



The American Legion Turner-Brandon Post 7

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From the Commander:

Commander Bob says that Post 7 is alive and doing well and wishes to thank all the volunteers and contributors for their help in bringing the post the long way back to health—physically and financially—the Post now runs the kitchen and is looking for volunteers to help 1 or 2 hours per month—the refurbishing of the post is nearing completion and we report the roof is repaired—all six air units are 100%—many long neglected repairs have been made and the place looks and smells better—new ceilings, carpet, fans, kitchen cleaned and shiny—Thanks to all !!

Commander Bob

Four Chaplains Day ~ February 3, 2020



George L. Fox



Alexander D. Goode



Clark V. Poling



John P. Washington

The Four Chaplains, also referred to as the "Immortal Chaplains" were four World War II chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian & military personnel as the troop ship SS Dorchester sank on Feb. 3, 1943. The Dorchester was a civilian liner converted for military service in WWII as a War Shipping Administration troop transport. She was able to carry slightly over 900 military passengers & crew.

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Pearl Harbor Hero Doris Miller

The U.S. Navy is naming an aircraft carrier after Doris "Dorie" Miller, the African American mess attendant who heroically leapt into combat during the bombing of Pearl Harbor. It marks the first time that an aircraft carrier has been named for an African American, and the first time a sailor has been so honored for actions taken as an enlisted man.

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Hear Ye Hear Ye Hear Ye

Don't miss this opportunity. On March 22 Unit 7 (American Legion Auxiliary) will be hosting a CRAFT FAIR, a bake sale, and a BLOOD DRIVE. What a combination? Right. Do good for someone in need, by donating blood and bring home a cake/cookies etc. or simply make some extra money selling your prized crafts. I am sure this will be a big hit. We are expecting a very large crowd so come to the American Legion on Turner Street early so you can pick up something before everything is sold out.

We are still selling the Auxiliary Cookbooks, \$12 each or 2 for \$20. We have family Legion T-shirts available for \$10 and we are selling raffle tickets for the Valentine's Day and St. Paddy's Day basket. Be sure to get your tickets soon. The Auxiliary members have been diligently working toward our goals. Girls state is upon us and that will be announced in the next few weeks.

Bay Pines is looking for nonperishable food items for our veterans. We will deliver the box to Bay Pines in a couple of weeks. Please check our bulletin boards for the needed items and drop them in the box that has been provided for you at the Post. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings which take place on the third Tuesday of each month at 6PM. For GOD and COUNTRY.

Judy Thompson Auxiliary President

VETERANS VISIT

Judy Thompson, Jean Vitelli and I visited Oaks of Clearwater Nursing home. We met a WWII Veteran (94) who served on the Battleship USS Missouri as Gunner mate manning the 16-inch gun mount. He witnessed the Japanese signing the Surrender documents and was part of the initial occupying Force. We passed out decks of cards, pens and American Flag Pins. The Veterans love the American Flag Lapel pins and most hadn't seen a deck of cards in year. They are planning to get a poker game together and some just what to play Solitary. In all it was a very good visit.

Our next Visit to a Nursing Home is in February. Please contact me if you wish to volunteer.

Tom Vitelli ~ 1st Vice Commander



Henry .30/30 Rifle RAFFLE

SAL Squadron 7 is raffling off a gift card for the value of a Henry .30/30 rifle. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Drawing will be held on July 4, 2020 at the Post Home.

One winner will receive a Gift Card to Bass Pro shops to purchase the rifle, at the current price of \$799.99. Winner is responsible for any taxes and may use the gift card to purchase something else from Bass Pro Shops if so desired.

All proceeds will be donated to charity.

Four Chaplains Day

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The ship left New York on Jan. 23, 1943, for Greenland, carrying about 900 others, as part of a convoy of three ships escorted by Coast Guard Cutters Tampa, Escanaba, and Comanche. During the early morning hours of February 3 the vessel was torpedoed by the German submarine U-223 off Newfoundland in the North Atlantic. The chaplains helped the other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship.

The impact of the chaplains' story was deep, with many memorials and coverage in the media. Each of the four chaplains was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart. The chaplains were nominated for the Medal of Honor but were found ineligible as they had not engaged in combat with the enemy. Instead, Congress created a medal for them, with the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.

Pearl Harbor Hero Doris Miller

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In 1941, Miller was a 22-year-old mess attendant on the USS West Virginia. At the time, black sailors were consigned to roles in the messman branch — work that entailed swabbing decks, cooking and shining officers' shoes.

He had awoken at 6AM. and was collecting laundry when the Japanese attack began and an alarm sounded on the ship, according to the Navy. Miller headed to the antiaircraft battery magazine, but it had already been destroyed by torpedo damage. He proceeded to the deck, where he was assigned to carry his wounded comrades, including the ship's captain. Miller was a high school football player in Waco, Texas, and he was the ship's heavyweight boxing champion.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, the commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet, presented the Navy Cross to Miller in Pearl Harbor in May 1942.

Miller died while serving on a ship that was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in November 1943.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2020

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, or renew online.

[MyLegion.ORG](http://www.mylegion.org)

Post members who have internet access can create their own account at:

<http://www.mylegion.org>

This allows members to view information on file at National Headquarters, view messages and events published through the department and post myLegion sites, and network with other myLegion members using networking tools.

