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THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

JULY 2019

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

We are having a very busy year here at the Post. Our annual Golf Classic was a great success. I want to mention how sad we were to discover the passing of our newest volunteer Mike Divine. He recently became a member and stepped right in and volunteered to help out with the Golf Classic. To his family and friends we extend our deepest sympathies. The Golf classic netted approximately \$10,000 for the Post putting us about \$2,000 more than last year. I want to thank all of our Sponsors for their support and all the hard work our golf Chairman Bob Bittner put into this event as well as the golf committee and other volunteers that stepped in. Bob Cochran saved us at the entrance door and he helped Neil Rochford clean all the dishes after dinner. Let's say those two men were exhausted at the end of the night. Take a look at some of our volunteers in the pictures at the bottom of this column. We have an event packed July coming up. First on our calendar is the annual 4th of July parade. Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion please come on down and march in the parade. We will gather across from the Wayside Market in Southold at 11:30AM. The parade will begin there for us and end at the Legion where we will enjoy some hotdogs and sodas. Right after the 4th the Auxiliary will hold their Summer Fair on Saturday July 6th from 9AM to 3PM. On Sunday July 14th Jan Powers will be hard at work cooking for our Annual Breakfast from 7AM to 1PM. Come on down before or after Church to enjoy his amazing cooking. Then we have our monthly social on Tuesday July 23rd where the Auxiliary has volunteered to chair and execute this event. We had to make a change last month due to a scheduling conflict so June we had Chinese food. You will notice we have a new RSVP phone line 631-407-5555 and new RSVP email address post803rsvp@gmail.com It is our goal to increase communication for these events and to ensure we forecast enough food for all of these events. August is going to be a lot of fun because of the annual car show on August 25th. Here

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Rest in Peace -

Michael J. Devine passed on June 1st. The American Legion Wake Service was conducted on June 3rd at the Tuthill Mangano Funeral Home in Riverhead. Michael was a kind and gracious man who was willing to support our Post in any way. He was a member of our Golf committee. He will be dearly missed. Special thanks to our funeral detail for an outstanding turnout.

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



"Grant that we may realize that it is the little things of life that create differences, that in the big things of life we are as one"

- an excerpt from Mary Stewart's Prayer

MEMBERSHIP

Attention All Members!

Post 803 is currently at 206/ 228 (90.4%) paid up members for 2019. We have two new members to welcome to the Post, William Gieckel US Navy, and Frank Sannino US Army. The Post 803 ID cards are available for the year 2020. If you still need to pay for your 2019 membership or wish to get an early start for 2020 please send your dues (\$50) to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971. Thank you for supporting our Post 803.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*



LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

Hello summer! We are very excited about our upcoming Summer Fair on Saturday July 6th! Please come take a look at all the arts and crafts, yard sale items, antiques, children's craft table and face painting along with our delicious hot dogs and baked goods! The fun starts at 9:00am, with face painting available from 9 to 12:30. This year we are asking our extended Legion family to donate home-baked goods for our "Best Bake Sale Ever". Please drop off your baked items to us by

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COMMANDER'S REPORT

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is a little note from Denise Thilberg from the Auxiliary: It's that time of year again.... we are looking for help with the Posts 5th annual Car Show. The tasks include selling 50/50 ticket, hanging posters, setting up on Friday August 23rd and the day of the show Sunday August 25th. The day of the show tasks will include helping register the cars, selling tickets, collecting donations at the gates, membership drive, etc... most of all this event is about having fun!!! Please call EJ Flynn at 631-680-5855 or Denise Thilberg at 631-466-2527. We will also put a sign up sheet in the front lobby. Remember that many hands make light work. This is not a job... if you only can do an hour we will be appreciative. We are also looking for sponsors for the band, trophies (yes trophies. This year we will have two of the unique trophies. One people's choice and the other Commanders Choice) Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds from this event go toward Post 803 improvements. Donations checks can be made out to: GTG Post 803. Please send them to: Denise Thilberg 2280 Boisseau, Southold NY 11971.

God Bless All of You.

Our future is looking bright and our 2018/2019 successes prove that our brilliance is sustained through combined effort!

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Commander*
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Post Number 631-765-2276



THE BAR IS OPEN
every Friday at 6:30 pm
until the crowd
goes home

THURSDAY 04 JULY 2019 ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PARADE 11:30AM MUST TIME 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. If you don't have these items then please come anyway. You are Veterans so come on down and support our independence.

