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# THE REPORTER

## GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

MAY 2019

### COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

It is May but June is right around the corner and we have so many activities ahead of us. June is not only our 26th annual Golf Classic on Monday the 17th but it is also the month that we vote on our new slate of 2019/2020 officers. If you have never held a leadership

role at the Post or you are new to the Post and you want to be an officer then please come to our May 14th and June 11th meetings. We will be accepting nominations and volunteers in May and then voting for our new slate of officers in June. To learn more about what it is to be an officer at the Post you may read the Historian article in this issue where a brief definition of each position is derived from the 2017 Officer's Guide.

I'm excited to report that our new bar stools and chairs have arrived and by the time you read this article it is most likely that our new tables are now in the bar. Special thanks to Bob Cochran for coordinating the delivery and their setup. We are investigating the design for all the brass plates that have been submitted and it is our goal to have them all affixed to the chairs before the end of the year if not much sooner. It looks like each bar stool can accept two plates each so we still have room for more to be added. To date we have eight reserved brass plates to be affixed to the bar chairs. We also have room for brass plates to be affixed to each lunch table chair too. This is a great way to honor someone and to support the Post.

I'm also excited to report that through the coordination efforts of Joe St. Pierre our main brick entrance steps and brick emergency exit steps are professionally repaired. Thank you Joe! Take a look at the pictures at the end of this column. Also, Bill Kietsek ordered us a new front entrance exterior light fixture with globe and we are looking into having our Legion logo or Post number painted on it. Keep checking in for updates on this. Our new RSVP phone line is installed but we still have to purchase a phone and then set it up on our wireless network. We hope to have this accomplished in May so we may use it for our June

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### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Another quiet month for the Chaplain without there being anything new to report.

In the matter of our coffee maker we have recieved two very generous donations. The executive board has authorized the purchase and it should be up and running in the next few weeks.



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



*"Love is the beauty of the soul."*

- St. Augustine

### MEMBERSHIP

#### Attention All Members!

Post 803 is currently at 183/227 (80.6%) paid up members for 2019. Please pay up your dues for this year. We have 44 more to go. Please send your dues to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971. Let's get it done.



Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*

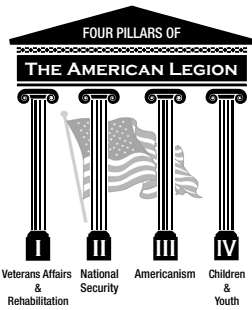
### SONS OF THE LEGION

The Next SAL Meeting will be at Wednesday May 15th at 6pm in the legion bar. If you have any interest in volunteering with any of the Spring/Summer events it will be important that you attend this meeting. We have the Memorial Day Parade, East End Hospice Pig roast and the Legion Gold Outing that you some help with.

Sincerely,  
Joe Best, *Sal Commander*

# COMMANDER'S REPORT

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25th Social and other upcoming events.

This month we will be marching with the members of the Greenport American Legion on Memorial Day Monday May 27th. Color Guard members please arrive 9:30AM at the WWI memorial in Greenport located across from the Horton-

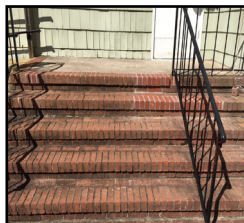
Mathie Funeral Home at the intersection of 1st Street and the Main Road. There will be a ceremony at 10AM followed immediately by the parade that marches through Greenport Village ending at the Greenport Legion Hall.

I want to personally thank everyone that has purchased a brass plate in support of our bar makeover and those that have contributed financially toward our goal to purchase a new coffee maker. We have reached our bar furniture goal as well as our coffee machine goal. The coffee machine will be installed in the kitchen soon. All of these contributions have a direct impact on our community. Do you realize how many people are served by this Post on an annual basis? Do you know how many people drink our coffee and enjoy a beer at the bar? Yes! A lot! Thank you for your contributions. You give and it goes right back toward fulfilling the Four Pillars of the American Legion and serving our community.

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

**TUESDAY 7 MAY 2019 ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC PLANNING MEETING** This meeting is for anyone that would like to volunteer to help with our annual golf classic to be held this year on June 17th. The meeting will start at 6PM at the Post and food will be provided. The Chairman of this meeting is Bob Bitner 631-680-6244 and Co-Chair is Charles Sanders 631-702-3083

**TUESDAY 14 MAY 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.

**TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM**

**WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2019 SONS OF THE LEGION MEETING** The bar will open at 6PM with food and meeting will begin at 6:30PM

**MONDAY 27 MAY 2019 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 9:30AM** We will be marching with the Greenport American Legion Post 185. Please arrive at 9:30 A.M. at the WWI memorial in Greenport across from the Horton-Mathie Funeral Home at the intersection of 1st Street and the Main Road. There will be a ceremony at the memorial and immediately following we will march to the American Legion Post 185 through the Village of Greenport.

