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|  |  | The American Legion Turner-Brandon Post 7 1760 Turner Street Clearwater, FL 33756-6247 |  |
| Department of Florida Central Area, District 16 | | Post Newsletter | November 2019 Issue #: 2019-11 |

Commander's Corner

Clearwater Post 7 is doing better than expected--we are finally holding our own financially and repairs are nearing completion. The post has received a makeover physically and also a realignment of officers and personnel--all of which have contributed to the post's success—

Veterans day ceremony is set for 11 am on Nov 11th followed by dancing and chili cookoff--our 100th birthday centennial is all set for Nov 15th as well as the Monster Bash dance on Halloween, Thursday Oct.31st.

New Years celebration and Doo wop 50's dance are all set for Dec 27th and 28th and the Legendary Impacs Band will be hear on Sunday Dec.1st, tickets \$12.50 in advance - \$15.00 at the door and will definitely sellout soon!!

As always "I serve the post,the post doesn't serve me"-
Thanks for your support,

Commander Bob

Regarding Membership

With the new Legion Act, more veterans are now qualified to join the American Legion. If you know someone who previously was not eligible, they may be eligible now. The annual dues are still \$45.00. The membership applications are about the size of a dollar bill, so will fit nicely in your wallet. If you keep one in your wallet, you will have it if you meet an interested veteran. We have piles of applications. Stop by and get some. If you wish to donate the \$45 annual dues for a veteran who would like to join or renew, but is having financial difficulties, please send your donation to the Post.

NEW POST MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to the post:

Ronald Dakin who served honorably during the war in Korea in the US Army

Anthony P. Granese who served honorably during the war in Vietnam in the US Army.

Patricia Lorello who served honorably during the war in Vietnam in the US Army.

Anthony R. Cox who served honorably during the war in Vietnam in the US Army.

Anthony R. Cox to The Sons of the American Legion, whose father served honorably during World War II in the US Army.

Patricia M. Cox to the Auxiliary, whose husband served honorably during the war in Vietnam, and whose father served honorably during WW II.

S.A.L Corner

Friends and family

Another month has come and passed, and we are looking ahead to all the events coming, including Post 7's Anniversary Dinner, our 3rd annual Chili CookOff, as well as the variety of entertainment that is going on all week long. Keep your Events Calendars handy. Our friends are trickling in from the North, and it's great to see everybody gathered and chattering away. It's helped bring the good energy back into the building.

Our pool tournament started a couple of weeks ago and we are looking for all you pool sharks. Double elimination, \$5 entry, winner takes all. Every other Sunday at 1PM. Next one is Nov 3rd.

Our membership has started to grow, but we need all of our members, and we are in full renewal mode. Due to several factors, our dues have been raised to \$25. To everyone who has already renewed, THANK YOU! That's what keeps us going. Membership year ends Dec 31st, so please continue your membership and support by getting your dues in and our Squadron growing. Postcards went out several weeks ago, and several were returned due to address issues. If you've moved in the last couple of years, contact our Adjutant with your current address information, by email, to jerseymike1977@gmail.com, Subject "S.A.L. membership". More importantly, we need the help of our membership. Our meetings are still the 2nd Wednesday of the month (Nov 13) at 7pm. To say we have a low turnout would be an understatement. We need your input and your participation if we are to really grow and strive. For God, Country, and Community

Mike Loblein

S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 7

The Sons of the American Legion

As American Legionnaires, your sons, grandsons, and great-grandsons (and so on)... are eligible to join **The Sons of the American Legion**. There is no age requirement. You can sign up your newborn son or grandson. The current annual dues for the S.A.L. is \$25.00, or \$8.00 for children under 18.

If your father or mother is in the American Legion, you are also eligible to become a member of the **The Sons of the American Legion**. As a dual member, the dues for you are only \$10.00 per year. At the last S.A.L. meeting, I found that the dues are about to go up, contact the S.A.L. commander for more information on that. Thank you for your service and your consideration.

AUXILIARY

Dear Auxiliary Member:

Here it is November already and though I am not ready for the Holiday season it is upon us. We wish all a wonderful season and an enjoyable Thanksgiving. Things that are pressing are as follows:

We still have a box in the Lounge area which is holding all the donations for the veterans at Bay Pines. Please continue to drop items off at your convenience. The Legion is still looking for food donations for the thanksgiving holiday specifically canned goods or dry food items to go with the turkeys we supply.

Also we are still taking donations for school supplies. The schools had asked us to hold the supplies we currently have so that when the first set of donations are given out, the next set of donations will take care of the students that either did not receive any or have destroyed or lost the ones they had. So keep in mind those donations as well.

