



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

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Central Area, District 16

Newsletter

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Halloween with Flashback

Saturday, Oct 31st 7-10PM

Costume Prizes, Giveaways, Candy & Fun
Kitchen Open, Doors Open at 5PM
Tickets \$10.00 per person

Call Josie 843-567-0416 for Reservations



FLASHBACK BAND

Playing October 3rd, 17th & 31st, 7-10PM
Oct 3rd ~ \$5.00 Cover Charge
Oct 17th ~ \$5.00 Cover Charge
Oct 31st ~ \$10.00 Cover Charge

♥ Queen of Hearts ♥



US Navy veteran Alan Hoover won the \$33,000.00 Queen of Hearts Jackpot and generously donated \$2,000.00 to Post 7! CONGRATULATIONS & Thank you Alan!! The second Queen of Hearts drawing was #43, uncovering the 5 of spades. Next week the new jackpot for the new Queen of Hearts Game is \$12,000.00.

♥ As of Sep 27th, the NEW Jackpot is \$12,000 ♥

Drawing is Every Saturday at about 8:15PM

You do not need to be present or a member to enter or win!



BOOMER BAND

Live music and Dancing. Every Tuesday evening. 7-10PM ~ No Cover Charge

New Members to Post 7

Post 7 welcomes the following members:

- Warren J. Brenner* who served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.
- David Flood* who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the war in Korea.
- Robert Garrison* who served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during World War II.
- Kenneth Hazelton* who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.
- Willie Neal* who served honorably in the United States Army during the Lebanon/Grenada conflicts.
- Brian R. O'Connor* who served honorably in the United States Army during other conflicts.
- Carl J. Parise* who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.
- John P. Thorne* who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Korea.
- Robert J. Vitiello* who served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.



FREE * Labor Day in October Fest * FREE
Sunday, October 4th, 2020
Live Music & Dancing Starring
Bill Castner, King of Dance, Sing & Swing
AND Karen Kallin, Little Miss Dynamite
 Free Hotdogs & Hamburgers
Potluck Bring a Dish to Share
Donations Requested & Greatly Appreciated

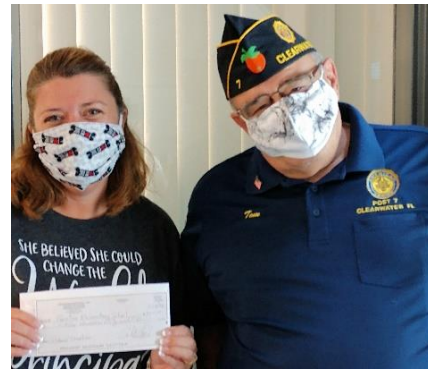


Bingo Every Thursday Afternoon



Sequel Band
 Playing Sat, Oct 10th & 24th, 7-10PM
 \$5.00 Cover charge

Youth



As part of our ongoing program of Supporting Local School, on Friday September 11th, 2020, Thomas Vitelli presented a Check for \$250.00 to Mrs. Peters, the Principal of Frontier Elementary School.

Thomas A. Vitelli
 Youth Chairperson



Commander Bob Farrell delivers S.A.L. Squadron 7/American Legion Post 7 checks for \$500.00 total to Special needs at Sandy Lane Elementary School.



Tom Vitelli presenting a \$250 check to Tricia Wheeldon, Community Liaison for Ponce de Leon Elementary School.



<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, contact the Voter Outreach Department at (727) 464-5700.

POLL DAY

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Please 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.

Property Tax Exemption For Combat Disabled Veterans' Spouses

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.



The Sports Shack

**999 Missouri Ave North
Largo, Florida**



This beautiful plaque/sign was generously given to Post 7 by Victoria Jubb and the SPORTS SHACK, Thank you!

"A veteran is someone who wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including their life."

POST 7 HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Sunday, November 8th, 2020

Doors 8:00AM~3PM

Reserve your table Early

Call Josie @ 843-567-0416 to reserve a table.



