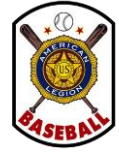




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Commanders Corner: It is my honor to report that we exceeded our goal of \$1800 for Operation Snowball. With the generosity of all our patrons we collected more than \$2200. On December 21, we delivered 26 packages to Veterans at Harbor Chase in Palm Harbor. It was a wonderful celebration, the best they've had in a very long time. We had holiday cookies, cupcakes, chocolates and even spiked punch! Happiness filled the room as we enjoyed singing Christmas Carols; and yes, even a little dancing.

On Christmas Eve Day, due to the contribution from Publix, we will be delivering 13 Pre-Cooked Meals (Turkey and all the fixings) to the veteran residents of Boley House in Clearwater. Then to top off the day, Santa will be at the Post to celebrate with our Wounded Warriors Family (Claire age 3 and Ayden age 11). Our Post was able to provide them with all the gifts on their "wish lists".

Our next undertaking will take place on February 6, 2022 – The Four Chaplains Ceremony – stay tuned for more information.

As we enjoy the joys of the holiday season, the least we can do is send our love and prayers to our troops. Keep in mind that someone in uniform is making it all possible. For some of us, it's even a family member. It is easy to say "let us remember our troops", but how many of us really understand the painful sacrifice they make for our freedom. Let's give our troops and veterans the respect and honor they deserve and give them more than a passing thought. In that spirit, let my wife, Donna, and me wish all of you a blessed holiday season and a great New Year.

Sick Call

Evelyn Ferrazano of Auxiliary Unit 7 is still under the weather after complications from Covid-19.

American Legionnaire **Gordon Mauldin** has been ill for the past 3 years.

Please keep them in your prayers.



Hello all Post 7 members and event attendees.

I hope you had enjoyable holidays with Health, Happiness, and Peace. As we move into 2022 Post 7 membership is showing a healthy increase in New, Transfers, and Renewal of members. We would like to thank all of you have responded to our mailout of December 2, 2021, requesting renewals. Thank you much for your quick response.

I will be out of the office Dec 29-Jan 3, returning Dec 29-Jan. 4, 2022.

Until then, I leave you with our prayers and hopes that all of you and your families look forward to 2022 as a successful, healthy and happy upcoming year.

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

Sincerely,
Your Post Adjutant
Jim Fischer

Phone: 630-842-7582

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 st Tuesday	at 5:00PM
Post	~ 1 st Tuesday	at 6:00PM
S.A.L.	~ 2 nd Wednesday	at 7:00PM
Auxiliary	~ 3 rd Tuesday	at 6:00PM

RCL Post 144

Mon ~ Jan 10th, 7PM General Meeting



The Sons of The American Legion Squadron 7

2021 us in the books, and we welcome 2022 with a mix of hope and trepidation. We hope everyone made their dues renewal. The Sons are looking at a couple of more raffles coming along. The shotgun drawing will be the 12th at 8pm. There is entertainment in the lounge most evening, and we hope to see you there.

May you all be Blessed with a happy and safe 2022.

Mike Loblein
Commander
S.A.L. Squadron 7

New Members to Squadron 7

Please welcome the following new members to Squadron 7:

Vincent DeMauro	Robert C. Hagenbach
Gary Kaminski	Rudy F. Kazmierski
Grant W. Kaminski	Nikolas A. Swierk
Jimmy L. Gentzorn, II	James R. Tucker
Justin Gentzorn	Albert C. Wenning



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 12th. The Winner may use the gift cards for anything you want at **Bass Pro Shops**. You may order raffle tickets by mail, make checks payable to S.A.L. Squadron 7. We need to receive your order in time for the drawing!

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



Four Chaplains Sunday

There will be a 4 Chaplains Ceremony on Sunday, Feb 6, 2022, at 10:00AM, Luncheon to follow. Feb. 3 will mark the 79th anniversary of the sinking of the United States Army Transport Dorchester and the selfless acts of four Army chaplains aboard. The Dorchester tragically sunk on Feb. 3, 1943, while crossing the North Atlantic, transporting troops to an American base in Greenland. A German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck the Dorchester, killing 672 of the 902 officers and enlisted men, merchant seamen and civilian workers aboard. Many of those survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership exhibited by four chaplains of different faiths, who, in sacrificing their lives, created a unique legacy of brotherhood.

As soldiers rushed to lifeboats, Reverend George Fox (Methodist), Jewish Rabbi Alexander Goode, Reverend Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) and Father John Washington (Roman Catholic) comforted the wounded and directed others to safety. One survivor watched the chaplains distribute life jackets, and when they ran out, they removed theirs and gave them to four young men.

As the Dorchester sank, the chaplains were seen linked arm in arm, praying.

American Legion posts nationwide remember Four Chaplains Day with memorial services that pay tribute to the courageous chaplains and the brave young men who lost their lives on that fateful night.



American Legion Baseball

American Legion Baseball has taught hundreds of thousands of young Americans the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship. The program is a promoter of equality, making teammates out of young athletes regardless of their income levels or social standings. American Legion Baseball has been, and continues to be, a stepping stone to manhood for millions of young men who have gone on to serve their country or community, raise families or play the sport at the highest level.



American Legion Baseball enjoys a reputation as one of the most successful and tradition-rich amateur athletic leagues. Today, the program registers teams in all 50 states plus Canada. Each year young people, ages 13 to 19, participate. Since its inception in 1925, the league has had millions of players, including countless who have gone on to play in college and professional baseball, with 81 inducted into the **Baseball Hall of Fame**.

