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# THE REPORTER

## GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

### NOVEMBER 2019

#### COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

#### Electrical Work

I would like to thank Dan Wilcenski for volunteering his time and skill repairing our outside light pole and electrical outlet. He came through for us in a pinch when we needed him and

we thank you again! Also have to thank Keith from Platinum Electric for his crew and all they do for the Post. We are working hard to make sure we make all necessary safety repairs around the Post and Platinum has brought us up to speed on many projects including the free install of our coffee machine.

#### 2020 Annual Planning Meeting

On Tuesday 3 December at 6PM we will be conducting our annual planning meeting to go over our calendar of events for 2020, review our 2019 goals and create our new 2020 goals. Please come on down and attend this meeting and give your input. Our planning drives our future and ensures we are on track to a healthy Post that supports the Four Pillars of the American Legion.

#### House & Grounds Worker

The Legion is looking for someone to work part-time around the Post to assist with various work around the Post such as washing dishes, cleaning pots, mowing the lawn and general items like these. We have someone that does the setup and tear down for our main events but we need someone with a flexible schedule that can assist with other tasks. This is a paid position but he or she will receive a 1099. The hourly rate is negotiable dependent on the skill level of the person applying but we will make it worth your while to commit to this job.

#### Toys for Tots

It is that time of year and the Legion is supporting the Marine Corps in their goal to give toys to Tots that usually don't have a gift at Christmas. The Toys for Tots box will be located as you enter the hall. Please donate an unwrapped toy for children up to age 12. The last day to donate is December 13th and you may bring a Toy during any Legion event when the post is

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#### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

**Rest in Peace** - Arthur S. Gibbons, who was residing at Peconic Landing, passed at the age of 98 on October 22, 2019.

Arthur was a World War II veteran who served in the US Navy from 1942 to 1945. He was cremated and will be interred at Calverton National Cemetary on November 1st. On November 2nd at 10:00am there will be a Memorial Mass held at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church in Greenport, NY.

**Sick Call** - George Sullivan is resting at home in Southold and Joseph Kollen is resting at his home in Peconic Landing. Please remember to keep George and Joseph in your prayers.

Jeff Chagnon - *Post Chaplin*

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*"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought"*

- Pope John Paul II

#### MEMBERSHIP

#### Attention All Members!

As of 16 Oct 2019 the Membership for 2020 is currently 128/229 (55.9%) paid up members. Anyone who served after December 7, 1941 can join Post 803, just send a copy of your DD-214, home address, phone number, email address and \$50



to the address listed below. Post 803 sends a warm welcome to three new members, John Pitman, Frederick Orestuk, and Jack McGreevy. The membership office is open every Tuesday afternoon if you need assistance. Please send your dues (\$50) to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971. Thank you for supporting Post 803.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*

# COMMANDER'S REPORT

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open, Tuesday during Bingo or when the bar is open on Friday evenings.

## Veterans Day Dinner Dance

The Veterans dinner dance is fast approaching. The invites to all members were mailed out and if you have not received an invite or if you have any questions you may contact Margie Brock 631-765-1357. This is a wonderful evening of food, dance and Americanism. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## Veterans Day Ceremony/ Legion's 100th Birthday & Brunch

On Veterans Day we will be conducting our normal 11AM ceremony but this year we will also be celebrating the Legion's 100th Birthday to be followed by an awesome brunch sponsored by the Southold Rotary Club. This brunch is for Legionnaires, Sons of the Legion, Auxiliary and those of you that are on this mailing list that we count as Friends of the Legion. Last year the Southold Rotary provided us this brunch and it looks like it has caught on as a tradition. In the past on Flag

Day we held a big dinner and awards evening but due to Flag Day following on a month of so many other activities we had to cancel it. The question became, "When can we hold a similar event?" Well, what better time to recognize all those that have given so much to help the Post than to honor them on Veterans Day. The bar will be open and the caterer for this event is the North Fork Roasting Company in Southold. In order to get an accurate count of those attending we would like you to **RSVP using either our dedicated phone line or email RSVP address. Please RSVP by clearly stating i.e. spelling if necessary the names of everyone and not just the number of RSVPs. We look forward to honoring our Veterans and enjoying fellowship together. RSVP phone line 631-407-5555 and email post803rsvp@gmail.com.**

