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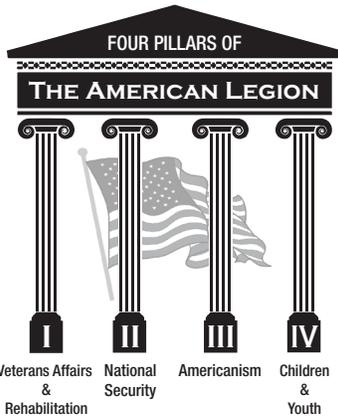
COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

I would like to thank Chris W. Manfredi from Allstate insurance for taking out an ad in the *Reporter*. We only have two more ad spaces left. These ads are helping reduce the cost to print and distribute our *Reporter* each month. We will hold our annual Veteran's Day

ceremony on Friday the 10th of November at 11AM. The NJROTC students as well as several guest speakers will join us. On Veteran's Day the Auxiliary will host the Annual Veteran's Day dinner dance from 6PM-10PM. The cost is only \$35.00 per person. Please call Margie Brock at 631-765-1357 for more information. We have had a very successful 2017. We have made great improvement to both our facility and membership. I encourage those members that don't come out to many events to start coming out and enjoying our growth and new plans for the future. We never got a chance to thank Bob Neville for all his efforts in organizing the Suffolk County Convention that was hosted by our Post this past June. Thank you Bob! This event raised over \$2,000 for the Post. Here are some pictures from that event.



Our future is looking bright!

For God and Country

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders
Post 803
Commander

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Rest in Peace -

James R. Wells passed on September 5, 2017. James was a Vietnam veteran who served in the 4th Infantry. Of the 500 original members of his unit he was one of 3 who returned. I spoke to his wife, Nancy, who told me that she has two motorized scooters which she would like to donate to someone who has a need for one. Contact me at the number below if you have a need for one.

Robert L. Barry passed on September 29, 2017. An American Legion Wake service was held at the Coster-Hepner Funeral Home on October 1st which was well attended.

Haravay McMahon passed on October 22, 2017. With the writing of this report an American Legion wake service is scheduled for 5:00 PM, October 25th at the Coster- Hepner Funeral Home in Cutchogue.

If anyone is interested in joining our wake detail please contact me. It does not take much of our time and it means so much to the families of our departed veterans.

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



“Hope is the virtue of a heart that does not close itself in darkness or remain locked in the past, but looks toward the future.”

~ Pope Francis

SUFFOLK COUNTY CONVENTION



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FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2017 VETERAN'S DAY (OBSERVED) CEREMONY - The ceremony will begin at 11:00 AM so please come to the Post by 1045 the latest. The NJROTC students and several guest speakers will be present to honor our Veterans. After the ceremony Matthew Larsen and his team of Cub Scout volunteers will begin the repair of the brick steps at the front entrance to the Post and the back hall entrance where the handicap ramp is located.

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2017 VETERAN'S DAY DINNER DANCE - The dinner dance will take place from 6PM to 10PM. Please get your payment of \$35.00 per person to the Auxiliary. If paying by check please make them out to American Legion Auxiliary Post 803.

TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2017 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.

POKER NIGHT

Earl Brock will host Monday
Poker Night from 7-10 PM.

For more information
call Earl at 631-765-1357.



LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

Fall has finally arrived. We are looking forward to our annual Veterans Day Dinner Dance. Plans are in place for another great event. Our Memorial Field of Poppies has generated interest near and far. Legion Auxiliaries from Shelter Island and Sag Harbor are also making poppies for their posts. A Girl Scout troop from Floral Park received tips and guidance from Donna and Joe St. Pierre so they can make poppies for their local American Legion. It's a great project and we hope the idea continues to spread!

Recently we voted to donate funds to two families who experienced house fires as part of our commitment to community service. We are going to sponsor activities at the Veterans Home in the spring as part of our service to veterans. And we are excited about the new silverware you will see at our upcoming dinner as our donation to help support Post 803!

