



**The American Legion
Turner-Brandon Post 7**

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Post 7 Newsletter

Post 7 Election

Since there are no more than one person nominated for each vacancy position there is no voting required. Therefore, as Adjutant I cast one unanimous vote to select those individuals nominated to become post officers for the 2020-2021 year upon installation by the 16th District Commander. There is no second required. The list of those elected will be posted on the Post Bulletin Board. Thank you for your support in this vital area of post operations.

Harry Coble
Post 7 Adjutant

Officers	
Commander	Bob Farrell
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Christofaro
2 nd Vice Commander	Jack Anthony
Chaplain	Robert Fohrmeister
Finance Officer	Open
Sergeant at Arms	Open
Historian	Anthony Cox
Executive Committee Members	
Committeeman	Jim Fischer
Committeeman	Doug Birkner
Committeeman	Open
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Memorial Day

Memorial Day is Monday, May 25. We need volunteers on Saturday, May 23 to place US Flags on veterans' graves, and on Tuesday, May 16 to retrieve the flags.

Sylvan Abbey Cemetery
2860 Sunset Point Road
Clearwater, Florida

If you wish to Volunteer Contact Post 7 at Phone 727-442-5293 between the hours of 9AM-Noon on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

**Post Re-Opens
Saturday May 9th**

Post 7 will start to reopen as a restaurant at 25% seating capacity and social distancing with alcohol and soft beverages being served through the waitress and restaurant function.

The bar seating will be closed.

We will have Flashback playing at our Hall Restaurant on Saturday, May 9th. Restaurant doors will open at 5:00PM. There is a \$5.00 cover charge.

Karaoke will resume on Mondays in the lounge restaurant at 5:00PM. Dinner and drinks available through restaurant, no bar seating.

Hygienic state guidelines will be enforced.

Queen of Hearts will resume with starting pot \$15,000-tickets available walk-in during week from 9AM until noon, bar closed.

Thanks
Commander Bob

Post 7 is starting to reopen on a limited schedule following extensive renovations. We will open as a restaurant on Monday and Saturday nights at 5 pm with 25% seating capacity and following all state guidelines—no bar seating as bar is closed—drinks are available through restaurant waitress with food order.

The post is being renovated from top to bottom by our brave volunteers in an effort to reverse years of neglect. Feel free to stop in and help any morning. We have not received any assistance from the government but are managing to maintain payroll and repairs on our own funds thanks to successfully turning the post around financially in the past year.

Thanks to all—BE SAFE
Commander Bob

Post 7 Auxiliary

Dear Members of Unit 7 Auxiliary.

As with everyone in the United States we are on hold. Hopefully with the country beginning to re-enter the world of action we can safely come together once again. We will try to maintain a proper distance while beginning to re-establish ourselves as a unit for the good of our veterans and our community. It has been a long and difficult road for all of us. Our gratitude for all those who continued to work during this pandemic. Our mail carriers, our deliveries, our foods to go and deliveries, grocery store employees and of course our Police and Fire departments and ALL THOSE MEDICAL EMPLOYEES who put themselves in harm's way during these horrific times. You all went over and above for the services you perform. Thank you and God Bless.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all those who lost a loved one to this vicious virus. May God take them into his arms with the Glory that is His.

Now we return to the business at hand however cautiously we need to be. There are those still in need and we need to step up to the plate. Donate blood and donate food for those in need. Drop your food donations to the post and we shall distribute to the Veterans Administration. And do not forget the children of this pandemic that have lost valuable school time (though the children were delighted). We need to replenish their supplies at our community schools. Please remember to drop off donations for our school enrichment program.

To all of you that have quarantined yourselves these past few weeks, we thank you for your kindness in not spreading this virus and not receiving it. We celebrate life as we humbly return to normal whatever the new normal may be. Wear your masks in public and wash your hands frequently. Avoid touching your face and anyone else. Elbow bumps may be the new handshake, and masks may be the new style but let's all be careful.

For God and Country
Judy Thompson
Auxiliary 7 President.

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to Post 7:
The American Legion

David M. Clark of Largo, who served honorably in the US Army during the war in Vietnam.

Clay N. Halkias of Clearwater, who served honorably in the US Navy during the war in Vietnam.

Richar K. Miller of Washington, MI, who served honorably in the US Navy during the Vietnam war.

David E. Marciszewski of Largo, who served honorably in the US Navy during the Vietnam war.

Alvah Overmyer of Clearwater, who served honorably in US Army the war in Korea.

Ray G. Palmer of Largo, who served honorably in the US Army during the war in Vietnam.

William R. Pearson of Clearwater, who served honorably in the US Army during the war in Vietnam.

William J. Sainato of Medford, MA, who served honorably in the US Navy during the Korean War.

Walter S. Tyc of Clearwater, who served honorably in the US Army during the war in Vietnam.

Adrian Willecke of Clearwater, who served honorably in the US Army.

