



The American Legion Turner-Brandon Post 7

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Purple Heart Day August 7th

The Order of the Purple Heart, the oldest American military decoration for military merit, is awarded to members of the U.S. armed forces who have been killed or wounded in action against an enemy. It is also awarded to soldiers who have suffered maltreatment as prisoners of war.

The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services after April 5, 1917, has been wounded or killed.

POST 7 IS SMOKE FREE

We are a non-smoking facility, and I can say without a doubt, we are the most smoke free American Legion post in the area, and perhaps the most smoke free veterans' organization in the area. Smoking is NOT permitted anywhere in the building, or on the carpeted area under the front overhang at the entrance.

Please be considerate for those sensitive to smoke and/or with high risk conditions. Thank you for your consideration.

MEMBERSHIP & RENEWALS

As of Today, July 31st, the post membership is 587 active members, 536 Regular and 51 Paid up for Life Members. 247 have already renewed for 2021, that is 42.5%. The Sons of the American Legion has 133 Members, of which 9% (12) have already renewed for 2021.

I know I am asking for this early. Last year Post 7 did not have 100% and it would be nice to this year. The annual dues of \$45.00 for the Legion, \$25.00 for the S.A.L. and \$32.00 for the Auxiliary. It is not a lot, and your membership is appreciated. Please send your renewals to the post address, or if you can, renew online.



US Coast Guard Birthday August 4th, 1790

August 4 is celebrated as the U.S. Coast Guard Birthday, commemorating the military organization for its valor and discipline. Since 1790, the U.S. Coast Guard has kept US waterways safe, playing a critical role in national security.



The U.S. Coast Guard patrols our coasts for drug smugglers, human trafficking and both domestic & international terrorism. As the bad guys (and girls) have gotten savvier with technology, the Coast Guard has developed sophisticated, effective technology to combat crimes on the water and at our ports. It's a 24/7 job. Let's give the Coast Guard the love it deserves.

Independence Day



1st Vice Bob Christofaro holding flag Commander Bob saluting flag at Sat night Honor Dance with Sequel—Sat July 4th Flashback plays, our 101 year old cannon "Buster's dedication ceremony and of course Post 7's 101st anniversary.



<https://www.votepinellas.com/Veterans>

We often take for granted the many freedoms we enjoy as Americans because of veterans. The sacrifices our veterans have made on behalf of this great state and nation stand as examples that underscore the need for us to take our responsibilities seriously, especially our right to vote. Across the nation, statistics show youth voter participation declined dramatically through the 90's and into this millennium. But presidential elections in 2004, 2008 and 2012 showed a slight increase in turnout among younger voters. Our hope is that we can build on this encouraging trend.

To this goal, the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office developed its Vote in Honor of a Vet program, which is presented annually in area high schools. The intent of this program is to encourage voter participation among our senior high school voting-age population, as well as teach them about the sacrifices our veterans have made so that we may continue to live in a democratic society. By exercising our right to vote, we show veterans the respect they deserve for protecting our representative democracy.

This is how the program works. Veterans complete and submit a short biography on a Vote in Honor of a Vet Veteran Biography Form. The form may be completed by veterans or by family members of deceased veterans or those missing in action. Certificates with veterans' biographies will be presented as part of a Voter Registration Drive to high school seniors. After students register to vote they are encouraged to Vote in Honor of Their Vet. Our hope is to personalize the voting experience for high school students by helping them understand the relationship between the sacrifices of our veterans and their right to vote.

We need your participation to make this valuable program a success. You may make copies of the Veteran Biography Form and distribute them as you wish. Completed forms should be returned to the address at the bottom of the form. If you should have any questions, please contact the Voter Outreach Department at (727) 464-5700.



BOOMER BAND

Life music and Dancing. Every Tuesday evening, no cover charge.

Bar is closed, drinks only available with a food order.

Mask required for entry; temperatures taken at the door. All Covid-19 safety and sanitization measures enforced. Please maintain social distancing.



