



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

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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2021

SHORT RECAP of 2020

On the POSITIVE Side, we took advantage of the COVID-19 closings and downtime to make repairs to many things at Post 7.

We had 2 big Queen of Hearts jackpots won, one for \$33,000. The first big winner Alan Hoover donated \$2,000 back to Post 7, and the second big winner Ralph Sanchez for \$13,750 donated it ALL back to Post 7.

The Sons of the American Legion raffled off 2 rifles, and with both, the winners took the value of the rifle instead.

Memorial Day weekend had a great turn out for placing of the American Flags on Veteran's interment sites at Sylvan Abby Cemetery.

Speaking of donations, several members made generous donations to help pay for repairs to the Air Conditioning and electrical work:

We have an amazing group of generous veterans, friends and family at Post 7. God bless us all.

2021 is going to be a far better year, with vaccines available for COVID-19, the panic should start to wind down, and hopefully the restrictions.

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MONDAY ~ Jan 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
Doors Open @ 5:00PM



TUESDAY ~ BOOMER BAND
Live music and Dancing.

Tue, Jan 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
6:30-10PM ~ Doors Open @ 5PM



**THURSDAY AFTERNOON
BINGO AFTERNOON**
Doors Open @ 9:00AM,
Bingo Noon until about 3:00PM

SATURDAY EVENINGS

7-10:00PM ~ Doors Open @ 5PM

\$5.00 PER PERSON COVER CHARGE



Sequel Band ~ Jan 16th & 30th



Bill Castner ~ Jan 9th



FLASHBACK BAND ~ Jan 2nd & 23rd

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7-10:00PM ~ Doors Open @ 5PM

\$5.00 PER PERSON COVER CHARGE

♥ Queen of Hearts ♥



**♥ As of Jan. 1st, the Jackpot is ♥
♥ \$2,000.00 ♥**

**Drawing is Saturday about 8:15PM.
Need not be present to win.
Membership Not Required.**

50/50 Raffle
There will be a 50/50 Raffle on Saturday Evenings. You must be present to win the 50/50 Raffle.



Rifle Raffle

S.A.L. Squadron 7 Rifle Raffle was won by Kat Feld, holding raffle ticket #0032. She has accepted a check for the value of the rifle, in lieu of the rifle.

New Members to Post 7

- ★ **Gregory Baker**, who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the war in Vietnam
- ★ **Frank D. Bolanger, Jr.** who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.
- ★ **Jeffrey Bednarski** who served honorably in the United States Air Force during War in the Persian Gulf.
- ★ **Dale Bramam** who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the war in Vietnam.
- ★ **Charles Callari** who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Korea.
- ★ **John D. Cathcart** who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.
- ★ **John F. Eichert** who served honorably in the United States Army during other conflicts.
- ★ **Gregory L. Gully** to S.A.L. Squadron 7.
- ★ **Jimmie D. Hannaman, Jr.** who served honorably in the United States Army during the War in Vietnam.
- ★ **James Hyer** who served honorably in the United States Army during the War in Vietnam
- ★ **Charles Langdon** who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.
- ★ **John E. Potts, III** who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the Global War on Terror.
- ★ **Patty Shark** to Auxiliary Unit 7.
- ★ **Nita J. Shinn** who served honorably in the United States Army during the War in the Persian Gulf.
- ★ **Kent R. Smalley** who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.
- ★ **Richard C. Smith** who served honorably in the United States Navy during the war in Vietnam.
- ★ **Jonathan Tennis** who served honorably in the United States Army during war in the Persian Gulf.
- ★ **Steven J. Tuten** who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.
- ★ **Robert F. Waite**, who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the war in Vietnam
- ★ **Lewis Williams** who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

MEMBERSHIP

Thursday, Jan. 21st, 2021 is the National American Legion Mail Cutoff Date. If your annual dues for 2021 are paid by Jan 21st, you will not receive mail from National American Legion asking for renewal. The next mailing cutoff date is February 9th, 2021. So if you are wondering why you get a letter even if you paid on Jan. 22nd, that is why.

As of January 1st, 2021, all American Legionnaires who have not paid for 2021, will no longer have voice or vote at post meetings until they have paid their 2021 annual dues. Members are kept on the roles until June 30th.

Annual Renewals may be made online at:

<http://www.legion.org/renew>

Or, you can send a check for \$45.00 made out to:

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If you are considering a Paid Up for Life (PUFL) membership, you probably already know the cost, but consider this, the cost goes down when your age is a multiple of 10. I turn 70 this year. Hmm...

We have had an amazing influx of 108 new members last year. Our 2021 goal is 200 new members by Dec 31, 2021. If you are not a member of Post 7 and are eligible, we would be honored to have you in Post 7.

If you are a member of a different American Legion post and want to transfer into post 7, email, text or call me to request a transfer. We would be honored to have you.

The reports below are for the full calendar year as of Dec 31st, 2019 and Dec 31st, 2020. I have omitted those called to Post Everlasting by the Great Commander as the American Legion only documents the reported dates.

Membership Statistics	2019	2020
New Legion Members in Post 7	40	15
Transfers Into Post 7	57	93
Transfers Out of Post 7	28	11
Expired Memberships (2019)	60	58
Members Paid for 2020/2021	488	495
MyLegion Members	30	32
Paid Up For Life Members	43	48
Regular Members	593	592
Total Active Members	636	640

S.A.L. Ballcaps and front license plates

Ballcaps and plates are now available at the post.
Ballcaps are \$15.00 each, License Plates are \$10.00 Ea.



Post 7 an Open Post

Membership is Not Required for Most Events.

This does not give anyone the right to disrespect our members, guests, veterans, visitors, servicemen, employees, volunteers, flag and/or our country on our property. If you do so, you will be asked to leave, member or not.

Anyone being rude, disrespectful, disruptive, obscene, vulgar, bringing in their own alcoholic beverages, or otherwise breaking the law will be asked to leave, member or not.

Post 7 is private property. Repeat offenders may be banned from Post 7.

January Calendar

1 st	Fri	CLOSED ~ New Year's Day	
2 nd	Sat	5-10PM	Flashback Band
3 rd	Sun	CLOSED	
4 th	Mon	5-10PM	Karaoke ~ Ann Purser
5 th	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band
7 th	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
9 th	Sat	5-10PM	Bill Castner
11 th	Mon	5-10PM	Karaoke ~ Ann Purser
12 th	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band
13 th	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
15 th	Sat	5-10PM	Sequel Band
18 th	Mon	5-10PM	Karaoke ~ Ann Purser
19 th	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band
20 th	Wed	Newsletter Articles Due	
21 st	Thu	80% Membership Target Date	
21 st	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
23 rd	Sat	5-10PM	Flashback Band
25 th	Mon	5-10PM	Karaoke ~ Ann Purser
26 th	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band
27 th	Wed	Vietnam Cease Fire (1973)	
28 th	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
30 th	Sat	5:00PM	Sequel Band

Annual Dues for 2021

Turner-Brandon Post 7 \$45.00

Auxiliary Unit 7 \$32.00

S.A.L. Squadron 7 \$25.00

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.

S.A.L. Squadron 7 is a program under Turner-Brandon Post 7. None of our S.A.L. officers or Board are paid.

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