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# THE REPORTER

## GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

OCTOBER 2019

### COMMANDER'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

#### Chicken BBQ

What an awesome Chicken BBQ. Thank you Jose Perez for stepping up and chairing this year's event. The chicken was fantastic thanks to Joe and Donna St. Pierre. I caught them working late one day preparing the secret chicken marinade. Jan Powers took over the kitchen baton from Earl Brock this year and his crew of helpers did a fantastic job. Thank you, Earl for guiding Jan in the operation of the kitchen and for all of your service to this event in the past. The past and present BBQ's were successful because of your coordination and hard work. Earl busted our chops by sending a picture while he was relaxing on his boat with a well-deserved beer. You got us on that one! Thank you Margie Brock for the beans and slaw. We could not have served the public if it were not for the efforts of the NJROTC cadets. Jessica Villareal did a great job coordinating and tasking out her fellow cadets. Take a look at the photos that follow at the end of this column.

#### Veteran's Day Dinner Dance

The Veteran's 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.

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

On Veteran's 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

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### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

**Sick Call** - Arthur Gibbons, who resides at Peconic Landing is recovering from an illness.

**George Sullivan** is at home where he is being cared for by his family. I spoke to George and as usual he was exceedingly kind and gracious.

Please keep Arthur and George in your prayers.

**Rest in Peace** - Russell Mann passed on August 25th at the age of 96. An American Legion Wake Service was held on August 30th at Peconic Landing. Special thanks to the Funeral Detail for an excellent turnout.

**Color Guard** - It is my pleasure to welcome two more new members, Joe Best and Paul Kraehling. Welcome to the unit!

Jeff Chagnon - *Post Chaplin*

Hm. - 631-765-6077 • Cell - 631-456-3258



*"The secret to happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day."*

- St. Gianna Molla

### MEMBERSHIP

#### Attention All Members!

Post 803 membership topped out just over 90% for 2019. Anyone wishing to maintain their continuous membership should submit their 2019 dues. Membership for 2020 is off to a good start with 120/223 (54%) paid up members. The newly signed Legion Act changed eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion. Anyone who served after December 7, 1941 can join our Post 803. It is easier if you go through Post 803, just send a copy of your DD-214, home address, phone number, email address and \$50 to the address listed below. Help spread the word to friends and family. 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*

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Veteran's 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 Veteran's 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 to date received 31 donations toward the purchase of our new bar furniture. We have only 9 more spots left for the table chairs in the bar. It is our goal to have all of these plates installed on the back of the chairs by Veteran's Day this year. All of the bar stools are filled up but we still have room on the backs of the other table chairs. I want to thank everyone that has donated to the Post for this effort. Some of the bar stools will be doubled up for those that gave two donations and for those that got their requests in early.

### Color Guard Members

It is great news to discover that Tom Lamothe, Jim Best, and Paul Kraehling have joined the Legion Color Guard. We have ordered all of them new uniforms so they will be looking sharp and motivated at our future parades. We still have room for more members and we will provide you with a new uniform if you volunteer. You may contact chaplain Jeff Chagnon or the commander if you are interested 631-765-2276.

### 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 or call 631-702-3083.

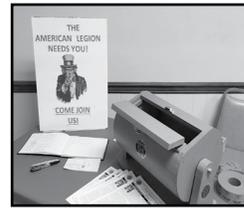
### Halloween Party

Once again, we will have to shift the goal to have a Halloween Party for kids to next year but this will turn out to be a good thing. Julie Dantes has volunteered to become the chairperson for the Halloween Party. The goal for this party is to provide a safe place for kids to come and experience all the fun that comes with Halloween. The vision is for kids to enter through the front door facing main street and walk through the Post and experience various Halloween themed rooms. For example, they will first past the Commander's office and inside could be a ghoulish character sitting at the desk talking with another ghoulish character that is at the door handing out candy. The kids will pass the Auxiliary room where it will be decorated with another Halloween theme and

then they walk through the kitchen where a witch and her crew could be brewing up a ghastly meal of stew in a pot filled with dry ice. They then enter the main hall where a collection of Halloween exhibits excites the kid in the parents and safely scare the Halloween costumed children that participate. This is a great way for the Legion to give back to the community by providing a safe environment for parents to send their kids knowing they will leave with a bag full of candy and a head filled with fond memories of the American Legion. If you would like to have a hand in planning this for next year you may email Julie at juliemdantes@gmail.com or call and leave a message on the main phone line 631-765-2276.