**TUESDAY 28 MAY 2019 DINNER SOCIAL 5:30PM** Bar is open and 6:30PM dinner is served so that we may accommodate all please **RSVP to the Post number and leave a message on the machine 631-765-2276**. Cost \$10.00. Volunteers are needed at 4PM to setup for the event so come on down. In June our new number should be up and running so you may call in reservations directly to that number.

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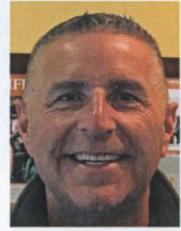
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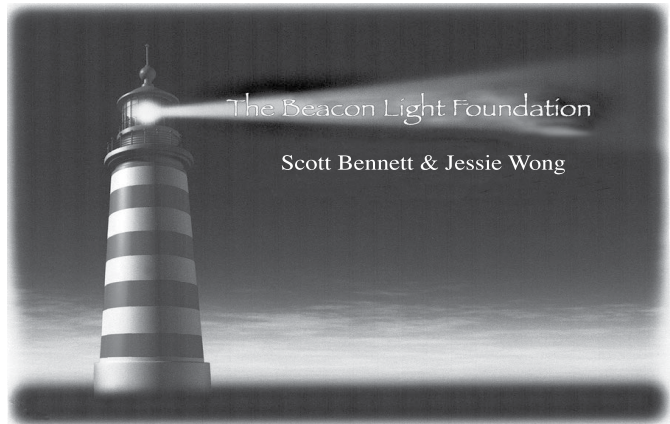
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## Monthly Social Tuesday 28 May 2019

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

The RSVP phone line is not yet operational but the line is installed and the phone is coming. For now please **RSVP to the Post normal number and leave a message on the machine 631-765-2276.**

**Cost \$10.00**

*Volunteers are needed at 4PM to setup for the event so come on down.*

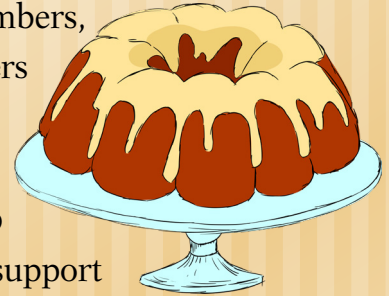


*We want to say thank you all for the support and we are very excited for all the new participants.*

## 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!**



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# 1ST ANNUAL SUMMER SALE

## SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019

**9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Rain date: July 7th)**

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

**OUTSIDE SPACE RENTAL:** \$40.00 **SPACE:** 20' x 20'  
**INSIDE SPACE RENTAL:** \$55.00  
INCLUDES TWO 8-FOOT TABLES & chairs)  
**SET UP TIME:** 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
*FREE Coffee provided to vendors*



**MEMBERS OF THE LEGION FAMILY, IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED,  
PLEASE CONTACT DONNA AT 631-765-8144 or [dfsp@optonline.net](mailto:dfsp@optonline.net)) OR ANY AUXILIARY MEMBER**

## 2019 Goals

- ✓ Raise \$20,000 for Building Projects Above Normal Fundraising
- ✓ Paint Main Hall
- ✓ Replace Broken Post 803 Decorative Light Fixture Front of Post · Mr. Bill Kreitsek is investigating
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Chair Jeff Chagnon
- ✓ 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

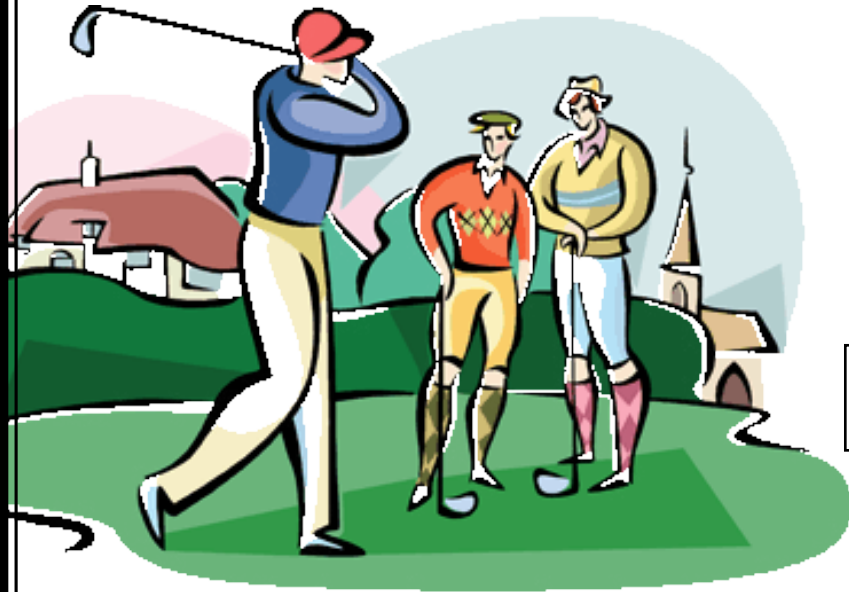
In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