Rifle Raffle

S.A.L. Squadron 7 will be raffling off a Remington 783 .308 caliber rifle with 9X/32mm scope. Drawing will be held Saturday, December 9th at about 7:30PM. The Fisher House, S.A.L. Squadron 7, and our various charities and community projects. Winner will receive the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price for the rifle, of \$440.00 paid by check, and must purchase the rifle themselves. Suggested Donation is \$5.00, or 5 for \$20.00.

No purchase or contribution is necessary.

POST 7 IS OPEN

- Sunday** ~ 11:00AM-2:00PM Sunday Brunch
- Monday** ~ 3:00PM Kitchen & Bar Open
7-11PM Karaoke with Ann Purser
- Tuesday** ~ 3:00PM Kitchen & Bar Open
Boomer Band live music 6:30-10PM
- Thursday** ~ 11:00AM Kitchen Open
BINGO ~ 12 Noon until about 3PM
- Friday** ~ 9AM-Noon ~ Office Open
- Saturday** ~ 5:00PM Kitchen Open
Live Music 7-10PM ~ Cover Charge
8:00PM Veterans Honor Ceremony
Queen of Hearts Drawing, 8:15PM

MEMBERSHIP

If you have not renewed for 2021, please do so as soon as possible. Your 2020 ID card is only good until Dec. 31, 2020. I would like to see every Post 7 member of the American Legion, The Sons of the American Legion, and the Auxiliary renewed before the end of the year. This is a target we have not yet achieved.

The Post 7 Annual dues for 2021 are as follows:

The American Legion	\$45.00
The Sons of the American Legion	\$25.00
The American Legion Auxiliary	\$32.00

If you are a member of The American Legion, but not a member of Post 7, and wish to transfer to Post 7, please send us a written request, along with a copy of your American Legion Membership card. If your dues are not current for 2020, you must include \$45.00 dues as your membership has expired. You may also send your 2021 dues as they are due before the end of the year. New Member Applications are available on our web site.

Restaurant/Bar Restrictions

!!! IMPORTANT !!!

We must have more food sales than alcohol sales to keep the bar open. Our solution is:

With a food purchase, alcoholic drinks may be sold and served to any customer of age.

Post 7 Members who present a valid Post 7 Member ID Card may be served alcoholic beverages without a food purchase. Their guests and/or family may not purchase drinks without a food purchase unless they have their own valid Post 7 member ID card.

Only Post 7 ID cards for The Legion, the S.A.L. or the Auxiliary are acceptable.

If you want to become a member of Post 7, see the article above this one, and/or contact a post officer for an application, or see our web site for an application.

Under no circumstances, will anyone be permitted to bring alcoholic beverages purchased somewhere other than at Post 7. Anyone doing so will not be permitted in the building and/or will be asked to leave. Repeat offenders may be banned from the post.

The Post 7 bartenders and waitresses have the right and duty to refuse to serve alcoholic beverages to any person they believe to be underaged or dangerously intoxicated.

Auxiliary Unit 7

Hello Auxiliary Members,

Another year soon gone, but this time we will all be glad to see 2020 fade into the past and take with it the masks, the 6 ft distancing, the horrendous Covid19 and the horror it left behind. Upward and onward is our new motto. We have struggled with our money earning capabilities through this pandemic but have managed to drop off school supplies to Eisenhower Elementary in spite of the adversity that hit us along the way. We have also donated a check to the school in the amount of \$250.00.

We have also taken donations for *Tunnels to Towers*, a program bringing disabled veterans from homelessness to a home where they can live independently and without cost. This program is a worthy cause for any veteran unable to care for themselves.

Kudos to Josie Farrell, our second vice president, who single handedly has crafted several different items to sell donating ALL proceeds to this project. We commend her for her passion. We, being the auxiliary, have contributed \$100.00 dollars toward this charitable organization.

