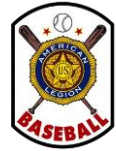




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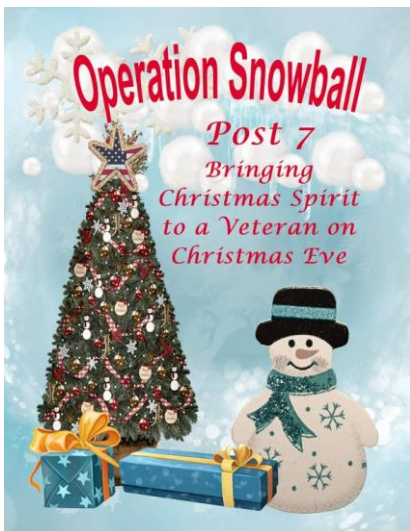
## Newsletter

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## Commanders Corner

Please know that each of you is a blessing to our Post 7 family; and we are thankful and indebted to you for your contributions and support of our post. It's because of you that we have been able to help our fellow veterans in need. During the Thanksgiving holiday Post 7 was able to help 25 veterans with meals for the Thanksgiving holiday. I thank you from the bottom of my heart; you are the strength of our Post, and we are growing stronger every day.



### OPERATION SNOWBALL

Our next goal is to help bring Christmas to 26 veterans that reside in a facility in Palm Harbor. In addition, we have pledged our support to a veteran and his family. We are working through the screening process with the Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch in Pinellas Park. It is our hope to make Christmas wishes would come true for a very needy family; our goal is \$1,800. The best moments in our lives usually occur when we attempt something difficult and worthwhile. "Operation Snowball" this is truly a worthwhile project and with your help, nothing is impossible.

*Anthony Incartalupo*  
Commander



## The Sons of The American Legion Squadron 7



### Weatherby SA-459 Semi-Auto Shotgun

The next firearm raffle is for \$575.00 of Gift Cards to Bass Pro Shops. Enough to buy a Weatherby tactical 12 guage semi-automatic shotgun. \$5 per chance, or 5 for \$20. Drawing on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. The Winner may use the gift cards for anything you want at Bass Pro Shops.

We will also be doing an Essay Contest for Clearwater High School students. Subject is about your parent, ancestor or friend's military service. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$100. No Entry Fee.



## American Legion Baseball

We are still considering if we are going to have a Post 7 Baseball team in 2022. We would like to hear from members of Post 7 as possible if you want to sponsor a Team in 2022.

Last year Clearwater HS Head Coach Jordan Banks donated a lot of equipment and helped get low priced uniforms and that lowered the costs a lot. I think we can raise enough this year and have some nicer uniforms and new equipment for the players. Write and let us know if you want Post 7 to sponsor 18 high school students for American Legion Baseball again.



## Auxiliary Unit 7

Hello Members of Auxiliary Unit 7. Hope you are all well and happy with the approaching holidays. This is of course a very BUSY time of year, with all the decorating, baking and of course shopping.

Unfortunately not everyone can afford to be busy with all the things that make the Holidays a fun and busy time. We are here to help those less fortunate than ourselves, school aged children who could be glossed over this time of year, not only with the gifts of the Christmas Holidays but also with the Food Celebrations with family. They need us. We hope that you will help us help them by donating money to the Auxiliary and or non perishable foods or continue to drop off school supplies to Post 7 for our boxes.

Elementary school is always in need of boys and girls underwear sizes 5 to 9 and socks as well as solid color Polo shirts for girls and boys ages 5 to 10 sizes small, medium and large. These Children are living in hardship conditions and do not have the clothing, school supplies or even food that most of us enjoy. This is of course the SEASON FOR GIVING. So open your hearts and wallets to make this Holiday season a happy one for someone deserving.