Recently I participated in a program at the Cutchogue Library called "The Great Give Back". Representatives were there from local service-oriented organizations to share breakfast and information. We got a lot of positive feedback on our Field of Poppies. We are always looking for new members to help us with our mission to serve.

Be on the lookout for several large reusable plastic "balloons" we purchased to help draw attention to our events. Thanks for the great idea Denise!

Joan Cochran, *President*

BUILDING PROJECTS

We have raised enough funds to purchase two new gas-heating systems being installed the first week in November. All of the old thermostats will be replaced with digital ones. Also, we will be installing a new 70-gallon indirect hot water heater. The back roof over the stage area and the top roof of the widow's walk have been repaired. The bar roof will be getting a new coat of sealant before the cold weather sets in. And the chimney that serves the heating system will be cleaned. On Veteran's Day after the ceremony Mathew Larsen and his team of Cub Scout volunteers will begin the repair of the brick steps at the front entrance to the Post and the back hall entrance where the handicap ramp is located. Thank everyone that contributed toward the purchase through volunteering and direct contribution.

If you would like to contribute to any of our building projects please feel free to reach out to the Commander or Joe St Pierre 516-398-0065.

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service, and are proud to salute
those currently serving!

CW2 Jeffrey T. Heppner
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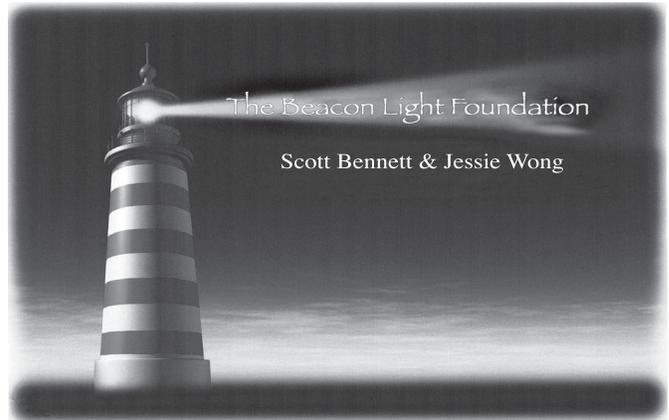
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Alice and Harold Culver are dedicating this ad for Honor Flight.
For more information on Honor Flight please visit their
website or call Virginia Bennett at 631-702-2423.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 2017 GOALS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

1. New Heating Units. **Estimates complete/ installation scheduled!**
2. Fix the steps and handrails for both of our entrances.
New Member Mathew Larsen and Cub Scouts are starting this on Veteran's Day
3. Develop cost estimates for building projects.
100% Complete for 2017
4. Restoration of Commander's office. **100% Complete**
5. Update bathroom in Sons of the American Legion room. **SAL Project**
6. Increase Legion member participation by 20%.
7. Install new batteries and PA system in new golf cart. **100% Complete**
8. Change hardware on front door. **New card system parts have been installed and main hall door hardware was repaired by Earl Brock on 24 OCT 17.**
9. Create an email contact list. **Complete**
10. Clean and inventory Color Guard weapons. **50% Complete**
11. Paint the Post interior entrance and hall. **Shifting to 2018**
12. Update parking lot lighting. **80% Complete**
13. New Visitor logbook to capture information on those that visit the post. **100% Complete**



**Annual Veteran's
Dinner Dance**

Saturday, November 11
6 pm to 10 pm • \$35/pp – Cash Bar

ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY

For more information please call
Margie Brock at 631-765-1357

Live Music by Studio G



SETUP FOR THE EVENT WILL BE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH AT 6:00PM. THE BAR WILL BE OPEN WITH PIZZA TO FOLLOW.



Holiday Craft Fair

AMERICAN LEGION POST #803
MAIN ROAD, SOUTHOLD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017
11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

HISTORIAN

Last month we discussed the 1946 Joint War Plans committee study that concluded, "...a massive attack on Russian industrial heartland, using long-range aircraft to deliver 196 atomic bombs," would be the only way to counter the Red Army if it chose to overrun continental Europe. Was this plan feasible?

