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THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

JUNE 2017

Commander's Report



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

I would first like to recognize the wonderful work the Auxiliary did with the field of Poppies. The field of Poppies is an excellent example of our commitment to honor our Veteran's and promote Americanism. A special thank you is extended to Joe St. Pierre

for all his hard work in making the Poppies. I would also like to say thank you to Bob Cochran for all his hard work in the Legion bar. He has been working on replacing all of the old outlets, painting, and soon he will be installing a new dartboard. Last month we successfully voted in the new officers of the Post and on Wednesday, June 28th we will swear them in at our annual scholarship awards dinner. We will also honor our outgoing officers. You will find the list of new officers posted on page 5 of this Reporter. Last year we were able to hold the event on Flag Day but this year it will have to be later in the month due to the Suffolk County American Legion convention being held here on the 3rd of June and the annual golf classic on the 5th of June. What a busy month! You will be receiving invitations for the June 28th dinner very soon so please be sure to RSVP ASAP because this event was SOLD OUT last year. This dinner will also act as our monthly social. The social in May was a great success. Earl Brock suggested that we hit the phones to call and invite people to the social and we had over 40 guests attend because of the calls. We could not call everyone so don't feel disappointed if you didn't get a phone invite. You never know when you might receive a call. At least it is not an IRS call:) We have to thank Bill Eagan and his crew for a great meal in May and Rich Feeley for his bartending skills. Rich worked the bar even though he has been suffering from foot pain so thank

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Chaplain's Report

Sick Call:

Daniel McConlogue is resting at home. Please keep Daniel and his family in your prayers. Pray, Hope and Don't Worry - St. Pio of Pietrelcino

Jeff Chagnon, Chaplain

Legion Auxiliary Post 803



May has been a very busy month for the Legion Auxiliary. After working on the Memorial Field of Poppies for months along with Legion members we again produced a moving tribute to the fallen. Donna and Joe St. Pierre headed up a large committee again this year. Thanks go to everyone who supported our cause.

Our members distributed lapel poppies this month and appreciate all those who donated and proudly wore them. Thanks go to Charlotte and her committee!

At our May meeting we had a lively discussion with many suggestions for helping our local veterans. Many of us are aware of those who need support but if you know of a friend or family member that we have missed please let us know.

June brings our annual installation. Mimi, Donna and I will be joined by Margie who has been elected to Vice President.

Remember Saturday July 8th is our annual Yard Sale. Please come out to support us!

Joan Cochran, President

Commander's Report continued

you Rich for toughing it out for us. Please come join us for an amazing June and let's not forget the 4th of July parade. Here is a more detailed list of upcoming events:

Saturday 3 June 2017 Suffolk County American Legion Convention:

Post 803 is proud to be the host of the 2017 County Convention. This is your opportunity to attend one in your own back yard. The convention registration will start at 9:00 AM and the Post Everlasting Service will be 11:00AM (Memorial for our fallen comrades) and Convention to start at 1PM. Dinner will be served after the convention. Cost FREE

Monday 5 June 2017 Twenty-Forth Annual Golf Classic:

The golf mailer has already been sent to every member at the post so I hope you have signed up to enjoy a day of golf or dinner. Brunch at 11:00AM, Shotgun at 12:00PM, and dinner at 6:30PM. Cost \$165 per Golfer and \$35.00 for non-golfers coming for dinner.

Wednesday 28 June 2017 Installation of Officers and Scholarship Awards Dinner:

Last year was a smashing success with over 200 attending this event. We will be sending out invitations soon so please be sure to RSVP so that you will have a place to enjoy the meal. We were so packed last year that we had to sit people in the bar. This year we will be honoring our 50 & 70-Year Members. 6PM Bar Open, 7PM Colors Posted, 7:15 PM Dinner Served, 7:45PM Ceremony Begins. Cost \$25.00.

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.

I look forward to a bright future for all of us at Post 803.

For God and Country

Sincerely,

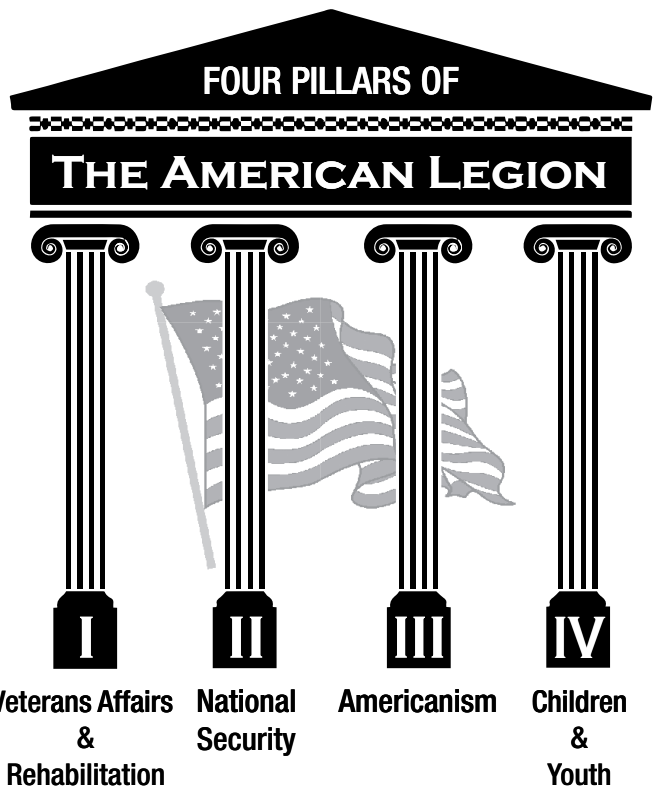
Charles J. Sanders

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2017 GOALS

- New Heating Units **Getting Estimates**
- Fix the steps and handrails for both of our entrances.
- Develop a cost estimate for each of our building projects. **In Progress**
- Raise funds to renovate our two bathrooms.
- Heating Units New Priority**
- Restoration of Commander's office. **100% Complete**
- Update bathroom in Sons of the American Legion room. **SAL Project**
- Increase Legion member participation by 20%.
- Install new batteries and PA system in new golf cart. **100% Complete**
- Change hardware on front door.
- Create an email contact list. **In Progress**
- Clean and inventory Color Guard weapons. **50% Complete**
- Paint the Post interior entrance and hall.
- Update parking lot lighting. **80% Complete**
- New Visitor logbook to capture information on those that visit the post. **100% Complete**

