



# The American Legion Turner-Brandon Post 7

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## Newsletter

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### Commander's Corner

I want to take a moment to thank David and Cathy Marsh, Patrick Garrison, Rick Frey and Eliza Flannigan to let them know how much all their hard work and dedication to Post 7 is appreciated. Few people possess the qualities they have demonstrated. Their generous and unselfish spirit have been shown over and over again; and it is difficult to express in words how much I am truly grateful for their volunteer work and friendships. Only a handful of people are willing to give so much of themselves without compensation. At times, I know they must wonder if anyone appreciates all that they do to make Post 7 a better place. I can assure all of them – I DO!



There are so many every day the things that people don't see behind the scenes: Cleaning tables, mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms, repairing walls, fixing the ceiling, membership mail-outs, building closets, cleaning out the storage area, fixing the walk-in-freezer, or even being called at all hours of the day because something's not working, or the alarm went off. These individuals work every week on selling Queen of Hearts tickets, 50/50, event tickets, working the door at, preparing and serving food for post events, setting up the tabled and chairs for events and the list goes on and on.

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### ADJUTANT'S CORNER

Hello all Post 7 members and event attendees.

January seemed to zip right by. A busy time coming up with election proceedings begin as we move into February. We need member participation to vote in two new positions that being Commander and Finance Officer. A few other positions will need to be addressed as we evaluate candidates and their positions.

This Post belongs to the Veterans, Sons of American Legion and the Auxiliary. We are all working hard to strengthen this post for our members, brother and sister veterans, who took time out of their lives to defend our beautiful country.

We regret that Tom Vitelli Finance Officer will be stepping down and our Commander Tony Incantalupo is considering retirement also after a long hard effort bringing the post back to a successful and strong beginning. We thank you both for your hard tireless work and guidance to help us get there. There is much work to be done to keep it going and improve member participation and other areas of needed support.

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### Four Chaplains Sunday

There will be a 4 Chaplains Ceremony on Sunday, Feb 6, 2022, at 10:00AM, Luncheon to follow.

## Commander's Corner

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Anyone who thinks, they can "sail this ship" alone is sadly mistaken. Everyone has to work together in a cohesive manner and stay unified. Our continued success is dependent upon all these things but most importantly is the support of our members.

The Post depends on this support, we need YOU. Please consider dropping by the post for bar poker, one of our dances, BINGO, Karaoke or Got-It-Games. We have a great lineup of entertainment on Saturday nights. If you haven't been to the Post lately, you are missing a good time.



Just this past weekend we made 'history' with two major events at the post in one evening: Flashback Band in the Hall and a catered Wedding Reception in the Lounge. It was a "Wild and Crazy" night, but everything ran as 'Smooth as Tennessee Whiskey'.

"Homeless and at-risk veterans need more than just shelter. We must give them the tools to empower themselves and reclaim the self-worth and dignity which comes from occupying a place in the American dream. It is a dream they fought so hard to defend for the rest of us." *Maria Cuomo Cole*

## Adjutant's Corner

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We are making positive strides in in the areas of membership. (New, Transfers, and Renewal of members.) We would like to thank all of you who have responded to our mailouts, e-mail contacts, and phone calls to ask for your help in many areas. Also the support of National and District 16 personnel who spend many hours helping to make the American Legion a successful home for Veterans. Thank You all.

I will make myself available for anyone interested in positions, committee participation, membership or other matters you should want to discuss or bring to the board's attention.

I want to thank you all for your patience and working with me while learning the duties and procedures in my new position as your Adjutant.

Until then, I leave you, as usual, with our prayers and hopes that finds all of you and your families healthy, happy and prosperous as the year 2022 rolls on.

As always, a big thanks to the Veterans for their Service  
May God Bless You, America, and Our own Post 7

Sincerely,  
Your Post Adjutant

*Jim Fischer*

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Remembering & celebrating Betty White's service during World War II as a member of the American Women's Voluntary Services (AWVS).

"Duty, honor, country: Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be."

"Eisenhower is the best clerk I ever had"

*General Douglas MacArthur*

## Auxiliary Unit 7

Hello everyone.

Here's what is happening at Unit 7. We are preparing to send two girls to GIRLS STATE this June. With COVID putting such a damper on all our activities we are excited about this adventure returning to our Unit. Our GOT IT games have really taken off and the number of folks coming to play it have been increasing weekly. Hurrah for Unit 7. Of Course we need to thank our volunteers that help at Bingo every Thursday. We have Lou Lauster and Carol Squires and me, the caller. It has and always will be a great accomplishment to Legion Post 7 to receive this help from our Auxiliary. We must not forget that Jean Vitelli on each Thursday has been selling lunches to the Bingo players and contributing a nice sum of money to our bank account each week. Thank you, Jean. We know this activity helps the Auxiliary but also is helping the Post as we have no lunch being sold from Post 7.

Sure would like to hear from our members out there as to what suggestions you may have for us. We are trying diligently to find supporters of our activities as well as help from some of our members. Is anyone out there interested in helping to start a TRIVIA night at the post. This could be beneficial to both the Legion and the Unit. Please send me suggestions at my email address:

**veteransfirstpost7@gmail.com**

We continue to struggle without donations but if you would rather send us a monetary gift, we will accept it gladly. There are many organizations out there that we try to help. The Title One Schools which needs not only school supplies, but food and clothing for the children in need. All food must be nonperishable, and clothing must not be used due to the Covid Virus infection of our country. If your time is limited and you are unable to donate an hour or two per month then monetary gifts can be put to good use if you choose to donate cash.