Take a chance and be sure and purchase a raffle ticket from the auxiliary for a basket of Holiday Spirits with over \$300.00 in products including but not limited to a bottle of CROWN ROYAL WHISKEY, a bottle of TEQUILA GOLD, a bottle of MARGARITA MIX, jar of NUTS, can of SARDINES, an ALEXA ECHO, FIREBALL, MEN'S TOILETRIES, BOOK ON BEER, plus much more. The bartender can also sell the tickets. The drawing will be around Christmas. The tickets are WHITE and are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for 5 chances. Put your name and phone number on the back of the ticket and give back to the seller to place in the container which of course WILL hold the winner.



Now you fellows that are thinking of something special for that lady in your life. A basket of ladies luxury items will be raffled also. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Basket will be filled with OVER \$400.00 worth of products from COACH, WALMART, AVON, BATH AND BODY WORKS. What more could a woman want. This is the ULTIMATE gift guys, for that special lady in your life. The tickets are RED. Be sure to put your name and phone number on the back and give back to the seller for the drawing which will be held just before Christmas. You WILL NOT be sorry. Good Luck. See an Auxiliary Member or the Bartender. Thanks and Happy Holiday.

*Judy Thompson* ~ President Auxiliary Unit 7

## Youth Committee

Clearwater HS Marine Corp ROTC held their Annual Ball at Post-7 on Nov -19. Post-7 donated the use of the Hall, and The Color of Food catered the event. Watching these young capable men and women you know American has the ability for greatness.

OohRah

*Tom Vitelli*

Youth committee Chairperson

## Veterans' Committee Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Basket for Veteran Family in Need was a huge success. We achieved our goal of twenty-five baskets, each basket can feed a family of six. Baskets were assembled by Tom/Jean Vitelli and Tony/Donna Incantalupo on Sunday Nov 12. The baskets were delivered on Monday Nov 22 to Boley Center and Our Daily Bread of Tampa Bay for distribution to Veteran families. A special thanks to our Commander Tony Incantalupo who raised more money in one night than ever before and Sgt at Arms Jimmie Dean, combined they raised 80% of the money donated.

### RED SHIRTS

Thanks to 2nd Vice Commander Jeff Hood for spearheading the RED Shirt Project (Remember Everyone Deployed). He sold 54 shirts at last count and climbing. If you want a RED shirt, see Jeff before they are all gone.

### Veterans Day-Posting Everlasting

We had the largest turnout ever to witness an awe-inspiring ceremony from raising of each Services Flag to the last clang of the Bell. We thank all the people who participated in Honoring our Comrades.

*Tom Vitelli*

Veterans' Committee Chairperson

### RED SHIRT FRIDAYS

**Wear a Red Shirt  
Buy one Beer, get your 2<sup>nd</sup> Beer Free**

**Remember Everyone Deployed**

### SICK CALL

*Evelyn Ferrazano* of Auxiliary Unit 7 is under the weather after complications from Covid-19 a few months ago. Please keep her and her husband Phil in your prayers.



♥ Queen of Hearts ♥

♥ As of November 27<sup>th</sup>, the Jackpot is ♥

♥ \$3,080.00 ♥

Drawing is Saturday at about 8:15PM

You do not need to be present to win!

♥♥♥ Membership not Required! ♥♥♥

FARMERS' MARKET

Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dedicated Seniors' Medical Center will be hosting a Farmers' Market at Post 7. Fresh healthy fruits and vegetables at no charge. From about 11AM-1PM.



(727) 219-1833



The new American Legion Flag & Emblem catalogs for 2022 are in the mail for those wanting to order official American Legion accessories, also available online. This is where you may order your official American Legion Service Caps.

<https://emblem.legion.org/>

Bill Castner & Karen Kallan ~ Friday Evenings



Post 7 through the efforts of Jeff Hood are selling Post 7 Red Shirts for the low cost of \$10 per shirt. The goal is to sell as many Red Shirts to our members where we can celebrate on Friday's at the Post where we have entertainment every Friday 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with Bill Castner and Little Miss Dynamite Karen Kallan. Please see Jeff for further details.