On Tuesdays beginning at 3PM in the lounge we are beginning our LUCKY FOUR Game which will co-inside with the dogs and suds special offered by the Legion. Meaning of course, come play the game with us and enjoy a hot dog with all the fixins and with chips and a Beer/Soda all for \$2.50.

On Saturdays we have our old game of GOT IT revised. It starts at 3PM in the Lounge and the payouts are bigger and the games are shorter and two games will offer a free drink while one person will leave with a bottle of wine. Excitement is in store for you at Post 7.

On Sunday December 1st at 2PM till 4PM we have a special lady coming to talk to us about Aging Wisely. She will explain not only how we should be eating but how to keep our bones oiled and moveable without or with less stress. We look forward to that. Refreshments will be served at the event. Donations are welcomed.

On Sunday December 8th at 2PM to 4PM we have Atty Luis Rivera coming to talk with us about whether we need a will, or how we can avoid inheritance tax or should we have a trust or life estate. Please be sure to put this event on your calendar. Refreshments will be served at the above events. Sure hope to see you there. Don't forget these are free but a donation will be appreciated.




Our American Legion Auxiliary Cookbooks will be ready for purchase in November in time for the Christmas Holiday. Be sure and sign up for yours.

The Auxiliary announces we have changed the day of our meetings. They will now be the 3rd TUESDAY of each month beginning at 6PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19th at 6PM. Hope to see you there.

Judy Thompson ~ Auxiliary President

| Post Executives & Officers | |
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| Post 7 Commander | Bob Farrell |
| 1 st Vice Commander | Thomas Vitelli |
| 2 nd Vice Commander | Jack Anthony |
| Finance Officer | Thomas Vitelli |
| Post Chaplain | Robert Forhmiester |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Horst Heinze |
| Post Historian | Vacant |
| Executive Committee | Henry Coble |
| Executive Committee | Tom Ferra |
| Executive Committee | Doug Birkner |
| Executive Committee | Joe Corcoran |
| Executive Committee | Bob Christofaro |
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| Adjutant Officer | Harry Coble |
| Judge Advocate | Vacant |
| Service Officer | Bob Christofaro |
| House Committee | Bob Christofaro |
| Auxiliary Executives | |
| President | Judy Thompson |
| 1st Vice-President | Tammy DeLuca |
| 2nd Vice-President | Jean Vitelli |
| Treasurer | Vivian Carlisle |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Lou Lauster |
| Chaplain | Jill Marie |
| Secretary | Cindy DeLuca |
| Executive Committee | Carol Squires |
| Executive Committee | Gigi Jansik |
| Executive Committee | Geogia Pettibone |
| The Sons of The American Legion Executives | |
| Commander | Mike Loblein |
| 1 st Vice Commander | Tom Vitelli |
| 2 nd Vice Commander | Larry Bell |
| Adjutant | Mike Loblein |
| Finance Officer | Tom Klinger |
| Chaplin | Randy Collinsworth |
| Historian | Vacant |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Brian Keefer |
| Executive Committee | Vacant |
| Executive Committee | Vacant |
| Advisor | Tom Vitelli |

Please note the vacancies highlighted in **Yellow**, and the people holding multiple positions. The Post could use some help. Some are elected and some are appointed positions. Please speak to the Post commander if you feel you can help.

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Post Everlasting

*It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions of Post Everlasting, our beloved comrade, **John C. Costanzo**, who served honorably in the United States Navy, during World War II.*

We humbly bow to the will of Divine Providence, while ever cherishing in our hearts the memory of is distinguished service to our country and outstanding contributions to American Legion comradeship. Turner-Brandon Post 7 does mourn the passing of our comrade.

There will be a "Celebration of Life" for John, on Thursday, November 10, 2019, from 1:00 until 4:00PM.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL CALENDAR](#)

| November 2019 MEMBERSHIP RETENTION MONTH | |
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| Oct 27- Nov 4 | National Veterans Creative Arts Festival Kalamazoo, MI |
| Nov 1-3 | Fall Department Conference in Orlando |
| Nov 3-8 | National American Legion College |
| Nov 10 | 100th Birthday of The American Legion Auxiliary |
| Nov 10 | Birthday of the US Marine Corps |
| Nov 10 | John C. Costanzo Celebration of Life @ 1PM |
| Nov 11 | Veterans' Day Ceremony 11AM Chili Cookoff 1PM |
| Nov 13 | S.A.L. Meeting ~ 7PM |
| Nov 14 | 65% Membership Target Date |
| Nov 15 | 100th Anniversary Party w Sequel 7-10PM |
| Nov 16 | District 16 Meeting @ Port Richey Post 29 |
| Nov 18 | Canadian Post 144 Meeting 7PM |
| Nov 18-25 | American Education Week |
| Nov 19 | Auxiliary Meeting ~ 6:00PM |
| Nov 24-Dec 1 | National Family Week |
| Nov 26 | Executive Committee Meeting 6:00PM Post 7 Membership Meeting 7:00PM |
| Nov 28 | Thanksgiving Day ~ Post Closed |
| Nov 28 – Dec 31 | Holiday Donor Blood Drive |

ADVERTISING

Advertise in the Post Newsletter, Web Site or Both. This newsletter reaches over 900 members combined of the Post 7 Membership, the Post 7 Auxiliary, The Sons of the American Legion, and other veterans in our mailing list. For advertising rates, please contact Tom Vitelli at the Post or email him at alclwr7@hotmail.com.