All checks need to be made payable to:

**Auxiliary Unit 7**

and dropped off at the Post for Unit 7. If you prefer to mail your much needed donation the address is listed below.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7  
P O Box 4308  
Clearwater, Fl. 33758-4308

Thank you  
For God and Country  
*Judy Thompson*  
President, ALA Unit 7

## New Members to Post 7

Please welcome the following members to Post 7.

### The American Legion

**Floyd V Benning** who served honorably in the US Navy during the war in Vietnam.

**Frank Encarnacion** who served honorably in the US Army during the war in Vietnam.

**David Hennessy**

**Kenneth J. Hennenkamp**

**David Hillila**

**James Reeb**

**Richard J. Tavares**

### The Sons of The American Legion

**James A. Saldutti**

### Post Everlasting

*It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions of Post Everlasting, our beloved comrade **Jerry Hall** who served honorably in the United States Air Force during the war in Vietnam.*

*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 comrade.*

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# The Four Pillars

In 1919, The American Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens. These programs make a difference in hundreds of thousands of lives each year.

Our organization's positions and programs are guided by resolutions passed by American Legion National Convention delegates, and committee and commission members who represent 2.6 million wartime veterans and their families. These programs, and the men and women who take the time to perform them, are what allow The American Legion to make a difference locally, and on the state and national levels. It's who we are and what we do.

## I Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

- Access to VA Care
- Better Funding Formula
- Support for Veterans with Special Needs
- Career Opportunities
- A GI Bill for a New Century
- Employment and Business
- Heroes to Hometowns
- Volunteering
- Final Respects

## II National Security

- Strong National Defense
- Military Quality of Life
- Homeland Security
- Foreign Relations
- Full Accounting of POW/MIAs
- Operation Comfort Warriors

## III Americanism

- Flag Protection
- Illegal Immigration
- Voter Registration and Participation
- Boy Scouts
- The Pledge of Allegiance
- Establishment-Clause Lawsuits

## IV Children & Youth

- Catastrophic Illness
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Immunization
- Family Integrity
- Media Violence
- Drug Abuse
- Child Sexual Exploitation

## SATURDAY EVENINGS VETERANS' HONOR DANCE

7:00-10PM

- Feb 5 ~ Silverbacks**  
**Feb 12 ~ Lil Miz Dynamite**  
**Feb 19 ~ FLASHBACK!!**  
**Feb 26 ~ Impacs**

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

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

E-Board	~ 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	at 5:00PM
Post	~ 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	at 6:00PM
S.A.L.	~ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	at 7:00PM
Auxiliary	~ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	at 6:00PM
RCL 144	~ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	at 7:00PM

## Annual Dues for Post 7

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

## ♥ Queen of Hearts ♥

♥ As of January 29<sup>th</sup>, the Jackpot is ♥

♥ **\$1,190.00** ♥

Drawing is Saturday at about 8:15PM

**You do not need to be present to win!**

♥♥♥ Membership 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).

S.A.L. Squadron 7 is a program under Turner-Brandon Post 7. None of the Officers or Board members are paid or receive any compensation for their work.

This Post 7 Newsletter is a monthly periodical.

# Events Calendar February 2022

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
		1 <u>Boomer Band 6:30-9 PM</u> <u>Membership Meeting 6 PM</u> <u>1st Nomination of Officers</u> <u>E-board Meeting 5 PM</u>	2 <u>Lounge Open noon</u>	3 <u>Bingo 12-3PM</u> <u>Karaoke with Jerry Bell 6:30-9 PM</u>	4 <u>Red Shirt Friday</u> <u>Bill Castner 6-9 PM</u>	5 <u>Silverbacks R&amp;R Band 7-10 PM</u> <u>GOT-IT GAMES 2 PM</u>
6 <u>Four Chaplains Ceremony</u>	7 <u>Bar Poker 1PM</u>	8 <u>Boomer Band 6:30-9 PM</u>	9 <u>Lounge Open noon</u> <u>S.A.L. Meeting 7 PM</u>	10 <u>Bingo 12-3PM</u> <u>Karaoke with Jerry Bell 6:30-9 PM</u>	11 <u>Red Shirt Friday</u> <u>Bill Castner 6-9 PM</u>	12 <u>GOT-IT GAMES 2 PM</u> <u>Little Miz</u> <u>Dynamite 7-10 PM</u>
13 <u>Closed</u>	14 <u>Bar Poker 1PM</u>	15 <u>Boomer Band 6:30-9 PM</u> <u>Auxiliary Meeting 4 PM</u>	16 <u>Lounge Open noon</u>	17 <u>Bingo 12-3PM</u> <u>Karaoke with Jerry Bell 6:30-9 PM</u> <u>Farmers Market 11AM-1PM</u> <u>11:00 AM</u>	18 <u>Bill Castner 6-9 PM</u> <u>Red Shirt Friday</u>	19 <u>Flash Back 7-10 PM</u> <u>GOT-IT GAMES 2 PM</u>
20 <u>Closed</u>	21 <u>Bar Poker 1PM</u> <u>Happy Days 6:30-9 PM</u>	22 <u>Boomer Band 6:30-9 PM</u>	23 <u>Lounge Open noon</u>	24 <u>Bingo 12-3PM</u> <u>karaoke with Jerry Bell 6:30-9 PM</u>	25 <u>Bill Castner 6-9 PM</u> <u>Red Shirt Friday</u>	26 <u>Impacs 7-10 PM</u> <u>GOT-IT GAMES 2 PM</u>
27 <u>Closed</u>	28 <u>Bar Poker 1PM</u>					