The Sons of the American Legion

Peter Petratsa

Guy Flinn

Joseph Malewsk

D. Cory Ford

S.A.L. Corner

Friends and Family

Blessed Beltane and Happy May Day, to you all. We are now easing our way into Stage 1 of coming back to functionality. We are all suffering a bit of Cabin Fever, and are ready to get back to our lives. I suspect it will take a little bit of time before we find our footing, Post Covid, as we navigate the new rules that will be coming along. Best we can do at this time is to continue keeping contact with your friends and neighbors, keep yourselves safe, and we'll come out of this stronger than before.

Our membership is over 100% and our Rifle Raffle tickets are still available. Until we have more details on Post 7 reopening, there is no S.A.L. meeting scheduled at this moment. As information emerges, I will try to keep everyone informed through the Squadron 7 Facebook page.

For God, Country, and Community
Mike Loblein

Commander Squadron 7

POST EVERLASTING

The Post Everlasting ceremony on is Memorial Day. The names are 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 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.

Charles J. Dillon of Eas Hampton, CT, who served during World War II.

John E. Friedman of Palm Harbor, who served during World War II.

Frederick F. Johnson of Clearwater, who served honorably during the war in Korea.

Lawrence C. Kogler of Hillsboro, OR, a Korean War veteran who served in the US Marine Corps.

Thaddeus F. Malanowski of Stamford, CT.

William H. Malone of Oldsmar, a World War II veteran who served in the US Army.

Robert J. Nebesky, Jr. of Clearwater, a Korean War Veteran who served in the US Army.

Doris D. Plummer of Largo, a Korean War veteran who served in the US Marine Corps.

William C. Renowden of Hamburg, NY, A Vietnam veteran who served in the US Army.

James E. Sack of Clearwater, a World War II veteran who served in US Marine Corps.

Ronald S. Shemaka of Clearwater, a Lebanon/Grenada Veteran who served in the US Navy

John E. Stout of Cosby, TN, a Korean War veteran who served in the US Marine Corps.

Thomas E. Richard of Palm Harbor, a Korean War veteran who served in the US Air force.

William R. Wallace of the Villages, a Korean War Veteran who served in the US Air Force.

Ellsworth L. Woodward of Laguna Beach, CA, a World War II veteran who served in the US Air Force.

History

Vietnam ~ May 1970 ~ Eagle Dustoff

Fifty years ago, I was honored to be a member of Eagle Dustoff, 326th Medical BN, Air Ambulance Platoon, attached to the 101st Airborne Division. We were unarmed aircraft (Hueys) which performed medical evacuations.

I came across our quarterly newsletter and present the following statistics for May, 1970.

Total Flight Time	577
Day/Night	510/67
Total Missions	631/89
Total Hoist Missions	115
Day Hoist/Patients	112/181
Night Hoist/Patients	3/6
Total Hoist Time	129
Hoist Time Day/Night	125/4
Total Patients	1,084
Day/Night	913/174
US	926
ARVN	88
RVN Civilians	35
Canines	1
POWs	5
Avg Aviators present	17
A/C Combat Damage	4

“The unit sorrowfully bade farewell to WO Ed O’Brien, WO Bruce Graham, SP4 Bill Hawkins and SP5 Dave Johnson. An RPG round cut short the hoist mission they were on and their lives on 26 May. On 30 May WO Louie Lewis and LT. Dennis Story took a few rounds and were evacuated.”

May Children & Youth Month			
1 st	Fri		Post Closed CWF grant applications avail. Silver Star Service Banner Day
2 nd	Sat		Post Closed
3 rd	Sun		Post Closed Escort of Vietnam Wall
4 th	Mon		Post Closed
5 th	Tue		Post Closed
6 th	Wed		Post Closed Nurses Day
7 th	Thu		Post Closed
7-10 th	Thu-Sun		33 rd Annual All Vets Reunion
8 th	Fri		Post Closed
9 th	Sat	9AM-Noon	Queen of Hearts Bar Closed
9 th	Sat	7-10PM	Flashback Band Restaurant Opens 5PM
10 ^h	Sun		Mothers' Day
10-16 th	Sun-Sat		Nat. Law Enforcement Week
13 th	Tue	7:00PM	S.A.L. Meeting Children of Fallen Patriots Day 100% Membership target date
15 th	Thu		Peace Officers Memorial Day Legion Link Articles Due Award Nominations Due
16 th	Fri		Armed Forces Day
17 th	Sat	9AM-Noon	Queen of Hearts Bar Closed
19 th	Tue	6:00	Auxiliary Meeting
23 rd	Sat	9AM-Noon	Queen of Hearts Bar Closed
23 rd	Sat	7-10PM	Flashback Band Restaurant Opens 5PM
23 rd	Sat	9:00AM	Flags for Vets Graves
25 th	Mon		Memorial Day Salute to Vets
26 th	Tue	9:00AM	Retrieve Flags from Graves
26 th	Tue	6:30	e-Board Meeting
26 th	Tue	7:00	Legion Member Meeting
30 th	Sat	9AM-Noon	Queen of Hearts Bar Closed
31 st	Sun		CWF Award Year Ends

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	James Fischer
Executive Committee	VACANT
Adjutant	Henry Coble
Judge Advocate	VACANT
Service Officer	Bob Christofaro
Auxiliary	
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 at Large	Patricia Cox
The Sons of The American Legion	
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
NOTICES	
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