



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

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Central Area, District 16

**Post 7 Newsletter**

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**Never Forget ~ September 11, 2001**

The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred as 4 passenger jets were hijacked and crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons.

Four separate teams of Mideast terrorists, operating from inside the U.S., boarded posing as passengers, then forcibly commandeered the aircraft. Two fully-fueled jumbo jets, AA Flight 11 with 92 people and United Flight 175 with 65 people, left Boston for Los Angeles. Both jets were diverted by the hijackers to New York City where they were piloted into the World Trade Center twin towers. The impact & subsequent fire collapsed both 110-story tower, killing 2,752 persons including hundreds of rescue workers and people employed in the towers.

United Flight 93 departed Newark for San Francisco, and AA Flight 77 departed Dulles (Virginia) for Los Angeles, were hijacked.

Flight 77 with 64 on board was diverted to Washington, D.C., then flown into the Pentagon killing everyone on board and 125 military personnel inside the building.

Flight 93 with 44 people on board was also diverted toward Washington but crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after passengers tried to overpower the terrorists on board.



**♥ Queen of Hearts ♥**

♥ As of August 30<sup>th</sup>, the Jackpot is ♥

**♥ \$26,500.00 ♥**

**With only 4 Cards Remaining!!!**

Drawing is Every Saturday at about 8:15PM

You do not need to be present to win!

♥♥♥ Membership not Required! ♥♥♥♥

**ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS**



**Post 7 Annual Picnic ~ Labor Day**  
Monday Nov. 7, 2020 ~ Noon-4:00PM

**LIVE MUSIC Starring...**

**Bill Castner**, the King of Dance, Sing & Swing, &  
**Karen Kallin**, Little Ms. Dynamite

**Free Hamburgers & Hotdogs**  
**Donations Requested & Greatly Appreciated!**



**Karaoke** ~ Monday Evenings  
**Boomer Band** ~ Tuesday Evenings  
**Flashback Band** ~ Every Other Saturday Evening  
**Sequel Band** ~ Every Other Saturday Evening  
**\$5.00 Cover Charge Saturday Evenings.**

**For ALL Events**

Alcoholic beverages are only available with a food order. Face Masks or shield required for entry; temperatures taken at the door. All Covid-19 safety and sanitization measures enforced. We are limited to 50% capacity!! Please maintain social distancing. Help keep our members and guests safe. No Bar Seating, the Bar is Closed.

## New Members to Post 7

*John Angel* who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

*John C. Bryant* who served honorably in the United States Navy during the war in Vietnam.

*Charles Chaney* who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

*Christopher J. Cox*, to The Sons of the American Legion, whose father served honorably in the United States Army during World War II.

*Robert E. Hart* who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

*John W. Holcombe* who served honorably in the US Air Force during the war in Vietnam

*Thomas G. Miller* who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

*John L. Ott, Jr.* who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

*Joseph M. Papania* who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

*Victor Pitchon* who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

*Kenneth R. Polkoszek* who served honorably in the US Air Force during the war in Vietnam.

*Norwin Schoenherr* who served honorably in the United States Army during other conflicts.

*Howard I. Shulman* who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

*Jay F. Sovine* who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

### MYLEGION

The [Mylegion.Org](http://www.mylegion.org) FREE website is designed to connect members of The American Legion.. MyLegion 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. <http://www.mylegion.org>

## Tunnels to Towers Foundation

### Our Mission

The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation honors the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller who laid down his life to save others on Sept. 11, 2001.

We also honor our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country.

### Catastrophically Injured Veterans

Are you a Veteran with a severe service-connected disability that affects your mobility? Do you know someone who is? If you answered "Yes" to either question, then you or someone you know may be eligible for the participation in the Foundation's Smart Home Program.

The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation builds mortgage-free smart homes for our most catastrophically injured veterans. Each home is designed to address the unique needs of each individual. Smart homes host a myriad of features such as automated doors and lighting, wider halls and doorways, special showers to accommodate wheelchairs, automatic door openers, cabinets, counters, and stove tops that can be raised and lowered, back-up generators, and central heating and air conditioning systems that can be controlled by tablets. These homes help our most severely injured veterans to reclaim their day-to-day independence.

Our process is a simple one. Simply fill out the application and one of our military liaison officers will contact you and walk you through the screening process and help you complete it together. It is simple, confidential and comes without any obligation. To see if you are eligible to apply for a smart home, [please click here](#).

### CLICK HERE FOR DONATION FORM

<https://tunnel2towers.org>

The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.

