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★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Greetings Comrades, Friends and Supporters of the American Legion

Please let me take a moment to say how proud I am to be serving as the interim Commander of the post. I would like to invite all members to attend the next dinner and meeting on the 11th of August at 6pm. This will be the first meeting to talk with all members to discuss the Vision, Mission and Core Values of our post. It will be also an opportunity to see how you can make a difference in our post and community.



Past Events:

- The 250th Anniversary of the United States of America is approaching fast and there is much to get done in preparation for the celebration and parade.
- Congrats to Trevor Fitzgerald from Mattituck High School attending Boys State at SUNY Morrisville from June 27th to July 2nd.

Upcoming Events:

- The Annual Legion Car Show is a great community event for everyone. On Sunday August 30th, we need your support by volunteering time in making this year's event a success.

House and Grounds Update:

- The Painting Project for the post has been approved and funded. I will meet with the contractor one more time to ensure that all the aspects of the building will be addressed prior to the start. We hope that this endeavor will be completed within 90 days.
- The repairing and repaving of the entire American Legion Parking Lot has been approved to move forward and complete this project, but funding is an issue at this time. This project needs to be completed soon to address the safety hazards at the rear of the building with uneven surface and at the side of the building next to the new patio area. Mr. St. Pierre and I will discuss with the contractor in detail for a resolution on the project, pricing and payment methods.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Please everyone put these significant dates on your calendar. August 4th Coast Guard Day, August 7th Purple Heart Recognition Day and August 10th Agent Orange Awareness Day.

In closing, I want to thank all of you who have contributed your time and effort to the work being done around our post and in our community. Your dedication does not go unnoticed. I want to emphasize that our continued success solely depends on our involvement from everyone.

David Wilburn
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★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

American Legion Post 803 and the Southold Village Merchants outdid themselves with this year's awesome 4th of July parade. It was a truly joyous celebration of our country's 250th birthday. The Auxiliary float, complete with a giant birthday cake, the Statue of Liberty, and Uncle Sam, was a big hit! Thanks go to Elena and her helpers for a job well done! Congratulations also go to Jeanette Cooper, our Auxiliary Vice-President, who was chosen as Grand Marshall of the big parade! And to Denise Schlachter, who along with Denis Noncarrow, worked so hard with Joan Tyrer to produce a great event! All in all, July 4th was a wonderful day, topped off with hot dogs at the Legion after the parade, and a special reading of the Declaration of Independence by Kevin Webster- otherwise known as George Washington. Let's keep the good vibes going as we continue to celebrate throughout the year. This was the first year that the Legion worked with the Southold Village Merchants and we look forward to continuing the July 4th parade tradition.

We are looking forward to the Legion Annual Car Show on Sunday, August 30th. Car entry fee is only \$20, with registration on the day of the event. The public is welcome, and admission is free while donations are appreciated! Come down to see the classic cars, enjoy the music of the New York Vendettas, and sample the food truck- "Meats Meat". We all look forward to another great day!

Congratulations are in order to Dave Wilburn, who is the new Commander of Post 803. We look forward to working together to serve our veterans, active military, and their families.

Mark your calendars now for the Auxiliary's Annual Holiday Craft Fair, this year on Sunday November 1st. It will be here before you know it! Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12th.

Joan Cochran, Co-President

★ 4th of July Parade ★





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on Sunday August 30th. "Many hands make light work"**

Please text or call Denise Schlachter at 631.466.2527

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-Bob Bittner

★ ★ MEMBERSHIP ★ ★



Post Status: We have 175 paid up members for 2026 and have met the county goal of 100%. But by my count we have 175 of 177 possible renewals for 98.9%, but who's counting. No matter how you look at it Post 803 has had a good membership year. The 2027 Membership ID cards have made it down to the County level and will soon be at the Post. For those of you who have sent in your dues to the Post or paid electronically be patient I'll catch up by the end of August. **Veterans, come join us, we could use the help.**

Members are welcome: To contact the Post, use P.O. Box 591, Attn. Membership
Legion Auxiliary Attn: Donna St Pierre • Sons of Legion Attn: Gary Iorio

Post 803 Legionnaire Membership Requirements: To join Post 803, for Legionnaires you need to submit an American Legion Membership application, a copy of your DD-214 or discharge, and \$57 for annual dues. All membership correspondence should be sent to Post 803, Attn. Membership, and P.O. Box 591, Southold, NY 11971. Thanks for supporting Post 803.

Bob Cochran, *Membership Chairman*, 631.765.5828

We extend our
Warmest Birthday Wishes
to all our Fellow Legionnaires Celebrating in August!

Philip J Goubeaud 8/3
William J Lutkowski 8/6
Michael Nickich 8/6
Mario Mandalone 8/7
David A Wilburn Jr 8/14

Frank Klos 8/18
William C Grigonis 8/20
Joseph P Pianese 8/24
John R Heckmann 8/25

If you are not listed please add your Birthday when you send in your membership dues.

★★ 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION 803 ★★

150 years ago, in 1887, the 100th anniversary of the 4th of July, Southold's parade commenced at 8 am. It moved along Main Street with horse-drawn wagons. This year, marking our nation's 250th anniversary, the parade began at 12 noon, following the same Main Street and concluding at Southold's American Legion Post 803. Instead of horses, the wagons were pulled by gas-powered vehicles.

In the year 2076, marking the 300th anniversary of our great Nation, I wonder about the next advancements in technology. I also wonder how the young children who lined the streets this year will recall "2026" and share stories of this event with their own children. With technology expanding so quickly, they might find it amusing to look back at the computers we used, viewing them as outdated and thinking we were so behind the times! Just imagine how much can change in the next 50 years.

My friends, life revolves around TIME. We are incredibly lucky to witness and celebrate the 250th anniversary of our Nation. This moment invites us to reflect on the significance of the Declaration of Independence and the tremendous efforts of the remarkable individuals who secured the freedom we cherish today. Freedom should never be taken for granted, especially considering the sacrifices made by countless veterans who have fought and served our country.

Griswold-Terry-Glover Post 803 was honored to join in a true community celebration on this special day, where tradition blends with the community, and the essence of the Independence Day is reflected in friendship and shared moments in TIME!

God Bless our Country, Our Freedom and our Military that keeps us Safe!

John Christina, Historian

★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



The July 4th parade was a big success. A great turnout of North Fork folks came to watch. The parade did not disappoint all who came to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and it was Americana on display! Many generations enjoyed a family day on the beautiful North Fork! A very big thank you to the parade committee and all who participated. The parade generated a lot of patriotism and spirit for the audience as well as the many marching groups. Let's keep that spirit going. Happy Birthday United States of America! This was a big day for the American Legion and it was good to see so many folks involved.

Enjoy the North Fork summer and I hope to see you all again at the next Legion event. I leave you

with a quote.

"The flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away." — Lee Greenwood

Gary Iorio

SAL Commander

★★ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ★★

Prayer for the Sick

"O God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today.

We ask that you bring healing comfort and peace to their bodies.

Calm their fears and let them feel the healing power of Your love." Amen.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." - Matthew 5:9

Jeff Chagnon, Post Chaplain - 631.456.3258

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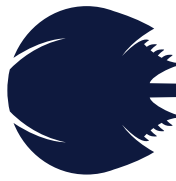


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08/30 Sun.	Car Show
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