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# THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803  
JANUARY 2018

## COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

Happy New Year Everyone!

I would like to thank Kolb Mechanical for helping us meet our 2017 goal to fill up a full page of advertisement in the *Reporter*. We now have one full-page dedicated to Sponsorship and in 2018 we will add one more page to the *Reporter*. These ads help reduce the cost of producing the *Reporter* each month. The cost has increased because our distribution has increased. In the beginning of 2017 we only sent the *Reporter* to our members but as the year progressed we increased our distribution from approximately 200 to over 500 people receiving the *Reporter*. This has increased our exposure to the North Fork community and helped us communicate the Four Pillars of the American Legion. We have accomplished so much in 2017 and I'm confident that 2018 will be even more successful. Here is a list of what we have accomplished for the good of the Post and its future. These successes could not have been accomplished without the volunteerism of Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, and Friends of the American Legion.



1. Commander's Office Ceiling Repair and Office Painted
2. Auxiliary Office Dedicated and Painted
3. New Carpet in the Commanders Office
4. New Carpet in the Auxiliary Office
5. Hallway Painted and New Carpet
6. Bar Walls Painted and New Electrical Outlets

*Commander's Report continues next page*

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to a healthy and productive 2018 for all of us.

### *Sick Call -*

Joe Stadler is now at home where he is having a good recovery from his recent heart surgery. He and his wife send a big hearty thank you to all who have sent them well wishes.

### *Rest in Peace -*

Henry L. Baier, a Korean War vet, passed on this past November 25th. An American Legion wake service, which was well attended, was held on November 29th at the Horton Mathie Funeral Home in Greenport.

If anyone is interested in joining our funeral detail please contact me. It does not take much of our time and it means so much to the families of our departed comrades.

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, send to us day after day." - St. Gianna Molla

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 towards the future."*

*~ Pope Francis*

## MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year! Our 2018 goal is to increase ACTIVE membership as well as adding new members. Will You Help? We have 175 paid members for 2018. Non-paid members will be called later this month.



Don Wagner, *Chairman*

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7. Two New Efficient Gas Heating Systems
8. New Efficient Gas Hot Water Heater
9. Chimney Inspected and Cleaned
10. Widow's Peak Roof Repaired and Sealant Applied to Bar Roof
11. New Batteries for the "New Pope Mobile"
12. New Sound System Installed for the "New Pope Mobile"
13. New Outside Lighting for Parking Lot
14. Full Page Ad in Suffolk Time to Recruit New Members
15. Eagle Scout Project to Install Two Contemplation Benches & Walkway
16. New Dart Board for Bar
17. New Glass Cleaning Machine for Bar Glasses
18. New Digital Thermometers for Heating System
19. Front of Building Bricks Repaired
20. Door Hardware Main Entrance Repaired
21. New Front Door Key Card Hardware Installed
22. Second Floor Rooms Organized & Trash Removed

On December 5th we held a successful planning meeting to map out our 2018 goals and events for the Post. You will find the goals listed under the **Building Projects/2018 Goals** and the events under the **2018 Calendar of Events** section of the *Reporter*. We listed some hefty goals and events but the lifting of these projects becomes lighter when more members participate. In 2018 we are looking to our members and friends to take a look at our list of goals and major events and choose just one goal or one event to help make the lift lighter. I'm confident that we will have another great year. Going forward as we approach our events like the St Patrick's Day dinner we will be asking for someone to be willing to chair an event. The duties of the chair is to help rally volunteers to support the event and to coordinate elements of the event such as setup, decorating, serving, and cleanup. The St Patrick's Day dinner is around the corner and E.J. Flynn has once again volunteered to cook for the event but he needs a chairperson to coordinate all the other important aspects. Would you be willing to step forward and take on this first event in 2018? If you are willing then please feel free to call me and I will guide you toward all that is required to make this event successful again in 2018. If you are looking at our lists and find something that you would like to volunteer for then please reach out. As we improve the physical aspect of the Post we also fulfill the Four Pillars of the American Legion through the events we hold at the Post. The annual Golf Classic not only raises funds for the Post but we contribute funds toward school scholarships fulfilling

the fourth pillar of the American Legion, Children and Youth Services. Our participation in Memorial Day, the 4th of July and our Veteran's Day Ceremony fulfills the third and first pillars, Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation/Americanism. The fact that our Post is centrally located and a place for our community to meet assists in the fulfillment of the second pillar of the American Legion and that is National Security. Post 803 is not just a Veteran's Club, it is an organization with principles to follow and we are guided by The Four Pillars of the American Legion. Please come and be a part of an organization with deep purpose and focus. I wish everyone a Happy New Year and I look forward to working with you to fulfill the Four Pillars of the American Legion in 2018.

***Our future is looking bright!***

For God and Country

Sincerely,

Charles J. Sanders, *Commander*

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**TUESDAY 09 JANUARY 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.

**WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2018 AUXILIARY MEETING** The Auxiliary will meet in their room at 7PM.

**TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 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.

## LONG TERMS 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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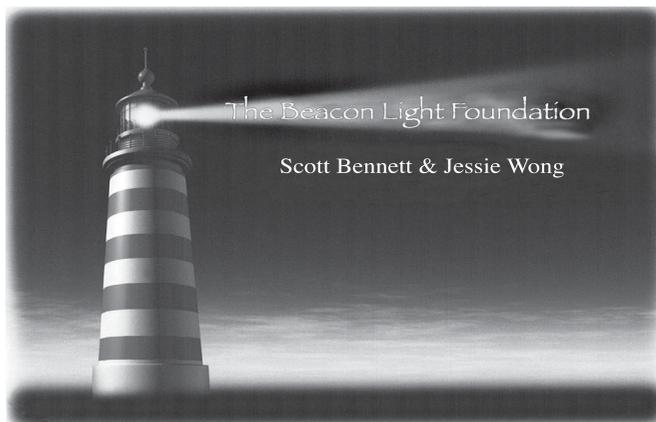
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# NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

## The Greenport American Legion Grand Opening Fundraiser

What: *Bringing back an old tradition, The Greenport American Legion is hosting a New Years Eve celebration. Join us for dinner, live music by Jukebox, cash bar, and a champagne toast. When the ball drops at midnight, The Greenport American Legion is re-born!*

Where: *Greenport American Legion  
121 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Greenport, NY 11944*

When: *December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017  
8 P.M- Midnight*

We at Post 803  
would like to support the  
efforts by our fellow  
Legionnaires in Greenport.  
If you would like to join me  
at this event then please  
secure your tickets and  
prepare for a fun evening!  
*Commander Charles J. Sanders*

*Limited tickets available:*

<i>Single ticket</i>	<i>\$60*</i>
<i>Two tickets</i>	<i>\$100*</i>
<i>Table of eight</i>	<i>\$400*</i>
<i>Table of ten</i>	<i>\$500*</i>

*Advance ticket sales only*

For Tickets:

Visit - <http://greenportamericanlegion.org>

Call - 631-333-2644

Email - [mindy@greenportamericanlegion.org](mailto:mindy@greenportamericanlegion.org)

\*Proceeds benefit The Greenport American Legion  
Additional donations will also be accepted

Each ticket includes:

- Dinner*
- live music*
- Champaign toast*

# 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 "TakeoutAvailable"
- 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

My deployment to Guantanamo Bay Cuba in 2015 was one of the most interesting deployments that I have ever experienced. I thought you might like to learn a little bit about Cuba's history to start off our 2018 journey. This article was obtained from the following website: <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/batista-forced-out-by-castro-led-revolution>

### 1 January 1959

On this day in 1959, facing a popular revolution spearheaded by Fidel Castro's 26th of July Movement, Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista flees the island nation. Amid celebration and chaos in the Cuban capitol of Havana, the U.S. debated how best to deal with the radical Castro and the ominous rumblings of anti-Americanism in Cuba.

The U.S. government had supported Batista, a former soldier and Cuban dictator from 1933 to 1944, who seized power for a second time in a 1952 coup. After Castro and a group of followers, including the South American revolutionary Che Guevara (1928-1967), landed in Cuba to unseat the dictator in December 1956, the U.S. continued to back Batista. Suspicious of what they believed to be Castro's leftist ideology and worried that his ultimate goals might include attacks on the U.S.'s significant investments and property in Cuba, American officials were nearly unanimous in opposing his revolutionary movement.

Cuban support for Castro's revolution, however, grew in the late 1950s, partially due to his charisma and nationalistic rhetoric, but also because of increasingly rampant corruption, greed, brutality and inefficiency within the Batista government. This reality forced the U.S. to slowly withdraw its support from Batista and begin a search in Cuba for an alternative to both the dictator and Castro; these efforts failed.

On January 1, 1959, Batista and a number of his supporters fled Cuba for the Dominican Republic. Tens of thousands of Cubans (and thousands of Cuban Americans in the U.S.) celebrated the end of the dictator's regime. Castro's supporters moved quickly to establish their power. Judge Manuel Urrutia was named as provisional president. Castro and

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## SONS 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.

The Sons of the American Legion would like to wish a safe and happy holiday season and a Happy New Year. The Sons will also be having a meeting Jan. 30th anyone wishing to become a Son or a Dual member can stop by and sit in our 1st 2018 meeting at the Legion at 6pm Jan 30th. In the Bat Cave second floor bar.

Be safe and stay warm,  
Greg Dickerson, *Commander*

## LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

We decorated the Legion Hall and bar for the holidays on December 1st. A good time was had by all and thanks go to Commander Sanders for the pizza afterwards!

Thanks also to Capital One Bank for offering to donate desks and a credenza for the Auxiliary office since they are closing their Southold branch. And thank you to Ty for the idea to ask!

Get well wishes are in order for many of our Auxiliary members. Hope you are all back on your feet soon!

The Legion planning meeting on December 5th was very productive. 2018 looks to be another great year! This year the annual St. Patrick's Day/Legion Birthday Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner is scheduled for March 17th. We would like participants to bring a non-perishable food item for a food drive for Boots on the Ground.

Happy New Year!  
Joan Cochran, *President*

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his band of guerrilla fighters triumphantly entered Havana on January 7.

The U.S. attitude toward the new revolutionary government soon changed from cautiously suspicious to downright hostile. After Castro nationalized American-owned property, allied himself with the Communist Party and grew friendlier with the Soviet Union, America's Cold War enemy, the U.S. severed diplomatic and economic ties with Cuba and enacted a trade and travel embargo that remained in effect until 2015. In April 1961, the U.S. launched the Bay of Pigs invasion, an unsuccessful attempt to remove Castro from power. Subsequent covert operations to overthrow Castro, born August 13, 1926, failed and he went on to become one of the world's longest-ruling heads of state. Fulgencio Batista died in Spain at age 72 on August 6, 1973. In late July 2006, an unwell Fidel Castro temporarily ceded power to his younger brother Raul. Fidel Castro officially stepped down in February 2008.

Sincerely,  
Charles J. Sanders, *Historian*

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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



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Coming Attractions*

**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**

**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**



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**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** -  
Michael Anasagasti  
**Chaplain** - Joseph Cavanagh  
**Historian** - John Slattery

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