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THE REPORTER

GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

NOVEMBER 2018

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

It is official! I'm a married man! I want to thank the Legion for the use of the hall for our reception. Gary Herman went the extra mile for us as our bartender. When our family members came to help us decorate the hall he made

us snacks to enjoy while we worked and he helped clean the bar, kitchen and much more. It meant a lot to us that members from our Legion family cared enough to support that wonderful day in our lives. We have a lot going on at the Post in the next couple of months. As you can see by our flyers we have the Craft Fair on Sunday the 4th, Veteran's Dinner dance Saturday the 10th of November followed by our Veteran's Day ceremony on Sunday the 11th at 11AM. Following the ceremony our local Rotary Club will be providing a free lunch for Veteran's that attend the ceremony. On Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30PM we will hold our annual planning meeting to coordinate our 2019 events and goals. This year we will have participants from the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Auxiliary, SAL, NJROTC and more to help us all get on the same page and increase coordination, avoid scheduling conflicts, accomplish our goals and ensure that we fulfill the Four Pillars of the American Legion. It is amazing all the things we are able to accomplish in an all-volunteer organization. In the January *Reporter* we will look back at how we did with our 2018 goals and list our new 2019 goals. I want to thank all of you that regularly participate in the success of the Post. Out of the 200+ members that we have there are only a handful that regularly roll up their sleeves and volunteer. For those that are not able to help out because of physical or schedul-

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Sick call -

Norm Womback is currently in the Acadia Center in Riverhead where he is recovering from recent surgery. If you can pop in and say hello. I know he would appreciate that or maybe send a card. The address is Acadia Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, 1146 Woodcrest Ave., Riverhead, NY 11901.

Harold Schwerdt took a fall and wound up at San Simeon for a few days. Thank heavens he will be Okay and be home by the time this report is published. Several of our guys were up there for a visit and he just loved seeing old friends. Harold, we love you dearly!

Jeff Chagnon - *Post Chaplin*

Hm. - 631-765-6077

Cell - 631-456-3258



*“Teach us to give
and not
count the cost”*

~St. Ignatius de Loyola

MEMBERSHIP

Post 803 is currently at 128 / 220 (58%) paid up members for 2019. This includes the eight electronic renewals sent to Post 803 from the Dept. of New York. To receive your 2019 membership card ASAP send your dues to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971.

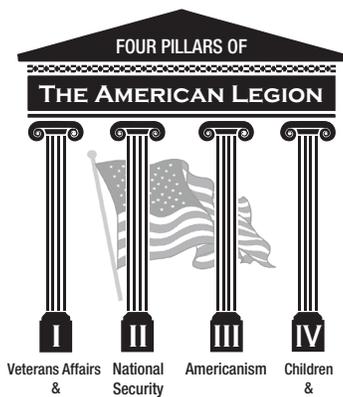


Thanks for your support.

Bob Cochran, *Chairman*

COMMANDER'S REPORT

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ing conflicts then please consider supporting our building projects financially. Your money does not get wasted on paying salaries or administrative costs. It actually goes directly toward improving the Post. Anyone that has stepped into the post in the past couple of years will notice all the great projects that are being accomplished.

Chairmanship Signup Sheet

We still need volunteers to chair events in 2019. Please come to our December 4th planning meeting at 6:30PM at the Post to learn more about our 2019 goals and how you can help us succeed. Any event that does not have a chairman will need to be canceled to include the Chicken BBQ, Socials, St Patrick's Dinner etc. It is too much work for the same people to execute and for the same people to organize. We have over 200+ members but only about 20 are regular volunteers. Please do your part and support your Legion and these events.

We will have our annual planning meeting December 4th at 6:30PM and whatever event does not have a chairman will be canceled for 2019! We will have food and the bar will be open too.

God Bless All of You!

Our future is looking bright but our brilliance is only sustained through combined effort!

For God and Country
Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Commander*
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SUNDAY 04 NOVEMBER 2018 AUXILIARY CRAFT FAIR

TUESDAY 06 NOVEMBER 2018 ELECTION DAY
Please Vote, it's one of our Freedoms that we fight for!

WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2018 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM

SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018 VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY 11AM The ceremony will begin at 11AM sharp. Everyone is invited to attend this ceremony. Color Guard please arrive by 10:15AM the latest in order to prepare for posting of the colors. After the ceremony our local Rotary Club is kind enough to provide lunch for Veteran's that attend the ceremony inside the Post in the Main Hall.

TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 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 NOVEMBER 2018 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM

NO NOVEMBER MEETING FOR SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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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CW2 Jeffrey T. Heppner
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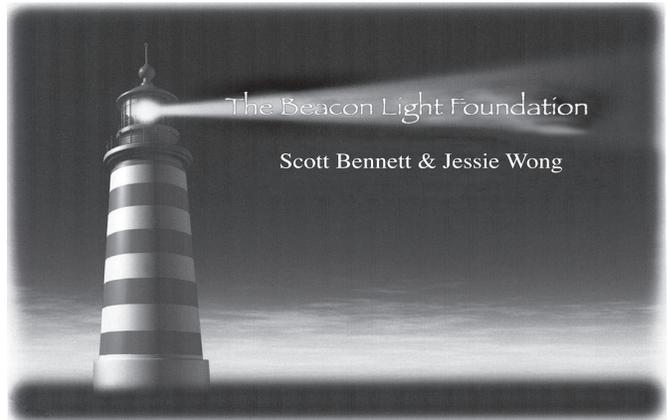
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Holiday Craft Fair

AMERICAN LEGION POST #803
MAIN ROAD, SOUTHOLD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018
10:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



2019 CHAIRMANSHIP REQUEST SIGNUP SHEET

Event	Date of Event	Chairman	Co-Chairman
Dinner Socials	Monthly	Still Need Volunteer	
St Patrick's Day Dinner	March 17, 2019	Still Need Volunteer	
Golf Classic Chairman	June 2019	Bob Bittner	
Americanism Scholarship Chairman	Yearly	Jose Perez	
Flag Day Installation Dinner	June 14, 2019	Charles J. Sanders	
Car Show Chairman	Aug. 2019	Still Need Volunteer	
Chicken BBQ	Sept. 2019	Still Need Volunteer	
Boy State Chairman	Yearly	Cuppy Horton	
Veteran's Day Chairman	Nov. 11, 2019	Charles J. Sanders	
Legion Breakfast Chairman	As Scheduled	Jan Powers	
Christmas Party Chairman	Dec. 2019	Tom Kennedy	
Pearl Harbor Fleet Rescue Event	Dec. 7, 2019	Charles J. Sanders	
Color Guard Commander	As Needed	Still Need Volunteer	
Social Media Director	As Needed	Tom Kennedy	
Bingo Chairman	Yearly	Still Need Volunteer	



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 803
would like to invite you to our

Annual Veteran's Dinner Dance

Saturday, November 10
6 pm to 10 pm
\$40/pp – Cash Bar

**COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES
AT 6:00 PM**

BUFFET DINNER TO FOLLOW

**ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY
RSVP BY NOV. 4, 2018**

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

Live Music by Studio G



**SETUP FOR THE EVENT WILL BE ON FRIDAY, NOV. 9TH AT 6:00PM.
THE BAR WILL BE OPEN WITH PIZZA TO FOLLOW.**

join us



FOR

THE AMERICAN LEGION
POST 803
HOLIDAY PARTY

SATURDAY

DEC | 8 | 5 PM

5:00 PM - BAR OPEN (CASH BAR)

6:30 PM - DINNER SERVED

(POT LUCK BRING A DISH TO SHARE)

R.S.V.P: Tom Kennedy (631) 255-5069

HISTORIAN

Here is a brief history of Veteran's Day:

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.



When Is Veterans Day?

- Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States.
- In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.
- In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.
- Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and World War II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November).
- In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

Veterans Today

The military men and women who serve and protect the U.S. come from all walks of life; they are parents, children, grandparents, friends, neighbors and co-workers, and are an important part of their communities. Here are some facts about the veteran population of the United States:

- 16.1 million living veterans served during at least one war.
- 5.2 million veterans served in peacetime.
- 2 million veterans are women.
- 7 million veterans served during the Vietnam War.
- 5.5 million veterans served during the Persian Gulf War.
- Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II, about 558,000 are still alive.

- 2 million veterans served during the Korean War.
- 6 million veterans served in peacetime.
- As of 2014, 2.9 million veterans received compensation for service-connected disabilities.
- As of 2014, 3 states have more than 1 million veterans among their population: California (1.8 million), Florida (1.6 million) and Texas (1.7 million).
- The VA health care system had 54 hospitals in 1930, since then it has expanded to include 171 medical centers; more than 350 outpatient, community, and outreach clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35 live-in care facilities for injured or disabled vets.