*Our future is looking bright and our 2018/2019 successes prove that our brilliance is sustained through combined effort!*

Sincerely,  
Charles J. Sanders, **Commander**  
Post 803  
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gtgpost803@gmail.com  
Post Number 631-765-2276



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

**TUESDAY 08 OCTOBER 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 16 OCTOBER 2019 AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM DATE CHANGE!!!!**

**THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2019 HALLOWEEN PARTY: SHIFTED TO NEXT YEAR**

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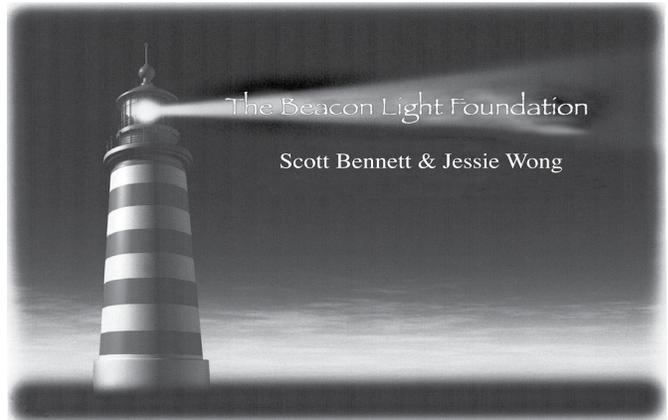
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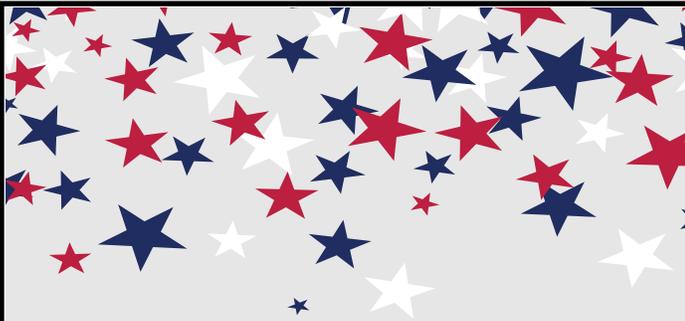
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The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 803 would like to invite you to our

# Annual Veteran's 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**

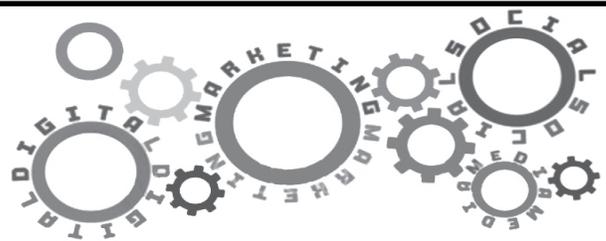
**RSVP BY NOV. 4, 2019**

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, 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

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Holiday Craft Fair

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019  
10:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



*Come Celebrate Veteran's 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.

**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  
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## HISTORIAN



The American Legion was formed by combat troops of the American Expeditionary Forces in Paris, France, a century ago. Weary and homesick, these American Legion founders restlessly awaited passage back to the United States and a return to their civilian lives after World War One. As they waited, they had time to think about what they would do after discharge from service. These troops envisioned a different kind of veterans association. It would be like none before it, nor any that would follow. The American Legion would be built on strengthening the nation – not serving themselves – through four primary pillars of volunteer work on behalf of: Veterans, Defense, Youth, and Americanism.

The early American Legion fought for creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau in 1921, the Veterans Administration in 1930 and the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1989. Empowered by its federal charter, signed into law on Sept. 16, 1919, The American Legion organized an army of expert service officers to provide free health-care and benefits assistance to veterans and their families. The American Legion also found jobs for hundreds of thousands of veterans in the 1920s and fed entire communities during the Depression. Large in number and staked to thousands of local communities worldwide, The American Legion Family – which came to include an American Legion Women's Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion was uniquely positioned to positively impact tens of millions of lives.

The American Legion conceived, drafted and pushed to passage the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 – the GI Bill of Rights. The GI Bill not only forever fortified the "veterans" pillar of service for The American Legion, it also changed the world. It transformed higher education and home ownership for average Americans. It built over a half-century of economic prosperity. It advanced civil rights. It created the American middle class. And it became known as the most significant social legislation of the last century. The American Legion's groundbreaking research and relentless pursuit of truth later helped countless veterans suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder and health problems related to atomic radiation, Agent Orange, Gulf War

Illness, burn pits and other service-connected exposures. Prior to The American Legion's work in this area, exposed veterans received no recognition from the government they swore with their lives to defend. The American Legion has also strengthened the nation by promoting education, good citizenship and respect for the U.S. flag, the nation's greatest symbol of unity.

The American Legion led conferences in 1923 and 1924 that ultimately established the first-ever standard rules of respect for the U.S. flag. By that time, The American Legion had already entered a formal relationship with the National Education Association to keep kids in school, teach good citizenship, respect law enforcement, understand the U.S. government and appreciate the Constitution. Out of these interests arose American Legion citizenship programs for immigrants, Boys State and Boys Nation, American Legion oratorical contests based on the U.S. Constitution and Junior Law Enforcement cadet programs. The American Legion would further strengthen the nation by its commitment to fitness, discipline and teamwork through a national youth baseball program, sponsorship of thousands of Junior ROTC programs, Boy Scouts units and Junior Shooting Sports teams. The American Legion fought for decades for "Universal Military Training" and out of that movement came the Reserve Forces Act of 1955 – establishing the modern Reserve component of the U.S. military and a more effective National Guard, which have proven so vital to American strength, especially in the War on Terrorism. Continuous advocacy for an effective defense system has built the strongest – and most responsible – military the world has ever known.