SATURDAY 06 JULY 2019 AUXILIARY SUMMER FAIR 9AM TO 3PM

TUESDAY 09 JULY 2019 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 prior to the meeting at 6:30PM. Thank You Jan Powers for cooking!!!

TUESDAY 09 JULY 2019 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM

SUNDAY 14 JULY 2019 AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST 7AM TO 1PM

TUESDAY 23 JULY 2019 SONS OF THE LEGION MEETING The bar will open at 6PM with dinner social after the meeting.

TUESDAY 23 JULY 2019 DINNER SOCIAL 5:30PM Bar is open and 6:30PM dinner is served so that we may accommodate all please RSVP to the NEW POST RSVP LINE 631-407-5555 or new RSVP email: post803rsvp@gmail.com Cost \$10.00 Volunteers are needed at 4PM to setup for the event so come on down.

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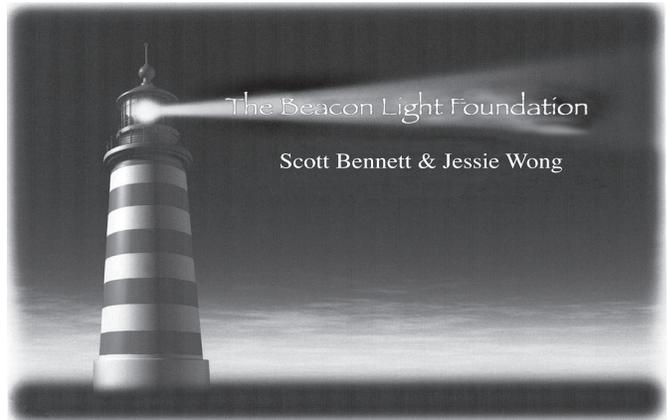
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Monthly Social Tuesday 23 July 2019

5:30PM Bar open - 6:30PM dinner served

Please RSVP to the NEW POST RSVP LINE 631-407-5555 or our new RSVP email: post803rsvp@gmail.com We don't want to turn anyone away so please RSVP names of each person on your RSVP list. Don't just RSVP the number of people. We need names thank you so much.

Cost \$10.00

Volunteers are needed at 4PM to setup



Calling All Bakers!

Legion family members, our Auxiliary bakers are becoming few and far between!

We need your help in our mission to support Post 803, our veterans and our troops!



Please drop off your favorite baked item, with recipe attached, to our

“Best Bake Sale Ever”

at our Summer Fair on Saturday July 6th by 9:00AM.

There will be a prize and recognition in the Reporter for the winning entry!

SOUTHOLD AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY UNIT #803



SUMMER FAIR

RAIN DATE
JULY 7TH

SATURDAY, JULY 6TH • 9AM TO 3PM

Free Admission

32+ VENDORS
HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS
ANTIQUES
PHOTO STATION
ARTS & CRAFTS

REFRESHMENTS
YARD SALE BOOTHS
50/50 RAFFLE
FACE PAINTING
9AM-12:30PM

AMERICAN LEGION - 51655 MAIN ROAD - SOUTHOLD

SOUTHOLD AMERICAN LEGION POST #803

AMERICAN
ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ
LEGION

September 14 - 2019 • 4pm-7pm

Takeout Available - Advanced Ticket Sales call 631.407.5555 - \$25 per ticket

Includes:
1 Beer or Soda, 1/2 Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert



Mail Your Check:

Attn: Jose Perez - American Legion Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971

First Legion Sunday Breakfast

\$15:00 • July 14 • 7 am to 1 pm

INCLUDES: Pancakes, eggs, sausage links/patties or bacon, potatoes.
Drinks: Coffee, tea, milk, juice OJ or Grapefruit.

RESERVATION NAMES	CHECK ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> 7AM-8AM
2.	<input type="checkbox"/> 8AM-9AM
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> 10AM-11AM
4.	<input type="checkbox"/> 12PM-1PM

MAIL TO: AMERICAN LEGION POST 803 ATTENTION JAN POWERS P.O. BOX 591 SOUTHOLD, NY 11971

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

please contact breakfast chairman Jan Powers 914-213-8467 leave message if no answer or send text or E-mail: GalaxyFCC@gmail.com



5TH ANNUAL GTG POST 803 CAR SHOW



SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019 • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\$20.00 Fee • 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 631.680.5855 OR 631-466-2527

HISTORIAN

I wanted to submit my speech for Memorial Day because I did not mention D-Day in the June Reporter and I think it is important to fight for one of our Legion Pillars that is under attack. That pillar is Americanism! Here is my take on D-Day and the greatness of America.

