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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

JULY 2018

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

The Post had an incredibly busy June. We were responsible for hosting the Memorial Day Parade in the Town this year; we successfully held our 25th Annual Golf Classic and our annual Flag Day installation of officer's dinner.

The scholarship committee selected the three recipients of our Americanism scholarships and the executive board chose the winner for the mural project. Andrea Ochoa a 10th grader from Greenport was the winner and her mural proposal painting is included at the end of this column. The Auxiliary and the Sons of the Legion have been busy too. The Auxiliary held their installation ceremony and preparations are underway for their annual Yard Sale. A picture of their installation is provided at the end of this column too. The Son's of the Legion successfully raised funds with their raffle and those funds will jump start their programs. I mentioned last month that I would be listing all the annual events that take place here at the Post and the critical need for members of the Legion, Sons of the Legion, Auxiliary and Friends of the Legion to choose one of these events to chair and execute in the coming year. I will most likely receive command of a company in the National Guard and my focus must be on training my Soldiers. If we are not able to fill the chairmanship of these events then the events will have to be canceled and if there is a tremendous lack of support for the majority of these events then I will have to step down as commander. I'm so proud of the overwhelming support that these events receive as the time to execute them approaches; however, the commander can't be the chairman of all of them. It is just too much responsibility for one person. I will provide each person that chooses to chair an event with a three ring binder detailing the step-by-step process to execute an event to include points of contact, past vendors, and past financial reports if applicable. I will do my best to guide each chairman in the right direction in order to ensure a successful event. If you have not participated in the past then this

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Rest in Peace -

Francis E. Woods passed on May 25, 2018. An American Legion Wake service was held at 9:15 am June 5th at the DeFriest-Grattan Funeral Home in Mattituck, which was the morning after our golf outing. To Frank's family and those who knew him we offer our most sincere condolences. Special thanks to our funeral detail, the response was outstanding.

Sick call -

Tom Reese is currently at San Simeon. If you can, stop in to visit or send him a card.

Norm Wanback had recent surgery and is recovering at Acadia in Riverhead.

About two weeks ago my wife, Kathryn, and I were awakened at 2:30 in the morning by our smoke detector. We have five alarms in our house and all of them were blaring away. needless to say we were quite upset and called 911 right away. One of the Fire Chiefs and a Police Officer responded immediately. As it turned out there was no fire or carbon monoxide leak. The alarms went off as a result of a malfunction in one of the smoke detectors. I did not know it but smoke detectors have an expiration date and should be replaced. I recommend that you check yours if you have not. I can not describe how grateful I was for the response of the Fire Chief and the Police Officer. Our Firemen and Police Officers are true American heroes. The next time you hear a Siren go by think of grateful someone is going to be when they arrive and how grateful we all should be. God bless you all and be well.

Jeff Chagnon - *Post Chaplain*
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*"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called
children of God"*

~ Matthew 5:3-10

COMMANDER'S REPORT

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is your opportunity to serve your community and the Legion. As chairman you can choose a co-chairman to work with you and begin to build a team that will help you fulfill the duties of that post. I don't want the momentum that we have to falter but my commitments to the Guard and my family must take priority. Please contact me if you are willing to chair an event and I will add you to the list that we will post in the Reporter each month. The goal is to have all the chairman posts filled by November 1st of this year so we may plan for 2019.



God Bless All of You!

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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WEDNESDAY 4 JULY 2018 4TH OF JULY PARADE – Legionnaires, Son's of the Legion, Auxiliary please muster across from Wayside Market in Southold at 11:30AM. Legionnaires the uniform will be short sleeve white shirt, Legion Tie, gray pants with Legion Cap.

SATURDAY 7 JULY 2018 THE AUXILIARY YARD SALE – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (RAIN DATE: July 8)

TUESDAY 10 JULY 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 11 JULY 2018 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM

TUESDAY 24 JULY 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 24 JULY 2018 SON'S OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING – 5:30PM Meeting and then dinner social at 6:30PM.



