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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

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Commander's Report



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

I hope you enjoyed the Easter holiday and the beautiful weather that accompanied it. I would first like to thank George De Long for all his hard work in the preparation and printing of the *Reporter*. Recently his printer broke and we had to evaluate other alternatives for our monthly printing because a replacement printer proved too costly. Fortunately, the Ink Spot is able to step in and assist us. In the process we learned that we may use our bulk mail permit for other Legion mailings like the Annual Golf Classic. We were able to give the Ink Spot our mailing list and they printed the addresses and the permit stamp right on the envelopes. This will result in a considerable savings to the Post over time and we already saved close to \$60.00 on postage for this year's golf mailer. The next two months will be very busy for the Post so here is a breakdown of future events.

Tuesday 9 May 2017 Executive/Business Meeting

6:30 PM Bar opens and meeting starts promptly at 7:30PM. This is an important meeting for all members to participate in because at this meeting we will be submitting names and voting for our next executive board. If you would like to vote or submit a name please be sure to attend this meeting. Here is a list of positions:

- Commander
- 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Vice Commander
- Adjutant, Treasurer, Chaplain, Historian, Judge Advocate, Sergeant-At-Arms, Membership Chair, Service Officer, Compliance Officer, and Homeland Security.

If you would like to learn about these officer positions you may go to our website

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Chaplain's Report

Rest in Peace:

Robert F. Karsch passed on March 28, 2017. He was buried at Pinelawn Memorial Park on April 1st. Robert was a true American hero. He served his country as a First Lieutenant in the US Army. He worked in the banking industry for Bankers Trust Company/Deutsch Bank for 39 years and then went on to serve his community through the American Legion and the Cutchogue Lion's Club. We did not learn of Robert's passing until after his internment. On the weekend of May 6th and 7th the flag at our post will be set at half mast in his honor.

Sick Call;

Daniel McConlogue is still at home with his family. Please keep Daniel and his family in your prayers.

Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

- St. Benedict

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.

Commander's Report continued

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Thursday 11 May 2017 Golf Committee Meeting

6:30 PM at the Post. We will be discussing the solicitation of more sponsors, raffle gifts, and event planning.

Tuesday 23 May 2017 Dinner Social

- We changed the time to 5:30PM Bar is open and 6:30PM dinner is served so that we may accommodate more members. We hope this new time will make it easier for more to enjoy fellowship and good food. Please **RSVP to Earl Brock 631-765-1357** Cost \$15.00

Monday 29 May 2017 Memorial Day Parade

Mattituck - The day begins with members honoring our local Veteran memorials in Southold. Color Guard is to muster at the Post by 7:30AM so that we may conduct the first ceremony by 8:00AM. If you would like to attend in support then please meet at the Post for the first ceremony at 8:00AM. When these ceremonies are concluded we will move to Mattituck for the annual parade that starts at 10:00AM. This day is extremely important for all Veterans. On this day we march in solidarity to honor those that have fallen and we hope you will come and march with us. We will muster at Pike Street and Wickham Ave at 9:30AM. The uniform of the day is Legion long/short sleeve shirt (weather dependent), legion cap and tie. If you don't have any of these items then please come and march anyway. The uniform does not make the man or woman. Their service does!

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 70-Year Members. 6PM Bar Open, 7PM Colors Posted, 7:15 PM Dinner Served, 7:45PM Ceremony Begins. Cost \$25.00.

