

## Post 7 June 2019 Newsletter



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June 30th marks the end our calendar year for Post 7.

Two years back we were in terrible financial straits back then and times were tough. But the officers didn't give up. Those who were Chairmen of Committees continued to do their jobs and with the help of other Officers, Members, SAL, Auxiliary and Canadian Post 144. We never stop donating to charities and helping Veterans. Whether it is visiting the elderly or sick Veterans in nursing homes or giving them a meal at our Post, they are not forgotten and never will be.

Our pledge to Youth and Americanism never wavered. We were involved with elementary schools, Junior ROTC, and other youth activities and will continue to do so.

Post 7 is so much stronger now due to everyone's continuing hard work and dedication. We are holding our own financially and the future looks good.

*Remember, Post 7 always needs volunteers and members to fill vacant offices. Any amount of your time, in any capacity, is welcomed and appreciated.*

"Hey", who knew that Tony Incantalupo, our Past 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Finance Officer, and Entertainment Officer, would turn our Saturday Night Dances into such a huge success. I wasn't alone in thinking his ideas wouldn't work. I am now happy to say, "Thank You Tony".

I like to thank my past and present officers and others I have worked with the past two years:

Harry Coble my Adjutant and Past Commander, Jackie O'Conner Office Manager, Tom Vitelli Finance Officer, Bob Farrell 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Bob Fohrmeister Chaplin, Tom Ferra E-Board, Tony Incantolupo Past 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Keith Nadig Past Post Historian, RL Dixon Past E-Board, Mike Lonergan Past E-Board, Tom Miller Past Judge Advocate, Barbara Ryan Past Service Officer, Dennis Salliotte Past Commander, Tom Clark Past E-Board, Rick Ramirez Past 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, John Gannon Past E-Board, Tom Klinger and Randy Collinworth Past SAL Commanders, Sue Russell Unit 7 Auxiliary Presidents and Past President Karen Collinworth, Dann Oliver Canadian Commander and Gordon Bennett Past Canadian Commander, Kathy Klinger and Bee J Rabun Past Bar Managers and to all members of Post 7 who gave their support,

Thank You.

July 21<sup>st</sup> will start Robert Farrell's term as Commander of Post 7. Let us all give him and his officers our support this upcoming year.

For God and Country

Thank you all,  
Frank Russo  
Commander  
Proud to be a Post 7 Member

## Auxiliary

Thanks, as always, to all the Auxiliary members that have been volunteering and helping with activities throughout the Post.

Join us for some fun at our "Got It" game - we play every Saturday at 2:00PM – it is a great way to meet new friends and lunch is served starting at 1:00. **The final Pool Tournament will be Sunday, June 9th, 1:00PM. The Winners Tournament will take place on Sunday, June 23rd, at 1:00PM. Bring a dish to share and enjoy lunch!**

**Our annual Baby Shower for Kimberly Home will be at our regular meeting on Thursday, June 20th, at 7:00PM and will be held at Kimberly Home -1189 NE Cleveland St, Clearwater, FL. I hope you can**

**attend and if not, there is a donation box in the Canteen. If you plan on attending, please text your RSVP to (727) 458-2118. If you will be attending, please bring a dish to share.**

**See attachment for details.**

**Installation of all post Officers will take place on Sunday, July 21st, 4:00PM. Please try to attend and support your new Officers.**

**As a reminder, 2018 Auxiliary Membership cards are no longer valid. You need a 2019 card and the Membership dues are \$32. You can leave your renewal in the "ALA" mailbox just inside of the front door at the Post. You may also mail them to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7, Attention Susan Russell, 1760 Turner Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756.**

**We need fresh ideas for our fundraisers and fun events at our Post. Please e-mail me your suggestions and ideas – [susan.russellforvets14@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.russellforvets14@yahoo.com), or call me, (727) 458-2118.**

**For God and Country,**

**Susan Russell**

**Unit 7 Auxiliary President**

**SAL**

**Dear members it has been my pleasure to serve as your commander for the past four years. I appreciate all the support from the auxiliary and our legionnaires that I have received. But all good things must come to an end so I will be stepping down this year as commander.**

**We have had some wonderful events, such as our Sunday breakfast, holiday cookouts and seeing our commander Tom Klinger take over as our State Commander.**

**I would like to ask all of you to please give your support to our new incoming commander, Mike Loblein, as I know he will do a wonderful job and exceed expectations.**

**Again I say thank you and happy, wonderful, blessed year!**

**Randy Collinsworth  
Squadron 7 Commander**

## **Committees Reports:**

### **House**

**We need to replace the compressor for the Bar A/C, cost \$2500. The unit will be replaced in the next two weeks. Delayed – Contractor availability**

**We are staying with the same POS vender. Cost to upgrade equipment \$1400, Software \$600. Equipment and software have been installed.**

**Frank Russo**

**House Committee**

### **Fund Raising**

**New Queen of Hearts Pot \$ 2300+ (3 tickets for \$5) drawing on Saturday Nights at 8:15 PM. Need not be present to win.**

**Bingo continues to be a solid fun raiser for the Post. Again, thank you for your support**

**Weekly 50/50 Raffles 6 tickets for \$5**

**Basket Raffles \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5**

**SAL Basket of Cheer \$1 ticket or 6 for \$5. The drawing has been changed from July 4<sup>th</sup> to Sat Night July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Bob Farrell**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice**

