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# THE REPORTER

## GRISWOLD TERRY GLOVER POST 803

JULY 2026 ★ 631.765.2276

### ★ ★ COMMANDER'S REPORT ★ ★



Fellow Legionnaires & Friends of the Legion,

As I sit down to write this month's report, I realize that this will be my final report as Commander of Griswold Terry Glover American Legion Post 803. Serving as your Commander has been one of the greatest honors of my life, and I am filled with gratitude as I reflect on our time together.

Over the past years, we have accomplished a great deal. Together we have improved our Post home, expanded programs and activities, supported veterans and their families, strengthened our ties to the community, and continued the proud traditions of the American Legion. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the dedication of our Legion Family, officers, volunteers, Auxiliary members, Riders, and the many members who stepped forward whenever help was needed.

I am especially proud of the spirit of service that exists within our Post. Whether it was organizing community events, conducting veterans' ceremonies, supporting local organizations, hosting Bingo, maintaining our building and grounds, or simply lending a helping hand to a fellow veteran, our members have consistently demonstrated what it means to serve something greater than ourselves.

While we have much to be proud of, the future of our Post depends on continued involvement from our membership. As I have said before, organizations do not thrive because of buildings or bank accounts; they thrive because of people. New leaders and volunteers must step forward to ensure that Post 803 continues to grow and serve veterans for generations to come.



## ★ Walk For Valor 2026 ★



To everyone who has supported me during my tenure as Commander, Thank You. Your friendship, encouragement, and commitment to our mission have made this journey both rewarding and memorable. I have been privileged to serve alongside some truly remarkable people.

Although I may be retiring from the position of Commander, my commitment to our veterans, our community, and this Post remains unchanged. I look forward to continuing to support Post 803 in whatever way I can.

As we move forward, let us never forget the sacrifices of those who came before us and the responsibility we share to preserve the values of duty, honor, patriotism, and service. May we continue to uphold the principles of the American Legion and leave this Post stronger for those who will follow.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Commander

Last month we held our 31st annual golf outing on June 15th at Island End Golf Course. The weather was perfect and it was a very successful event thanks to all who came out to participate and support it and all of our members and volunteers who worked all day beginning at 7:30 AM.

Our next event on the summer schedule is our Nation's 250th Anniversary Celebration. Our Post, and the Southold Village Merchants are promoting and sponsoring this momentous occasion with a large Patriotic and historical themed Parade in the village of Southold. The parade will begin 12 noon on July 4th starting at Boisseau Ave traveling west on the Main Road ending at the American Legion Post 803. There will be hot dogs, soda, and water for all the parade participants prepared and served by our Local Boy Scouts. It is sure to be a memorable event.

Thank you to Denise Schlachter, Denis Noncarrow, and the committee who contributed so much of their time and efforts in promoting and coordinating this spectacular Parade and events.

On Saturday, July 11th 9 AM to 3 PM our Post is sponsoring a memorial Pickleball Tournament to honor the memory of Brendan Kelly. It will be held at the Tasker Park Pickleball courts in Peconic. The entry fee is \$75 per person. The event honors Brendan Kelly's legacy while supporting the American Legion and Walk for Valor.

The Legion will be hosting their annual car show on the grounds of our American Legion on Sunday, August 30th. More information will be forth coming in next month's reporter. You can reach out to Denise Schlachter 631-466-2527 email: msvater69@aol.com

For God and Country,

Dave DeFriest, Commander

Griswold Terry Glover American Legion Post 803

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

<b>William S Gieckel</b>	<b>7/8</b>	<b>Joseph R Borrelli</b>	<b>7/21</b>
<b>John J Tolento</b>	<b>7/11</b>	<b>Anthony R Kropp</b>	<b>7/23</b>
<b>Henry J Pesce</b>	<b>7/14</b>	<b>Thomas J Uhlinger</b>	<b>7/30</b>
<b>James J O'Malley</b>	<b>7/15</b>	<b>Charles M Turner</b>	<b>7/31</b>
<b>Edward J Flynn Jr</b>	<b>7/20</b>		

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

# Brendan Kelly Memorial

# PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

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COMMEMORATIVE  
PICKLEBALL  
TOURNAMENT  
2026

**Saturday, July 11th, 2026**

**9 Am - 3 Pm**

(Rain Date, July 12th)

**at Tasker Park, Peconic**

**\$75**  
Per Person  
Entry Free

Sponsored by the Southold American Legion, this event honors Brendan Kelly's legacy while supporting the American Legion and Walk to Valor.