*George Washington*

### TAPS

*It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions of Post Everlasting, our beloved comrades.*

*We humbly bow to the will of Divine Providence, while ever cherishing in our hearts the memory of their distinguished service to our country and outstanding contributions to American Legion comradeship. Turner-Brandon Post 7 does mourn the passing of our comrades.*

**David R. Dargo** of Clearwater, who served in the US Air Force in Korea. May 16, 1931 - Mar 14, 2020.

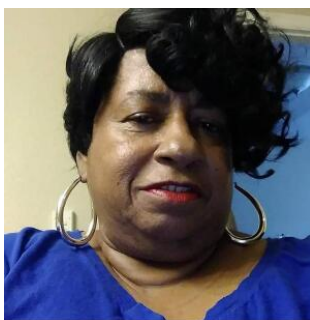
**Max Hupfer** of Clearwater, who served in the US Army in Vietnam. Jan 17, 1937 – Apr 15, 2020



**Frank T. Valenzisi**

Jan 29, 1935 - Mar. 14, 2020

**Frank T. Valenzisi** of New York, who served in the US Army during the Korean War.



**Helen R. (Burch) Woods**

Dec. 13, 1948 - Aug. 13, 2020

**Helen Woods**, age 71, was from Durham, North Carolina and lived in Largo, Florida.

### Property Tax Exemption For Combat Disabled Veterans

One of the matters to be voted on this November, is an amendment to the Florida State Constitution. This will permit the spouse of a disabled veteran to inherit their property tax exemption. Both the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate have unanimously voted for this amendment, and now it goes before the people.

Please vote for this measure.

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Auxiliary ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:00PM  
S.A.L. ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Membership & Renewal Statistics as of Aug 26, 2020

Paid up thru 2020	303
Paid up thru 2021	258
Paid up for Life	46
Active Members	607

*It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the organizer, who gave us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.*

*Father Dennis Edward O'Brien, USMC*

<b>September Calendar</b>			
<b>National Disaster Preparedness Month</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	5-10PM	Flashback Band
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	11-2PM	Sunday Brunch ~ Cancelled
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	12-4PM 5-11PM	Post 7 Picnic ~ Free Karaoke with Ann Purser
8 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band
9 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	7:00PM	S.A.L. Meeting
10 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
11 <sup>th</sup>	Fri		Patriot Day
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	5-10PM	Sequel Band
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	11-2PM	Sunday Brunch ~ Cancelled
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	5-11PM	Karaoke with Ann Purser
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	5:00PM 5-10PM	Auxiliary Meeting Boomer Band
16 <sup>th</sup>	Wed		The American Legion Day
17 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band
18 <sup>th</sup>	Wed		1947 US Air Force Birthday POW/MIA Recognition Day
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	5-10PM	Flashback Band
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	11-2PM	Sunday Brunch ~ Cancelled
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mon	5-11PM	Karaoke with Ann Purser
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat	5-10PM	Sequel Band
23 <sup>rd</sup>		1:37AM	Autumn Begins
24 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
25 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	6:30-10PM 6:30PM 7:00PM	Boomer Band E-Board Meeting Post Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	5-10PM	Sequel Band
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	11-2PM	Sunday Brunch ~ Cancelled
28 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	5-11PM	Karaoke with Ann Purser
29 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	6:30-10PM	Boomer Band Live Music

### POST 7 IS OPEN

**Sunday** ~ 11:00AM-2:00PM Sunday Brunch ~ Cancelled

**Monday** ~ 5-11PM Karaoke with Ann Purser  
Karaoke starts at 6:30PM

**Tuesday** ~ Boomer Band live music 5-10PM  
Music starts at 7:00PM

**Thursday** ~ **BINGO** ~ 12 Noon until about 3PM  
Doors Open at 9AM  
Kitchen Open 11AM-1PM

**Friday** ~ 9AM-Noon ~ Office Open

**Saturday** ~ Veterans Honor Dance 5-10PM  
Music starts at 7PM, \$5.00 Cover Charge

Adjutant is usually the office on Thursdays from 11AM-3PM for Membership matters.

The Post Commander is usually in the office from 9AM-Noon Weekdays.

### Officers & Executives

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	Anthony Cox
Sergeant-at-Arms	VACANT
Past Commander	Frank Russo
Executive Committee	Harry Coble
Executive Committee	Doug Birkner
Executive Committee	VACANT
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Adjutant	Henry Coble
Judge Advocate	VACANT
Service Officer	Bob Christofaro

### Auxiliary

President	Judy Thompson
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Jean Vitelli
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Josephine Farrell
Secretary	Burneice Stevenson
Treasurer	Terri Carlisle
Sergeant-at-Arms	Lou Lauster
Chaplain	Burneice Stevenson
Executive Committee	Gigi Jansik
Executive Committee	Georgia Pettibone
Executive Committee	VACANT
Member at Large	Patricia Cox
Member at Large	Sharon Reed

### The Sons of The American Legion

Commander	Anthony Cox
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Larry Bell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	VACANT
Adjutant	Mike Loblein
Finance Officer	Tom Klinger
Chaplin	Randy Collinsworth
Sergeant-at-Arms	Brian Keefer
Advisor	Tom Vitelli

### NOTICES

Turner – Brandon Post #7, Incorporated The American Legion Clearwater, Florida, and the Post 7 Auxiliary are Not-for-Profit corporations under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, and are non-profit organizations under IRS Code 501(c)(19). None of the post 7 officers or e-board members are paid for their service.

This Post 7 Newsletter is a monthly periodical. Please submit newsletter articles no later than the 20<sup>th</sup>.