



The Veteran's Voice

The American Legion Guy C. Parlett Post 7

November & December, 2016

Thoughts From the Commander....

As the holidays approach, a full schedule of fun events is happening at Post 7. Please stop by and join the joy:

***WEBSITE.** Our website has re-started at www.amlegionmd.org. Our e-mail address is: *legion_post_7@Verizon.net*. Please note we have phased out our mailed editions in favor of digital media. Kindly give us with your current e-mail address to insure you receive the *Veteran's Voice*.

***FOOD SERVICE.** Members of other posts often visit our post to enjoy our excellent food. With our kitchen providing lunch every day and serving dinner six evening weekly we have the best operating kitchen in all of Anne Arundel County and among many Posts elsewhere in the state.

***MORALE.** Your Post has frequent live events. Recently Peter Frank's dance music filled the hall. The Esquires will entertain us New Year's Eve.

I look forward to greeting each of you to share our common bonds, camaraderie and hospitality.

***HEALTH.** Be sure to get your flu shot at your local pharmacy. It's a good preventive measure which helps keep the Post a healthy place to visit.

•LEGION PROGRAMS. Post 7 has a heritage in supporting essential American Legion Programs especially for youth. Such vital projects as youth baseball, Boys State and the yearly Oratorical Contest are high in our priorities.

For God and Country,

Jason
Jason O'Neil

**S.A.L. Notes**

Our monthly breakfasts have returned with a lot of old friends are back for the custom made omelets, pancakes, fruit cocktail and other assorted breakfast delights. Since the meal concludes at nearly the beginning of Sunday football, it is a nice start to a fun-filled day. The breakfasts are on the first Sunday of each month and run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a good time. **The next one is December 4...**as is our tradition, the Son's Squadron 7 is gearing up for the Post's annual **Toys for Tots appeal**. We will let everyone know through the weekly bulletin when to start bringing in your unwrapped gifts...Also in the planning stages is the **Bull & Oyster Roast** we will have on March 11, 2017. Like the Crab Feast this event needs a lot of volunteer power so mark your calendars now.

Yours, for The American Legion Family

Mike

Mike Holmes

Commander

Son's of the American Legion Squadron 7

Albert Fitch, 86. Long Time Dual Member Died in September

Albert Fitch, known to his friends in Post 7 as Ed, passed away on September 14th. A graduate of Annapolis High School in 1947, Mr. Fitch served in the Navy from 1952-54 and worked for U.S. Engineering Experimental Station serving on projects as nuclear submarine testing. Mr. Fitch is survived by his wife Marjorie Fitch, four daughters, 12 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He also had a brother, Dalbert Fitch of Kenesaw, GA.

Membership Remains a main Priority and Post 7 Ranks High in the Department of Maryland and Anne Arundel County Standings

Recognizing that membership and, particularly, its retention of existing members is the lifeblood of any voluntary service organization as the American Legion, Post 7 is rapidly moving to its goal of 630 members for 2016-17.

To date 422 members renewed their membership to Post 7 for this year which runs from July and ends June 30th for 65 percent of its goal. This figure also includes new members and transfers from other Posts.

This has the Post ranked 12 in the Southern Maryland District which has over 45 units and 67th in the state with 290 bodies. In Anne Arundel County it is ranked fifth of the eight Posts. Anne Arundel is and has been ranked first of the six counties comprising the Southern District.

"We have to keep pressing on to meet our goal," said **Jason O'Neil**, Post 7's Commander. "Achieving this goal is not for bragging rights among American Legion posts but rather to permit us to provide more meaningful service our veterans and their families during crises moments," he added.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2016-17, do so now. You can drop a check for \$40 at the Post, 1905 Crownsville Road, Annapolis or put it in the mail.

An incentive package for recruiting new members has been renewed by the Department of Maryland's Executive Committee (DEC). Any active member who brings in three new members will receive a challenge commemorative coin. If someone recruits five members, that person will be eligible for a \$150.00 drawing held at the DEC's meeting in November, February and May meetings.

Patrick Guibao
First Vice Commander

Ladies Auxiliary Offering A 'Basket of Cheer'

If you would like to bolster your bar at home, the **Ladies Auxiliary** is raffling off **a Basket of Cheer** containing liquid commodities for social purposes. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the bar.

Veteran's Voice is Now Digital

After many years of printing this publication and sending by mail, Guy C. Parlett Post 7's *Veteran's Voice* has now joined the ranks of many American Legion Posts by going to electronic distribution.

The reasons are numerous besides financial considerations. Perhaps, however, the most pressing decision in choosing the digital route is the continuous difficulty of recruiting volunteers to assemble the publication to Post Office standards for non-profit bulk mailing. "This is a five-to-six hour process of separating the newsletters by zip code and bundling them into packages of 25 and then placing the bundles into a code order, then completing the required paperwork and, of course, having a check prepared" said **Patrick Guibao**, present editor of the *Veteran's Voice*. "Also a crew has to take it to the Postal Services Bulk Mail Division after depositing the payment at another Post Office facility. All in all, it becomes a very long day and sometimes two for a skeleton crew to handle this function."

He is very appreciative of those who have aided this project especially **Jimmy Wade**, who Guibao said is the Production Manager and very faithful to the task at hand. Others who have lent a valuable hand are **Eileen and Frank Gay**. In the past, the former editor, **John Ogle**, was assisted by **Betty Barilla, Ray Boyer, Jeanne Brown** and others. The *Veteran's Voice* is deeply grateful for all who have preserved this essential communications link to Post 7's membership. **If you want to be added to *The Veteran's Voice*, send your email address [tolegion_post_7@ Verizon.net](mailto:tolegion_post_7@Verizon.net).**

HOLIDAY POST SCHEDULE

November 24 Thanksgiving Day – **CLOSED**



December 24 Christmas **Eve Egg Nog Party 1-4 pm**
Lounge open at 11 am; kitchen until 3 pm

December 25 Christmas – **CLOSED**

December 31 **New Year's Eve Party – Live Music**

January 1 New Year's Day Bar opens at 11 am

STANDARDS

Mondays

Burger Sliders

Tuesdays

Open Menu

Wednesdays

Wings

Thursdays

Open Menu

Saturdays

Open Menu

BINGO

Sunday

1 to 4 pm
Open Menu

Thursday

7 to 10pm
Open Men

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Nov 4 – Fried Seafood Platter

Nov 18 – Buffet Fried Chicken, Liver & Onions

Nov 11 – Veteran's Day Buffet

Nov 25 – Open Menu Black Friday!

Dec 2 – STEAK NIGHT!!

Dec 16 – DECEMBERFEST

Bratwurst & Schnetzel

DEC 9 Buffet Fried Chicken & Fried Flounder

Dec 23 – Open Menu

Dec 30 – Buffet Fried Chicken & Liver and Onions

SUNDAY FOOTBALL LOUNGE SPECIALS

Beverages

Domestic Drafts 12 oz. \$1

Domestic Bottles \$1.75

FOOD

Hot Dogs \$1

Chili/Cheese Footlongs \$3

Chili & Cheese Dogs \$1.50

Cheese Nachos \$2

Footlongs \$2

Loaded Nachos \$4

Noon to 4 pm

Bar Area Only

DON'T FORGET—S.A.L. SUNDAY BREAKFAST IS DECEMBER 4TH