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GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

OCTOBER 2020

★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Hello Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion:

COVID-19 may be trying to keep us down but we fought back and punched it right in the chin with two very successful fundraisers. The Car Show was an amazing success with so many people chipping in to make it a well-received escape from the invisible enemy. A huge thank you to the Auxiliary team led by Joan Cochran and Denise Thilberg the perfect boxing duo. Erin Hoyt, Joanna Anderson, Savanna Smith and Jonathan Lopez from JROTC came out and volunteered. Sara and Marissa provided a lot of color as the Car Show Pin-Up-



Gals while the band Vendettas got all of us grooving. The Sons of the American Legion led by Commander Gary Iorio did a great job supporting this event. The same is true for our 27th Annual Golf Classic led by Bob Bittner and his meticulous attention to the numbers. A huge thank you to all of our Sponsors for these events. These local businesses were hit with a hard blow by COVID-19 but they still came out of their corner in support of us financially and it means the world to all of us. Take a look at the following pages for pictures and a list of volunteers and sponsors that helped us punch back at COVID-19. We are going to keep fighting out the rest of the year so here is a list of upcoming activities and information. Ding... Ding...

UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans Day Ceremony at 11AM on November 11th to be followed by a brunch for all Veterans and their spouses. The meal will be served inside the hall while conducting proper social distancing, sanitizing practices and mask wearing. The meal is once again provided by the kind efforts of the **Southold Rotary Club**. In order to help them estimate how many meals to serve we ask you to RSVP with the names of those in your party **by using our RSVP phone line 631-407-5555 or our RSVP email address post803rsvp@gmail.com** We will be limited in how many we can serve so RSVP ASAP to make sure you are included in this great day.

Pearl Harbor Cross Sound Ferry Ceremony & Day at Foxwoods is still on. More details to follow as we get closer to December 7th.

Legion Cleanup Day is scheduled for **Saturday, November 14th** from 9AM until complete. Details are listed in next section.

UPDATE ON LEGION PROJECTS

We are tentatively planning a **Legion Hall Cleanout Day** for **Saturday, November 14th**. The goal is to clean up the basement, kitchen area and second floor. We can accomplish this by removing all old items no longer needed at the post, organize the storage rooms, kitchen cabinets and basically spruce up the place.

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★ ★ CHAPLIN'S REPORT ★ ★

Sick Call

Norman Wamback is now at home recovering. He could really use visitors or you could send him a card address it to Norman Wamback: C/O Sunken Pond Estates 2401 Augusta Alley, Riverhead NY 11901. Please remember Norman in your prayers.

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" — Isaiah 41:10

Jeff Chagnon,
Post Chaplin
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Commander's Report Continued

We could use some trucks with dump stickers so we can dump junk, some shop-vacuums to help vacuum the basement and storage areas, work-gloves, safety glasses, and industrial facemasks to help filter dust. Oh...yea and some volunteers willing to work☺ Once this is done we will have professional cleaners come and clean the hall in preparation for 2021.

We are holding off on any new projects that require funds until we can get back to normal operations; however, we are forming a **building fund committee** to help plan out our future renovation goals and raise funds toward those goals. If you would like to be a part of this committee please reach out to me via phone or the Post normal email address: gtgpost803@gmail.com. We still have funds allocated for our **outdoor sign** and we plan on moving forward with this project by adjusting the sign to be illuminated externally so that we do not have to go through any additional steps to gain approval for the sign.

I want to thank Joe St. Pierre for his tireless efforts in coordinating the installation of our new **kitchen hood and suppression system**. He along with Neil Rochford made the kitchen sparkle along with the stainless-steel hood by painting the kitchen. You two are the best! Thank you again to Mattituck Environmental Services and the Lomangino family for the funds to make this happen.

BINGO

Due to the uncertainty and an abundance of caution the decision has been made to cancel Bingo for the remainder of 2020. We may have been knocked down for 2020 but keep an eye out for a 2021 comeback.

REFUNDING OF ST. PATRICK'S TICKETS

We have a plan for how you may receive your refund until we are open for business. Our finance officer Mort Kelly is prepared to send you a check for your St Patrick's dinner ticket purchase. If you paid by check and it never cleared he will be sending your check back to you. If your check did clear or you paid cash he will mail you a refund. All you need to do is send him your tickets with your address and he will send you a refund check back. **Mail to Mort Kelly P.O. Box 391, Southold, NY 11971**. If you do not want a check mailed to you then you will have to wait until the Legion is officially open for business. You will still need to provide us your tickets in order to receive a refund in the mail or in person. We will setup a future time for people to come in and receive a refund face-to-face.

For God and Country,
God Bless,
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Post 803 Commander
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COMMANDER'S NOTE:

I did not write this article but I agree with the point the author is making. As we approach Columbus Day in October it is important to reflect back at what has been accomplished by Columbus and at least grant him and his fellow explorers the respect for having the guts to put their lives on the line for discovery. It is so easy to point the finger at a person's sin but so difficult to imagine what it was like to be someone living in the 1400's.