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Attendance & Participation in Post Activities

I moved from North Carolina to Largo last year, and decided to transfer to the Clearwater post. I only recently started attending the post meetings and S.A.L. meetings and it is shocking to see such low participation. My last post had no home, we had to borrow the Civitans, the Mason and VFW homes, we had only about 200 members when I left, yet we had far more people attending post meetings and S.A.L. meetings. I am asking, what do we need to do, to get you to participate? I do not expect everyone to attend every meeting, but come when you can, voice your concerns, vote on post matters, and if you are able, maybe volunteer to help out. Tom Vitelli has turned over the duties of the newsletter to me. I would like to thank Tom for all his work on the newsletter and for all the other duties he performs at the post. Most of the colored text and various icons you see in this newsletter are hypelinks for your convenience. Please email newsletter articles to me at:

arc2051@charmail.net

LEGAL NOTICES

The date and time of the regular meetings of the Post 7 Auxiliary has changed. The regular Auxiliary meetings will now be held on the 3rd (third) Tuesday of every month at 6:00PM. The next Auxiliary meeting is on Nov. 19, 2019.

Regular Meetings of Post 7

The Sons of the American Legion membership meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM

The Post 7 Auxiliary membership meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:00PM.

The Post 7 Executive Committee meets on the Last Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM

The Post 7 Membership meets on the Last Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM

Turner – Brandon Post #7, Incorporated The American Legion Clearwater, Florida, and the Post 7 Auxiliary are Not-for-Profit corporations under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, and are non-profit organizations under IRS Code 501(c)(19).

This newsletter is a monthly periodical of Post 7.

Veterans' Day Meals & Discounts

Most restaurants are franchises, and not all participate, so call ahead and make sure they are participating. Some will have a special "Limited Selection" for veterans. Be prepared to prove you are a veteran with proper veterans' ID. Some waiters and waitresses volunteer on these veterans' day, tips are appreciated.



20% Off on Veterans' Day ~ 10% Off Every Day



This year Golden Corral has its Military Appreciation Night the day after Veterans Day, on Monday, November 11, 2019, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Call your local Golden Corral before you make the trip out for your free dinner, just to be sure that they're participating.



Veterans and active duty military can stop into any participating Red Robin location on Monday, November 11, to get a free Red's Tavern Double burger and Bottomless Steak Fries. Be sure to bring your military ID to take advantage of this Veterans Day freebie.



On November 11, participating Chicken Salad Chick location is giving out a free Chick Special and regular size drink in honor of Veterans Day. Veterans and active-duty military can take advantage of this Veterans Day free meal if they can show proof of service. This can include a VA card, DD214 card, or military ID.



Stop by Denny's on Monday, November 12, 2018, and all active, non-active, and retired military personnel can get a free Build Your Own Grand Slam Breakfast from 5:00 AM to Noon.



TGI Fridays will be having a free meal for all veterans and active-duty military on Sunday, November 11, 2018, as well as the following Monday, November 12.

Bob Evans

Veterans and active military personnel can stop into any Bob Evans location at any time on Sunday, November 11, to receive free breakfast, lunch, or dinner. 5:00 AM to Noon. Limited Selection.



Stop into a participating Applebee's on Monday, November 11, 2019, to get your Veterans day free meal.



Olive Garden is having a Veterans Day free meal for all active-duty military and military veterans on Monday, November 11, 2019.



Active duty military, reserve, and military veterans can stop by Red Lobster and get a free appetizer or dessert on Monday, November 11, 2019.



Visit a participating Chili's on Monday, November 11, 2019, to get your Veterans Day free meal if you're a veteran or on active military duty.



This year on Monday, November 11, IHOP will be honoring veterans & active military men & women with the choice of a free breakfast combo or a stack of Red, White, and Blueberry pancakes.

Veterans Day at **The Dali** ~ Sunday, Nov. 11: Complimentary admission all day for veterans and active duty military members with ID, plus one guest each.

EVERYDAY VETERANS' DISCOUNTS



Moe's gives 50% Off Every Day for veterans and active duty military. Not all Franchises participate, so ask.

Capri Cleaners in Largo will launder US flags for free.

A.S.A.P Remodeling 10% off for Veterans.