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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

JUNE 2018

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

I want to say thank you to Paulette Ofrias from the Southold Pharmacy for heeding our call for more sponsors of the *Reporter!* Our sponsors contribute greatly toward our ability to reach our members and the community through this monthly publication.

If you would like to take an ad out in the *Reporter* it is only \$600.00 a year for 12 issues and our distribution is only growing. As I write this we are preparing for our Memorial Day Parade where we will promote Americanism through our wreath placement ceremony and our collective marching in honor of those that have fallen. The Auxiliary has once again installed the Field of Poppies and it is a beautiful tribute to our Veterans. The month of June is a very busy one for the Post. We have our 25th annual golf classic on June 4th so please come out and support by golfing, sponsoring a hole or enjoying dinner. June 14th is our annual Flag Day & Installation of Officers dinner where we all come together to celebrate the accomplishments of the Post and to recognize those that have gone the extra mile and contributed above and beyond. I would like to apologize for the necessity to cancel our Mother's Day Breakfast. We had such a successful breakfast the month before but Mother's Day was too difficult to get the support necessary to effectively execute this event. We are planning a future mimosa breakfast in the near future so keep an eye out in the *Reporter* for more details coming soon. In the July issue of the *Reporter* we will be listing the major events that occur each year at Post 803. These events not only raise funds to keep the Post viable but they help us fulfill the Four Pillars of the American Legion. We will be seeking volunteers to choose one of these events and become its chair. We have a handful of Legionnaires that are doing the lion's share of all the work and it is becoming too taxing on them. It is likely that I will soon be taking command of a Company in the National Guard. This National Guard duty takes a considerable amount of time and it has to trump the priorities of the Post. If you are a

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

It has been another fairly quiet month. Although quiet does not mean we have not been busy with our preparations for Memorial Day and the Golf Outing. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on Flag Day, June 14th, which is when we have the installation of officers and recognition of some fifty-year members. It is a real nice evening and you cannot beat the price for \$25.00 dollars.

Sick call -

I have just received word that Ron Rossi will be home receiving treatment for a medical condition. Let us all pray that he has a speedy recovery.

God bless you all and be well.

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



*"We become what we love
and who we love shapes
what we become."
~St. Clare of Assisi*

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. Can you help! Next month you will be receiving your 2019 request for membership dues. Please send them as soon as possible. See you at our June 12th Meeting.



Don Wagner, *Chairman*

COMMANDER'S REPORT

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Legionnaire, Son of the American Legion, Auxiliary member or a friend of the Legion and just want to help then please consider taking on a future role as chairman for one of our events. If the division of labor cannot be accomplished and I take command in the National Guard, I may have to resign as Commander of the American Legion so that I may ensure my ability to execute my military obligations. Each chairman will receive a three-ring binder with step-by-step procedures for chairing that event. It sounds silly but a rope does not consist of one strand but many strands combined. If each person takes on one task then we can distribute the weight and stay strong as a Post. If we rely on just a few strands to support the weight of our efforts we are destined to fail.



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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MONDAY 4 JUNE 2018 THE 25TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC Brunch at Island's End Golf and Country Club at 11:00AM, Shotgun Start at 12:30PM, Open Bar at the Legion from 5PM-6:30PM, and Complete Prime Rib Dinner at 6:30PM.

TUESDAY 12 JUNE 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 13 JUNE 2018 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM

THURSDAY 14 JUNE 2018 FLAG DAY & INSTALLATION OF OFFICER'S DINNER 8:00AM - Shorty those on the mailing list will receive an invitation to this annual event.

We always have a blast honoring those members that have made substantial contributions to the Post and granting our scholarships to our local high school kids. We will also be swearing in our new slate of Executive Board Members at this dinner. Everyone in the community is invited but seating is limited. We were sold out the first year we held this on Flag Day so make sure you get your RSVPs in ASAP.

TUESDAY 26 JUNE 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 26 JUNE 2018 SON'S OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 5:30PM Meeting and then dinner social at 6:30PM.



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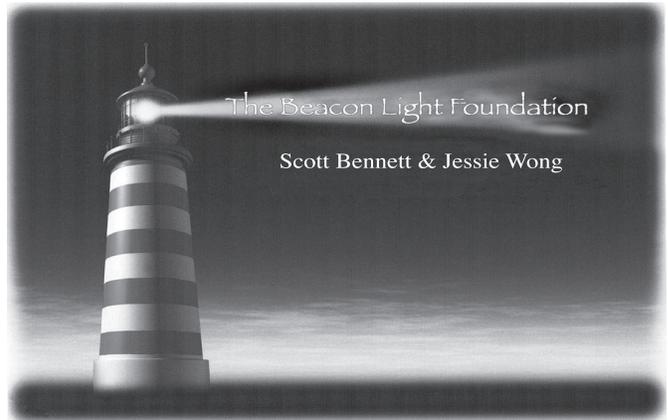
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On Flag Day!