ELECTION DAY Tuesday, August 18th, 2020

President George W. Bush, called democracy the noblest form of government. We may or may not agree with that, but democracy is certainly the fairest form of government, but only if we vote.

Every time you do not vote, it has the same effect as casting a vote against everything that you are for, and for everything that you are against. Please exercise the rights we fought for, and vote.

The Sons of the American Legion

For those of you whose mother and/or father or grandparents are in The American Legion or have served in the US military, you may be eligible to join The Sons of the American Legion.

If you are a member of The American Legion, your sons and grandsons are eligible to join The Sons of the American Legion. I have included an application below. Please include \$25.00 annual dues with each application and mail to the post address or drop your application off in the S.A.L. Box at the post entrance.



S.A.L. Corner

July marks the first month I am honored to be S.A.L. Squadron Commander. I would like to thank Past Commander Mike Loblein for all the hard work he has done for the S.A.L.

The Rifle Raffle went off well, taking in \$1,180.00, \$400.00 over the cost of the rifle. The Winner was ticket #0151, Joseph Cheney of Citrus County, and the prize was mailed to him. The S.A.L. Membership voted to donate a full \$500.00 towards the Special Olympics. I was hoping it would bring in more, but the COVID19 has really cut down on fundraising.

I am looking forward to more productive fundraisers, including, a Friday Fish Fry, Murder Mystery Dinner, Online Murder Mystery and Car Wash ticket Sales, and maybe a bowling tournament, Paintball (where masks are required anyway), another gun raffle, or Craft Sale. I am also working on a new rifle raffle, which hopefully will bring in more money for our charitable community and veterans' projects.

The Covid 19 risks have reduced attendance of just about everything, so the I would like to hear from anyone on Fund Raising ideas and Membership Recruitment.

With regards to recruitment, a message to every member of the American Legion, and every Member of the Sons of the American Legion. Your sons & grandsons and great-grandsons are eligible to join The Sons of the American Legion. To the left, is a membership Application. We would be honored to have your male descendants in The Sons of the American Legion.

Thank you for all that you do
Anthony R. Cox
S.A.L. Commander



Queen of Hearts

Jackpot is now at \$21,500
Drawing is Every Saturday at 8:30PM
You do not need to be present to win.
Membership not Required.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP Sons of The American Legion

Date _____

Detachment of **FL** Squadron No. **0007** Birth Date _____

Name (First) (Initial) (Last) Recruited by (Initial) (Last) (Telephone)

Address (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Veteran through whom eligibility is established
(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____
OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____
(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____ Where? _____
Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____
I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and

Email Address _____ Transmit \$ _____

Signed _____ by Applicant or Parent Eligibility certified by _____



Auxiliary Unit 7

Hello there Auxiliary Members.

Hope you are all well and staying 6 feet apart. Our auxiliary has been hanging in there continuously thinking of ways to raise the necessary funds to keep ourselves afloat during this insane pandemic. In most of our lifetimes we have never seen the likes of such disaster without war, but I guess it is war on a virus which has made us all rethink about how fragile life is. For those of us that are fortunate enough to live comfortably by staying home there are still those folks who struggle day by day. The children who are hungry, the elderly, the sick, the handicapped. Where is the help they deserve? Where are we? There must be a way we can help. So send us your suggestions and please, please help. We don't ask for much. Can you DONATE an hour a month? That's just 60 minutes of your time to meet with us at Post 7 and share ideas. It is your responsibility to participate in the organization to which you have so willingly become a member.

We continue to wear masks when congregating and arrange our sitting to comply with distancing.

School supplies are needed and food in sealed packages such as original boxes, containers and canned goods. We can deliver the items to those in need. The school supplies include the normal items for school aged children as crayons, pencils, paper, rulers, glue, folders, etc. The Eisenhower Elementary School will also need Polo Shirts with collars in any color in kids sizes 5 to 8. No prints just solid colors. Socks for boys' and girls' same sizes and don't forget undies both male and female.

We really appreciate your willingness to help. We have a drop box at the post for your convenience. Don't let 2020 get the best of us.

