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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

MARCH 2020

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

If you would like to attend the burial of 1LT George R. Sullivan at Arlington National Cemetery then please follow the instruction to follow later in the Reporter. We have had a very busy two-months

of the year so far. We had two Legion socials with almost 100 attending and we had a very successful Daytona 500 party with Joan Cochran and Denise Thilberg co-chairing the event to a smooth outcome. I can't believe the race was delayed but it was cool to see the President race around the track in "The BEAST!" Regardless of the race it was so fun to see everyone come together and just enjoy the day and a great thank you to Jan Powers for all he did to put together the Queen of Hearts Game. I always joke that there are too many, "Idea Fairies" flying around saying, "You should do this at the Legion and you should do that at the Legion." Well, Jan said, "We should try the Queen of Hearts game at the Legion!" He didn't stop with a great idea, he actually did the hard work of figuring out how we could have the game. He ordered the supplies, filled out the paperwork, build the display case and sold the first tickets. Yea! Jan can tell me we should do this or that any day because he is not expecting me to make it happen or sitting back and thinking to himself, "Ah...I'm so smart to come up with that idea." Nope! Jan did the work! Jan! You're Awesome! Along those same lines there is Bob Bittner. Oh...boy if you have ever hung out with him during lunch at Bingo he can go on and on about politics and he is often writing to the Suffolk Times. Well, he is another one of those "Idea Fairies" with wings that actually fly. He has done an excellent job of leading the Golf Committee toward a wonderful event this year. He came up with the idea to get sponsors to pay for the beer/wine cart, to do a hole-in-one contest, to use ads on placemats and much more. Can someone invent a machine that can duplicate these two guys for me...please. There are a lot more members that have been putting in the time and effort to support the Post and I'm sorry I'm not able to recognize everyone here but understand I'm extremely grateful.

Town Historian Amy Folk Veteran Interviews

I would like to make mention of another important aspect of the Legion and that is the Pillar of Americanism. One way we can help a younger generation not forget the sacrifice our members have made is for them to hear the stories and experiences of our members. Amy Folk our Town
Commander's Report continued on next page

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

At this time I am not aware of anyone who is on sick call. Please feel free to call me at any time if you know of someone who could use our help.

Rest in Peace- Joseph Foelsch passed on February 2nd, 2020 at the age of 88. Joe was a Korean War era vet who served in the US Navy. Joe was our Post Armorer at one time and some of the older guys had some fond memories of his days at the Post. The American Legion Wake Service was conducted on February 6th at the Coster-Hepner Funeral Home. Special thanks to the Funeral Detail for a good turnout.



Jeff Chagnon - Post Chaplin
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"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness sends to us day after day."
~ St. Gianna Molla

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership for 2020 is currently 198/235 (84.25%) paid up members. If you have a 2020 Membership I.D. Card you are a paid up member regardless of the notices from the National American Legion. Post 803 welcomes William Sheehan (USMC) of Southold as a new member. *We still have 37 members who haven't paid their 2020 dues, please do so before the Department of New York generates the 2021 Roster at the end of March.* The membership office is open every Tuesday afternoon if you need assistance. Please send your dues (\$50) to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971. Thanks for supporting our Post 803. Bob Cochran, Membership Chairman



COMMANDER'S REPORT

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Historian came to the Post during one of our meetings and offered to our members the opportunity to make an appointment with her to share their stories for historical purposes. The younger generation needs to hear your stories so that they may learn from them and appreciate America more. Amy has expressed to us that she is willing to meet with you in the comfort of your own home or you may meet her at her office. The task is simple. Just share your stories and answer simple questions like those you see on documentaries. Think of *Band of Brothers* and the interviews that were conducted with Veterans of Easy Company. Amy can be reached at 631-765-1981 or by email: amy.folk@town.southold.ny.us. You can check out the historian webpage at the following address: <https://ny-southold2.civicplus.com/234/Historian>

Arlington National Cemetery Service for 1LT George R. Sullivan

George will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at 9AM on Monday, March 30th. For those of you that wish to attend his service we are meeting at the American Legion on Sunday the 29th at 10AM to carpool to hotels in DC and then to the service in the morning. After the service we are going to visit the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in Washington, D.C. which features a quote from George on one of the glass panels engraved with "Voices of the Veterans" — quotes from disabled veterans detailing their experiences as stated by Megan Collins George's daughter.

His quote reads:

"Yes, I wished things would have worked out a little better for me, but I did come home alive and had a fairly successful life."