The short answer is a glaring no. The problem with this plan was the United States did not have the required number of atomic bombs in 1948. Evidence pointed to the fact that the United States had a limited amount of atomic bombs and not nearly the required 196 given the necessity for redundancy. The physicist Dr. Ralph Lapp estimated that the United States could produce approximately 750 pounds of fissionable material annually. This approximation pointed to the United States possessing only a dozen bombs in 1945, 50 by 1947 and only 150 in 1948. The number of 150 atomic bombs was a glaring shortage and did not take into consideration the required reserve mentioned earlier or the number of planes lost during each bombing mission. The amount of atomic bombs was not the only issue.

The technicians with the capabilities to assemble these bombs were also in short supply. The Armed Forces Special Weapons Project did not have enough crews to assemble the bombs. It estimated that in 1948 the assembly teams could only assemble two bombs per day for any combat operation. This translated into a seventy-five day requirement just to assemble the estimated 150 atomic bombs the United States had in its arsenal. Even if they were able to assemble more, Strategic Air Command (SAC) had only 27 SILVER PLATE aircraft capable of delivering atomic bombs.

SAC did have some atomic capabilities that could disrupt Soviet activities in Europe. The evidence pointed to the fact that the United States did not have the means to dictate terms if the atomic bomb was its primary bargaining chip. If the number of atomic bombs was lower than the 196 bombs needed and the capacity to assemble the ones in United States possession were limited, then the strength of the Soviet's conventional forces would surely cause President Truman to pause before using force to open the Soviet blockade of Berlin in 1948. There is much more to this story but the overall evidence points to the fact that the United States was not prepared to go to war over the Berlin Blockade. The United States lack of military preparedness was reflected in its struggle to mobilize a well-prepared force for the conflict in Korea. I'm happy to report that I have submitted my final Capstone paper on this topic to Norwich University for my

Master of Arts in History and it has been accepted. I'm just waiting for my transcripts to reflect this and for my diploma to be delivered. I hope you enjoyed a little part of that paper over the past few months.

Until next time.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Sanders, *Historian*

Sources for this article were obtained from the following:

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SON'S OF THE LEGION

SAL would like to thank all members and hope they have a happy and prosperous Thanksgiving. Hope to see you at the up coming events at the Post and our next meeting will be announced for some time in January.

Greg Dickerson, *Commander*

LONG TERM GOALS

These goals will come under review during our annual New Year planning meeting (Date TBD) where we will examine our past 2017 goals and issue new ones for 2018. This meeting will be a great opportunity to voice your views on where our focus should be as a Post so come on down once we announce the meeting date.

1. Renovation of Entire 2nd Floor excluding the Son's Bar Room.
2. Emergency Exit for 2nd Floor.
3. New Roof where required.
4. Kitchen Makeover Walls and Floor.
5. Bar Makeover
6. New Interior Staircase to 2nd Floor.
7. Bathroom Renovation Male and Female Main Hall.
8. Bathroom Renovation 2nd Floor SAL Project

MEMBERSHIP

We have two new members: Ben Pileski and John Tolento. Please welcome them at our meeting November 14. We still have about 70 unpaid members for 2018. Please send in your dues. Hope to see you on Veteran's Day (Observed 10th of Nov) and Veteran's Day dinner dance (11th of Nov).



Don Wagner, *Chairman*

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Attractions

- 11/1 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting 7PM**
- 11/5 Sun. Auxiliary Craft Fair Time 11:00 AM**
- 11/10 Fri. Veteran's Day Ceremony:
Time 11:00 AM Ceremony Begins**
- 11/11 Sat. Veteran's Day Dinner Dance:
Time 6PM-10PM**
- 11/14 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting
Bar Open 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM**
- 12/8 Fri. Christmas Pot Luck Dinner Party:
6PM Bar Open & Chow Served Shortly After**
- 12/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting Bar Open
6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM**
- 12/13 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting 7PM**



EVERY MONDAY EVENING FROM 7-10 PM IS POKER NIGHT AT THE LEGION

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 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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