## Brass Memorial/In Honor of Plates

I'm excited to report that we have ordered and had manufactured all the brass plates. The goal is to have all of them on the chairs by Veterans Day. We have only 9 more spots left for the table chairs in the bar. The cost for one plate is \$100.00

## Public Relations Officer

We still have not filled the critical public relations officer positions. Legionnaires stepped up and filled the color guard positions but we still need someone that can help us get the word out to the public about our events and activities. Someone that is willing to communicate with

the local press, update our website and ensure that we are communicating clearly the Four Pillars of the American Legion to the public. If you're interested please contact the commander at [gtgpost803@gmail.com](mailto:gtgpost803@gmail.com) or call 631-702-3083.

*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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Post Number 631-765-2276



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

**FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2019 CRAFT FAIR SETUP 6PM**

**SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2019 CRAFT FAIR 10:30AM TO 4PM**

**FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2019 VETERANS DINNER DANCE SETUP 6PM**

**SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2019 VETERANS DINNER DANCE 6PM**

**MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2019 VETERANS DAY CEREMONY 11AM BRUNCH TO FOLLOW**

**TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 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 is served prior to the meeting at 6:30PM. Thank You Jan Powers for cooking!!!

**WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2019 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM**

**THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2019 SONS OF THE LEGION MEETING 6PM**

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*CW2 Jeffrey T. Heppner  
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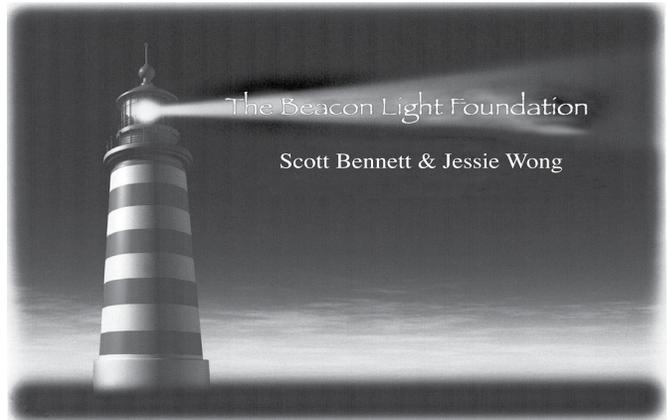
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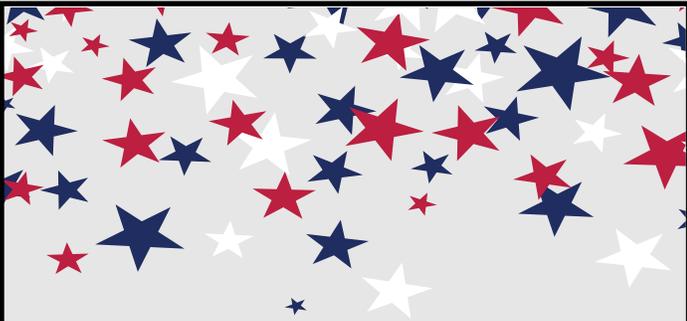
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The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 803  
would like to invite you to our

# Annual Veterans Dinner Dance

Saturday, November 9

6 pm to 10 pm

\$40/pp – Cash Bar

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

**BUFFET DINNER TO FOLLOW**

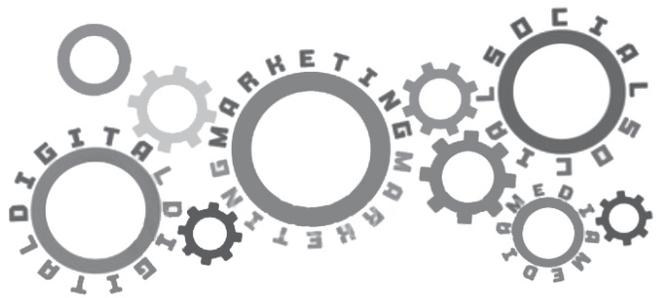
**ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY  
RSVP BY NOV. 2, 2019**

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. 8TH AT 6:00PM.  
THE BAR WILL BE OPEN WITH PIZZA TO FOLLOW.**



## Public Relations Officer Volunteer Needed

We are seeking someone to fill the position of Public Relations Officer. The duties for this position consist of reaching out to the media regarding events that are taking place here at the Post, updating our Go Daddy website i.e. [www.Post803.com](http://www.Post803.com), updating our Facebook page and promoting Post 803 to the public. If you are interested in this position please reach out to the Commander 631-702-3083.