**Fund-Raising Chairperson**

### **Schools**

**In May the Post presented to a Male and Female Student at each School:**

**Distinguished Achievement Award**

**Frontier Elementary School**

**Sandy Lane Elementary School**

**JROTC Scholastic Excellence Award**

**Clearwater High School Marine Corp Junior ROTC**

**Harry Coble and Bob Farrell, thank you for your help**

**Tom Vitelli  
Americanism Chairperson**

## **Veterans Programs**

### **Visiting Veterans**

**Michael Sherwood, Mike Lonergan, Frank Russo and Tom Vitelli visit Veterans at Sunset Nursing Home. We passed out books, puzzles, Life Saver Candy and American Flag lapel Pins. Michael also had Marine Corp Pins to pass out that were donated by a friend.**

### **Memorial Day**

**Special thank goes to Joe Stable and Tracy Vitelli for raising money to purchase 2000 grave site flags and for getting 50 volunteers to help with placement of Flags on Veterans interment Sites at Sylvan Abbey cemetery.**

**We also thank Sylvan Abbey for:**

- **For providing Portable Toilets**
- **Donating water**
- **Picking up and returning Flags to the Post**
- **Golf carts to pick up people and take them to the rest room or different section of the cemetery**
- **Golf carts driving around with coolers of water**
- **Picking up Flags on Tuesday- without their help we would still be picking up flags**
- **Tory Gee Superintendent of Sylvan Abbey for coordinating with Joe Stable to ensure the success of the event.**

**Tom Vitelli  
Veteran Programs Chairperson**

## **Entertainment**

**June 1 Sat Sequel**  
**June 7 Fri Back in Time**  
**June 8 Sat Flashback**  
**June 14 Fri Sequel**  
**June 15 Sat Sequel**  
**June 22 Sat Flashback**  
**June 29 Sat Sequel**

**All Dances Nights in the month of June have a \$5 cover.**

**Lucky Four Game on Tuesday's is on summer break and will restart in September**

**Bob Farrell**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice**  
**Entertainment Chairperson**

## **100 Years Anniversary**

**We are forming a committee to celebrate Post 7 100 Yrs. Anniversary. We would like representatives from Sal and Auxiliary to be on the committee.**

**Those who like to volunteer Please contract Tom Vitelli or Bob Farrell via this e-mail address [alclwr7@hotmail.com](mailto:alclwr7@hotmail.com) or call the office 727-442-5293**

**Bob Farrell**  
**100 Yrs. Celebration Chairperson**

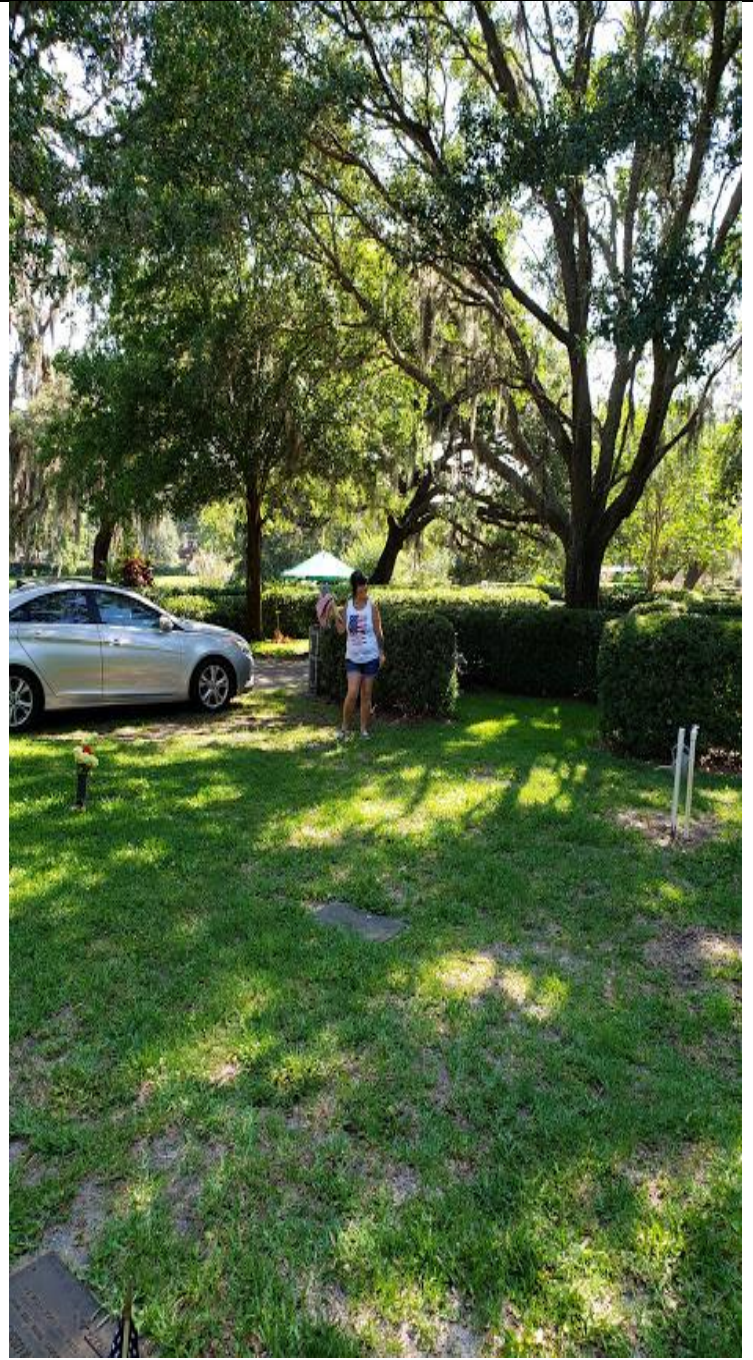
**Tom Vitelli**  
**100Yrs. Celebration Co-Chairperson**

**Memorial Day Volunteers**











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**For God and Country**

**Tom Vitelli  
The Editor**