Another organization worthy of our contribution has been *Clothes to Kids*. This program fills a bag for children needing clothes and shoes. A \$50.00 contribution fills one bag for school aged children. The bags are filled with but not limited to one pair of shoes, socks, underwear, shirts, slacks etc. All items are NEW and are purchased by the charity. We gave them a check for \$150.00 which will fulfill 3 children's dreams for much needed items. Because the items are purchased by the organization only monetary gifts are accepted.

Those of you who have enjoyed GOT IT games in the past may be disappointed to learn that our attendance has been less than sufficient to support the games in the future. The auxiliary has been the beneficiary of these games but the amount of profit we make cannot support the Bartender nor a cook.

When we are able to gather freely without the distancing and without having to order food with the

alcoholic beverage I will again address this with our Commander Bob, to see if we can make a compromise that will be satisfactory to both post 7 and unit 7. The GOT IT game as it stands now CANNOT support a bartender nor will it ever support the salary of a bartender with the limited participants we have had over the past couple of years. Same old adage at hand. We need VOLUNTEERS.



Soon we will be planning our BABY SHOWER for *The Kimberly Home*, which houses young pregnant women who have a place to live until they get on their feet. This baby shower takes place at Post 7 and gifts are not wrapped. All items are needed from diapers to clothing. From newborns to toddlers up to 18 months. Please watch newsletter for the upcoming event.

Hyperlinks to these causes:

<http://www.tunnel2towers.org>

<http://www.kimberlyhome.org>

<http://www.clothestokids.org>

Please remember to mark your calendar for the 3rd TUESDAY of each month for our monthly Auxiliary Meeting at Post 7 on Turner Street in Clearwater. If planning on having dinner at the post with some of us that do, plan on 5:00 PM. The meeting will begin at 6:00PM.

Hope to see you there on October 20th.

For God and Country
Judy Thompson
President Unit 7

Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause." *Abraham Lincoln*

TAPS

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.

Edward Johnson, Jr.

Feb. 24, 1930 ~ Sep. 10, 2020

Edward Johnson, Jr. his country honorably in the United States Navy during the war in Korea. He was a proud member of the American Legion for 12 continuous years, 9 of them at Post 7.



Thaddeus F. Malanowski

Nov 30, 1922 - Jan 23, 2020

Thaddeus was a Brigadier General in the US Army for 25 years. He was Deputy Chief of Chaplains until his retirement in 1978. His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and the Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters. He was a proud member of Post 7 for 33 years.

Melvin William Routt

Oct. 3, 1935 Aug. 15, 2019

Melvin served on active duty with the USAF during the Korean War and served USMC Reserves and the USAF inactive reserves. He was a proud member of Post 7 for 19 years.

October Calendar

National Disability/Employment Awareness Month

1 st	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
3 rd	Sat	5-10PM	Flashback Band
4 th	Sun	11-2PM	Sunday Brunch
5 th	Mon	5-11PM	Karaoke with Ann Purser
6 th	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band
7 th	Wed		1765 Stamp Act Protest 1940 Hitler invades Romania
8 th	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
10 th	Sat	5-10PM	Sequel Band
11 th	Sun	11-2PM	Sunday Brunch
12 th	Mon	5-10PM	Karaoke with Ann Purser
13 th	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band US Navy Birthday
14 th	Wed	7:00PM	S.A.L. Meeting
15 th	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
17 th	Sat	5-10PM	Flashback Band
18 th	Sun	11-2PM	Sunday Brunch
19 th	Mon	5-10PM	Karaoke with Ann Purser
20 th	Tue	6:30-10PM 5:00PM	Boomer Band Auxiliary Meeting
20 th	Tue		Newsletter Articles Due
22 nd	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
24 th	Sat	5-10PM	Sequel Band
25 th	Sun	11-2PM	Sunday Brunch
26 th	Mon	5-11PM	Karaoke with Ann Purser
27 th	Tue	6:30-10PM 6:30PM 7:00PM	Boomer Band E-Board Meeting Post Meeting
28 th	Mon	5-11PM	Karaoke with Ann Purser
31 st	Sat	5-10PM	Flashback Band ~ \$10 Cover Halloween Party

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.

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 are paid for their service.

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