## Brass Memory Plates

**“Only 9 more spots left!”**

*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*

## 2019 Goals

- ✔ **Raise \$20,000 for Building Projects**  
*Above Normal Fundraising*
- ✔ **Paint Main Hall**
- ✔ **Replace Broken Post 803 Decorative Light Fixture**  
**Front of Post** - Thank you to Joe St Pierre for installing the light fixture and Bill Kietsek for his donation and Bill Von Eiff's donation of the emblem
- ✔ **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** - *Thank you to Chaplain Jeff Chagnon and our generous donors Doris Sherman, Paul Krieling, and Al Kropp*
- ✔ **Repair or Replace Kitchen Stoves**  
**Stoves repaired!** Thank you Joe St. Pierre and Jan Powers for coordinating this!

## POST 803 LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OUR LONG-TERM GOALS & NEEDS

We will be installing a fundraiser thermometer in front of the Post to raise funds for the Legion to address our Long Term Goals. Eventually we need to address these needs because the Post is showing its age and there is no better way to do this than to increase our building funds so that we may accurately plan for the accomplishment of these goals. 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 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



# Come Celebrate Veterans Day and the Legion Centennial

Ceremony November 11th at 11AM  
Brunch to follow sponsored by Southold Rotary Club

We will be presenting our 2019 Legion Awards during the brunch so come on down and enjoy a great meal and Legion fellowship.

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## HISTORIAN



### Commander's Note:

I was glad to come across this article because I have for the longest time placed an apostrophe in Veteran's Day. I was wrong and this article sets the record straight. I hope you enjoy it. It was derived from the following website: <https://www.defense.gov/explore/story/article/1675470/5-facts-to-know-about-veterans-day/#pop3029690>

A lot of people think it's "Veteran's Day" or "Veterans Day," but they're wrong. The holiday is not a day that "belongs" to one veteran or multiple veterans, which is what an apostrophe implies. It's a day for honoring all veterans — so no apostrophe needed.

### Veterans Day is NOT the Same as Memorial Day.

A lot of Americans get this confused, and we'll be honest — it can be a little annoying to all of the living veterans out there. Memorial Day is a time to remember those who gave their lives for our country, particularly in battle or from wounds they suffered in battle. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.

### It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I.

World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, the fighting ended about seven months before that when the Allies and Germany put into effect an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of "the war to end all wars" and dubbed Armistice Day. In 1926, Congress officially recognized it as the end of the war, and in 1938, it became an official holiday, primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I. But then World War II and the Korean War happened, so on June 1, 1954, at the urging of

veterans service organizations, Congress amended the commemoration yet again by changing the word "armistice" to "veterans" so the day would honor American veterans of all wars. For a while, Veterans Day's date was changed, too, and it confused everybody. Congress signed the Uniform Holiday Bill in 1968 to ensure that a few federal holidays — Veterans Day included — would be celebrated on a Monday. Officials hoped it would spur travel and other family activities over a long weekend, which would stimulate the economy.

### For some inexplicable reason, the bill set Veterans Day commemorations for the fourth Monday of every October.

On Oct. 25, 1971, the first Veterans Day under this new bill was held. We're not sure why it took three years to implement, but not surprisingly, there was a lot of confusion about the change, and many states were unhappy, choosing to continue to recognize the day as they previously had — in November. Within a few years, it became pretty apparent that most U.S. citizens wanted to celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11, since it was a matter of historic and patriotic significance. So on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed another law (Public Law 94-97), which returned the annual observance to its original date starting in 1978.

### Other countries celebrate it, too, in their own ways.

World War I was a multinational effort, so it makes sense that our allies also wanted to celebrate their veterans on Nov. 11. The name of the day and the types of commemorations differ, however. Canada and Australia both call Nov. 11 "Remembrance Day." Canada's observance is pretty similar to our own, except many of its citizens wear red poppy flowers to honor their war dead. In Australia, the day is more akin to our Memorial Day. Great Britain calls it "Remembrance Day," too, but observes it on the Sunday closest to Nov. 11 with parades, services and two minutes of silence in London to honor those who lost their lives in war.