The following information was obtained from the History.com website: <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/veterans-day-facts>

SONS OF THE LEGION

Veterans Day is almost upon us and I hope to see some SAL members at the Veterans Day Dinner Dance". I would like to welcome back Doug Kalunas and welcome new members Jonathan Bitner and Eric Izzo. We had a great turn out for the October Meeting and hope the momentum continue to build. The SAL will not have a meeting in November do to Thanksgiving falling the day before but will meet on Wednesday December 5th at 6pm in the Legion Bar where we will have pizza. We have received our SAL Shirts and they look very sharp! SAL members who have been showing for Legion events and have received the shirt and will also be for sale for \$35.00. We look forward to seeing more and more of you at our monthly meetings. The last meeting we started working on some future projects and events such as the SAL 100 Birthday in 2019. Also keep in mind that the Legion Christmas Party is right around the corner as well. Please remember the Veterans Day Ceremony will be held Sunday November 11th at 11am if you can attend.

Thank you,
Jim Best, *Adjutant*

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LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

November is a very busy month! Our Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Sunday November 4th from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Set-up has been rescheduled for 12:00PM on Saturday November 3rd since the hall will be in use on Friday night. We thank Denise for all her hard work preparing for this event! A lot of great vendors are participating and we anticipate another great turnout! Chili dogs, rice pudding and baked goods will be available. Many hands make light work so please come on down on Saturday to help with setting up!

Our annual Veterans Day Dinner Dance is scheduled for Saturday November 10th. Margie has chaired the dance once again and always does a great job! Commander Sanders has some plaques to give out as well. Please join us for set-up on Friday November 9th at 6:00PM. Food will be provided too.

The annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Sunday morning, November 11th. Participation is a great way to show our appreciation to all veterans so come on down.

At our last meeting we discussed donations of gift cards to some of our local servicemen and servicewomen who are deployed all over the world. We have received some

addresses and would love to hear from more families- contact us with info. We approved the donation of a robe for the Women's Wellness Center at Northport as part of a county project and have agreed to sponsor a party at the Veterans Home in Stony Brook in January. We also donated to the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund in memory of Florence Wagner.

Rose received a donation of 18 gold organza tablecloth overlays for the Legion Auxiliary from a friend. Thank you very much! They will look beautiful on the tables at our events.

Our members have received annual dues notices stating the dues went up to \$23.00 but we had voted to leave it at \$20.00. We will refund \$3.00 to anyone who overpaid. If you have not sent in your dues yet please send \$20.00 to Donna St. Pierre directly or bring it to the next meeting. Thank you!

Recently we received a certificate in recognition and appreciation of our service to veterans from Suffolk County American Legion Auxiliary. Congratulations to us all and let's keep up the good work!

We have tentative plans for decorating the hall for Christmas on Friday November 30th. Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday November 14th.

Joan Cochran, *President*

BUILDING PROJECTS/2018 GOALS



- Paint the hall, bathrooms, and clean up the ceiling tiles in the bathrooms **Bathrooms are painted and the rest of hall painting is shifted to 2019**
- ~~Landscape front of the Legion and side of the Legion~~ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**
- ~~Fix electrical issues to include fire alarms, electrical panel, basement lighting, outdoor power box.~~ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**
- New chairs for the hall **INVESTIGATING COSTS**
- New curtains for the hall **New curtain rod purchased and Auxiliary will clean current curtains**
- New events sign in front of Post **INVESTIGATING COSTS**
- New survey of property **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Original Survey Discovered**
- New light fixture front of Post
- Update signs in front of Post **Will discuss with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts at 2019 Planning Mtg.**
- Repair or replace "Handicap" ramp **repairs have begun and expect completion by the first couple of weeks in November**
- Boots on Ground Food Drive **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Auxiliary Members and Others**
- USMC "Toys for Tots" **A request for a drop off box at the Post has been requested. Awaiting news from Toys for Tots.**
- New bar stools, tables and chairs **INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS**
- ~~Four Pillars of the American Legion mural Commander's Office~~ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Andrea Ochoa**
- Fire Extinguishers Replaced **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED by Neil Rochford and Joe St Pierre**
- Apply Strong Sealant to Contemplation Benches **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED by Joe St. Pierre**
- Complete Cleaning of Color Guard Weapons **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED by Jim O'Malley and Jeff Chagnon!**
- Create a Larger E-Mail Database **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED FOR 2018**

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/04 Sun. Auxiliary Craft Fair**
11/06 Tue. Election Day Vote!
11/10 Sat. Veteran's Dinner Dance: 6:00PM
11/11 Sun. Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Post:11AM
**11/13 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM**
11/14 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
12/04 Tues. 2019 Planning Meeting: 6:30PM
**12/05 Wed. SAL Meeting: 6PM with pizza
and the bar is available**
**12/07 Fri. Pearl Harbor Fleet Rescue Ceremony
on Ferry & Foxwoods Casino Day**
12/08 Sat. Christmas Party
**12/11 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM**
12/12 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM

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
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