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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

OCTOBER 2017

COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

I would first like to thank former Commander Earl Brock for another outstanding chicken BBQ. You can only imagine all the hard work that goes into organizing an event of that magnitude. We have his lovely wife Margie to thank for that amazing coleslaw. It would take too much space to thank everyone for what they did so we will show their efforts in pictures. Can you believe we have only four more months left in this year? We have made great progress toward fulfilling our 2017 goals. We raised enough funds to pay for two new gas boilers and they will be installed before the cold weather hits us. I hope to see some great savings in heating cost for this and next year. We still have three spaces available for ads in the *Reporter*. If you know of any local business or organization that may want to advertise in the *Reporter* then give them a copy and tell them for \$600.00 annually they will be in the *Reporter* 12 times hitting a wide patriotic audience. I know we are always fundraising and seeking assistance but that is the reality of our organization that relies on 100% volunteerism. The great thing about the Legion is we give back to the community as much as we receive. We live the Four Pillars of the American Legion and I'm proud to be associated with all of you Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion and Auxiliary members. Please note that our monthly meeting has been changed to October 17th due to my duty in the Guard on the 10th. We have a social planned for October 24th (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL Members and Gusts of Them Only). Please be sure to RSVP to Earl Brock for the October Social 631-765-1357. We will also have a Pot Luck Dinner at the Legion bar planned for October 27th (All Welcome). Please come with a dish be it a main meal, salad, or dessert. November 10th is our annual

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Rest in Peace -

Daniel McConlogue passed on 8/31/17 at home. Daniel was a kind and gentle man who had dear friends and a lovely family. An American Legion wake service was held on 9/3/17 at DeFriest-Grattan funeral home in Southold which was well attended.

"Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures, and without friends even the most agreeable pursuits become tedious."

- Thomas Aquinas

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

*Pray as though everything depended on God.
Work as though everything depended on you -*

St. Augustine

LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

A big thank you goes out to the Chicken BBQ Crew! The meal was delicious and all your efforts are appreciated!

We had a very busy Auxiliary meeting in September. Plans are headed towards completion for our Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday November 5th. Donations for our baked goods table are welcome! We also finalized plans for the Veterans Day Dinner Dance on November 11th. Food will be from Ammirati's in Mattituck once again with music by Studio G. Invitations will be in the mail soon!

Marie read thank you letters from Alexandra Cardi and Julia Harmon who attended Girls' State. We agreed it is a good program and we will sponsor a girl again this year. We also voted to send a donation to the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund

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Veteran's Day Ceremony at 11am here at the Post and November 11th is our annual Veteran's Day dinner dance. Please come out and enjoy these two events because these events celebrate our Veterans. The SAL in conjunction with the Legion is working on a fundraiser to help support Post 554 in Texas. We will discuss the fundraiser ideas at our October meeting. This post suffered flood damage from the recent hurricane and we want to show our support for our fellow Legionnaires in need.

Our future is looking bright!

For God and Country

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders
Post 803
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WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017

Auxiliary Meeting 7PM

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2017 - DATE CHANGE! 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.

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2017

SAL Meeting 6:00PM and Dinner Social to Follow

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2017 DINNER SOCIAL - 5:30PM

Bar is open and 6:30PM dinner is served so that we may accommodate more members. **Please RSVP to Earl Brock 631-765-1357.** Cost \$10.00 Volunteers are needed at 4PM to setup for the event so come on down.

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2017 Pot Luck Dinner at the Bar

6:30PM the bar will be open and we will dig into the assortment of great food around 7PM. Please come with a dish be it a main meal, salad, or dessert.

Legion Auxiliary Post 803 *continued*

which is a source of help for members affected by recent hurricanes.

Through Boots on the Ground we helped a veteran with train fare and clothing for his new job as an apprentice. Thanks Holly and Donna for making this happen! We also purchased gift cards for clothing and other needs as part of our focus on helping local veterans.

We are looking for a large wooden desk for the Auxiliary office. Let us know if you have one you would like to donate.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 11th at 7:00PM. meeting the women who are usually on the other end of a phone call to us! Members are encouraged to attend the monthly socials. The next one is on September 26th. Bar opens at 5:30 followed by dinner. Plans are underway for our Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday November 5th. We have vendors signing up now and look forward to another successful event!