There are two competing narratives that are playing themselves out in the media. On the one hand there is the narrative of, "Make America Great Again!" on the other hand there is the narrative of, "America has never been Great!"

I propose to you today that both of these narratives inaccurately define America. America is a "Perfect imperfection!" Because it symbolizes a family unit that strives to improve itself while addressing the mistakes of its members as well as recognizing the triumphs of its members.

America is comprised of families and we all know that our families have saints and sinners, train wrecks and train conductors. How could we expect anything less of our country as a whole? We cannot expect our country or any country to have a perfect record. We individually and we collectively will have deeds that we wish never occurred. Media from all sides have failed to express this shared history.

Our family members are diverse as depicted in the alphabet soup analogy. There is no example of a group of Americans that know this best than those that have served in our armed services. Our armed services have evolved from a segregated entity into one of the most diverse organizations in America.

Our armed service members know more than any other organization in America just how costly our freedom of diversity is. How costly our Freedom in general is. Americans have the Freedom of Religion, Speech, and the opportunity to overcome poverty, prejudice, and to make a wonderful life for themselves and their families.

Today I proclaim to you that America has always been great because it is comprised of those willing to serve and even pay the ultimate sacrifice with their own lives for the freedoms we enjoy today.

America is Great and will continue to be so long as our citizens are willing to serve in our armed forces to protect these Freedoms.

Today, On Memorial Day we remember the fallen, we remember the maimed physically and mentally. We remember that we are free because of them.

God Bless our fallen and God Bless America!



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9:00am to participate in our bake sale contest- there will be a prize and recognition in the Reporter for the item that gives us the best "first impression ". Thank you in advance to all the community who so generously help us support our veterans, active military and youth. Thanks also to Greg Johns for the outstanding job his team did on our Summer Fair flyers!

We are proud to announce that the American Legion Auxiliary Post 803 has again been recognized by Suffolk County American Legion Auxiliary for Service to Veterans. A big thank you goes to all our members who work so hard throughout the year distributing poppies, planning and carrying out events, attending meetings and coming up with great ideas to accomplish our goals!

The Auxiliary will be hosting the Legion Social on Tuesday July 23rd. Ribs are on the menu so get your reservation in now by calling 631-407-5555! Leave your name and if you RSVP for a group please state their names as well. This will provide an accurate count for these popular meals. Only those whose names are on the RSVP list at the door can be guaranteed a meal.

Congratulations to our eight new members, including our newest members Linda Ruland and Beverly Greene. And thank you to Suffolk County American Legion Auxiliary officials for offering their services for our annual Installation of Officers and Initiation of New Members Ceremonies. We welcome new members and will have information available at our Summer Fair if you would like to join us!

Please mark your calendars for the annual Legion Car Show on Sunday August 25th. Denise and EJ always put on a great event! Denise and I also ran the putting contest at this year's Legion Golf Outing which was a great success! A good time was had by all!

July is a busy month with the 4th of July Parade in Southold, set-up for the Summer Fair on July 5th, Summer Fair on July 6th, our monthly meeting on Tuesday July 9th, and the Social on the 23rd. Please join us and also make time to celebrate our great nation's birth on the Fourth of July!

Joan Cochran, *President*

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SONS OF THE LEGION

I can't believe that it is July already! The SAL has had some fun and exciting events over the past month with Tom Lamothe and myself helping with Memorial Day parade opening ceremony. For the first time in many years the Son's of the American Legion Flag flew at this year's Memorial Day Parade in Greenport with Tom Lamothe, Gary Iorio, Brian Hughes and myself representing the SAL. We are looking forward to seeing her fly in many more parades including the July 4th Parade in Southold. The East End Hospice Pig Roast was a huge success, Joe Best, Tom Best and myself overseeing the parking for the sold out event on a beautiful day at Pindar Vineyard. The shirts the SAL donated to the East End Hospice where a huge hit! Not one shirt was left which the proceeds benefiting the East End Hospice. The American Legion Golf outing was a great success and SAL members Rich Feeley and myself got out and played 18 and had great time with the legion members. The Legion still has many events still left for the summer and could use some additional help with the Car Show and the 100 year American Legion Anniversary in November to name a few. This year the SAL's main fundraiser will be a trip to the New York Jets opening Day game against the Buffalo Bills on September 8th. The cost is \$135.00 per person and includes your game ticket, roundtrip coach bus transportation, tolls, parking, gratuity and non alcoholic beverages. The bus will leave the American Legion at 9:30am on September 8th allowing time for some tailgating time and return around 7:30pm with two lucky children getting to go on the field for pregame warm-ups with the players. Tickets are limited and first come first serve basis. If you are interested please contact myself immediately as we have sold 25% of our tickets through presales. To purchase tickets please contact myself at 631-384-1307 or jamesfbest@yahoo.com. Again, please note that all future meetings will be the 4th Tuesday at 6PM prior to the Legion Social.