Let's fight back and give more than the year wanted to allow. You can do it and TOGETHER we can win this war.

For God and Country
Judy Thompson
President

Auxiliary meets 3rd Tues of each month at 5 pm if you want to join us for dinner or 6pm for meeting.

New Members to Post 7

Carol A. Borgeson who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the war in Vietnam.

Anthony C. Campanaro who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in the Persian Gulf.

George H. Carpenter who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

Christopher J. Cox who served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during the Lebanon/Grenada era.

Thomas A. Cox transferred from NC Squadron 232 to FL Squadron 7 of The Sons of the American Legion, whose father served honorably in the US Army in Vietnam.

Jimmie Davis who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the war in Vietnam.

Julian S. Grilli who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the war in Vietnam.

David W. Huff who served honorably in the United States Marine Corps.

Judith A. Knott who served honorably in the United States Navy during the Lebanon/Grenada era.

David R. Marsh who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the war in Vietnam.

Dominic F. Mastroianni, Sr. who served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during the war in Vietnam.

Alan McCann who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

Roy T. Monteith who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the war in Vietnam.

Willie Neal transferred from FL Post 0400.

Michael C. Slater who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the Global War on Terror.

John P. Thorne transferred from FL Post 0400.

Percy Wallace who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

If I have missed any new members, please let me know and I will add you to the next newsletter. If your pertinent information is not included, it is because I do not have it. Let me know and I will add your information. Thank you for all that you do.

August Calendar			
1 st	Sat	5-10PM	Sequel Band ~ Kitchen Open
3 rd	Mon	5-11PM	Karaoke with Ann Purser
4 th	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band Kitchen Open
4 th	Tue		Coast Guard Birthday
6 th	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo ~ Kitchen Open
7 th	Fri		Purple Heart Day
8 th	Sat	5-10PM	Flashback Band Kitchen Open
10 th	Mon	5-11PM	Karaoke with Ann Purser
11 th	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band Kitchen Open
12 th	Wed	7:00PM	S.A.L. Meeting
13 th	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo ~ Kitchen Open
15 th	Sat	5-10PM	Sequel Band ~ Kitchen Open
17 th	Mon	5-11PM	Karaoke with Ann Purser
18 th	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band Kitchen Open
18 th	Tue		POLL DAY ~ VOTE
18 th	Tue	5:00PM 6:00PM	Auxiliary Dinner Auxiliary Meeting Kitchen Open
20 th	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo ~ Kitchen Open
20 th	Mon		Newsletter Articles Due
22 nd	Sat	5-10PM	Flashback Band Kitchen Open
24 th	Mon	5-11PM	Karaoke with Ann Purser
25 th	Tue	6:30-10PM	Boomer Band Live Music
25 th	Tue	6:30PM 7:00PM	E-Board Meeting Post 7 Member Meeting
29 th	Sat	5-10PM 7-10PM	Kitchen Open Sequel Band
31 st	Mon	5-11PM	Karaoke with Ann Purser

POST 7 IS OPEN

- Sunday** ~ Closed
- Monday** ~ 5:00PM Kitchen Open
7-11PM Karaoke with Ann Purser
- Tuesday** ~ 5:00PM Kitchen Open
Boomer Band live music 6:30-10PM
- Wednesday** ~ Closed
- Thursday** ~ 9:00AM Kitchen Open
BINGO ~ 12 Noon until about 3PM
- Friday** ~ Closed
- Saturday** ~ 5:00PM Kitchen Open
Live Music 7-10PM ~ \$5.00 Cover
8:00PM Honor Veterans
8:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

Only Members in good standing have voice and vote at member meetings.

Officers & Executives

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	Jean Vitelli
2nd Vice-President	Sandi Larson
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	Anthony Cox
1 st Vice Commander	Larry Bell
2 nd Vice Commander	VACANT
Adjutant	Mike Loblein
Finance Officer	Tom Klinger
Chaplin	Randy Collinsworth
Sergeant-at-Arms	Brian Keefer
Advisor	Tom Vitelli

NOTICES

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