Raymond Terry
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Chaplain - Jeff Chagnon
Post Service Officer - Robert Neville
Post Historian - Charles J. Sanders
Membership Chair - Don Wagner
Membership Assistant - Bob Cochran

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