After this we will visit the USMC museum in his honor. Some of those attending are booking their hotels at Hilton Garden Inn Arlington/Courthouse Plaza located 1333 North Courthouse Road Arlington, VA 22201 Phone 703-528-4444.

You may also try the Le Meridien Arlington Marriot located 1121 19th St N. Arlington VA 22209 Phone 703-351-9170.

Note the following information:

- Arlington National Cemetery has increased its security posture and is implementing 100% ID checks at all entrances.
- Visitors 18 years of age and older must present a valid U.S. state or federal government-issued photo identification for entry.
- Visitors 16 and 17 years old who do not have a U.S.

state or federal government-issued photo identification may present an official school-issued photo identification for entry.

- Persons who are not U.S. citizens must present a valid passport or U.S. State Department-issued photo identification for entry.
- The service starting location is at the Administration Building.
- Please arrive 45 minutes ahead of time with your vehicles. Proceed to the security guards and notify them you are here for a service. You will need vehicle transportation throughout the service.

If you want to go and are willing to drive or need a ride please call me or text my cell 631-702-3083. Texting is best as I do not pick up my phone for unrecognized callers. You may also email me gtgpost803@gmail.com if you want a faster response.

2020 Upcoming Events/Volunteers Needed

The **Queen of Hearts** is off and running. Each Friday the Queen of Hearts drawing will occur inside the bar at 8PM to see if the Queen is found. Come on down and participate in this new game. We had a great turnout the first Friday but still no winner yet. You can kill two birds with one stone on Friday March 13th. We need help to setup for our **Pancake Breakfast** at 6:30PM to be followed by our 8PM Queen of Hearts drawing. The **Legion Breakfast** will be cooked up by non-other than Jan Powers our chef extraordinaire on **March 15th** from 8AM to 1PM. After the community has enjoyed a Legion breakfast they can come back on **Saturday, March 21st** to enjoy our Annual St. Patrick's Dinner. We will need help Friday the 20th at 6:30PM to setup just like the breakfast to include the Queen of Hearts drawing at 8PM. We will again provide food to the volunteers and the bar will be available.

Update on Legion Projects

I spoke with the representative from All-Island Blower and sheet metal as well as their subcontractor for the suppression system, Anderson Fire Equipment. The plans are drawn up and will be submitted to the town very soon. They are scheduled to conduct the installation the week following our St Patrick's dinner. Thank you again to Mattituck Environmental Services and the Lomangino family for their generous donation of \$25,000 toward this needed repair. y making great progress in 2020!

For God and Country
God Bless,
Charles J. Sanders
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THE BAR IS OPEN

every Friday at 6:30 pm
and at 8:00 pm

the Queen of Hearts Drawing

TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2020 2ND GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING 5:30PM

TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2020 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 is served prior to the meeting at 6:30PM. Thank You Jan Powers for cooking!!!

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2020 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM

FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2020 PANCAKE BREAKFAST SETUP 6:30 PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING AFTER 8PM

SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2020 LEGION PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8AM TO 1PM

FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2020 SAL MEETING 6PM HELP SETUP ST PATRICK'S DINNER AFTER

FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2020 SETUP ST PATRICK'S DINNER 6:30PM AND QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING AFTER 8PM

SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2020 ST PATRICK'S DINNER 5:30PM TO 6PM

DR. CHAT

We didn't get an article from Chrissy Berry yet. She is working on permissions for the content. As soon as she provides us an article we will post it. She is a local Physical Therapist and involved in with the Boy Scouts in town. If you would like to submit an article please send it via our Post email at gtgpost803@gmail.com. The goal is to express positive experiences you have had with the medical community that may help others reading about your experiences. Just say attention Dr. Chat.



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LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

Our Daytona 500 Party, which is a joint effort of the Legion and Auxiliary, was well attended and proved to be a great way to break up the winter for all the "non-snowbirds"! Since one TV in the bar was on its' last legs, Denise and I went in search of a bargain in preparation for the party. PC Richards in Riverhead gave us great deals on not one but two new TVs! We were able to replace both TVs with newer, larger versions. Thanks to PC Richards for supporting our veterans!

Thanks go to EJ, Greg, Ty and Gary for installing the new TVs in the bar in time for the event, and to EJ for donating a mounting bracket. Big thanks also go to Commander Sanders, Ray Terry, Dave DeFriest, EJ Flynn, Ty Cochran, Greg Schlacter, Ron Rossi, and Bill Ryan who all did a great job not only with set-up but due to a snafu also cleaned prior to the party!