Legionnaires have also proven uniquely well-suited to handle life-threatening catastrophes – fires, floods, tornados, mine disasters, superstorms and even a terrorist attack.

In 1927 and 1937, two of the most devastating floods in U.S. history destroyed homes and farms, claimed hundreds of lives and left thousands homeless. The American Legion mobilized rescue crews, provided communications, found stranded families, fed and sheltered them. In time, deadly hurricanes Camille, Hugo, Katrina, Irma, Harvey, Florence and others have devastated countless homes and lives, and The American Legion has responded quickly with tens of millions of dollars in cash grants from its National Emergency Fund. The purposes for which The American Legion has associated together over the last century have proven timeless. At this very moment, a new American Legion post is taking shape on the campus of the University of Illinois to support student veterans using their Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits. Like thousands of other American Legion

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posts around the world, it is named in honor of a fallen wartime soldier.

In this case it is National Guard Sergeant Shawna Morrison, whose life was taken by a roadside bomb in 2004 in Iraq, joins thousands of others who made the ultimate sacrifice from every war era and are now enshrined by The American Legion. To preserve the memories and incidents of our nation's associations in the great wars, The American Legion has stood as the conscience of a grateful nation, through honor and remembrance of all who gave their lives or were taken prisoner of war so others might live in freedom. Among the 10 lines of The American Legion's mission statement – the Preamble to its Constitution – only one is even loosely dedicated to self-interest – “to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.” The other nine lines speak to The American Legion's broader purposes – to strengthen the nation. And as new posts begin their journeys into The American Legion's second century, they inspire a renewed vision that is equally timeless and built to serve generations of Americans yet to come.

This Legion Centennial Speech was obtained from the Legion website: <https://www.legion.org/publications/217074/legacy-vision-guide>

## SONS OF THE LEGION

We had a great time at the Chicken BBQ and wish more of you could have made it to attend or volunteer. The next SAL meeting will be Thursday November 21st at 6pm. The following SAL members dues are outstanding for 2019, Greg Dickerson, Doug Kalunas, Jerry Martocchia, Vincent Orlando, Derek Bossen. Please get your dues in for 2019 as we have our membership cards now for 2020! Enjoy the fall everyone...see you at the Veterans Day Dinner and Dance. Sincerely, Jim Best, *Sal Commander*

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## LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803

Welcome fall! Next up on our Auxiliary calendar is a change of our October meeting date to Wednesday October 16th. Please mark your calendars! Help us welcome new members Joan Cear, Barbara Kimmel, Deborah and Nicole Boschetti to the Legion Auxiliary. The annual Legion Chicken Barbeque was successful again this year due to the hard work of Jose Perez and his committee! Thanks go to all the members who generously donated their time. Donna's beans and Margie's cole slaw are always a great hit!

Our next event will be the annual Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday November 3rd. We are already filling up with a slate of wonderful vendors selling handcrafted items, jewelry, photos and much more! There is still time to get an application in for a table! Set up for the fair will be on Friday November 1st at 6:30pm followed by pizza. We welcome all helpers.

The Veterans Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday November 9th. Margie is again chairing this event which this year will help celebrate the American Legion's 100th Anniversary! Please send in your RSVP right away! Setup for the dinner dance will be on Friday November 8th at 6:00pm with pizza afterward. Come join us! And remember the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th.

We are busy lining up active military members for our holiday greetings and gift card projects. Let us know if there is someone you would like us to include. We are also in the midst of planning service projects for our veterans. We appreciate our veterans and active military and support them wholeheartedly! Enjoy the fall weather and remember to come to our next meeting on Wednesday October 16th!

Joan Cochran, *President*

## DR. CHAT

About four months ago I signed up for Veterans benefits at the Northport VA Hospital for the first time. Made the application and in three weeks received a phone call saying I was approved for services. Fast service. We recently moved from Huntington to Greenport so made an appointment at the VA Clinic in Riverhead for an audiology exam. Had my exam with Dr. Kaitlin Theoden, the full-time audiologist at the Clinic. In four weeks, my top of the line hearing aid were ready for pick up. They can also be easily be controlled for many different settings (up to 8) on one's smart phone. This is one benefit not to be missed at the VA. Dr. Theoden was most helpful. Gave me her direct number to call her if I needed help.

Jerry Kessler

## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10/08 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:30PM  
Meeting 7:30PM
- 10/16 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM DATE CHANGE!!!
- 10/NA . SAL Meeting: Next Meeting in November!!!
- 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. Veteran's Dinner Dance: 6PM to 10PM
- 11/11 Mon. Veteran's 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



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