Legion Baseball also has a reputation for serving the young people who play for it. In college scholarships, the league annually awards a total of \$25,000 - \$500 for a player selected from each department based upon leadership, character, scholarship and financial need. Recently, the Legion passed a resolution allowing corporate sponsorship, in the hope of creating more financial aid for college. Diamond Sports currently funds \$25,000 in scholarships for the American Legion Baseball All-Academic Team. Eight players receive a \$2,500 scholarship and the "Captain" of the All Academic Team receives a \$5,000 scholarship.

The first Legion alumnus elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame, Feller wrote a column for The American Legion Magazine in June 1963, expressing his love and appreciation for the league after it honored him with a plaque in 1962.

Yet baseball isn't the only area where former players have excelled. Legion Baseball graduates have gone on to prominence in other career fields. Former Vice President Dick Cheney played for Post 2 in Casper, Wyo. Famed journalist and author Tom Brokaw played Legion ball in South Dakota, and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack was on a team in Pennsylvania.

"Truthfully, I feel I should have given a plaque to The American Legion rather than receiving one from it," Feller wrote. He penned the column free of charge and admitted that he never endorsed anything he didn't believe in during his career, even for large sums of money.



In short, Legion Baseball graduates are proud contributors throughout our society and often are the most successful people in their respective career fields.

American Legion Baseball Registration opens January 1st, we need to start raising funds now.

Last year Clearwater High School 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 & let us know if you want Post 7 to sponsor 18 high school students for American Legion Baseball again. We will be selling American Legion Booster products, decals, patches, caps and shirts to help raise money. We can use donations and if you know a business that wants to sponsor a team, that helps too.

It is perfectly acceptable to send donations! I am donating \$100 to start things off, and will be offering booster products for sale. Make checks payable to:

S.A.L. Squadron 7

January Calendar			
1 st	Sat	2-6:00PM	RCL Post 144 Levee Moose Milk & Atholl Brose
1 st	Sat		Legacy Scholarship Application opens Am. Legion Baseball Registration Opens
4 th	Tue	5:00PM 6:00PM	E-Board Meeting Member Meeting
5 th	Wed		Florida Boys State: Registration Fee Deadline
10 th	Mon	7:00PM	RCL Post 144 General Meeting
12 th	Wed	7:00PM 8:00PM	S.A.L. Meeting Shotgun Drawing
12 th	Wed		Membership 80% Goal (Dept of FL)
13 th	Thu	11AM-1PM	Farmers' Market
15 th	Sat		Deadline for Veterans' Awards Employer of Veterans Award Employ the Older Worker Award Employment Service Award National Organization on Disability Award Homeless Veterans Outreach Award
15 th	Sat		Legion Link: Articles Due
17 th	Mon		Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
19 th	Wed	5:00PM 6:00PM	Auxiliary Dinner Auxiliary Meeting
20 th	Thu		80% Membership Target Date (National)
27 th	Thu		Vietnam Cease-Fire (1973)
28 th	Fri	2:00PM 7:00PM	RockING with Elvis Show

♥ **Queen of Hearts** ♥
♥ As of December 29th, the Jackpot is ♥
♥ **\$1,000.00** ♥
Drawing is Saturday at about 8:15PM
You do not need to be present to win!
♥♥♥ **Membership not Required!** ♥♥♥

DAILY EVENTS		
Lounge Opens at Noon Monday-Saturday		
Mon	1:00PM 6:30-9PM	Bar Poker Live Entertainment
Tue	2:00PM 6:30-9PM	Got-It Games Boomer Band Live Music
Wed	1:00PM 6:30-9PM	Bar Poker Live Entertainment
Thu	9:30AM 12:01PM 5:00-8PM	Doors Open Bingo Begins!!! Jerry Bell Live Music!
Fri	1:PM 7:00-10PM	Bar Games Bill Castner Live
Sat	2:00PM 7:00-10PM	Got-It Games Veterans' Honor Dance

SATURDAY EVENINGS VETERANS' HONOR DANCE

\$10 Cover Charge, \$5 for Members!

- Jan 1 ~ NO DANCE Jan 1st!!
Jan 8 ~ Mark & Kristina!!
Jan 15 ~ True Passion!!
Jan 22 ~ FLASHBACK!!
Jan 29 ~ FLASHBACK!!



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This Post 7 Newsletter is a monthly periodical.

Please submit newsletter articles no later than the 20th.



THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
POST 144 PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, USA

NEW YEAR'S LEVEE Saturday, January 1st, 2022 ~ 2-6PM

The Royal Canadian legion Post 144 in Pinellas County, Florida invites YOU to come and celebrate New Year's Levee, A Great Canadian Military Tradition Where We Host Our Comrades And Friends in welcoming The New Year. Members and Guests of BOTH Posts are most welcome.

THERE WILL BE

The Greeting of Old and Making of New Friends

ATHOLL BROSE – A traditional Scotch based heart warmer.

MOOSE MILK – A famous Rum based Canadian tummy tickler.

POT LUCK SNACKS – Bring finger food snacks to share. (no K/F/S)

Members and Guests of BOTH Posts are most welcome.

For information email: info@rclpost144.org or call: 705-327-2499

RockING with Elvis Friday, 28 January, 2022, 2PM & 7PM

Canadian and US award winning Elvis impersonator, Bruce Stewart is back, with Blaze, for both 1400 hrs. and 1900 hrs. shows on Friday, 28 January, 2022 at American Legion Post 7. Each show is different. This is our fund-raiser for ALP7, so let's get lots of people in the house for both shows.



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