*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*

# Golf Classic



**Monday, June 17, 2019  
Island's End Golf Course**

Bob Bittner has volunteered to be this years Golf Classic Chairman. He is looking for volunteers to be a part of the committee to plan this event.

**3rd Golf Planning Meeting  
May 7th at 6PM**

If you would like to volunteer please give him a call 631-680-6244 or call the Post 631-765-2276.

## HISTORIAN

Here is a list of our Post officers and a brief description. The information for this article is derived from the American Legion 2017 Officer's Guide and is not copied in its entirety. This will give you an overview of how our Post currently operates. If you are not interested in becoming an officer then please consider volunteering for one of our committees. Come on down to our May 14th meeting to learn more.

### *Commander*

That you have ability is recognized by your election to the office of post commander. Now you must draw on your ability and past experience while developing new skills so that you will succeed in helping the post prosper. The charge you have accepted, commander, is broad and difficult. How you respond will determine to a large degree the standing of The American Legion among your associates and within the community. Your own ability, the support of district and department officers, the information in this guide, and the help you will get from the post officers who form your team will together make the performance of your job possible. As you look to the overall operation of the post, you'll realize that you have stepped to another level. You may feel the step is too high, but as you proceed, following the suggestions and recommendations in this guide, you may find that your year as commander is the most rewarding of your life.

### *Adjutant*

The adjutant has the same position in the post as the secretary of any other organized body, and a bit more. The commander navigates the ship, but the adjutant is the engineer who runs the ship's machinery. The adjutant is the personnel officer and personal point of contact for individual members of the post. He or she maintains membership records and minutes of meetings, checks up and assists the work of the other officers and committees, and publishes official orders, announcements and instructions.

### *First vice commander*

In the majority of posts, a first and second vice commander are elected, with membership the primary concern of the first vice commander. Commander Note: We have a membership chair at our Post so the First Vice Commander would work closely with he or she on building up or membership.

### *Second vice commander*

The second vice commander is responsible for building an "I like my post because ..." atmosphere in which Legionnaires have fun while doing the work of the Legion. The commander depends on the second vice commander to help run the programs that spice up meetings and attract attendance. The social calendar should

be filled months in advance with activities that will bring out the active members, as well as those who are just card-carrying Legionnaires. One of the second vice commander's first duties should be to contact other veterans and civic groups to see that each patriotic holiday and observance receives the attention it deserves. He or she will be concerned with the pageantry so closely associated with the Legion.

### *Finance officer*

The finance officer must be a person of proven integrity and experience in handling financial affairs. The post depends on finance, just as any other organization, and will do well to accept expert advice in formulating and administering its financial policy.

The finance officer usually serves as the chair of the finance committee and is in charge of all receiving and disbursing of post funds. The post adjutant, in all matters relating to finance, should carry on the work in close correlation with the finance officer.

### *Service officer*

A good service officer should be retained. The value of a post service officer increases with length of service. As the service officer's reputation grows, so will the prestige of the organization in your community. The job calls for a competent and dedicated person, preferably one who lives and works nearby and is readily available to those needing assistance. He or she is responsible for bringing to the attention of all veterans and their dependents the rights and benefits granted them by law.

### *Chaplain*

The chaplain need not necessarily be a clergyman, but must be a person capable of moral and intellectual leadership and one who gives dignity and respect to the office. The chaplain should be in close touch with the commander and other post officers of the post, and should attend all meetings of the post executive committee. The leadership in many post activities belongs by right to the chaplain, and when this office is filled by the right person, the post's usefulness to the community only increases.