Round Robin at Three Levels - 3.0-3.5, 3.5-4.0 And 4.0+  
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To Register, Message JoAnn at 631.525.7937

Venmo: JoAnn-Prince-2

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## ★ ★ ★ CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS ★ ★ ★

**Foursome Winners** was Phil Kent, Rob Defrese, Steve Tuthill and Rick K.  
**Closest to Pin Winners** Men - Bill Borges 6 Ft ★ Women - Kristin Preston 33 ft  
**Closest to the Line Winners** Men - Bob Randal ★ Women - Renee Bellerio  
**Longest Drive Winners** Men - Paul Geiger ★ Women - Laura Weil



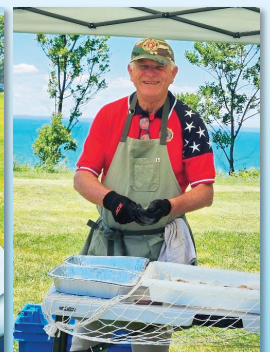
*Poker Run Volunteer 10th hole. A grateful thank you, as he spent the day in the sun.*



*Earl and Bob picking the golf outing raffle winners.*



*Mark Rolle and friend starting the day on the 10th Tee.*



*Jeff Chagnon shucking clams.*



*Charles Sanders, Bill Gironda, Kevin Webster 16th Hole.*



*Our Grill crew.*



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## VETERANS BENEFITS “CORNER”

### LAWMAKERS INTRODUCE BILL TO LOWER DRUG COSTS FOR SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS

Two Democratic congressmen are set to introduce legislation Thursday aimed at lowering drug prices for millions of service members, veterans and military families. Representatives of the House Armed Services Committee, are advancing a bill they dubbed the MISSION RX Act.

Their proposal is designed to allow Tricare beneficiaries and Department of Veterans Affairs patients to pay for prescription drugs at whichever is the lower of two prices: the rate negotiated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, or CMS, or the cost offered through their existing coverage.

The bottom line, the congressmen say, is that anyone covered by Tricare or the VA would pay the lowest government-negotiated price.

Right now, only people enrolled in Medicare get to pay the rate for certain drugs set by the CMS.

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### ★★ MEMBERSHIP ★★



**Post Status:** We currently have (171/176 = 97%) paid up members for the membership year 2026. We came close to the County goal of 100%. We may still make it, have faith and check your current you Post 803 ID card for 2026. If it's 2025 or less please send in your dues (\$57). The 2027 Membership ID cards have not been issued by the Department of New York but should soon be available. That's all folks.

**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

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- Weddings
- Club Associations
- Sweet 16 Parties
- Family Events
- Funeral Occasion\*
- Graduations
- Business meetings

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## ★★ SONS OF THE LEGION ★★



The rain on Memorial Day parade didn't dampen our spirits. The honor guard conducted our annual tradition of visiting all the North Fork war monuments with a gun salute. The parade followed to honor all our nation's military who never returned from service. Thank you all for participating. In June the Legion golf outing was a big success. Special thanks go to Bob Bittner and his committee. Everyone from our long-term Legion members to our newest Legion Sons pitched in to make it a successful event.

As we go to press, parade plans for the July 4th parade are in the works, so I hope to see you all July 4th for a very special celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Have a great summer and God Bless the United States military.

God Bless the USA  
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.*

Jeff Chagnon, Post Chaplain - 631.456.3258

## ★ ★ LEGION AUXILIARY POST 803 ★ ★

Happy 250th birthday USA! We are set for a great celebration on the 4th of July. The parade, starting in Southold at 12 noon, is going to be a wonderful expression of our love for our country - complete with an Auxiliary float! Make sure to wear red, white and blue and join in the fun!

This month we celebrate the hard-fought beginning of our country, along with all we have accomplished since 1776. And, as always, we thank our armed forces and veterans for all their efforts and sacrifices to keep our country free. As Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." The Auxiliary has purchased American Legion comic books about our American flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Constitution, to help educate the youth of our community. Let's all make an effort to see that our children learn their history!

At our recent Installation and Initiation Ceremonies we welcomed new members Brigitte Gibbons and Jane Sueiro. We also welcome Cathy Oliva, who was unable to attend the ceremony, and three more new members have just joined. Our Mission to serve veterans, active military and their families is going strong!

The Legion Golf Outing was a great success. We had a wonderful day supporting Post 803. Earl and Bob picked the raffle winners the following day at Tuesday Bingo. A good time was had by all!

The Annual Legion Car Show is scheduled for Sunday, August 30th. Mark your calendars now!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday,  
July 8th at 7:00PM.

Joan Cochran, Co-President

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## ★ Walk For Valor 2026 ★



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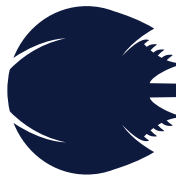


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## ★★ JULY & AUGUST EVENTS ★★

07/02 Thu.	Night BINGO cancelled this week.
07/03 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm Queen of Hearts resumes July 10th
<b>07/04 Sat.</b>	<b>250th Anniversary – Independence Day Parade. 12 noon. Lineup begins at 11am</b>
07/07 Tues.	Tuesday Day BINGO - Doors Open at 12 noon and Games start at 12:30pm
<b>07/08 Wed.</b>	<b>Auxiliary Meeting 7pm</b>
07/09 Thu.	Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm. Must be seated by 7pm start time.
07/10 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8pm
<b>07/14 Tue.</b>	<b>Executive and Business Meeting: Bar 6:00pm, Dinner 6:30pm, Meeting 7:00pm</b>
07/16 Thu.	Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm. Must be seated by 7pm start time.
07/17 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8pm
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08/27 Thu.	Night BINGO - Doors Open at 6:00pm. Must be seated by 7pm start time.
08/28 Fri.	Bar is Open 6:30pm and Queen of Hearts Drawing 8pm
08/28 Fri.	Car Show Set up
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