ANDREA OCHOA MURAL WINNER



AUXILIARY INSTALLTION

SONS OF THE LEGION

The next SAL meeting will be July 24th at 6pm before the Legion Dinner Social. At that meeting we will be nominating for the 2018/2019 slate of officers.

Sincererly, Greg Dickerson, *Commander*
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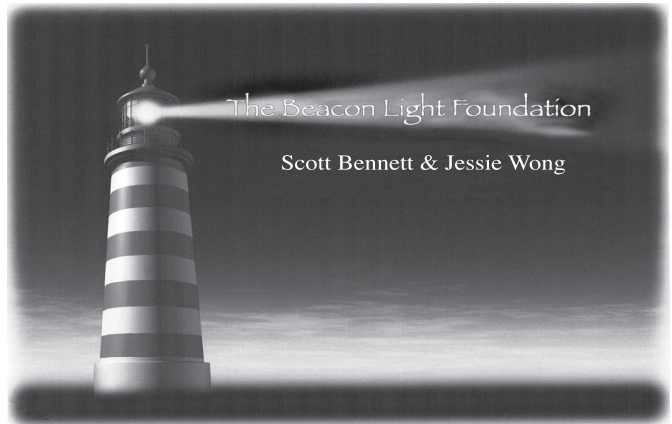
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2019 CHAIRMANSHIP REQUEST SIGNUP SHEET

Event	Date of Event	Chairman	Co-Chairman
Dinner Socials	Monthly		
St Patrick's Day Dinner	March 17, 2019		
Golf Classic Chairman	June 2019		
Americanism Scholarship Chairman	Yearly	Jose Perez	
Flag Day Installation Dinner	June 14, 2019	Charles J. Sanders	
Car Show Chairman	Aug. 2019		
Chicken BBQ	Sept. 2019		
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		
Pearl Harbor Fleet Rescue Event	Dec. 7, 2019	Charles J. Sanders	
Color Guard Commander	As Needed		
Social Media Director	As Needed		
Bingo Chairman	Yearly		

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THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, UNIT #803

Requests Your Participation at our

12TH ANNUAL YARD SALE

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2018 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Rain date: July 8th)

- NUMEROUS VENDORS OFFERING A VARIETY OF PRODUCTS & YARD SALE ITEMS
- AUXILIARY TABLES WILL INCLUDE TONS OF DONATED ITEMS (CLOTHING, SHOES, ACCESSORIES, TOYS COLLECTIBLES, ETC.)
- "HOMEMADE" BAKED GOODS
- DELICIOUS SANDWICHES , HOT DOGS, BEVERAGES
- 50/50 RAFFLE

NOTE: FUNDS GENERATED FROM THIS EVENT HELP SUPPORT OUR ONGOING EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE POST, OUR VETERANS AND OUR TROOPS.

We Look Forward To Seeing You!



4TH ANNUAL GTG POST 803

Car Show



SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018 · 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Live Music · Food Trucks · Vendors · 50/50 Raffle

TASKS THAT NEED TO BE HANDLED:

watching the gates ♦ registering the cars
directing the cars where to park ♦ selling chances and raffles ♦ etc.

Remember that "Many Hands Make Light Work!"

We need volunteers and supporters ~ an hour or two would be great!

Hang posters in local stores · preselling 50/50's · setup · cleanup

CONTACT DENISE 631.466.2527 OR EJ 631.680.5855

HISTORIAN

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.



When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet “Common Sense,” published by Thomas Paine in early 1776. On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies’ independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee’s resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee’s resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 “will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival” and that the celebration should include “Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other.” On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on

July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

COMMANDER’S NOTE

I have recently become hooked on a HBO series called Vice. It is a type of news agency with correspondents that go to far-flung places in the world to cover war, famine, tragedy, poverty as well as scientific breakthroughs and some positive events. I mention this because as I watch each episode I realize more and more how blessed we all are to be Americans. Any rational and worldly person regardless of political affiliation must admit that to be American is to be blessed with an overwhelming amount of opportunity and freedom. I always call America the, “Perfect-Imperfection!” Why? Because America is made up of imperfect creatures that are thankfully guided by a political system that establishes checks and balances that make it difficult for our corrupt natures to completely get out of control. Does our judicial and political system always work justly? Absolutely not but the level of corruption in America is minimal and the possibility for justice incredible. We must thank our Founding Fathers for all of their sacrifices; it is now up to us to keep the flag waving and our country strong.

