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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

MARCH 2018

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

I have to say that the Auxiliary did an amazing job putting together the Daytona 500 party on such short notice. Denise Thilberg called me up and asked if the Legion would support a Daytona 500 party and I said, "absolutely!"

However, I said that I would not be available to help plan or execute the event. This did not faze Denise and her team in the least. They did their homework and got a great deal on a used TV, purchased decorations, ordered food and setup the hall for the party. It made me so proud to see them come together and create a wonderful event for anyone in the community that wanted to come out and watch the race. I recently met with William Achnitz III the Vice President of Home Improvement and Optimization for the Community Development Corporation of Long Island. You will notice their flyer in this month's Reporter. This organization provides assistance to Veterans with a service-related disability that requires modification to their home. If you or anyone you may know needs assistance then please give this organization a call. They may be able to help. You will also notice a flyer for the Go Fund Me account pertaining to the miniature railroad fundraiser. The Greenport Legion reached out to me and asked if we would spread the word. Those little trains always bring smiles to adults and children alike and the Greenport Chamber is working hard to keep those smiles chugging along. If you would like to contribute then go to their Go Fund Me website.

2018 FOUR PILLARS MURAL COMPETITION

I'm happy to report that the Legion Executive Board approved the Four Pillars of the American Legion Mural competition. We will be reaching out to our local school art teachers to seek out talented kids to compete in submitting artwork depicting the Four Pillars of the American Legion. The students will

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

It has been very quiet this month with the exception of Gary Herman our faithful bartender. He fell from scaffolding while he was painting a home and broke both of his arms. Our prayers go out to him as he recovers from his injuries. We will be conducting a 50/50 for him at our St Patrick's Day Dinner. Please come out and support his recovery.

God bless you all and be well.

Jeff Chagnon - *Post Chaplin*

Hm. - 631-765-6077

Cell - 631-456-3258



"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

SONS OF THE LEGION

As you read this the SAL hopes you got to get away from the cold and hope to see all at the Legions St. Patrick's Day Dinner if you can't make it you can always grab a to go plate. All are welcome. Any help from the SAL or there family members will be appreciated. Call Commander Sanders and leave a message if you can help out 631-702-3083. And it's always a fun time helping out the Post. The next SAL meeting is just before the March Social, Tuesday the 27th at 5:30PM so come meet the staff and than we will have another great meal at the Post.

Thanks for your help and support.

God bless all.

Greg Dickerson, *Commander*

MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year! Our 2018 goal is to increase ACTIVE membership as well as adding new members. Will You Help? We have 197 paid members for 2018. We are in the process of calling Non-paid members.

Don Wagner, *Chairman*

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either draw or paint their artistic rendition of the Four Pillars of the American Legion and submit their work to the Mural Committee. The committee will review the submissions and choose a winner. The chosen artist will then be provided with all the necessary supplies

to paint the Mural behind the desk of the commander's office and upon completion will also receive a check for \$500.00. This is a great opportunity to ensure that all future commanders remember the focus of the American Legion and also encourage our local youth to interact with fellow Legionnaires and come to understand why the Legion exists.

CALLING ON VOLUNTEERS/ST PATRICK'S DINNER

I'm proud to say that I received responses for our call for volunteers to help out with the St Patrick's Day Dinner on the 17th of March. We still need some more help on the day of the dinner to help hand out meals and clean up after the event. If you can help at the dinner then please call me and leave a message on my cell 631-702-3083. E.J. Flynn will be cooking up his special corn beef and cabbage on Saturday the 17th of March. The bar will open at 5:30PM and food will be served at 6PM. The cost is \$15.00 for dinner and includes one soda, beer, or glass of wine for those 21 years and over. Note: Takeout is available too!

MARCH SOCIAL DINNER

I'm sad to say that as of the writing of this column I didn't get any calls pertaining to volunteers to help out with the February Social. We have another social scheduled for Tuesday the 27th of March and we could really use some help. The volunteers needed are listed at the bottom. The social is open to everyone. We could use some more volunteers that are willing to make 5-10 calls each month to invite members to the social. Please give me a call if you would be willing to at least contribute in that manner. Dinner is only \$10.00 per person and we hold a 50/50 and wine raffle too. Here is a task list for the March Social:

PHONE CALLERS: Need people to volunteer to invite 5-10 people 1-2 weeks in advance.

COOKS: We have cooks covered.

TABLE SETUP: Need four volunteers to come to

the Post at 4:30PM on Tuesday the 27th to help setup the tables and place settings.