REGULAR POST MEETINGS

Attendance at Meetings is improving. We would like to see more faces. Only members whose dues are current for 2020 have voice and vote at meetings. Please help us improve Post 7 Please attend if you can. Deliberation & voting are important.

Auxiliary	~ 3 rd Tuesday at 6:00PM
S.A.L.	~ 2 nd Wednesday at 7:00PM
E-Board	~ 4 th Tuesday at 6:30PM
Post	~ 4 th Tuesday at 7:00PM

Bands & Music

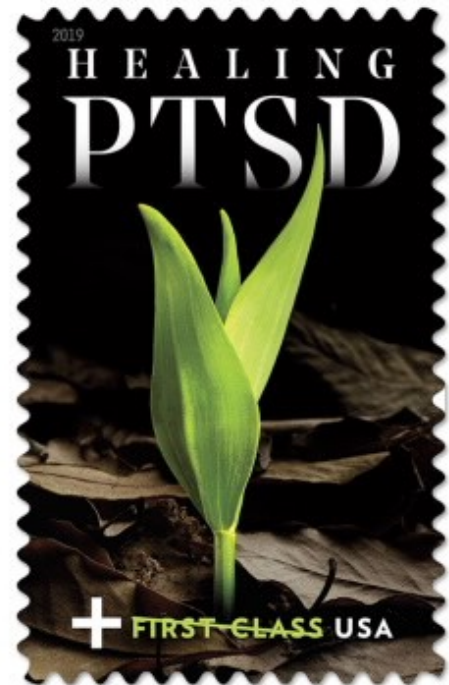
Ann's Nite Out
KARAOKE AT
American Legion Post 7
1760 TURNER STREET
CLEARWATER, FL 33756
MAKING MONDAYS FUN SINCE 1996
IT'S A PARTY EVERY MONDAY!
EVERY MONDAY EXCEPT LABOR DAY & MEMORIAL DAY TYPICALLY
7:00 - 11:00 PM
EAT • DRINK
DANCE • SING
ADULT KARAOKE WITH KJ ANNIE



BILL CASTNER



NEW HEALING PTSD POSTAGE STAMP!!



For all you philatelists (stamp collectors) out there, the new stamp is a 1st class Forever Stamp, sold at the price of **65 cents** this stamp is a semi-postal. The price of a semipostal stamp pays for the First-Class™ single piece postal rate at the time of purchase price, plus an amount to fund causes that have been determined to be in the national public interest. By law, revenue from sales (minus postage and the reasonable reimbursement of costs to the Postal Service™) is to be transferred to a selected executive agency or agencies. Net proceeds from this stamp will be distributed to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which oversees the National Center for PTSD.

February			
Americanism Month			
1 st	Sat	7-11	Bill Castner
2 nd	Sun	4:00	Superbowl Sunday ~ Potluck
3 rd	Mon	2:00 7-11	Bar Poker Karaoke with Ann Purser
4 th	Tue	1:00 7:00	Dog N Suds Boomers Band
5 th	Wed	7:00	Simply Acoustic Duo
6 th	Thu	Noon	Bingo until about 3PM
7 th	Fri	1-4 2:00 6:00 7:00	Red Shirt Friday A Tribute to Elvis Double Trouble 6-9PM A Tribute to Elvis
8 th	Sat	7:00	Flashback Band
10 ^h	Mon	2:00 7-11	Bar Poker Karaoke with Ann Purser
11 th	Tue	1-4 7-10	Dog N Suds until 4PM Boomers Band
12 th	Wed	6-9	Double Trouble
12th	Wed	7:00	S.A.L. Meeting
13 th	Thu	Noon	Bingo until about 3PM
14 th	Fri	1-4 7-10	Red Shirt Friday Valentine's Day Party with Above Water Band
15 th	Sat	7-10	Saddletramp Band
17 th	Mon	2:00 7-11	Bar Poker Karaoke with Ann Purser
18 th	Tue	2:00	Dog N Suds
18th	Tue	6:00	Auxiliary Meeting
18 th	Tue	7-10	Boomers Band
19 th	Wed	6-9	Simply Acoustic Duo
20 th	Thu	Noon	Bingo
21 st	Fri	1-4 7-10	Red Shirt Friday Boomers Band
22 nd	Sat	7-10	Flashback Band
24 th	Mon	2:00 7-11	Bar Poker Karaoke with Ann Purser
25 th	Tue	1-4	Dog N Suds
25th	Tue	6:30	e-Board Meeting
25th	Tue	7:00	Legion Member Meeting
25 th	Tue	7-11	Boomers Band
26 th	Wed	6-9	Double Trouble
27 th	Thu	Noon	Bingo
28 th	Fri	1-4 7-10	Red Shirt Friday Flashback
29 th	Sat	7-10	Bill Castner

February Weekly Events	
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

VIPs	
Post 7 Commander	Bob Farrell
1 st Vice Commander	Thomas Vitelli
2 nd Vice Commander	Jack Anthony
Finance Officer	VACANT
Chaplain	VACANT
Historian	Anthony Cox
Sergeant-at-Arms	Horst Heinze
Past Commander	Frank Russo
Executive Committee	Harry Coble
Executive Committee	Doug Birkner
Executive Committee	Joe Corcoran
Executive Committee	VACANT
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Adjutant	Henry Coble
Judge Advocate	VACANT
Service Officer	Bob Christofaro

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

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
Sergeant-at-Arms	Brian Keefer
Advisor	Tom Vitelli

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