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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



Building Projects

The Commander's office and entrance hallway is painted and carpet has been installed. SoundSide Landscaping finished the annual cleanup and all the flowerbeds look fantastic. Nicolas Orientale as a requirement toward earning his Eagle Scout has completed the walkway and installation of two new contemplation benches. Thank you Nicolas for choosing the Legion for this project. The benches and walkway are beautiful! As stated last month we will be working toward replacing the heating units and currently we are working on estimates.

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.

Son's of The Legion

It has been a busy month moving donations around to various organizations and upcoming fundraising events. I would like to bring to mention that the VA has changed the medallion program, in the past only those who died after 1990 and laid to rest in a private cemetery could obtain a headstone medallion, now anyone who served from 1917 and is laid to rest in a private cemetery is eligible to receive one. It has been very rewarding and sometimes emotional for family members who have wanted to recognize a family member service to their country. I have held SAL meetings for 2 years and the attendance by SAL members has been non supportive. The SAL almost became extinct a few years back and I took over keeping the organization alive for SAL members. The last meeting for the summer will be Wednesday May 10th at 6:30pm in the SAL room on the second floor. I have Legion access cards for members who wish to take advantage of the SAL pool table and ping pong table.

Sincerely, Jim Best SAL Adjutant



Please join
Commander Charles J. Sanders
as we celebrate the installation
of our new 2017 executive officers

and honor our

50-Year Members
Richard O. Walker
Jack H. Thilberg

and

70-Year Members
Floyd R. Vail
James H. Rich, Jr.

Wednesday, June 28th

6 PM Bar Open

7 PM Colors Posted

7:15 PM Dinner Served

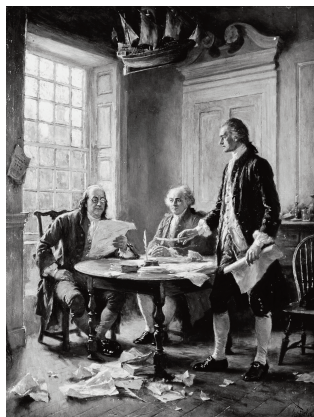
7:45 PM Ceremony Begins

\$25.00 per person

Attire: Legionnaires please wear your cover

Historian

On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies claimed their independence from England, an event that led to the formation of the United States. Each year on July 4th, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event.

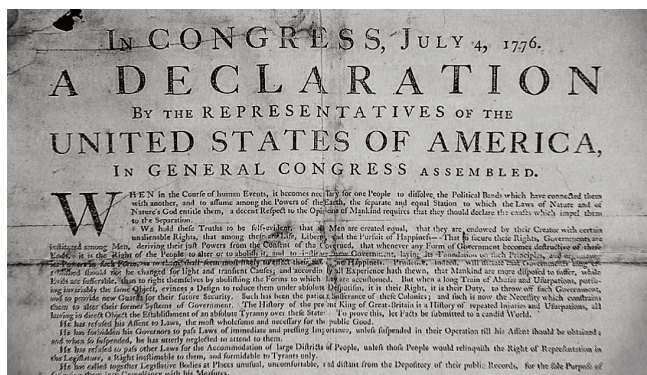


Conflict between the colonies and England was already a year old when the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. In a June 7 session in the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall), Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution with the famous words: "Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

Lee's words were the impetus for the drafting of a formal Declaration of Independence, although the resolution was not followed up on immediately. On June 11, consideration of the resolution was postponed by a vote of seven colonies to five, with New York abstaining. However, a Committee of Five was appointed to draft a statement presenting to the world the colonies' case for independence. Members of the Committee included John Adams of Massachusetts,

Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New York and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. The task of drafting the actual document fell on Jefferson.

On July 1, 1776, the Continental Congress reconvened, and on the following day, the Lee Resolution for independence was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies, New York not voting. Discussions of Jefferson's Declaration of Independence resulted in some minor changes, but the spirit of the document was unchanged. The process of revision continued through all of July 3 and into the late afternoon of July 4, when the Declaration was officially adopted. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration, two -- Pennsylvania and South Carolina -- voted No, Delaware was undecided and New York abstained. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. *Information obtained from following website: <http://www.military.com/independence-day/history-of-independence-day.html>*



Membership

It looks like we will wind up with 224 members for 2017. Starting July 1st you will receive your 2018 request for dues. Let's try to get new members at the beginning of the year.

Don Wagner, Chairman

New Officers of the Post

- Commander - Charles J. Sanders
- 1st Vice Commander - Jeff Chagnon
- Past Commander - 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

- 6/3 Sat. The Suffolk County American Legion Convention: See Inside Report
- 6/5 Mon. American Legion Golf Classic at Islands End: Shotgun 12PM
- 6/28 Wed. Installation of Officers and Scholarship Awards Dinner: 7PM
- 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
- 12/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting Bar Open 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM



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