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Post 7 Newsletter

Commander's Corner

Post 7 had a great Centennial celebration and I am proud to report as we start our next 100 years that the post is alive and doing well— Happiest of holidays to all !! Hoping the holiday season is kind to you and your loved ones. Don't forget others— remember Toys for Tots and other post programs— again thank you for your support. *Commander Bob*

Veterans' Committee

I would like to thank everyone who donated to our Thanksgiving Baskets for Veterans. Because of your generosity, Post 7 on Nov 20, donated 23 thanksgiving baskets to Veterans in need. Eleven baskets will be sent to Fisher House at VA Hospital at Bay Pines and Twelve to Our Daily Bread which will deliver Basket to Veterans in need.

Tom Vitelli ~ Veterans Committee

Youth and Americanism

On Nov 13, Commander Bob Farrell and House committee Chairperson Bob Christofaro were invited to Frontier Elementary School, to performed the Flag Folding Ceremony and explain what is a Veteran. They had students, from each class, precipitating in Flag Folding Ceremony and answered their questions about what it means to be a Veteran.

Another important part on the visit was Post 7 donating \$200 to Frontier School to help make a better Christmas for children of families in need.

Tom Vitelli ~ Youth and Americanism Chair

IMPORTANT MEETING CHANGES

The Date of the Regular Post Membership and Executive committee meetings will be on Tuesday, December 17th.

Auxiliary Unit 7 now meets on the third Tuesday every month at 6PM.

Please attend if you can. Your participation and support are greatly appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2020

The end of 2019 is coming and we would like to have all renewals before December 31. You can renew online or mail your dues in to the post at the address above.

NEW MEMBERS OF TURNER-BRANDON POST 7

Please welcome the following new members to the post:

Stephen L. Duvall, a US Marine Corps veteran who served honorably during the war in Vietnam.

Randall K. Ewald, a US Navy veteran who served honorably during the Lebanon/Granada conflicts.

Dean S. Fryer, a US Coast Guard veteran who served honorably during the war in Vietnam.

John V. Garcia, a US Army veteran who served honorably during the war in Vietnam.

Harold W. Hartigan, a US Navy veteran who served honorably during the war in Vietnam.

Edward P. Kijer, a US Navy veteran who served honorably during the war in Vietnam.

Dennis R. Phifer, a US Air Force veteran who served honorably during the war in Vietnam.

Ronald A. Sasfai, a US Air Force veteran who served honorably during the war in the Persian Gulf.

THE POST 7 AUXILIARY

Mary Durkin

Thelma Guay

Karen L. Jackson

Christine Schwager

Ann Gianfalla

Pamela Schusler

Jane Stovall

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Rian Fehrman whose grandfather served honorably during World War II, and whose step-father served honorably during the war in Vietnam, and whose father is currently serving honorably in the United States Air Force.

Auxiliary Basic Concepts (ABC) School

Sat. Jan 11th ~ Registration 8:30AM ~ Class @ 9:00AM

R.S.V.P. to

District Leadership Chairman Gina Kizer by Jan 6.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 7

A Letter from the Auxiliary President

Dear Auxiliary Member:

I am so excited about the upcoming events and about some of the ideas that our membership has but in order to implement them I need you to attend some of our meetings. The Auxiliary needs you and so does OUR Legion. We are over worked and even less compensated, so I am asking you for some time. Along with the benefits you receive by being a member we need an hour or two of your time. Come meet new members, rekindle friendships with long time members and help the few members that do some of the volunteering. Please watch your email for upcoming events and for monthly meetings which are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM. Most meetings are over in an hour while some may be over in 90 minutes. But whichever it may be REMEMBER WE NEED YOU.

Our First Vice President, Tammy DeLuca, volunteers as Cashier at Bingo every Thursday and Second Vice President, Jean Vitelli, volunteers in the Kitchen every Thursday and has been doing this for a couple of years. Lou Lauster, our Master at Arms, has been a volunteer at Bingo for several years. I have also been calling Bingo at Post 7 on Thursday for the last 3 years. Cindy DeLuca, our secretary has cleaned our new smoking area with her pressure washer. I have personally purchased two Bistro sets (2 tables and 4 chairs). We, the officers, Judy Thompson, Tammy DeLuca, Jean Vitelli, Cindy DeLuca, Terry Carlisle, Lou Lauster, continue to call Got It 4 times a month. This program was established a few years ago to bring business to the Bar/Lounge and was twice a month and now continues weekly bringing in more folks. These things have benefitted the American Legion Post 7 in Clearwater and we proudly do these things because of our veterans but it is time to see new faces step up and help.

We are asking our members to contribute at least two hours a month to the auxiliary in some capacity so that the burden doesn't lie completely on all the officers. I have been diligently working to bring extra money into the auxiliary in order to fulfill our commitment to those in need and have been successful in doing this. We have just printed a cookbook of some of our favorite recipes and are selling shirts to raise money. Our plans to raffle off some Christmas baskets are in the works. On December 1st we have a seminar at Post 7 at 2:00 pm on aging wisely and on December 8th at 2:00pm an attorney will be at our post to discuss wills, trusts, life estates, and inheritance tax. Take advantage of these events they are open to the public and refreshments will be served. Sure do hope to see you there.