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## DR. CHAT

I just read of Joe St. Pierre's experience with VA medial care, and I would have to agree with him. Like many of us from the Vietnam era, I had heard horror stories about the VA system, and didn't want to have anything to do with it. Several years ago, however, financial circumstances compelled me to sign up.

Thus far I would have to say that overall it is the best health care experience I have ever had. Granted, I don't have any serious medical issues, thank God, but nevertheless I think it's great. The two primary physicians I have had in the Riverhead Clinic are first-rate, as are the specialists I have seen in Northport. The VA nurses I have seen are competent and caring, and the support staff personal are always polite and efficient. In fact the only problem I have had with the VA in over 5 years was that once in Northport I had an unusually long wait between the prep and the procedure. But we're vets, so we all know about "hurry up and wait!"

The day my paperwork for the VA health care went in I canceled the ridiculously expensive yet worthless private insurance I was carrying, and I have never once regretted that decision. So I echo Joe's recommendation, and encourage you to check out the VA.

PS: Make sure you tell our Congressman how you feel about the VA, good or bad. They need to know what is working or what isn't. It makes a difference!

Tom LaMothe

## LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

Time is running out to RSVP for the Veterans Dinner Dance! Please call Margie Brock at 631-765-1357 before November 2nd! Set-up will be Friday November 8th at 6:00pm with pizza afterwards. Plans are coming together for a great party and this year's celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion is not to be missed!

The Holiday Craft Fair is on Sunday November 3rd with set-up on Friday November 1st at 6:00pm followed by pizza. At this writing we have 25 vendors offering a wonderful variety of items. Plus we will be selling hot dogs in the bar area with Margie's chili and Charlotte's sauerkraut- always a popular combination! Please join us for this fun event!

We would like to thank Dan Wilcenski who helped us out with an electrical issue on the morning of the Car Show. Thanks Dan for all you do!

At our last meeting we received heartfelt thanks from Beacon House in Riverhead, which provides housing for homeless veterans. We were able to provide their residents with Uber gift cards which is a great help to them. We also planned to take part in a get together and sing-along honoring veterans at San Simeon nursing home this month. And after discussing Wreaths Across America we voted to donate money for wreaths.

Remember the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th at 11:00am at the post. This is a great time to show our veterans that we appreciate their service.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday November 13th. Please bring your dues for next year if you have not yet mailed them in. I look forward to seeing you all and hearing more of your great ideas!

Joan Cochran, *President*

## SONS OF THE LEGION



The next SAL meeting will be on Thursday November 21st at 6pm in the Bar area please try to attend, the Sons Of The American Legion is in need of some assistance with Adjutant duties and help filling other positions. The Sons of the American Legion is a patriotic service organization formed on September 12-15, 1932. The S.A.L. is made up of male descendants of people who served in the United States Armed Forces during times specified by the American Legion. The Sons of the American Legion's mission to serve veterans, the military and their families is carried out through its hundreds of outreach programs delivered by its members, volunteers and national headquarters.

Sincerely, Jim Best, *Sal Commander*

# NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/01 Fri. Craft Fair Setup: 6PM with Pizza for Volunteers
- 11/03 Sun. Craft Fair: 10:30AM to 4PM
- 11/08 Fri. Veteran's Dinner Dance Setup:  
6PM with Pizza for Volunteers
- 11/09 Sat. Veterans Dinner Dance: 6PM to 10PM
- 11/11 Mon. Veterans Day Ceremony and Brunch to Follow:  
11AM Ceremony
- 11/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:  
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM
- 11/13 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 11/21 Thur. SAL Meeting: 6PM
- 12/03 Tues. 2020 Annual Planning Meeting 6PM
- 12/11 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 12/13 Fri. Christmas Party Setup 6PM
- 12/14 Sat. Legion Christmas Party 6:30PM
- 12/17 Tues. **Executive and Business Meeting:  
Bar 6:30PM Meeting 7:30PM Note Date Change!!!!**



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# SAL OFFICERS

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