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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

JULY 2017

Commander's Report



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

The installation and awards dinner was a wonderful event. We came together to celebrate the hard work of members that go the extra mile and Sponsors that support us over the years. We also fulfilled the fifth pillar of the American Legion by awarding our local youth three academic scholarships. Events like this help to focus our attention back to why we are Legionnaires. I want to thank Joan Cochran for all her hard work in coordinating all of the reservations and leading the amazing Auxiliary. It is hard to believe that six months have already passed in 2017. We are well on our way to fulfill our 2017 goals set forth at our annual planning meeting. Take a look at our goals and accomplishments on page three of the Reporter. One unlisted goal was to find various ways to help reduce our monthly expenses. Replacing our heating system is one of those ways we will reduce cost by installing a more efficient one. Another way to reduce cost is to offer an advertisement page in the Reporter. This has been discussed and approved by the executive board. An advertisement page will go a long way to help us reduce our annual operating cost and free up more funds to go back into our building projects. Take a look at page four to see the ad layout and cost. The 24th Annual Golf Classic was a smashing success. We were able to net close to \$10,000 for the Post and these funds have been added to our building fund. I have to thank all those that volunteered and worked so hard to make it a success. Griswold-Terry-Glover Post 803 is growing and I'm so proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization. Come enjoy July with us. Here is a list of upcoming events...

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Chaplain's Report

Sick Call:

Rest in Peace - Jason R. Cooper passed on June 7th as the result of a tragic accident at home. Our condolences to his family and friends. He will be dearly missed.

Sick Call - Daniel McConlogue is still resting at home.

Please keep our sick and departed in your prayers.

Love is the beauty of the soul - St. Augustine

Jeff Chagnon, Chaplain

Legion Auxiliary Post 803

The Auxiliary would like to thank the community once again for supporting our Memorial Field of Poppies. So many of you shared what a moving experience it was to see the poppy field and the ribbons glistening in the wind. Thanks to Donna and Joe St. Pierre and all who worked so hard for hundreds of hours to make this emotional tribute to the fallen.

Charlotte Deliteris and her committee distributed hundreds of lapel poppies in the weeks leading up to Memorial Day. Each year as we stand in front of the post offices and grocery stores we hear touching stories that keep us motivated to continue spreading awareness about the meaning of the poppy.

Memorial Day dawned wet and gray but did not dampen our resolve. Five wreath laying ceremonies were conducted in Southold followed by the town wide ceremony and parade held in Mattituck this year. Thanks and appreciation go to all those who came out with raincoats and umbrellas to participate in this annual tribute to those who gave their all for our country.

On June fourteenth we had a joint Installation Ceremony on Shelter Island hosted by Auxiliary members from Post 281. Our officers installed

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Wednesday 4 July 2017 Annual 4th of July Parade:

The parade will start at 12PM but we will need all Legionnaires and Auxiliary members that would like to participate in the parade to muster at the intersection of Boisseau Ave and the Main Road by 11:15AM. The uniform of the day is Legion Hat, Legion Tie, and white long or short sleeve shirt (weather dependent). If you would like to wear your blazer you are more than welcome to. If you don't have a hat or tie you may purchase one at the Post but please march with us regardless of having these items. Your service matters most! Color Guard please muster at the Post prior to the parade at 10:30AM to prepare for the parade. We will march up Route 25 and end at the Post where hotdogs and drinks will be served by Scout Master Paul Hoyt and his crew of Boy Scouts from Troop 6.

Saturday 8 July 2017 Auxiliary Yard Sale:

Yard Sale will be held from 9AM to 3PM. If you would like to be a Vendor then call 631-734-5664. Any further questions call the Legion 631-765-2276. Members come out and enjoy the Yard Sale.