### *Sergeant-at-arms*

The sergeant-at-arms knows how to arrange the meet-

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## LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

Spring is in full bloom and the Auxiliary ladies are as busy as ever! May is the month we distribute poppies so members please contact Charlotte to add your name to help. Look for us at the local Post Offices and grocery stores in the coming weeks. Wearing the lapel poppy is a way to show remembrance for all those who gave their all for our country. We will also "plant" our Field of Poppies on the front lawn of the Legion Hall as a moving tribute to the fallen. Contact me to help or sign up at our May meeting.

There is still time to volunteer for office. We look forward to setting a date for the Installation of Officers and Initiation of our many new members sometime in June. Those still in need of hats and scarves please contact Donna!

We are very excited about our "Summer Fair/Yard Sale" scheduled for Saturday July 6th. Set-up will be the night before and we need members to sign up to help with raffles and baked goods. This year we are planning a more varied event with something for all ages. We also need all bakers to step up for our "Best Bake Sale Ever"!

This month will begin our return to monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month starting with Tuesday May 14th. This is an experiment to see if we can increase attendance and we will revisit the issue in a few months. We will have a sign-up sheet at our May meeting for help with the June Social. So far Claire and her committee have some great ideas!

Joan Cochran, *President*

## LONG TERM GOALS & NEEDS

This following list details future needs that we have here at Post 803. Eventually we need to address these needs because the Post is showing its age. 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 notice we have an additional goal to raise \$20,000 above our usual fundraising activities to begin to build up our building fund for these projects.

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

## HISTORIAN

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ing hall and assists the post commander and adjutant in preliminary arrangements for meetings, including leading the color detail during presentation and retirement ceremonies. He or she is the expert on flag etiquette and should know proper flag display and procedures in operating a meeting. The sergeant-at-arms should also play a leading role in the post color guard, burial detail and other pageantry.

The sergeant-at-arms is the logical person to chair a welcome committee, which can have a tremendous influence on the post's image, membership and relationship with members. Every Legionnaire wants to feel part of the group, particularly the new Legionnaire attending his or her first few meetings. The sergeant-at-arms must make certain new members are welcomed, introduced and made to feel they are important to the post.

### *Historian*

The work of post historian is cumulative. It is wise to leave it in the hands of one person as long as it's being handled well. The office is a suitable position for a past post commander.

There should be close cooperation between the post adjutant and the historian. The former works with the records on matters of current interest, the latter on matters of historical interest. The post historian should also keep in touch with the department historian and be prompt in answering inquiries. An annual report should be made to the department historian just before the department convention. Copies of whatever is printed concerning the post should be deposited in local and state libraries, as well as in the post and department archives. This will prevent complete loss of valuable records through fire or other calamity, as well as provide material for those looking for information about the Legion.

### *Judge advocate*

The primary duty of the judge advocate is to supply professional advice in the conduct of post business or to procure proper counsel. He is the guardian of the constitutional form of post government. Your judge advocate can also supply valuable assistance to other post committees and officers – to the service officer for legal advice, for example, and to the Americanism committee on matters relating to education and naturalization laws. Any post committee can benefit from the judge advocate's contacts with local government officials. The judge advocate and legal committee are charged by the suggested post constitution with the duty of

auditing post financial accounts. This should be done annually just before the election of officers or more frequently at their discretion.

## MARCH & APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 05/07 Tues. Golf Classic Planning Meeting:  
6PM with food provided
- 05/14 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:  
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 05/14 Tues. Auxiliary Meeting: Bar 6:30PM  
Meeting 7:00PM Note Day Change!!!
- 05/15 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM
- 05/27 Mon. Memorial Day Parade:  
Greenport: 9:30AM at WWI Memorial 1st & Main
- 05/28 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM
- 06/04 Tues. Golf Classic Planning Meeting: 6PM with food provided
- 06/11 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:  
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 06/11 Tues. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 06/17 Mon. Annual Golf Classic Islands End: Brunch 11AM  
Shotgun 12:30PM
- 06/19 Wed. SAL Meeting: Bar 6PM Meeting 6:30PM
- 06/25 Tues. Dinner Social: Bar 5:30PM Dinner Served 6:30PM



## LEGION OFFICERS

**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 Historian** - Charles J. Sanders  
**Membership Chair** - Bob Cochran  
**Membership Assistant** - Don Wagner

## SAL OFFICERS

**Commander** - Joe Best  
**1st Vice** - Gary Iorio  
**2nd Vice** - Michael Anasagasti  
**Adjutant** - Jim Best  
**Treasurer** - Jim Best  
**Sergeant at Arms** -  
 Jonathan Bitner  
**Chaplain** - Daniel Kaelin  
**Historian** - Douglas Kalunas

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