



The American Legion Turner-Brandon Post 7

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Post Commander Bob Farrell and his wife Josie took a well deserved and long overdue vacation. As Acting commander, I would like to commend them for their hard work in keeping Post 7 alive and solvent, in addition. I would like to thank all the people who do so much around the post: Tom & Jean Vitelli, Harry Coble, Doug Birkner, Mike Lonnegan, Jack Anthony, Dave Marsh, Sean Nadig, Deb Corcoran, Coral Squires, Wendy Norris, Patty Verchio, Shelly Ferrell, Judy Thompson, Lou Loucaster, Steve Adams, Georgia Pettibone, Patricia Cox and if I missed anyone, let me know.

November saw an electrical short circuit on the roof, which burnt out some of the major electrical wiring and air conditioning, wiring, leaving the hall without air conditioning out in the hall. Estimate to repair is \$7,500, and expected to hit well over \$10,000.00 with the air conditioning and roof repairs. This is an emergency situation. Donations to help cover the cost of repairs are greatly appreciated.

Veterans' Day was said, with 17 members having passed, and 3 more mentioned from the audience. I have been sending letters, and found that a total of 55 members have passed that we did not know about. I have them listed in this newsletter.

As I am writing this on Nov 30, we have news of a COVID-19 case and we are closing the post down for a complete sanitization and for all staff to be tested. We are going to use this downtime to get the repairs done. Our target to reopen is Monday, December 14th.

I will still hold the rifle raffle on Dec 9th. I need all the tickets that were sold in from the sellers. The S.A.L. Meeting will be by telephony.

We will be closed for Christmas, but open for the New Year's Eve Party. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year & Hanukkah Sameach. Have a safe and blessed holiday season.

Thank you for all that you do
Anthony R. Cox
1st Vice Commander

New Members to Post 7

Post 7 welcomes the following members:

Max Bethune who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the War in Korea.

Ronald M. Boggs who served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during the War in Vietnam.

Michael P. Calderon who served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during the Global War on Terror.

Carl F. Christianson who served honorably in the United States Navy during the War in Vietnam.

John Hawkins who served honorably in the United States Navy during World War II.

Richard Hoeschele who served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during the War in Vietnam.

Frank R. Hulseman, Jr. to the Sons of the American Legion.

Jimmie Hannaman who served honorably in the United States Army during the War in Vietnam.

Albert H. Leach, Jr. who served honorably in the United States Navy during the War in Vietnam.

David M. Leger to the Sons of the American Legion.

G. Jake Norman who served honorably in the United States Navy during World War II.

John Potts who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the Global War on Terror.

Benjamin Rodriguez who served honorably in the United States Navy during World War II.

Carl C. Stone who served honorably in the United States Army during the War in Vietnam.

Vicki Sugar who served honorably in the United States Army during the Lebanon/Grenada War era.

Marshall R. Tollefson who served honorably in the United States Navy during World War II.

David Werka who served honorably in the United States Navy during the War in Vietnam.



Tom Vitelli Post 7 ~ Maranda Our Daily Bread of Tampa

Thank you to American Legion Post 7 Family, friends, our Bingo players, and Save A Lot. Because of your generous donations, we have assembled 30 Thanksgiving Basket for Veterans in need. Each basket will feed a family of six.

Special Thanks to; Our Daily Bread of Tampa and Bolin House for the help in distributing the baskets.

Veterans Committee Chairperson

Thomas Vitelli

For God and Country

Rifle Raffle



S.A.L. Squadron 7 will be raffling off a Remington Model 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 \$550.00 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.

Auxiliary Unit 7

For those American Legionnaires who have spouses, mothers, sisters, daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters, **they are eligible to join Auxiliary Unit 7.**

They will get a chance to help support the post, veterans, and the community. Their membership alone helps support the post, veterans and the community.

Completed Applications with \$32.00 annual dues should be mailed to Post 7 or dropped in the locked White ALA mailbox inside by the lounge entrance.



Auxiliary members Judy Thompson & Jean Vitelli dropped off 3 boxes of much needed food at Oak Grove Middle school for some disadvantaged children.



Auxiliary members Judy Thompson & Jean Vitelli dropped off food baskets with turkeys to Boling House which houses veterans. Photo by Jean Vitelli. Unknown lady on right.

Post Everlasting

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.