FOOD SERVERS: Need two volunteers to come to the Post for dinner but are also willing to help serve the food at 6:30PM.

CLEANUP CREW: Need three volunteers to come to the Post for dinner but are also willing to help clean up after the dinner at 7:30PM.

Our future is looking bright!

For God and Country

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Commander*
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gtgpost803@gmail.com
Post Number 631-765-2276

TUESDAY 13 MARCH 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 14 MARCH 2018 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM

SATURDAY 17 MARCH 2018 ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

The bar will open at 5:30PM and food will be served at 6PM. The cost is \$15.00 for dinner and includes one soda, beer, or glass of wine for those 21 years and over. Note: Takeout is available too!

TUESDAY 27 MARCH 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 27 MARCH 2018 SON'S OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 5:30PM

Meeting and then dinner social at 6:30PM.

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**

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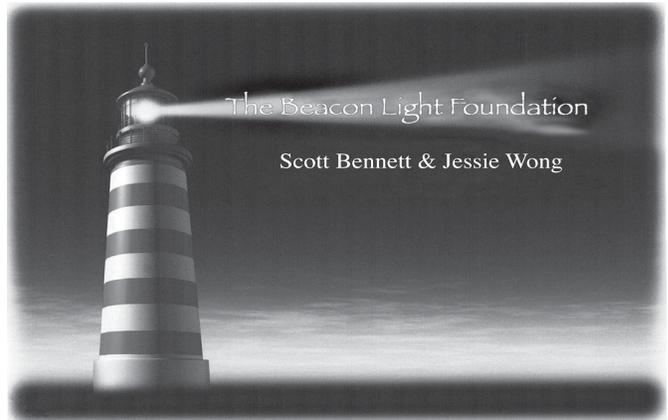
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*St. Patrick's Day
Dinner
Saturday March 17th*

The bar will open at 5:30PM
and food will be served at 6PM.

The cost is \$15.00 for dinner
and includes one soda, beer, or
glass of wine for those 21 years and over.

NOTE: TAKEOUT IS AVAILABLE TOO!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COOKS: We have cooks covered with
E.J. Flynn and his crew

TABLE SETUP: We have this covered
thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Monteforte

CHECK IN CREW: We have this cov-
ered thanks to Jeff Chagnon.

FOOD SERVERS: Need four volunteers
to come to the post at 5PM to help
hand out meals to take out patrons and
help serve stay in patrons.

CLEANUP CREW: Need three volun-
teers to come to the post at 8PM to help
clean up after the dinner.

***If you can volunteer then please call the Commander's cell phone
and leave a message 631-702-3083***



ACCESS TO HOME PROGRAM

Home Accessibility Options for Veterans



CDCLI is pleased to make the Access to Home Program available.

Veterans with a service-related disability may qualify for accessibility modifications in their homes or apartments through the Access to Home Program.

The Access to Home Program provides financial assistance for the cost of adapting homes to meet the needs of those with disabilities. These home improvements are designed to sustain one's independence, and will enable veterans to safely and comfortably continue to live in their home.

Grants are offered up to \$20,000 for homeowners who agree to continue to own their home for five years following services. If this is adhered to, the grant is forgiven after 5 years. If the five-year period is not met, the grant must be repaid on a prorated basis.

Home modifications may include:

- Ramps and lifts, handrails, expanded doorways, stair glides
- Kitchen and bathroom modifications
- Roll-in showers, grab bars and seat
- Special thermostatic and environmental controls

QUALIFICATIONS:

Total household income does not exceed income limits; the occupant is physically disabled or has substantial difficulty with an activity of daily living because of aging; a veteran who has a service-related disability certified by the VA or DOD.

For more information or to receive an application contact us at:
(631)471-1215 x227
access@cdcli.org

<u>INCOME GUIDELINES</u>	
Family Size	Maximum Income
1	\$93,120
2	\$106,440
3	\$119,760
4	\$132,960
5	\$143,640
6	\$154,320
7	\$164,880
8	\$175,560



HISTORIAN

I think it is fitting to dedicate this article to the founding of the American Legion. The Legion's first caucus occurred during the month of March in 1919. Here is an article from the American Legion detailing the Legions first year:

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Focusing on service to veterans, servicemembers and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at over 2 million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.

Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth. Here are some key dates for the Legions first year:

March 15-17

Members of the American Expeditionary Force convene in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.