Joan Cochran, *President*

BUILDING PROJECTS

We have raised enough funds to purchase two new gas-heating systems. The installation of these units should be completed before the cold weather hits us. 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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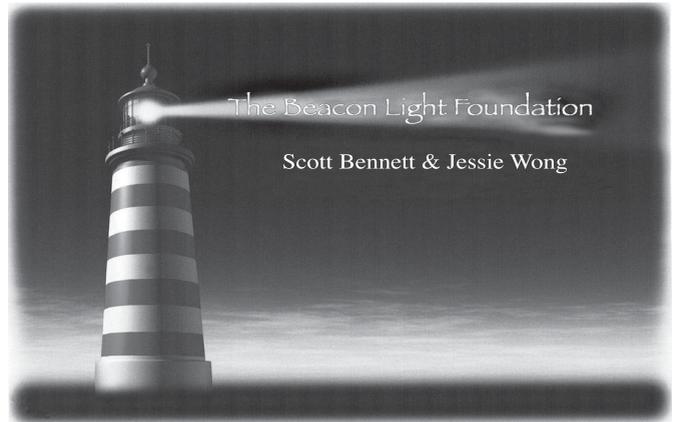
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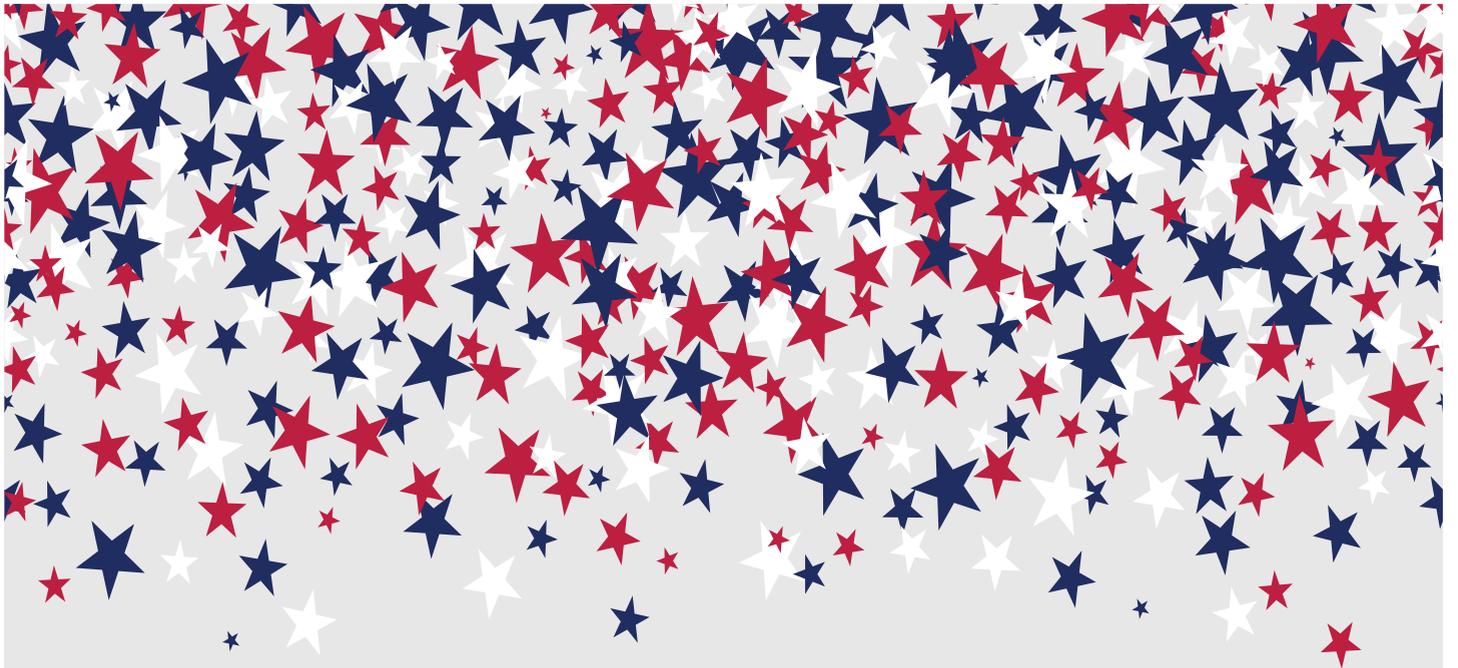
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★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 2017 GOALS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

1. New Heating Units. **Estimates complete/scheduling install**
2. Fix the steps and handrails for both of our entrances.
**New Member Mathew Larsen and Cub Scouts
volunteered to take on this project!**
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
arrived for front door and main hall door hardware is
working well now.**
9. Create an email contact list. **List created and emails
being added**
10. Clean and inventory Color Guard weapons. **50% Complete**
11. Paint the Post interior entrance and hall.
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.