Robert Adams	Stanley Kabot
Enrique Almirall	Meyer A. Kaplan
Peter Altieri	Henry Lease
Jose M. Bango	Eduardo Limia
William Bernard	Michael McNamee
William Boyle	Ed Mills
Dorothy Brown	Jack Milnes
Charles C. Chandler	Loren Murphy
Paul Conway	Ernest Owens
Richard Coppola	Robert C. Pearson
R Cunningham	Stephen Platz
Harold E. Cyr	Russell Ploesser
David Dargo	William Prestage
Amos Davis	John Purdy
Richard J. Doucette	Carlos Redden
Glenn Fleischer	Cyril Schisel
Glen Franke	Stephen Schuslser
John Friedman	James E. Shanyfelt
Peter B. Forret	Elsie Shepherd
Vivian Greene	David Soderland
Allen R. Henske	James L. Starr
William O. Hildebrand	Donald Thiel
Edward Hoban	Frank Valenzisi
James W. Hodes	Thomas Vest
David R. Hoeflinger	Salvatore Vestri
Dale E. Horn	Joseph Viviano
Max Hupfer	William Wilfert
Edward Johnson	

The Post Everlasting ceremony on Nov 11, 2020 called out the names of 17 members who had passed away since Memorial Day, 3 more names were added by those in attendance. Others were added to this list from years ago that we were previously unaware of and I was informed of their passing by family I have included their names in our list as they are veterans and were Post 7. If there are any additions or corrections, please contact us.

Relatives of these Post Everlasting Legionnaires may be eligible to join American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 or Squadron 7 of the Sons of the American Legion.

TAPS



Glenn Fleischer

Aug 31, 1924 ~ Aug 31, 2020

Glenn Fleischer served honorably and proudly as a 1st Lt in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He was 96 years old. He was predeceased by his wife of 74 years, Frances Burns Fleischer who passed on Mar. 28, 2020. Glenn served in the 494th Fighter Squadron of the Ninth Air Force of the US Army Air Corps piloting a P-47 Thunderbolt. In 1946, he was shot down near the Rhine River, south of Cologne and was a POW.

James W. Hodes

Jun 2, 1931 ~ May 22, 2020

US Army ~ Korea



Loren Murphy

Dec 15, 1923-Oct 24, 2020

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ~ Dec 7



U.S. Navy battleships at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941 (l-r): USS West Virginia (BB-48) (sunk), USS Tennessee (BB-43) (damaged), and the USS Arizona (BB-39) (sunk).

**POTLUCK ~ Sun, Dec. 6th, 2020
! CANCELLED !**

**Potluck Bring a Dish to Share
FREE HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS
Donations Requested & Greatly Appreciated**

**New Year's Party with Flashback
December 31st, 2020 5PM-Midnight
Tickets \$30 at the door, \$25 in advance
Call Josie 843-467-0416 for Reservations**

**MONDAY ~ Dec 14th, 21st, & 28th
7:00-10PM KARAOKE with Ann Purser**

**TUESDAY
BOOMER BAND**

Live music and Dancing. Tue, Dec 15th ~ 22nd ~ 29th
6:30-10PM ~ Doors Open @ 5PM

**THURSDAY
BINGO AFTERNOON**

December 17th

Noon-3:00PM ~ Doors Open @ 9AM

**SATURDAY
VETERANS HONOR DANCE**

7-10:00PM ~ Doors Open @ 5PM
COVER CHARGE SATURDAY EVENING

Sequel Band ~ Dec 19th, 7-10PM

FLASHBACK BAND ~ Dec 26th, 7-10PM



♥ NEW Queen of Hearts ♥

**♥ As of December 1st, the Jackpot is ♥
♥ \$1,000.00 ♥**

The previous Jackpot of \$13,750.00 was won
on Saturday, November 14th by decorated war veteran
Ralph Sanchez, who donated his entire winnings back
to the post.

December Calendar

1 st	Tue	CLOSED	
1 st	Tue	Civil Air Patrol Birthday	
3 rd	Thu	CLOSED	
5 th	Sat	CLOSED	
6 th	Sun	CLOSED	
7 th	Mon	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	
7 th	Mon	CLOSED	
8 th	Tue	CLOSED	
9 th	Wed	CLOSED	
10 th	Thu	CLOSED	
12 th	Sat	CLOSED	
13 th	Sun	National Guard Birthday	
14 th	Mon	5-10PM	Karaoke ~ Ann Purser
15 th	Tue	5:00PM	Auxiliary Meeting
15 th	Tue	6:30-10PM	Boomer Band
15 th	Tue	Bill of Rights Day	
16 th	Wed	The Battle of the Bulge	
17 th	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
19 th	Sat	5-10PM	Sequel Band
20 th	Sun	Newsletter Articles Due	
21 st	Mon	5-10PM	Karaoke ~ Ann Purser
22 nd	Tue	6:30-10PM	Boomer Band
24 th	Thu	CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE	
25 th	Fri	CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	
26 th	Sat	5-10PM	Flashback Band
28 th	Mon	5-10PM	Karaoke ~ Ann Purser
29 th	Tue	6:30-10PM	Boomer Band
29 th	Tue	6:30PM	E-Board Meeting
29 th	Tue	7:00PM	Post Member Meeting
31 st	Thu	5-Midnite	New Year's 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. Notice of Regular Meetings is not required.

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 Board are paid.

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