We started out with donuts and coffee then Denise, EJ, Janique and Rob Nine really got some great food going in the kitchen. Janique's meatballs and buffalo chicken dip, Dave and Vicky's chicken wings, sliders and mini grilled cheese donated by Wendy Zuhoski, hot dogs with all the fixings, veggie platters, chips and dip, a cheese platter and a variety of snacks along with Gary serving ice cold beer made for a great party! Thanks also to Ron Rossi and Dan Kaelin for donating prizes and to Carol Terry, Priscilla Devine and Cassie Nine for doing a great job with the entry table and raffles.

Even though we waited through rain delays and saw only twenty laps of the race, a great "pre-game" atmosphere prevailed with lots of socializing and fun! During a lull in the action Denise wheeled out an amazing birthday cake and we sang a rousing version of "Happy Birthday" to Greg Schlacter. Commander Sanders and Jan Powers introduced the new "Queen of Hearts" raffle and a good time was had by all!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 11th. Remember to mark your calendars for corned beef and cabbage on March 21st and the Pancake Breakfast on March 15th.
Joan Cochran, *President*

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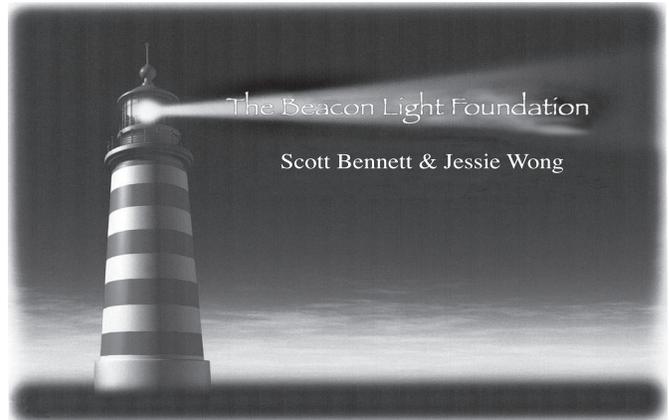
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SAVE THE DATE! MONDAY, JUNE 15TH

AMERICAN LEGION

GOLF CLASSIC FUNDRAISER



Dedicated this Year to the Memory of 1LT George Sullivan USMC

LOCATION: This Year all Events will be held at Island's End Golf Course to include Dinner.

TIME: Check-In 10:00 AM-11:15 AM • (Putting Contest Available)

Brunch 11:15 AM • Shotgun 12:30 PM

Open Bar 5 PM-6 PM • Dinner & Open Bar 6 PM-7PM

PRICE: \$165.00 per golfer

ISLAND'S END MEMBERS ONLY: \$140.00

DINNER ONLY: \$55.00

ACTIVITIES: Driving Range • Scramble Tournament
Other Contests

ON THE COURSE: Beer and Wine Cart • Hamburgers
Hot Dogs • Raw Bar

DINNER MENU: Sliced Prime Rib • Fried Chicken
Mac • Pasta • Salad • Veg



2020 GOALS

1. Outdoor Sign Installed
2. Fundraising Thermometer with goal to raise \$25,000 per year
3. Emergency Egress for 2nd Floor
4. New Main Hall Ceiling Repair/Cleaning or Replacement
5. Main Hall Painted
6. Fire Alarm System Installed
7. Finish Replacement of all Blue Hall Chairs
8. 10 New Chafing Dish Sets for Catering
9. New Kitchen Hood and Suppression System Installed
10. Website Updated and New Pages Added
11. Total of 16 Paid ad in the Reporter
12. Compile Cost Estimates on Long-Term-Goals
13. Basement and 2nd Floor Cleaning and Organizing

LONG-TERM GOALS

We will be installing a fundraiser thermometer in front of the Post to raise funds for the Legion to address our Long Term Goals.

- 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



First Legion Sunday Breakfast

\$15:00 • March 15 • 8 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

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY IN ADVANCE MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO AMERICAN LEGION POST 803 AND MAIL TO AMERICAN LEGION POST 803 ATTENTION JAN POWERS P.O. BOX 591 SOUTHOLD, NY 11971

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SETUP FOR THE BREAKFAST
ON FRIDAY THE 13TH AT 6:30PM.**

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



AMERICAN LEGION POST 803 ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER 2020

Saturday, March 21st
5:30 pm Bar  **6:00 pm Dinner**



Cash Bar
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Take-Out Available



\$15 per person

HISTORIAN

Last month was Black History Month and I did not write an article pertaining to this because we lost 1LT George Sullivan and we needed to honor him. I'm writing an article now because I think it is imperative that we communicate the great strides that have occurred in America regarding race. In my opinion there is too much extreme rhetoric occurring regarding race because sadly this topic can be an excellent way for some individuals to benefit politically from the division race topics can elicit.

