

Post 7 Sept 2019 Newsletter



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Meetings

SAL

Wednesday Sept 11 7 PM

Auxiliary

Thursday Sept 19 7 PM

American Legion

Tuesday Sept 24

E-board 6 PM

Legion 7 PM

From the Desk of the Commander

As commander of Post 7 I must say it is an honor to serve all of you!! The post has turned around financially and all sorts of improvements are taking place. Volunteers are stepping up to help. Old members are coming back, we are leading the country in new memberships and transfers! For the first time in years we have a full slate of officers and post chairmen and we are working hand in hand with the SAL and Auxiliary. All of us looking forward to a great year ahead. Thanks, and Respect to all of you

Bob Farrell

Commander

Auxiliary

“Hello Ladies, FYI. We have been asked to donate items for our female veterans that need several items, a list of which has been posted to our Bulletin board. We certainly appreciate all you do for us. Also please note that the date for the seminar by Atty Luis Garcia Rivera has been cancelled due to the immense celebration we are planning for the 100th Anniversary of our own American Legion on November 11th. We will be rescheduling Atty Rivera in early December.

The cookbook is still a work in progress. We are still looking for more recipes. Thanks to all that have contributed to this task. As I have been typing these recipes up for our Cookbook, I must add I plan to make some. You will be amazed at how tasty these sounds and like me you will be planning to try some.

We have collected several items for three schools including many backpacks. We have voted on holding back some of these for a Christmas donation as the schools have said they receive a number of donations but lack the donations at Christmas time when they need them again. Thank you for your contributions.

Lucky 4 (GOT IT GAME - Gone Wild) will be starting up again on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 beginning on the 17th of September. It will be a fun time and while there, the Legion will be offering a Hot Dog, Chips and a Cold Beer for \$2.50. Why not come and play and have a great lunch. Our Bingo Game is still a Number One draw. Lots of fun and comraderie. Certainly you have heard about our very successful GOT IT GAME on Saturdays at 2:00 hope to see you there.

Our new designated smoking area is all completed. Thanks to our Auxiliary Members, Mike Loblein for the great paint job on the bistro sets and to Horst for the electrical enhancements at this area. Also a thank to RL Dixon for donating the Blue and white lights.

Judy Thompson

President Auxiliary

SAL

Dear Friends and Family

Summer is winding down, and with that comes cooler temperatures, our winter visitors, and the inevitable season of membership renewal. S.A.L. renewal postcards are in the mail and heading your way. Your renewal helps us fund our projects and events. Our Labor Day Bar B Q went rather well, and we are looking at having our own version of a Ribfeast. My thanks to everyone who volunteered and supported the Bar B Q. With your help, we will plan many more such events in the future. The new carpet and ceiling tiles have really brightened up the canteen, and the Legion has been very proactive on getting entertainment in the canteen area on a regular basis. My thanks to Commander Bob Farrell, and the Legion, for their support of the Sons and for supplying the entertainment for the Labor Day BarBQ. The 100th Anniversary Dinner is slated for November 15th, 6p-10p. Check the Facebook page, Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 7, or Turner Brandon American Legion Post 7 for current info and details. Thank you for your support, and I hope to see you at our events and meetings. Our next S.A.L. meeting is September 11th. Thank you for your support, and let's get our membership in early and help Detachment Commander Klinger look go

For God, Country, and Community

Mike Loblein

S.A.L. Commander 2019-2020

Committees Reports:

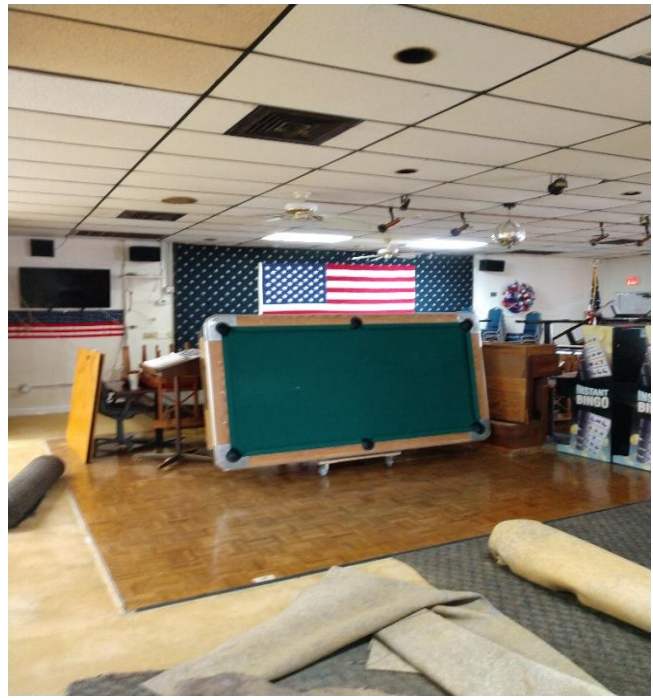
House

Juke Box has 120 albums with 1 credit songs. Each month we will start with 55 free credits, enjoy the music

The roof leak has been Fixed

Hall Bar upgrades; added shelving, raised ice cooler for easier access

The Lounge and Stage carpet has been replaced



We had a lot of help in moving tables, chairs, various other items and the painting of baseboards. Thank you: Bob, Joe, Shawn, Jean, Debra, Brian, Josh, Pat, Josie, Tom, Jack, Kathy, Danny and whoever I missed. Yes, that's me painting the baseboard or lying down on the job?