The history of the 4th of July is derived from the following website: <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th>

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Historian*

MEMBERSHIP

We have added 14 new members this year for a total of 220. This is good but we need more active members at our meetings, socials, and bingo games. This month you will be receiving your 2019 request for membership dues. Please send them as soon as possible. See you at our July 10th Meeting.

Bob Cochran, *Chairman*

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LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

Summer is here and that means it's time for our annual Yard Sale! Thanks to some very generous donations our tables will be filled with many great items! Please join us on Saturday July seventh at 9:00 AM. We will also have delicious homemade baked goods for sale. Auxiliary members should call Donna and let her know what you will be baking. Set up will be on Friday July sixth at five and pizza will be served.

Those of us who attended the Marine Reunion on Friday May twenty-fifth enjoyed great food and conversation with the veterans. The Auxiliary and Legion jointly sponsored the "Nice Buns" food truck. Dean and Jamie Eichorn did a wonderful job with the food. The Warrior Reunion Foundation is performing an important function for these veterans and we wholeheartedly support them.

We held our Installation jointly with Shelter Island on June first. It was great to see Holly initiated and our slate of officers was installed. Afterwards we all shared refreshments along

with the Suffolk County Legion Auxiliary officials.

The Legion Flag Day & Officer Installation Awards Dinner was held on June fourteenth. Commander Sanders recognized the Auxiliary with plaques and shirts and expressed his appreciation for all we do. Thanks Commander!

Remember to circle your calendars on Sunday August twenty-sixth for the ever popular Legion Car Show!

We are looking forward to marching in the Fourth of July parade. Our next meeting will be Wednesday July eleventh. See you there!

Joan Cochran, *President*

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**

BUILDING PROJECTS/2018 GOALS

- Paint the hall, bathrooms, and clean up the ceiling tiles in the bathrooms
- Landscape front of the Legion and side of the Legion **IN PROGRESS**
- ~~Fix electrical issues to include fire alarms, monitoring cameras, electrical panel, basement lighting, outdoor power box~~ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**
- New chairs for the hall
- New curtains for the hall
- New events sign in front of Post
- ~~New survey of property~~ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Original Survey Discovered**
- New light fixture front of Post
- Update signs in front of Post
- Repair or replace "Handicap" ramp **Partial Donation Granted from Salice Family Trust**
Carpenter Bids Coming In
- ~~Boots on Ground Food Drive~~ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Auxiliary Members and Others**
- USMC "Toys for Tots"
- New bar stools, tables and chairs **INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS**
- Apply Strong Sealant to Contemplation Benches
- ~~Complete Cleaning of Color Guard Weapons~~ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**
O'Malley and Jeff Chagnon!
- Create a Larger E-Mail Database **IN PROGRESS**
- Fire Extinguishers Replaced **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED by Neil Rochford and Joe St Pierre**
- Four Pillars of the American Legion mural Commander's Office **IN PROGRESS**



JULY & AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 07/04 Wed. 4th of July Parade:
Muster at 11:30 Parade at 12:00**
- 07/07 Sat. Annual Auxiliary Yard Sale**
- 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**
- 07/24 Tues. Son's of the Legion Meeting
5:30PM and Social to Follow**
- 08/08 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM**
- 08/21 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM
Meeting 7:30PM**
- 08/26 Sun. Legion Annual Car Show**



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 Historian - Charles J. Sanders
Membership Chair - Bob Cochran
Membership Assistant - Don Wagner

SAL OFFICERS

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

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