Sincerely, Joe Best, Sal Commander

POST 803 LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OUR LONG-TERM GOALS & NEEDS

We will be installing a fundraiser thermometer in front of the Post to raise funds for the Legion to address our Long Term Goals. Eventually we need to address these needs because the Post is showing its age and there is no better way to do this than to increase our building funds so that we may accurately plan for the accomplishment of these goals. We are seeking your help to begin to address these issues and ensure the stability of the Post. We have been repairing the roof and bathroom issues for years but these small repairs will not last forever. If you are able to contribute financially or perhaps you have a construction company or construction skills and would like to assist us then please reach out to me or Joe St. Pierre our designated in-house construction expert. Call the post and leave a message for either one of us 631-765-2276.

- Replace Bar Roof
- Replace Main Building Roof
- Renovation of Entire 2nd Floor (excluding the SAL Bar Room).
- Emergency Exit for 2nd Floor
- Bar Makeover
- Bathroom Renovation Male and Female Main Hall (Handicap Accessible)
- Bathroom Renovation 2nd Floor SAL Project.
- Inspect and Possibly Reinforce/Repair Foundation if Necessary

2019 Goals

- ✓ Raise \$20,000 for Building Projects Above Normal Fundraising
- ✓ Paint Main Hall
- ✓ Replace Broken Post 803 Decorative Light Fixture Front of Post - Thank you to Joe St Pierre for installing the light fixture and Bill Kietsek for his donation and Bill Von Efff's donation of the emblem
- ✓ New Permanent Sign in Front of Post
Co-chair Denise Thilberg, E.J. Flynn & Bob Cochran
- ✓ Purchase New Bar Stools and Tables for Bar - Co-chair Denise Thilberg & Jim Best
- ✓ Mission Accomplished! Thank you Bob Cochran for all your hard work on coordinating this!
- ✓ Repair Brick Steps Emergency Exit and Front of Building - Co-chair Joe St. Pierre & Michael Devine
- ✓ Install New Soda Dispenser in Bar - Bartenders agreed not to install soda dispenser at this time.
- ✓ Install New Professional Coffee Maker in Kitchen - Thank you to Chaplain Jeff Chagnon and our generous donors Doris Sherman, Paul Krieling, and Al Kropp
- ✓ Repair or Replace Kitchen Stoves - Stoves repaired! Thank you Joe St. Pierre and Jan Powers for coordinating this!

Brass Memory Plates

I would like to purchase a brass plate to help support the purchase of new bar furniture.

This brass plate is:

In honor of _____

or

In memory of _____

I'm including my check for \$100.00.

Sincerely: _____

Please make your check out to American Legion Post 803 and mail to P.O.Box 591 Southold, NY 11971

JULY & AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 07/04 Thur. Annual 4th of July Parade: 11:30AM
- 07/06 Sat. Auxiliary Summer Sale: 9AM-3PM
- 07/09 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 07/09 Tues. Auxiliary Meeting: Bar 6:30PM
Meeting 7:00PM
- 07/14 Sun. Legion Community Breakfast
Fundraiser: 7AM to 1PM
- 07/23 Tues. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting
6:30PM Dinner Social to Follow
- 07/23 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM
- 08/13 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 08/13 Tues. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 08/27 Tues. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM Dinner Social to Follow
- 08/27 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM
- 08/25 Sun. American Legion Car Show



LEGION OFFICERS

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2nd Vice Commander - Jose Perez
Past Commander - 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 - Joe Best
1st Vice - Gary Iorio
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Adjutant - Jim Best
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