Front entrance carpet has been replaced **(No smoking allowed in carpeted area)**

Lounge Ceiling Tiles are being replaced

The one of the Lounge A/C just failed and may need a new coil, this is an unexpected expense, could cost up to \$4000 to repair.

Lounge Committee

Tuesdays: Dogs & Suds 1- 5 PM or until we run out of dogs: get a draft Beer, Hotdog and Bag of Chips for \$2.50 excludes premium beers

Fridays: **Red Shirt Day** 12-5 PM. Wear a Red Shirt you next beverage is on us.

Beginning in 2005, military supporters across America started wearing **Red on Fridays** to show support for the service members who protect our freedoms and way of life around the world. More specifically, it is for service members deployed as **RED** stands for "**Remember Everyone Deployed**".

Tom Vitelli

House Committee Chairperson

Fund Raising

The Queen is now \$2000 Plus

Bingo continues to be a solid fund raiser for the Post, thank you for your support

Weekly 50/50 Raffles 6 tickets for \$5

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

Bob Farrell

Commander

Schools

Frontier Elementary School has invited Us to Participate in the great American Teach In on Nov 13.

We do a flag folding ceremony, which we encourage student participation. We explain what it means to be a Veteran and answer student questions about the Flag and Veterans.

Tom Vitelli

Americanism/Youth Chairperson

Veterans Programs

Memorial Day

Letter of appreciation to Sylvan Abby Cemetery for all their help with placing and picking up Flags



Tom Vitelli and the staff of Sylvan Abby Cemetery

Visiting Veterans

On August 21, Tom Ferra, Mike Lonergan, Harry Coble, Barbara Coble, Jack Anthony and Tom Vitelli visited Veterans at Sunset Point Nursing Home. During our visit we meet with eight Veterans; passed out three portable radios, numerous US Flag pins, Marine Corp pins (donated by Michael Sherwood), books and magazine (donated by Harry Coble). Next visit planned for the end of September

Blue Star Mothers

Thanks' to Commander Farrell, the Post has established working relation with Blue Star Mothers of Tampa.

The Blue Star Mothers of America Inc.

In June of 1960 the organization was chartered by congress

Organizational Overview

We are mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves, or children who are veterans. We support each other and our children while promoting patriotism. Our organization focuses on our mission every single day and will never, ever, forsake our troops, our veterans or the families of our Fallen Heroes.

Service Officer

Robert Christofaro is now Post 7 Service Officer. Robert has years of experience helping Veterans. If you have questions about or need help with VA Benefits, leave a message for Robert at the Post and he will get back to you.

Tom Vitelli

Veteran Programs Chairperson

Entertainment

In the month of September Dances held in the Hall have a \$5 cover.

Entertainment in the Lounge is always free

For entertainers and dates check Post Calendar, Web Site or Facebook

Bowling Machine Tournament has officially started, you still can join

Bar Poker every Monday at 2 PM - Pot Luck bring a Dish to share

Lucky Four every Tuesday at 2 PM – Starting Sept 17

Got It Games every Saturday 2 PM

SAL Pool Tournament, looking for players

NFL Sunday's Potluck is back, Post will provide Hot Dogs, bring a dish to share

Bob Farrell

Commander

100 Years Anniversary Nov 15, 2019

Tickets are now available for \$15 includes: The Band (Sequel), a pasta dinner with salad, roll and dessert. To top it all off a Mystery Gift Bag?

Reservations only:

Contact: Commander Bob Farrell (727)-534-5207 for tickets

Those who like to volunteer Please contact Tom Vitelli or Bob Farrell via this e-mail address alclwr7@hotmail.com or call the office 727-442-5293

Post Everlasting

Robert M. Milnes joined his buddies in Post Everlasting on June 24th, 2019. John had just received his 50-year Pin.

John Parodi joined his buddies in Post Everlasting in Feb 2019.

Richard P. Cummings, US. Navy, joined his buddies in Post Everlasting August 10, 2019

Our condolences to all the Families, may they Rest in Peace.

For the Good of the Order

Added two more Names to the Volunteer List for 2018-2019

Joe Corcoran

Jill Marie

For God and Country

Tom Vitelli

The Editor