Tuesday 11 July 2017 Executive & 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 25 July 2017 Dinner Social

The bar will open at 5:30PM and dinner will be served at 6:30PM. Come and enjoy a great meal here at the legion. Legionnaires, friends of the Legion, Auxiliary and Son's of the Legion are all welcome. Please be sure to RSVP by 22 July to Earl Brock 631-765-1357 so that he may get a headcount for ordering food.

Our future is looking bright!

For God and Country

Sincerely,

Charles J. Sanders

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Legion Auxiliary Post 803 continued

were Joan Cochran president, Margie Brock vice-president, Donna St. Pierre secretary and Mimi Columbo treasurer and chaplain. Our newest member Camille Christina was installed and welcomed by all. Afterwards we shared a meal and good conversation. We thanked the members from Shelter Island for their hospitality and agreed to get together again soon.

We will be sending Alexandra Cardi, a Southold High School student, to Girls State this summer. Congratulations and good wishes for a meaningful experience and a great time!

Our annual Yard Sale will be held on July 8th this year - come out and find some good buys and delicious treats! Donations of gently used items for our tables would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off by Friday July 7th.

Joan Cochran, President

Scholarship Program

Post #803 takes great pleasure in awarding the following students its 2017 scholarship. This is a \$1,000 award going to a deserving student. The awards were presented at our annual awards ceremony held at the Post on Wednesday June 28th. The students and their parents were the guest of the Post.

Southold High School

Mr. Joseph Mc Carthy

Joseph will be attending Binghamton University

Mattituck High School

Ms. Corinne Reda

Corinne will be attending -SUNY- Geneseo

Greenport High School

Ms. Jennifer Palencia

Jennifer will be attending Colgate University

Congratulations to the students and their parents for an outstanding job.

Tom Reese P.C.

Scholarship Committee Chairman

Building Projects

I can't believe six-months has passed in 2017. We have made great strides in fulfilling our annual goals. The Commander's office is finished with a new paint job and carpet. The adjacent hallway has been painted and carpeted. The Auxiliary room has been officially dedicated and it too has received new carpet. The "Pope Mobile" has new batteries and sound system. New lighting has been added to the parking lot. Nicolas Orientale has installed a new walkway with contemplation benches. The Post electrical panel has received new breakers and a fresh coat of paint on the breaker-box. The Bar has been spruced up with a fresh coat of paint on the walls, new pictures hung, new dart-board, and electrical outlets replaced. Two new Guest Books have been purchased and are rapidly filling up with names of new Friends of the Post as well as new members. These names and addresses have been added to our mailing list and they too will receive a monthly copy of the Reporter. All of these efforts are a direct result of the hard work of those that were honored at our annual installation and awards dinner. I'm so proud of all of you. We still have another six months to go so there is plenty of time for you to get involved and contribute to the bright future of this post.

If you would like to contribute to any of our building projects please feel free to reach out to the Commander or Joe St Pierre 516-398-0065.

LONG TERM GOALS

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**

2017 GOALS

1. New Heating Units. **Getting Estimates**
2. Fix the steps and handrails for both of our entrances.
3. Develop a cost estimate for each of our building projects. **In Progress**
4. Heating Units. **Getting Bids**
5. Complete restoration of Commander's office. **100% Complete**
6. Update bathroom in Sons of the American Legion room. **SAL Project**
7. Increase Legion member participation by 20%.
8. Install new batteries and PA system in new golf cart. **100% Complete**
9. Change hardware on front door.
10. Create an email contact list. **In Progress**
11. Clean and inventory Color Guard weapons. **50% Complete**
12. Paint the Post interior entrance and hall.
13. Update parking lot lighting. **80% Complete**
14. New Visitor logbook to capture information on those that visit the post. **100% Complete**

Son's of the Legion

June was a busy month after securing another wine donation of 56 cases which was delivered to the Legion and Ladies Auxiliary in the prior month the SAL this month was able to secure a wine donation for Children and Family of Long Island. Greg Dickerson and I volunteered at the American Legion for the Suffolk County Convention at the post where we could have used more help. After the Convention, some SAL members and a Legion/SAL member moved on to volunteer at the East End Hospice Pig Roast Fundraiser where the NJROTC also volunteers each year. Joe Best Legion/SAL, Tom Best SAL Member and I parked cars for the fundraiser, all for a great local cause. There will be a SAL meeting on July 11th at 6pm to discuss the help needed for the upcoming Car Show in August, it would be appreciated for some assistance as this is a SAL/Auxiliary/SAL event.