ARTICLE

Earlier in June, activists tore down a statue of Christopher Columbus outside the Minneapolis State Capitol. Mainstream media news coverage inevitably focused on the activists' view that Columbus was a racist villain, whose discovery of America led to the demise of native cultures. Few press reports acknowledged that the statue was erected by Italian American immigrants, themselves victims of discrimination, in 1931 to celebrate both the man who discovered America as well as their own contributions to our country. Nor did they note that an Italian immigrant who helped build Grand Central Station, and his son, sculpted the monument as a symbol of the acceptance of Italian immigrants in Minnesota. Perhaps even worse, a law professor and criminologist, who is associated with an archaeological advocacy group, actually tweeted encouragement for the deed, suggesting that chains would be the best way to bring down this and similar statues. Presumably, given her position, she should know incitement of vandalism is not free speech. Nor does it have anything whatsoever to do with our First Amendment rights to protest peacefully. Unlawful destruction of Columbus statues continues elsewhere throughout our country, notably in Boston's North End, near its own Little Italy. Of course, here in Baltimore three years ago, the nation's oldest statue to Columbus, an 18th century obelisk, was damaged by unknown vandals in the middle of the night. Somehow in the storyline, Columbus and Confederate statues have been wrongly blended as co-equal symbols of a racist past as the nation grapples with the death of George Floyd, an African American man, while in the custody of a white Minneapolis police officer. Does American history include painful periods of oppression against Indigenous peoples? Yes. However, atoning for past transgressions best occurs by honoring Indigenous peoples with their own commemorations, not by retributive anger and obliteration of Columbus statues. How did we come to this point? As a former presidentially appointed trustee and general counsel of the congressionally chartered Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, which was created in 1992 on the 500th Anniversary of his discovery of America, and as an Italian American myself, I recognize Columbus as a man willing to take great risks in search of new worlds.

Whatever his personal faults, without Columbus, there would be no United States, one of the relatively few countries in the world that guarantees the rights of individuals to petition their government peacefully through demonstrations. Our foundation was committed to fostering community service through science, technology, engineering and math grants to middle and high school students of all races. Perhaps, however, remedial instruction in history and critical thinking is what those younger members of our society responsible for toppling the statues representing our shared history need the most right now.

How unfortunate is the double standard here: to raise awareness of historically oppressed populations, while simultaneously green lighting that it is still OK to marginalize Italian Americans as symbolized through their statue to the great Italian explorer. Archaeologists say context is everything, but for "woke" activists, any suggestion that a statue somehow represents a racist past alone is enough to prompt vandalism. Educators — including law professors — have an obligation to teach our youth that our history and the contributions of those who have merited statues is far more complicated, rich and meaningful than assessments based solely on views about race. America did not become a great nation in spite of Columbus, but rather because he took high risks to introduce to the Americas positive aspects of Western civilization, the rule of law and the Gospel. Of course, America has a racist past, and much has yet to be done, but statues of Columbus should also remind us of how the struggles of our historical heroes also helped make much of what is good in America today. Their memory should be treasured and respected or at least placed in the proper context of the time in which they lived, not reviled and desecrated. Recently, when New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo was asked whether New York City's Columbus statue should be removed, he replied no, because it signifies appreciation for Italian American contributions. Here in Baltimore, we recently set a fine example of how to peacefully protest a horrific racial injustice. So too, may the citizens of Baltimore remain proud of Italian American contributions to our great state and ensure that our Christopher Columbus statues stand.

Anthony C. Wisniewski is a Maryland resident and former trustee and general counsel Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation.

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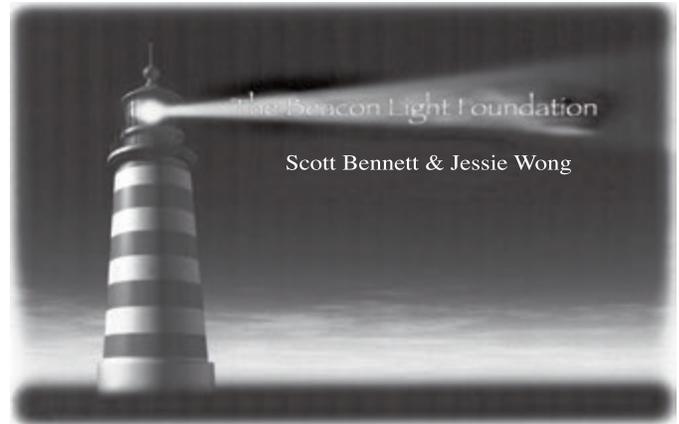
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AUTUMN HAS ARRIVED! Take a moment to enjoy the cooler weather and get out for a walk! The Auxiliary members are excited about our new lawn sign project for Veterans Day! There are four options available to purchase. Thank a veteran or active member of the military, be a “proud parent”, or personalize your message to display on your lawn. The order form can be found in the Reporter or on the post803.com website. You can call Priscilla Devine at 516-633-8332 if you have any questions.