I read an article in the February 13th issue of the *Suffolk Times* titled, "A month of learning is great, but we need to do more" This article compelled me to respond because I was particularly struck by the following statement, "Their histories as told are incomplete if we don't also note that many of those families were slave owners-**not to judge them through a 21st-century lens, but just to round out the story.**" I found this particular portion of the article so important because we need to be very careful before we pick up a judgment stone to dash upon those of the past or present. We need to understand the historical context surrounding the lives of those that lived in the past. It is so easy for us today to say, "I wouldn't treat black people like that if I lived then!" Yea...so why is that? It is probably because you were born in a time or in a family that encouraged equality. What if you were a kid born in a family of KKK members? How much intestinal fortitude would you have to resist your father or mother if they were KKK members? Imagine being a child that endures day in and day out a gong of condemnation for anyone of a different color from his or her parents? I have to argue that systemic racism **does not exist** in the United States. **Racism does** indeed exist in the United States but we have made such amazing progress to foster equality and to suppress and destroy the freedom racists possessed in the past. My response to this article speaks of that progress we have made and I repeat it here:

I always say that America is the, "Perfect imperfection!" What I mean by this is America is not perfect and it can never be perfect given the imperfections of its citizens. The beauty of our system of government is the design of checks and balances.

Our Founding Fathers understood the failings of their fellow humans and how horrible we can be toward each other and many of them understood the evil of slavery too. They understood that it would not just go away simply.

The choice was to form a union with its imperfect aspects or just give up. Anyone that has ever run a non-for-profit or any type of volunteer organization knows that it is difficult to get the team to agree on what color to paint the walls. Now imagine how difficult it was to form a Union

comprised of some people that wanted slavery abolished and others that relied on it for their economy. Yea...they had more heated discussions than we do on the color of the walls.

The bottom line is they did not give up. They built a system that would allow growth, change, and eventually the ending of the evil system of slavery through blood and conflict but it ended.

It ended because there were a lot of white men willing to die for the Union and to die for the principles to end slavery. Did we finally have an African American President? Yes! He too was elected President because there were a lot of white people willing to vote for him.

When I joined the Marines in 1991 one of the first things out of my drill instructor's mouths after they said, "Drop and give me 50!" was, "The only color in the Marines is GREEN!" That was the color of our uniforms in 1991 and that is the moto that honestly many Americans of all colors believe and exhibit in their behavior.

Is America still struggling with race issues? Absolutely, but we all must realize the distance we have covered while never forgetting the starting point. Slavery was evil! Racism is evil! Don't forget the past but also don't condemn the living for the sins of the dead.

I'm just a GREEN Colored Marine!

Sincerely,
Commander Sanders

SONS OF THE LEGION



Goodbye February and hello March. Thanks for all who have supported the Monthly Social. Next SAL meeting is March 20 6PM we will take care of any business and assist in set up for the St. Patrick's dinner the following day March 21 @ 5:30. Let's get a good turn out! Sure to be a good time. I encourage all our members to come on down. We are here in support of our Veterans and Active Duty Military. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and now the Space Force.

I leave you with a quote from President Lincoln

"Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties. And not to Democrats alone do I make this appeal, but to all who love these great and true principles." --August 27, 1856 Speech at Kalamazoo, Michigan

Gary Iorio, *Sal Commander*

MARCH & APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

03/06 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
03/10 Tues.	Golf Classic Committee Meeting 5:30
03/10 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
03/11 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
03/13 Fri.	Pancake Breakfast Setup at 6:30PM
03/13 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
03/15 Sun.	Pancake Breakfast 8AM to 1PM
03/20 Fri.	SAL Meeting 6PM
03/20 Fri.	St Patrick's Dinner Setup 6:30PM
03/20 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
03/21 Sat.	St Patrick's Dinner 5:30PM Cash Bar 6PM Dinner
03/27 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
03/29 Sun.	Meet at the American Legion for trip to Arlington 10AM
03/30 Mon.	Service for 1LT George R. Sullivan Arlington 9AM
04/03 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
04/08 Wed.	Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
04/10 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
04/14 Tues.	Golf Classic Committee Meeting 5:30
04/14 Tues.	Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
04/17 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
04/24 Fri.	Queen of Hearts Drawing 8PM
04/28 Tues.	Dinner Social: Setup 4:15PM Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM



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