Thank you,
Jim Best



Jim Best, Joe Best, Major and NJROTC members at the East End Hospice Pig Roast in Cutchogue.

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YOU WILL REACH ALL THE AMERICAN LEGION
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE LEGION
EVERY MONTH!

YOUR AD WILL HELP US REDUCE OUR AN-
NUAL EXPENSES. CONTACT CHARLES AT
631-765-2276



UPCOMING EVENT

American Legion Annual Chicken BBQ

September 16, 2017 • 4PM - 7PM

Takeout Available

Advanced Ticket Sales Available

\$25.00 per ticket

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Includes the Following:

1 Beer or Soda

½ Chicken

Roasted Potatoes

Baked Beans

Coleslaw

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Mail your check:

Attn. Earl Brock

American Legion Post 803

P.O. Box 591

Southold, NY 11971



Historian

This letter is in response to Mr. Ben Smith's "Bring back flags" letter to the Suffolk Times published June 15, 2017

On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies claimed their independence from England but they had no idea if this claim would translate into their own annihilation or freedom. Those of us in the 21st Century can't imagine just how brave they were. We can't hold claim to the risks they took or the emotions they felt as they defied one of the most powerful forces on earth at that time.



Each year on July 4th communities like ours partake in parades that commemorate their bold action. We enjoy a level of freedom unknown to most on this earth because of them. That is why we are proud that our community through the volunteer efforts of Southold Town merchants and local residents raise funds to hold our annual 4th of July parade at minimum cost to the Town of Southold. The Town of Southold installs the large flags that line the parade route and provide security for the event, but all other expenses are borne by donations.

Some donations come by anonymous citizens and others by parade attendees that volunteer to donate toward the small American flags and balloons that are handed out during the parade. Mr. Smith we

thank you for your desire to see American flags distributed at the 4th of July Parade. Please look closely this 4th of July and you will see many volunteers with buckets filled to the brim with small American flags handing them out as they have been for the past 20 years. We would also encourage you and anyone else reading this article to come forth and contribute to this great tradition by volunteering or simply waving a flag as the parade marches on.

Sincerely,

Joan Tyrer & Carol Scott
Southold Village Merchants
Charles J. Sanders
Commander American Legion Post 803



Membership

You should have received your 2018 membership notice by now. As soon as you pay your dues I will send you your 2018 membership card. Let's get some new members.

DonWagner, Chairman



Post 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
SAL Adjutant - Jim Best
Membership Chair - Don Wagner

2017 Calendar of Events

Coming Attractions

- 7/4 Tues. 4th of July Annual Parade in Southold: Muster 11:15AM Parade 12PM
7/8 Sat. Auxiliary Yard Sale: 9AM to 3PM
7/11 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting Bar Open 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
7/25 Tues. July Dinner Social 5:30 PM Bar Open 6:30 PM Dinner Served
8/8 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting Bar Open 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
8/27 Sun. Car Show 9AM to 3PM
9/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting Bar Open 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
9/16 Sat. Annual American Legion Chicken BBQ
9/26 Tues. September Dinner Social Bar Open 5:30 PM 6:30 PM Dinner Served
10/10 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting Bar Open 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
10/24 Tues. October Dinner Social Bar Open 5:30 PM 6:30 PM Dinner Served
11/5 Sun. Tentative Date for Auxiliary Craft Fair
11/10 Fri. Veteran's Day Ceremony: Time TBD
11/11 Sat. Veteran's Day Dinner Dance: Time TBD
11/14 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting Bar Open 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
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