



## The American Legion Turner-Brandon Post 7

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### Post 7 Newsletter

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#### Youth Committee

American legion Post 7 with a huge helping hand from **Karaoke DJ Ann Purser** followers, The Dollar General on North Belcher, Scottish Towers and our members of Post 7 collected over **\$5,000.00** in toys. This was the most toys ever collected in the Post's 100-year history.



Toys Collected by Post 7

We donate the toys mainly to Title One Schools where a significant number of Families are living in poverty.

During the week of December 16<sup>th</sup> Commander Bob Farrell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Tom Vitelli and House Committee Chairperson Bob Christofaro delivered toys to Mildred Helms Elementary School, Sandy Lane Elementary School, Frontier Elementary School, Ponce De Leon Elementary School and Metropolitan Ministries.

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#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2020

The New year of 2020, MMXX, is here. If you have not already renewed, please do so. You may visit the post home during regular business hours to renew or mail in your renewal.

#### IMPORTANT MEETING CHANGES

The Executive committee and Regular Post Membership meetings are on the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 and 7:00PM respectively.

Auxiliary Unit 7 meets on the third Tuesday every month at 6:00PM.

Please attend Post meetings if you can. They are only once per month and your participation and support are greatly appreciated.

#### Auxiliary Basic Concepts (ABC) School

Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

Registration 8:30AM & Class @ 9:00AM

R.S.V.P. to

District Leadership Chairman Gina Kizer by Jan 6.

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#### VETERANS VISIT

On January 22nd at 1:00PM, the post will be visiting veterans at **The Oaks of Clearwater** assisted living facility. Members of the Post, Auxiliary and the S.A.L. are invited to join us on brighten the days of older veterans. **The Oaks of Clearwater** is at 420 Bay Ave.

"There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." **General James H. Doolittle**

## **New Post 7 Legion Members**

Please welcome the following new members:

*Dinah Beres*, who served honorably in the US Navy during the war in Vietnam.

*Donald Bishop*, who served honorably in the US Marine Corps during the war in Vietnam.

*Peter W. Cranfield*, who served honorably in the US Navy during the war in Vietnam.

*Natalie J. Farrell*, who served honorably in the US Marine Corps during the Global War on Terror.

*Dominick Fontine*, who served honorably in the US Armed Forces during the Global War on Terror.

*Robert Kassien*, who served honorably in the US Navy during the war in Korea

*Gordon Mauldin*, who served honorably in the US Army during the war in Korea.

*Michael W. Mannossos*, who served honorably in the US Navy during the war in Korea

*Larry D. Logan*, who served honorably in the US Navy during the war in Vietnam.

*George Haines*, who served honorably in the US Army during the war in Vietnam.

## **New Members of**

### **The Sons of The American Legion**

**Joseph Ambrose**

**Robert Farrell, Sr.**

**Patrick Garrison, Sr.**

**Jeffrey M. Jones**

**Kevin Lemacher**

**Kevin Moan**

**Robert J. Redington**

**Michael J. Sanders**

**Stephen Schusler**

**Robert J. Steyer**

**Joshua Thornton**

## **The Sons of The American Legion**

Dear Friends and Family,

2019 is in the books and in the rearview. For the most part, it was a great year. 2019 saw positive changes across the board. As we roll 2020 forward, we need to keep the momentum moving forward. Our membership is up, although some of you are lagging behind. If you haven't sent your dues in yet, there's no time like the present.

Your 2019 membership cards expired with the turn of the New Year. If you've paid and haven't received your card, stop by Post 7 and check with our friendly servers, as there is a stack of local member S.A.L. cards waiting to go home.

Our Pool Tournaments are still going on, every other Sunday, at 1pm. We are always looking for new and returning players.

Our Christmas and New Years celebrations went off wonderfully. Thank you, Commander Bob, for all your efforts. The Sons are looking for ways to stir up excitement and bring members back to the fold.

We are really lacking in membership participation at our meetings. Our next meeting is January 8th at 7pm. Hope to see you there.

For God, Country, and Community

*Mike Loblein*

Commander, Squadron 7

"Word to the Nation: Guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces, for without them, there will be no other rights to guard."

President *John F. Kennedy*

## The Post 7 Auxiliary

What an exciting month just passed. We have been so busy with events it is hard to keep up with them. First was the 100-year Legion Celebration. If you missed this, shame on you. It was FANTASTIC. So rewarding and so much fun. The hall alone was decorated in perfection (must have had professional designers). I, for one, was so Proud to be a part of this Event.

On December 1st, we had the wellness event which was well received. We had our blood pressure taken and our sugar levels checked. It was fun as well as informative. Lots of friends were in the audience and we really learned some new information.