For God and Country

Judy Thompson President.

Dual Membership

All female members of the American Legion are also eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary. The annual dues are minimal, only \$32.00 per year and this helps support the hard work of the Auxiliary. Your help and support are greatly needed and appreciated. Membership gives you vote and voice at Post 7 Auxiliary member meetings.

If you are an eligible veteran and a member of the Auxiliary, you are still entitled to join the American Legion. This gives you voice and vote at Post 7 Legion member meetings.

The New Legion Act changes the eligibility for the Auxiliary from "wife" to spouse of a veteran. What this means is that the husband of an American Legionnaire is now entitled to join the Auxiliary. It is no longer a "Ladies Auxiliary". We are anxiously waiting to see who the first male in the Post 7 Auxiliary is.

A Letter from Patricia Cox

Hello fellow lady auxiliaryians! (I just made that up!)

I'm a new member here and I recently went to my first auxiliary meeting and was shocked to find out that we had 280 missing members from our meetings! Wow! Sorry I missed all of you; I was looking forward to seeing your smiling faces too.

So at the meeting I asked, "What is the hook that would bring you to the meetings and get you involved?" I was basically told that no one knows what that would be. So I started thinking that maybe we need to hear from YOU; what would bring you into our meetings and get you involved with everything that we need to do to support our Post 7? Perhaps you could tell us what you think would make us a strong auxiliary? I have to admit, I threw out a few suggestions, but since I really don't know any of you it's probably more important to find out directly from you.

I thought this might help; this is the dictionary description of who we all are:

auxiliary ~ [ôg'zilyärē, ôg'zil(ə)rē] NOUN

1. a person or thing providing supplementary or additional help and support. synonyms: additional supplementary supplemental extra reserve backup.

Mrs. Patricia Cox

The Sons of The American Legion

The next meeting of the S.A.L. is on Wednesday, Dec. 11th at 7:00PM. We only had 3 squadron members attend the last meeting. Please attend.

Dual Membership

If you are a member of The American Legion and are the son or grandson of an American Legionnaire, you are eligible to join The Sons of The American Legion also. The 2020 annual dues are only \$10.00 for dual members.

S.A.L. Firearm Raffle Survey

The S.A.L. is considering raffling off a gift card for a firearm. Before investing time and money in this, we would like to know if any members are interested. Please email me at arc2051@charmail.net & let us know.

POST EVERLASTING

The Post Everlasting ceremony on November 11th, was beautiful, unlike any I had at my old post. The names were read in the list of veteran Post 7 members was sent to Post Everlasting. This ceremony is performed on twice a year on Veterans' and Memorial Days. It has come to my attention that some American Legionnaires who have passed away were not mentioned in prior newsletters, and I have added those I am aware of. I do not have all information on everyone, so if you find any needed corrections, please let me know.

It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions of Post Everlasting, our beloved comrades who served honorably in the United States armed forces during time of war.

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 comrades.

Jack L. Baralt of Clearwater, an American Legionnaire for 24 years, who served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during the war in Vietnam.

William T. Bowers, an American Legionnaire for 8 years, who served honorably in the US Navy during World War II. Bowers was part of an all-volunteer group assigned to patrol & defend in PT Boats, a large coastal area of the Mediterranean Sea, including France. He was appointed Chevalier (knight) of the Legion of Honor by French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

John J. Bradshaw of Clearwater, an American Legionnaire for 18 years, who served honorably in the US Army during the Korean War.

Darold W. Brink of Clearwater, an American Legionnaire for 22 years, who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam war.

Greg R. Coppens of Clearwater, an American Legionnaire for 17 years, who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

Richard P. Cummings of Dunedin, an American Legionnaire for 10 years, who served honorably in the United States Navy during the Korean War.

Raymond W. Descheneaux of East Sandwich, Mass., an American Legionnaire for 28 years, who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Korea.

John B. Doyle of Terre Haute, Indiana, an American Legionnaire for 25 years, who served honorably in United States Navy during World War II.

Barbara Ann Fay of Clearwater, an American Legionnaire for 27 years, who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

Bernard T. Fisher of Trinity, an American Legionnaire for 28 years, who served honorably in US Navy during World War II.

Edward H. Heeb of Clearwater an American Legionnaire for 26 years, who served honorably in US Army during WW II.

Arthur E. Iverson of New Port Richey, an American Legionnaire for 26 years, who served honorably in the United States Navy during the war in Korea.

Lester E. Kibbe of Tionesta, PA, an American Legionnaire for 1 year, who served honorably during World War II.

Anthony V. Kijonka of Largo, an American Legionnaire for 13 years who served honorably during the war in Korea.

Fred Kocka of Clearwater, an American Legionnaire for 26 years, who served honorably in US Army during WW II.

Rudy Mendez of Clearwater, an American Legionnaire for 8 years, who served honorably during the war in Vietnam.

Michael G. O'Malley of Largo, an American Legionnaire for 28 years, who served honorably during World War II.