Thursday, June 14th

Please join

Commander Charles J. Sanders

as we celebrate the installation

of our new 2018-2019 executive officers

and honor our outstanding volunteers

as well as 50+ Year Members

Russel E. Mann

Kenneth P. Wokosky

Allan Goldsmith

6 PM Bar is Available

7 PM Colors Posted

7:15 PM Dinner Served

7:45 PM Ceremony Begins

\$25.00 per person

Attire: Legionnaires please wear your cover

Make Checks Payable to: American Legion Post 803

Mail: Attn. Joan Cochran, American Legion Post 803, PO Box 591, Southold, NY 11971



THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, UNIT #803

Invites You to Participate in our

12TH ANNUAL YARD SALE

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

VENDORS WANTED

*Need to downsize or cleanout the house, attic, garage, etc. and earn some cash at the same time?
We have a great location and we obtain permits, etc.*

ON THE GROUNDS OF AMERICAN LEGION POST #803
MAIN ROAD, SOUTHOLD, LONG ISLAND

SPACE RENTAL: \$40.00

SPACE: 20' x 20'

SET UP TIME: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

FREE Coffee provided to vendors



**FOR AN APPLICATION OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT
DONNA AT 631-765-8144 or dfsp@optonline.net)**



American Legion Griswold-Terry-Glover Post 803

25th Annual Golf Classic



Monday, June 4th, 2018

Island's End Golf and Country Club . Route 25, Greenport, New York

\$165 per player

Shotgun Start at 12:30 PM

Includes:

Brunch (11:00 AM)

GreenFees

Golf Cart

Range Balls

Refreshments & Hot Dogs on Course

Open Bar at Post (5:00-6:30 PM)

Raw Bar at Post

Hors d'oeuvres at Post

Complete Prime Rib Dinner
(6:30 PM)

2018 Golf Committee:

Charles J. Sanders, Chairman

Ty Cochran, Co-Chairman

Al Rava Bill Egan

Dan Melhado Earl Brock

Jeff Chagnon Joe Kollen

Neil Rochford Mike Burke

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Any Questions Call:

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HISTORIAN

FLAG DAY HISTORY

The first celebration of the U.S. Flag's birthday was held in 1877 on the 100th anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777. However, it is believed that the first annual recognition of the flag's birthday dates back to 1885 when school teacher, BJ Cigrand, first organized a group of Wisconsin school children to observe June 14 - the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes as the Flag's Birthday. Cigrand, now known as the 'Father of Flag Day,' continued to publically advocate the observance of June 14 as the flag's 'birthday', or 'Flag Day' for years.

In 1916, the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 became a nationally observed event by a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson. However, it was not designated as National Flag Day until August 3rd, 1949, when an Act of Congress designated June 14th of each year as National Flag Day. Today, Flag Day is celebrated with parades, essay contests, ceremonies, and picnics sponsored by veterans' groups, schools, and groups like the National Flag Day foundation whose goal is to preserve the traditions, history, pride, and respect that are due the nation's symbol, Old Glory.

Just a few years later the efforts of another school teacher, George Balch, led to the formal observance of 'Flag Day' on June 14 by the New York State Board of Education. Over the following years as many as 36 state and local governments began adopted the annual observance. For over 30 years Flag Day remained a state and local celebration.

COMMANDER'S NOTE

Here at American Legion Post 803 we will be celebrating Flag Day by fulfilling the Four Pillars of the American Legion at our Annual Installation Dinner. At this event we will promote Veterans Affairs and National Security by uniting Veterans and the public, we will promote Americanism by executing our traditions such as Posting the Colors and pledging allegiance to our flag. Finally, we will fulfill the fourth and final pillar by providing scholarships to deserving youth. In doing so we not only contribute to their future success but we promote the stability and unity of our own country. While other countries strap bombs to student age youth we provide

them with direction and support so that they may have an honorable future. This sounds harsh but if it were not for the sacrifice of those service men and women in the past and those still serving we too may live in such a society. Just imagine if Japan or Germany had won WWII or if the Taliban or al Qaeda were to seriously grow in strength.

The history of Flag Day is derived from the following website: <https://www.military.com/flag-day>

Sincerely,

Charles J. Sanders, *Historian*

SONS OF THE LEGION

SAL members with raffle tickets sold and unsold please bring back to the Post at 5:30PM on June 14th just before the Legion Flag Day & Installation dinner. If you're interested in the dinner it is only \$25 per person. The drawing for the raffle will be held at 6PM the following day Friday, June 15th at the Legion bar. Any members wishing to march during the Memorial Day Parade are to muster at 9:30AM across from Wayside Market. 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.

Greg Dickerson, *Commander*

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LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

Thanks to the hard work of many Auxiliary members, Legion members and friends our Memorial Field of Poppies was "planted" again this year. It was a visually moving reminder of the sacrifices of so many who gave their all for our country.

A big thank you goes to all the ladies who worked so hard distributing paper lapel poppies during May. The funds raised go directly to help veterans, active military and their families. We appreciate all the community support.

On Flag Day, June 14th, the annual Legion Post 803 Installation will be held. Please RSVP to me by mail at the post or by e-mail to Commander Sanders before June 8th. If you have a preference mention with whom you would like to be seated. Looking forward to hearing from you all!

Please keep our annual Yard Sale in mind as you do your spring cleaning and reorganizing. The date is Saturday July 7th. You can rent a table for \$40.00 or

donate your gently used items ahead of time for our Auxiliary fundraising tables. Furniture, kitchen items, clothing, shoes, accessories and odds and ends can be donated as long as they are clean and still usable. We appreciate all your help. Call if you need assistance transporting items and we will do our best to accommodate.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday June 13th. See you then!

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

- Create a call chain/e-mail list for volunteers to support events **IN PROGRESS**
- 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 **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
- ~~Complete Cleaning of Color Guard Weapons~~ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED** by Jim O'Malley and Jeff Chagon!
- ~~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**
- New bar stools, tables and chairs **INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS**
- Apply Strong Sealant to Contemplation Benches
- USMC "Toys for Tots"
- 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**



APRIL & MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 06/04 Mon. 25th Annual Golf Classic
11AM Brunch 12:30PM Shotgun**
- 06/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM**
- 06/13 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM**
- 06/14 Thur. Annual Flag Day/Installation
of Officer's Dinner 6PM**
- 06/26 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM
Dinner Served 6:30PM**
- 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**



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** - 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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