Thanks go to Patty Hocker for this great idea! Rose and Donna are also working on the project and will get out the word by email and Facebook as well. Pick up dates are October 14th or November 7th so we can all display our signs for Veterans Day and show our appreciation.

I am happy to report that the Car Show was a great success! We were blessed with beautiful weather! Everyone was cooperative with wearing masks and social distancing. I would like to thank our community for their support! A big thank you to Denise and her committee who worked so hard on this. Thanks also to Donna, Marlene and Holly for donating a wonderful raffle basket!

Remember to check out the Post website at post803.com for the details on our history reading program for kids. Click on “Kids Corner” under where it says “more”. Donna has been collecting membership dues for 2021. Please bring your check made out to ALA Unit 803 for \$20 to our next meeting on Wednesday October 14th or mail it to Donna St. Pierre at PO Box 703, Southold NY, 11971.

Thank you to those of you who have already paid. I am looking forward to seeing you all again at our next meeting. We have been meeting in the large room in the hall with masks and distancing. We need to have a quorum to vote on our holiday giving ideas and other important issues.

Joan Cochran, *President*

★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



We currently have 114/209 (54.5%) paid up members for 2021. For the few who still need a membership card for 2020 please send in your dues and mark your check for membership year 2020. We hit 90.5% 212/234 paid up members for 2020. Please send your 2021 dues (\$50) to Post 803, P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971.

Stay safe and thanks for supporting our Post 803.

Bob Cochra,
Membership Chairman
631.765.5828

★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



Our Legion Car Show had a great turnout, and was a big success. It was great to get out and see our members. A good time was had by all! We also sold raffle tickets for the Green Egg Smoker BBQ, and we will announce our lucky winner in the next newsletter.

Also, our 2021 SAL Membership cards are in!

Congratulations go out to Lionel Wilson & George Wilson Jr. on 30 years of SAL membership.

It seems the only road to normalcy will be a vaccine for the Corona virus. News reports state that vaccine approval is on the horizon! As I prepare this column President Trump has announced that “Hundreds of millions of doses will be available every month and we expect to have enough vaccines for every American by April.” Let's stay positive for a better 2021.

As we continue to lose our constitutional rights, and our American way of life under draconian virus orders from State Government, I urge everyone to turn out and vote this election year in what may become the most important election in our history.

SAL Commander,
Gary Iorio



LET'S PAINT THE NORTH FORK RED WHITE & BLUE

Purchase a sign and thank a veteran, active duty military,
be a proud parent or show your patriotism while supporting
the Southold American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Fill out this form and mail it to Priscilla Devine, PO Box 302,
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Pickup: Oct. 14 6:30-8 pm or Nov. 7 10 am - 12 pm.

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- 2. Thank You for Your Service All Branches
- 3. Proud Signs: Parent, Mom, Dad, Grandparent

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2020 GOALS

1. Outdoor Sign Installed
2. Fundraising Thermometer with goal to raise \$25,000 per year
3. Emergency Egress for 2nd Floor
4. New Main Hall Ceiling Repair/Cleaning or Replacement
5. Main Hall Painted
6. Fire Alarm System Installed
7. Finish Replacement of all Blue Hall Chairs
8. 10 New Chafing Dish Sets for Catering
9. ~~New Kitchen Hood and Suppression System Installed~~
10. ~~Website Updated and New Pages Added~~
11. Total of 16 Paid ad in the Reporter
12. Compile Cost Estimates on Long-Term-Goals
13. Basement and 2nd Floor Cleaning and Organizing

LONG-TERM GOALS

We will be installing a fundraiser thermometer in front of the Post to raise funds for the Legion to address our Long Term Goals.

- 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)
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- 10/13 Tues. 2020 Golf After Action Review Meeting: 5PM
- 10/13 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM
- 10/14 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 11/03 Tues. Election Day: VOTE! We Served so We Can!
- 11/04 Wed. Auxiliary Meeting: 7PM
- 11/10 Tues. Executive and Business Meeting:
Bar 6:30PM • Meeting 7:30PM
- 11/11 Wed. Veterans Day Ceremony
11AM Sharp and Lunch to Follow
- 11/14 Sat. Tentative Date for Legion Cleanup Day
9AM until Complete
- 12/04 Fri. Decorate the Bar for Christmas
6PM until Complete
- 12/07 Mon. Pearl Harbor Ceremony
and Foxwoods Trip: Time TBD
- 12/08 Tues. 2021 Planning Meeting:
6PM until Complete
- 12/11 Fri. Legion Christmas Pot Luck Party
7PM until Complete



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