HISTORIAN

In last months column we discussed the rapid demobilization of the US armed forces after WWII. Demobilization had a devastating impact on our combat readiness. So much so that our war plans primarily relied on air superiority and our monopoly of nuclear weapons. Here is an interesting glimpse into how our military viewed future conflicts. This section is copied from a portion of my Capstone paper that I'm submitting for my MA History degree from Norwich University.

Early January of 1946 a Joint War Plans committee study had evaluated the potential actions of the Red Army. The committee determined that in the case of the Red Army overrunning continental Europe, Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan, "...a massive attack on Russian industrial heartland, using long-range aircraft to deliver 196 atomic bombs," would be the only way to counter such an event.¹ The reason the committee relied on atomic bombs for its plans was based on the massive demobilization that had occurred at the end of the war. The diminished troop levels made it impossible to execute timely large-scale operations so the result was to rely on the United States superior Navy and Air Corps.² The Soviet Union was a land-based power so this diminished the effectiveness of the Navy in defeating the Soviet superior troop levels so the Air Corps was the only viable option.

There are many issues with relying on the Air Corps to execute the atomic plan to include limited Soviet targets to choose from. Initially the committee identified twenty Russian cities as primary target locations but had to scale back to seventeen because three of them were out of B-29 bomber range.³ Within these remaining cities the pilot's focus needed to be on hitting industrial facilities, aircraft facilities, ordnance factories, government administrative complexes and scientific research centers.⁴

The target cities may have been identified but pilots were often working off of Tsarist maps and operational procedures at the time did not allow for the identification of specific target locations until shortly before mission.⁵ The Soviet Union also dispersed its industry over a very wide area and some of the key installations were located deep inside Soviet territory and not easily identifiable using outdated maps.⁶ To complicate matters further the plan required ninety-eight atomic bombs plus a reserve of 100 totaling 196 weapons. These weapons required specially designed B-29 bombers that utilize bases located in England, Italy, India and China but the United States had few specially equipped bombers, limited number of bombs

ing pits to accommodate atomic weapons.⁷ The plan also presumed that bombing would take place at night with seventy five percent of the bombs landing within 5,000 feet of the center of the target but the accuracy of the crews did not meet these parameters.⁸

In The next column I will cover more specifically the estimated number of atomic bombs available in 1948 as well as the condition of our aircrews.

Until next time.

Sincerely,
Charles J. Sanders, *Historian*

¹ Ken Young, "US 'Atomic Capability' and the British Forward Bases in the Early Cold War," *Journal of Contemporary History* 42, no 1 (2007): 117-136.

² Steven T. Ross, *American War Plans 1945-1950*: (New York: Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, 2013), 16.

³ Id.

⁴ Id.

⁵ Id.

⁶ Harry R. Borowski, *A Hollow Threat: Strategic Air Power and Containment Before Korea* (Westport: Greenwood Press, 1982), 93.

⁷ Ross, 17.

⁸ Id.

SON'S OF THE LEGION

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Greg Dickerson, *Commander*

LONG TERM GOALS

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 welcome new member Greg Keohler! There are now 149 paid members for 2018 including new members. Keep up the good work!

Don Wagner, Chairman



2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Attractions

- 10/11 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting 7PM**
- 10/17 Tues. Change: Executive and Business Meeting**
Bar Open 6:30PM · Meeting 7:30PM
- 10/24 Tues. Son's of the American Legion Meeting**
6:00PM Dinner · Social to Follow
- 10/24 Tues. October Dinner Social**
Bar Open 5:30 PM · 6:30 PM Dinner Served
- 11/1 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting 7PM**
- 11/5 Sun. Auxiliary Craft Fair Time 11:00 AM**
- 11/10 Fri. Veteran's Day Ceremony: 11:00 AM Ceremony Begins**
- 11/11 Sat. Veteran's Day Dinner Dance: 6PM-10PM**
- 12/13 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting 7PM**
- 11/14 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting**
Bar Open 6:30PM · Meeting 7:30PM
- 12/9 Sat. American Legion Christmas Party Time TBD**
- 12/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting**
Bar Open 6:30PM · Meeting 7:30PM
- 12/12 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting**
Bar Open 6:30PM · Meeting 7:30PM



LEGION OFFICERS

- Commander** - Charles J. Sanders
- 1st Vice Commander** - Jeff Chagnon
- Past Commader** - 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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