Richard J. Oliver of The Villages, an American Legionnaire for 31 years, who served honorably during the war in Korea.

John G. Parodi of Kihei, Hawaii an American Legionnaire for 14 years, who served honorably in the US Navy during WWII.

Joseph A. Petrillo of Palm Harbor, an American Legionnaire for 61 years, who served honorably during the war in Korea.

Herbert Preising of Clearwater an American Legionnaire for 9 years, who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

Ruth Rickerson of Clearwater, an American Legionnaire for 38 years, who served honorably in the United States Navy during the war in Korea.

Melvin William Rountt of Largo, an American Legionnaire for 19 years, who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the war in Korea.

Robert W. Shackton, Jr. of Clearwater, an American Legionnaire for 8 years, who served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during the war in Vietnam.

Harvey Simon of Las Vegas, Nevada, an American Legionnaire for 3 years, who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

Michael Squires of Clearwater, an American Legionnaire for 29 years, who served honorably during the war in Vietnam.

John S. Stacknick of Reston, Virginia, an American Legionnaire for 72 years who served honorably in the United States Army during World War II.

Richard E. Thomas of Palm Harbor, an American Legionnaire for 62 years who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the Korean war.

Richard A. Thornton of Pinellas Park, an American Legionnaire for 46 years who served honorably in the United States Navy.

James J. Weber of Clearwater, an American Legionnaire for 17 years who served honorably in the United States Coast Guard during the Vietnam War.

Yoshio (Ted) Yokoyama of Largo, an American Legionnaire for 35 years who served honorably in the United States Army.

December 2019	
Nov 24 th - Dec 1 st	National Family Week
Nov 28 th - Dec 31 st	Holiday Donor Blood Drive
Dec 1 st	NFL Game Day 1:00PM Pool tournament 2:00PM Aging Wisely 7:00PM The Legendary Impacs
Dec 2 nd	6:00PM At Large ~ 6-9PM 7:00PM Karaoke – Anne Purser
Dec 4 th	6:00PM At Large ~ 6-9PM
Dec 6 th	100 Soldiers will be dining in the Event Hall
Dec 7 th	7:00PM Flashback ~ 7-10PM Pearl Harbor Day (1941)
Dec 8 th	2:00PM Attorney Luis Rivera on Inheritance Taxes
Dec 11 th	6:00PM At Large ~ 6-9PM 75% Membership Target Date
Dec 13 th	6:00PM Boots N' Lace ~ 6-9PM National Guard Birthday
Dec 14 th	7:00PM Bill Kastner ~ 7-10PM Wreaths Across America Homeless Veterans Outreach Award
Dec 15 th	1:00PM Pool tournament Legion Link Articles Due
Dec 16 th	RCL Christmas Dinner
Dec 17 th	6:00PM Executive Committee Meeting 7:00PM Post Membership Meeting Employment Awards Due
Dec 18 th	6:00PM Double Trouble ~ 6-9PM
Dec 20 th	7:00PM Encore Band Panama/Operation Just Cause (1989)
Dec 21 st	7:00PM ~ Flashback ~ 7-10PM
Dec 22 nd	Boys' State Delegate Fees Due
Dec 24 th	1:00PM Post 7 Christmas Party ~ 1-4PM
Dec 25 th	Christmas ~ Post Closed
Dec 27 th	7:00PM Doo Wop 50's Revue with the Tri-Tones
Dec 28 th	7:00PM ~ Flashback ~ 7-10PM
Dec 31	New Year's Eve

Weekly Events	
Mondays	
Kitchen Open	1-3 & 5-9PM
Bar Poker	2:00PM
Karaoke w Ann Purser	7-11PM
Tuesdays	
Dog N Suds	1-4PM
Wednesdays	
Kitchen Open	5-8PM
Thursdays	
Kitchen Open	10AM-2PM
Fridays	
Red Shirt Friday	1-4PM
Kitchen Open	5-8PM
Saturdays	
Got IT Games	3:00PM
Kitchen Open	5-8PM

Post Executives & Officers	
Post 7 Commander	Bob Farrell
1 st Vice Commander	Thomas Vitelli
2 nd Vice Commander	Jack Anthony
Finance Officer	Thomas Vitelli
Post Chaplain	Tom Ferra
Sergeant-at-Arms	Horst Heinze
Post Historian	Vacant
Executive Committee	Henry Coble
Executive Committee	Doug Birkner
Executive Committee	Joe Corcoran
Executive Committee	Vacant
Executive Committee	Vacant
Adjutant Officer	Harry Coble
Judge Advocate	Vacant
Service Officer	Bob Christofaro
House Committee	Bob Christofaro
Auxiliary Executives	
President	Judy Thompson
1 st Vice-President	Tammy DeLuca
2 nd 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
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Advisor	Tom Vitelli

LEGAL NOTICES Meetings of Post 7

The regular meetings of the post are as follows:

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

The Exec. Committee meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 6PM

The Post Membership the last Tuesday of the month @ 7PM

The Auxiliary meets on the 3rd Tuesday the month at 6:00PM

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