VETERANS' HONOR DANCE

SATURDAY EVENINGS

7:00-10:00PM ~ Hall & Kitchen Open at 5PM

- Dec 4 ~ Flashback!!
- Dec 11 ~ Southern Knights!!
- Dec 18 ~ Saddle Tramp!!





## ADJUTANT'S CORNER

While on board as Adjutant of Post 7 for the past approximately 5 months or so, We have had success in on our membership area, I started this Newsletter reporting the success, but have decided to bring to light the more work needed from our outstanding membership. With the end of the year creeping up fast it may be difficult to process all for 2022. I will do my best to accomplish this for those who are looking to remain in Post 7. You can help also by recruiting new members to join and past members who would like to transfer to Post 7.

At the time of this Newsletter we have **414 paidup members for 2022** (with 4 new, transfers, and renewals still in process) and approximately **201** card members for **2021** who have not paid their **2022** dues. I have tried reaching **78 of the 2020** members that have not renewed 2021 or 2022 memberships over the past 2 years.

Knowing that we are all going through some hard times these days.,I have asked Santa if he could give the gift of free membership to these members, However, he has informed me he is having a tough year also. He is having trouble getting additional helpers as well as getting materials to make toys and gifts for all this year. So, I guess that won't work. Darn!

While we realize that with the busy schedules many of us have, it is easy to overlook or delay returning the application requested by the previous notices sent out. We at Post 7 ask that you step up as Brother and Sister members to make an effort to rejoin us in sharing and helping make Post 7 more successful in the coming year of 2022. Come join us in having fun, enjoying the beautiful facilities and events at our Post.

I know we are all looking forward to a more healthy and prosperous 2022. Post 7 is coming alive again with the help of our ambitious staff, committees volunteers and members,who have graciously spent hours of their time to improve conditions at our facility. and keep us afloat in 2021

With that, I leave you with our prayers and hopes that all of you and your families have a very enjoyable Holiday Season as well as a Happy, Healthy, & Prosperous, New Year.

As always, a big thanks to our Veterans for their Service, May God Bless You and May God Bless America.

Sincerely  
*Jim Fischer*  
Your Post Adjutant  
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### Annual Dues for Post 7

American Legion Post 7:	\$45.00
Auxiliary Unit 7:	\$32.00
S.A.L. Squadron 7	\$25.00

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

E-Board	~ 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	at 6:30PM
Post	~ 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	at 7:00PM
S.A.L.	~ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	at 7:00PM
Auxiliary	~ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	at 6:00PM

### DAILY EVENTS

#### Lounge Opens at Noon Monday-Saturday

Mon	1:00PM 6:30-9PM	Bar Poker Carlo Live Music!
Tue	2:00PM 6:30-9PM	Got-It Games Boomer Live Music
Wed	1:00PM 6:30-9PM	Bar Poker At Large Live Music!
Thu	9:30AM 12:01PM 5:00-8PM	Doors Open Bingo Begins!!! Jerry Bell Live Music!
Fri	1:00PM 7:00-10PM	Bar Games Bill Castner Live Music!
Sat	2:00PM 7:00-10PM	Got-It Games Veterans' Honor Dance Live Music & Dancing
Sun	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

### December Calendar

4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10AM-Noon	Dist 16 Meeting @ Post 14
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	<b>PEARL HARBOR DAY (1941)</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	6:30PM 7:00PM	E-Board Meeting Member Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	<b>75% Membership Target Date</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	7:00PM	S.A.L. Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	<b>NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	<b>BILL OF RIGHTS DAY</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	5:00PM 6:00PM	Auxiliary Dinner Auxiliary Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	<b>BILL OF RIGHTS DAY</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	<b>Farmer's Market</b>	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	<b>OPERATION JUST CAUSE (1989)</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	<b>CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	<b>CLOSED NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	<b>CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	

### 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). Auxiliary Unit 7 is incorporated separately as a Not-for-Profit Corporation in Florida. S.A.L. Squadron 7 is a program under Turner-Brandon Post 7. None of the Officers or Board are paid or receive any compensation for their work.

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