



The American Legion Turner-Brandon Post 7

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Newsletter

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Commander's Corner

The year started rough, with us having to close for over 2 weeks due to COVID-19, our POS (Point of Sale) system went totally down, more air conditioning compressors went down over the lounge. The worst is that Post Commander Bob Farrell has resigned, and is moving out of state. I am sure I speak for all of us when I thank Commander Bob and his wife Josie for all that they have done for the post and veterans.

I also wish to express thanks to my wife Pat Cox for all the work she has done with getting the new POS system working, entering all the PLUs (Price Look Ups) and training employees in their use, and planning a fond farewell to Commander Bob & Josie Farrell, and to all who helped at Saturday's event, Cathy, Dave, Shaun, Patti, Diane, Doug & Vicky.

I would also like to thank those who have made substantial donations to the post, Pat DiRoma, Albert & Dinah Beres and Anthony Incantalupo

Bob and Josie have been an inspiration to me, and are bastions of Americanism and Patriotism. They will be sorely missed.



New Members to Post 7

Dorritt Clendening who served honorably in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

James Fritchley who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

Jeffery L. Hood who served honorably in the United States Army during other conflicts.

Kimberly Hume who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the Lebanon/Grenada conflicts.

Richard Lemke who served honorably in the United States Navy during the war in Vietnam.

Pamela S. Leugers who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the war in Vietnam.

Williams Lewis who served honorably during the Vietnam war.

James N. Marsh who served honorably in the United States Navy during the war in Vietnam.

Paul C. Nomecos who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the war in Vietnam.

James W. Ropp who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the war in Vietnam.

David Shadd who served honorably in the United States Army during the war in Vietnam.

The male descendants of a member of the American Legion are eligible to join The Sons of the American Legion.

The spouses & female immediate family members of a Legionnaire are eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary.

If in doubt as to eligibility, ask one of the officers at Post 7

Mr. Dorritt Clendening's granddaughter, Lt. Kathryn Clendening recently graduated from college in Orlando and from ROTC, receiving her commission on the same day she graduated from college. Lt. Clendening received her first salute from her grandfather/ Lt. Clendening is currently serving her country honorably overseas.

SICK CALL

Dorritt Clendening is currently receiving radiation therapy from cancer and recovering from a traffic accident that occurred last year. Please keep him in your prayers.

Four Chaplains Day ~ February 3



George L. Fox



Alexander D. Goode



Clark V. Poling



John P. Washington

The Four Chaplains, also referred to as the "Immortal Chaplains" were four World War II chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian & military personnel as the troop ship SS Dorchester sank on Feb. 3, 1943. The Dorchester was a civilian liner converted for military service in WWII as a War Shipping Administration troop transport. She was able to carry slightly over 900 military passengers & crew.

The ship left New York on Jan. 23, 1943, for Greenland, carrying about 900 others, as part of a convoy of three ships escorted by Coast Guard Cutters Tampa, Escanaba, and Comanche. During the early morning hours of February 3 the vessel was torpedoed by the German submarine U-223 off Newfoundland in the North Atlantic. The chaplains helped the other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship.

The impact of the chaplains' story was deep, with many memorials and coverage in the media. Each of the four chaplains was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart. The chaplains were nominated for the Medal of Honor but were found ineligible as they had not engaged in combat with the enemy. Instead, Congress created a medal for them, with the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.



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Saturday's (Jan 30th) meal was from [Willie Jewel's Old School BBQ](#) in Largo.

If you enjoyed the meal, their address is above. It is over by WAWAs and the Neighborhood WalMart in the shopping area at the corner of Starkey and Ulmerton. They also have a veterans' discount.

<https://williejewells.com>

♥ VALENTINE'S DAY ♥



Bill Castner, the king of Dance and Swing will be performing live on Sunday, Feb 14 for ♥Valentine's Day ♥.

This is a potluck, bring your favorite dish to share. Donations requested and greatly appreciated.



EVERY MONDAY
Doors Open @ 5:00PM



TUESDAY ~ BOOMER BAND
Live music and Dancing

EVERY TUESDAY
6:30-10PM ~ Doors Open @ 5PM



THURSDAY 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 ~ Feb 13th



Bill Castner ~ Feb 6th, 14th & 20th



FLASHBACK BAND ~ Feb 27th

♥ Queen of Hearts ♥



♥ As of Feb. 1st, the Jackpot is ♥
♥ \$2,800.00 ♥

**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
Monday, Tuesday & Saturday
Evenings. You must be present to
win the 50/50 Raffle.

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, our 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.

February Calendar AMERICANISM MONTH

1 st	Mon	5-10PM	Karaoke ~ Ann Purser
2 nd	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band
3 rd	Wed		Four Chaplains Day
4 th	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
6 th	Sat	5PM-10PM	Bill Castner
7 th	Sun		Four Chaplains Sunday
8 th	Mon	5-10PM	Karaoke ~ Ann Purser
9 th	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band
11 th	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
13 th	Sat	5-10PM	SEQUEL Band
14 th	Sun	11AM-4PM	Bill Castner Valentine
15 th	Mon	5-10PM	Karaoke ~ Ann Purser
16 th	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band
18 th	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
20 th	Sat	5PM-10PM	Bill Castner
22 nd	Mon	5-10PM	Karaoke ~ Ann Purser
23 rd	Tue	5-10PM	Boomer Band
25 th	Thu	9AM-3PM	Bingo
27 th	Sat	5-10PM	FLASHBACK 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 ~	3 rd Tuesday	at 6:00PM
S.A.L. ~	2 nd 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 or receive compensation for their work.

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.