May 8-10

St. Louis Caucus. "The American Legion" is adopted as the organization's official name. The Legion's draft preamble and constitution are approved.

June 9

The National Executive Committee adopts the Legion emblem.

Sept. 16

Congress charters The American Legion.

Nov. 10-12

First Legion convention convenes in Minneapolis. The Constitution and preamble are adopted. Delegates vote 361-323 to locate the Legion's national headquarters in Indianapolis, instead of Washington. A resolution is passed in support of Boy Scouts of America. Today, the Legion is the chartering agency for more than 1,700 Scouting units made up of approximately 64,000 youths.

This article is from the following website: <https://www.legion.org/history>

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Historian*

LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

February is usually a quiet month at the Legion. This year we had a new idea and organized a "Daytona 500" party held on February 18th. The theme was checkered flags and Denise found a great deal for a big screen TV that you can see clearly throughout the hall. It was a great opportunity for a social event for this time of the year. Many thanks to our "winter team" for working so hard to make it a success!



Emiliann Palermo, a junior at Southold High School, will be our Girls State citizen this year. Thank you Margie and Germaine for conducting the interviews. All the candidates were wonderful girls who gave us great hope for the future! Congratulations Emiliann!



If you are thinking about joining our organization now is a great time as we are set to embark on another year of activities. Our Mission Statement is as follows: "In spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security." It is a great group to be a part of!

Our meeting this month is scheduled for Wednesday March 14th. Friday March 16th we will set up for the annual St. Patrick's Day/ Legion Birthday Party which will be held on Saturday March 17th. Remember to bring a non-perishable food item for our Food Drive for Boots on the Ground.

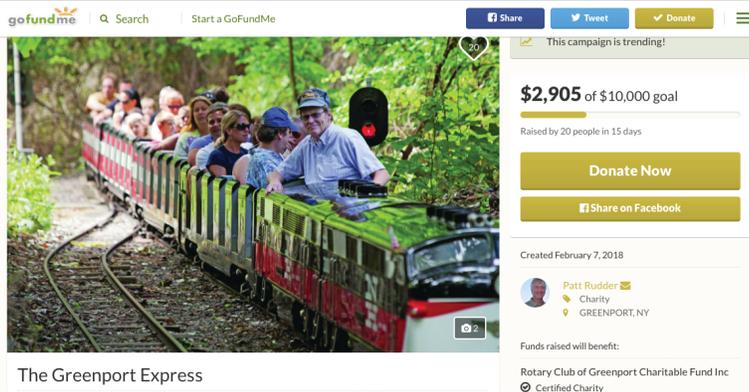
Looking forward to seeing you all!
Joan Cochran, *President*

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FOOD DRIVE

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Items Requested: **Non-Perishable Foods** (canned meats, ham, chicken, tuna, Spam) – Boxed cereals, oatmeal, Pasta and spaghetti sauce, mac-n-cheese, rice, Canned or dried fruit, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Coffee & Tea, Cake Mix, Cookies Toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap)

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BUILDING PROJECTS/2018 GOALS

- Create a call chain/ e-mail list for volunteers to support events
- 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
- Fix electrical issues to include fire alarms, monitoring cameras, electrical panel, basement lighting, outdoor power box
- New chairs for the hall
- New curtains for the hall
- New events sign in front of Post
- New survey of property
- New light fixture front of Post
- Update signs in front of Post
- Repair or replace "Handicap" ramp
- Boots on Ground Food Drive **IN PROGRESS**
- USMC "Toys for Tots"
- Four Pillars of the American Legion mural Commander's Office **IN PROGRESS**
- New bar stools, tables and chairs Investigation **IN PROGRESS**
- Apply Strong Sealant to Contemplation Benches
- Complete Cleaning of Color Guard Weapons
- Create a Larger E-Mail Database **IN PROGRESS**
- Fire Extinguishers Replaced **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED BY NEIL ROCHFORD**



MARCH & APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 03/13 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM**
- 03/14 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM**
- 03/17 Sat. St.Patrick's Day Dinner:
Bar 5:30 Dinner Served 6PM
"TakeoutAvailable"**
- 03/27 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM
Dinner Served 6:30PM**
- 03/27 Tues. SAL Meeting at 5:30PM and Dinner Social 6:30PM**
- 04/10 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM**
- 04/11 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM**
- 04/24 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM**
- 04/24 Tues. SAL Meeting at 5:30PM and Dinner Social 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 Service Officer** - Robert Neville
- 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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