On Dec 8th we had an attorney speak to us about wills, trusts, life estates, inheritance tax, etc. Talk about free information we certainly were informed at no charge to us. We received pens and pads of paper to use for notes and or questions. It was so interesting.

Things coming up are the Blood Mobile Drive and bake sale, along with a craft show, come show your craft and make some money. Your table will be a nominal fee.

Watch our Auxiliary Board and the newsletter for all events and times. Thanks for being a VALUED member.

For God and Country  
 Judy Thompson  
 President Auxiliary

## Letter from Sandy Lane Elementary

Hello Mr. Farrell, Mr. Vitelli and all of American Legion Post 7,

All of us at Sandy Lane Elementary School wish to thank you for the extraordinary gift of toys that American Legion Post 7 has donated to Sandy Lane Elementary School's most needy families.

Your donation will allow 29 of our students and some of their siblings (a total of 18 families) to have toys to unwrap on Christmas morning.

American Legion Post 7's support for our students as well as our school is extraordinary, and we can't thank you enough.

We look forward to working with American Legion Post 7 on future projects and endeavors.

Warmest regards and happy holidays,

**Holly Jaconetta**

## Editor's Note

Thank you to all the contributors to the newsletter. It makes my life so much easier.

You may have noticed the new typeface being used which is my attempt to make for easier reading and understanding.

In the past, I used Times New Roman and Courier New. I hope this is an improvement.

"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons."

General Douglas MacArthur

## Youth Committee

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Based on the conversations we had with the Schools and Metropolitan Ministries our donations will provide a Merry Christmas for 100 area Families.



Sandy Lane School



Frontier School



Metropolitan Ministries



Mildred Helms Elementary School

We also made Cash Donations to Frontier and Sandy Lane Elementary Schools to provide articles clothing such as, shoes, socks, underwear, dresses, pants, shirts and blouses to students in need. If you are wondering why we make these cash donation just ask the Commander or me or better yet, show up at a meeting.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Tom Vitelli

Youth Committee Chairman



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January 2019 Events	
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 New Year's Levy with Moose Milk at 2:00PM
Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Boomers Band 7-10PM (Friday)
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Flashback Band 7-10PM (Saturday)
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	S.A.L. Meeting @ 7:00PM
Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	Boots N Lace Band 6-9PM (Friday)
Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	Auxiliary Basic Concepts 8:30AM School
Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sequel Band 7-10PM (Saturday)
Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Award Nominations
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-Winter Membership Target Date (80%)
Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pat DiRoma 6-9PM (Friday)
Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	Saddletramp Band 7-10PM (Saturday)
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	Auxiliary Meeting at 6:00PM on Tuesday
Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Oaks Veterans Visit @ 1:00PM (Wed)
Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Florida Legion College (Jan 23-25)
Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	Boots N lace Band 7-9PM (Friday)
Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Kastner 7-10Pm (Saturday)
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Committee Meeting @ 6:30PM
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Post Membership Meeting @ 7:00PM
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Above Water Band 6-9PM (Friday)

Weekly Events in January	
Mondays	
Kitchen Open	1-3PM
Bar Poker	2:00PM
Kitchen Open	5-9PM
Karaoke with KJ Ann Purser	7-11PM
Tuesdays	
Dog N Suds	1-4PM
Boomers Band	7-10PM
Wednesdays	
Kitchen Open	5-8PM
Thursdays	
Kitchen Open	10AM-2PM
Bingo	Noon-3PM
Fridays	
Red Shirt Friday	1-4PM
Kitchen Open	5-8PM
Live Music	6-9PM
Saturdays	
Got IT Games	3:00PM
Live Music	7-10PM
Sundays	
NFL Game Day	

Post Executives & Officers	
Post 7 Commander	Bob Farrell
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Thomas Vitelli
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Jack Anthony
Finance Officer	VACANT
Chaplain	VACANT
Historian	VACANT
Sergeant-at-Arms	Horst Heinze
Executive Committee	Henry Coble
Executive Committee	Doug Birkner
Executive Committee	Joe Corcoran
Adjutant Officer	Harry Coble
Service Officer	Bob Christofaro
House Committee	Bob Christofaro

Auxiliary Executives	
President	Judy Thompson
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Tammy DeLuca
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Jean Vitelli
Secretary	Cindy DeLuca
Treasurer	Terri Carlisle
Sergeant-at-Arms	Lou Lauster
Chaplain	Burneice Stevenson
Executive Committee	VACANT
Executive Committee	Gigi Jansik
Executive Committee	Geogia Pettibone
Member a Large	Patricia Cox

The Sons of The American Legion Executives	
Commander	Mike Loblein
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Tom Vitelli
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Larry Bell
Adjutant	Mike Loblein
Finance Officer	Tom Klinger
Chaplin	Randy Collinsworth
Sergeant-at-Arms	Brian Keefer
Advisor	Tom Vitelli

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