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

For God and Country

Sincerely,

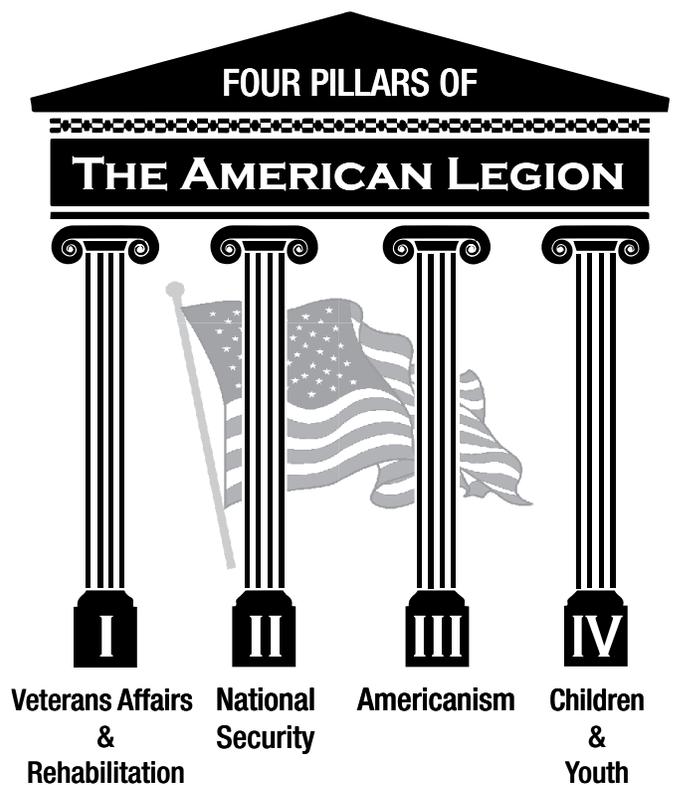
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2017 GOALS

- New Heating Units **Newly Added Priority**
- Write a letter to all Veterans on the North Fork inviting them to join our post.
- Fix the steps and handrails for both of our entrances.
- Develop a cost estimate for each of our building projects.
- **Heating Units New Priority**
- Complete restoration of Commander's office. **75% Complete**
- Update bathroom in Sons of the American Legion room.
- Increase Legion member participation by 20%.
- Install new batteries and PA system in new golf cart. **50% Complete**
- Change hardware on front door.
- Create an email contact list.
- 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. Complete

LONG TERM GOALS

1. Renovation of Entire 2nd Floor excluding the Son's Bar Room.
2. Emergency Exit for 2nd Floor.
3. New Roof over the Bar.
4. Replace Front Entrance Steps and railings.
5. Repair Steps and Handrails Main Entrance.
6. New Exit Door to Kitchen. **Complete**
7. Parking Lot Lighting. **80% Complete**
8. New Roof for the Tower
9. Kitchen Makeover Walls and Floor.
10. New Interior Staircase to 2nd Floor.
11. New Main Door Hardware and Lock.
12. Bathroom Renovation Male and Female Main Hall
13. Bathroom Renovation 2nd Floor.

Historian

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now observed in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363). This helped ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays, though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19th in Texas; April 26th in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10th in South Carolina; and June 3rd (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee. Information obtained at the following website: <http://www.usmemorialday.org>

Calendar of Events - May 2017

Coming Attractions

- 4/25 Tues. April Dinner Social 5:30 Bar Open 6:30 PM Dinner is Served.
5/30 Tues. Memorial Day Celebration, Event time TBD.
5/30 Tues. May Dinner Social 5:30 PM Bar Open 6:30 PM Dinner Served.
6/3 Sat. The Suffolk County American Legion Convention, Times TBD.
6/5 Mon. American Legion Golf Classic at Island's End.
6/28 Wed. Installation of Officers and Scholarship Awards Times, TBD.
7/4 Tues. Fourth of July Annual Parade in Southold. Time, TBD.
7/8 Sat. Auxiliary Yard sale.
7/25 Tues. July Dinner Social 5:30 PM Bar Open, 6:30 PM Dinner Served.
8/27 Sun. Annual Gala Legion Show. Details TBD.
9/11 Mon. 9/11 Presentation by Commander, Charles J. Sanders.
9/26 Tues. September Dinner Social Bar Open 5:30 PM 6:30 PM Dinner Served.
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.



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