



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 7 NEWLETTER

November/December 2011



## New Years Eve 2011

**THE ROCKY VASALINO SHOW**

Enjoy music from the greats: Chuck Berry, Bobby Darin, Fats Domino, The Drifters, Dion and the Belmonts, Jerry Lee Lewis and many more.... *Valety-yak*

**50's Music**  
 Peggy Sue  
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 At the Top

**Comedy Acts**

**60's Fun**

**Dance**

Splish-Splash into 2012 with Rocky Vasalino's New Year's Show Extravaganza. Get your Blue Suede Shoes ready for a night of entertainment, fun and outrageous comedy. Introducing... "Animal" - Appetizers provided.

Doors open at 7pm \$50 per Couple / \$30 Single  
 Showtime 9pm - 1am - Party Favors!!!  
 Purchase your ticket today at the American Legion or purchase with credit card by calling 360-734-1397 (will-call / \$2 convenience fee)  
 For members and invited guests

Wednesday  
December 21  
6 PM

2nd Annual  
Tom & Jerry  
Party

**Tom & Jerry Party**

POTLUCK  
Bring a dish to share!

# NOVEMBER

2nd Annual *fest*

Wednesday - November 16 - 6 PM \$8 suggested donation

*Lasagna and sides dinner*

*Proceeds to benefit Jim Hamm Family*

Photos with Santa by  
Jen Martin Studios

## BRUNCH WITH SANTA CLAUS!

Saturday ~ December 10th  
9 AM-Noon

### MENU

Featuring  
Charlie's Famous  
Cheesy  
Eggs

Kids  
\$5

Adults  
\$10

## TOYS FOR TOTS

Nov. 1st- Dec. 3rd

Please bring in  
toys!



**JOINT  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

Post  
Auxiliary  
SAL  
Riders

Thursday  
November 17  
7 PM  
Please join us as we  
discuss our vision and  
goals for our Post

**Dart Meat Shoot**  
2nd and 4th Saturdays  
6:30 PM

**50/50 Shoot**  
1st and 3rd Saturdays  
6:30 PM

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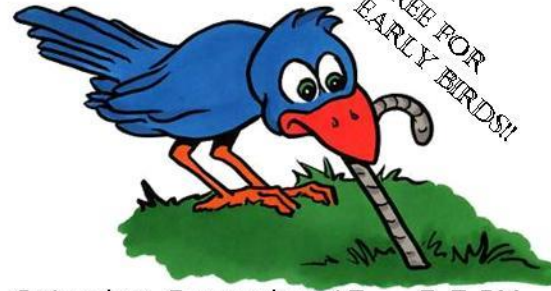
Saturday Nights  
In the Lounge  
7 PM



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Chance to walk away  
with the growing  
Jackpot!

**Early Bird Dinner**



Saturday, December 17 5-7 PM

**FREE FOR  
EARLY BIRDS!!**

Renew your membership  
prior to Nov. 11 and  
dinner is **FREE!!**

\$10 for non Early Bird  
or non members.

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EARLY BIRDS!!**

**Veterans Day**

Friday, November 11  
11 AM  
City Hall



**"Honoring All Who Served"**

Please join us at City Hall for our Veterans Day Program.  
We encourage you to invite our younger vets-  
Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan.  
Introduction by John Burley  
Speakers will be Father Chuck Whitmore and Mark Nelson  
Honors by Post 7 Honor Squad  
Taps by Riggs Nelson  
Music by Malcolm Oliver  
Pledge of Allegiance by the Boy Scouts

Job & Resource Fair November 16 10-2

Nat'l Guard  
Armory on  
Williamson Way



Info on education, financial planning, FAC, Tricare  
and veteran services. Representatives present from  
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Greeting from Post #7. We currently have 511 members new/transfers/pufl and renewed for 2012. Please check to see if you have paid for the year. If you have, disregard the renewal notice. Come and be a part of our growing family and events.

### Adjutant **Jim Wallace**

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I'd like to invite everyone to come to our Joint General Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17th at 7:00 PM for Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Riders. We thought it was time for all the members to come together and have an opportunity to be heard and discuss our vision, goals and dreams for our Post. It will also be a good opportunity for members of the Post to meet their elected officers. Hope to see you there!

### Post Commander **Greg Brethour**

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Hello to all, well it has been a great summer of riding, when it hasn't been raining. It's now time to get back into spaghetti nights. Hope to see you all for our next meeting on Nov. 9th. Please bring in can goods to the meeting for the homeless vets. We will also be doing the Toys for Toys run, please bring in toys starting Nov. 1st.

### Legion Riders Director **Erika Moran**

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As the end of the year draws near it's time to fill the Post with fun holiday events! Join us for our 2nd Annual November-fest on Wed. November 16 at 6 pm. Lasagna and sides will be served for a suggested donation of \$8, proceeds to benefit the Jim Hamm family. Bring the family for our Santa Brunch on December 10th from 9 AM-Noon, featuring Charlie's famous cheesy eggs, and photos with Santa by Jen Martin Studios! Brunch is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Swing on by the Post Wed., Dec. 21 at 6 PM for our 2nd Annual Tom and Jerry Party-a fun gathering to celebrate the holiday with friends and a BIG bowl of Tom and Jerry (a holiday libation).

Enjoy playing darts? Join us for Darts every Saturday night at 6:30 PM. The 1st & 3rd Saturday nights will feature 50/50 cash shoots. The buy in is \$5 and the winner of 2 out of 3 games will take half of the purse. The other half will go towards paying off our new dart boards. The 2nd & 4th Saturday nights during the winter will be meat shoots. Buy in is \$7 and everyone goes away a winner with meat.

Meet us in the bar every Saturday night at 7 PM for our new and very exciting JOKER POKER where someone will get a chance to walk away with our growing pot! Renew your membership by November 11th to get your early bird. Please help support our programs by renewing early.

### SAL Commander **Bobby Hoffer**

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BRING YOUR RESUME to the Job and Resource Fair for Veterans, Service Members and their Families. Work Source and the National Guard is putting on a one day work shop Nov. 16, 2011 from 10-2 at the Bellingham Armory, 3928 Williamson Way. Several resources will be there to answer questions on education, financial planning, FAC, Tricare, and Veteran Services. Veterans Affairs will have representatives available. Human resource representatives from Aero-tek Recruiting, Allied Barton Security, WA State Patrol, Merrill Lynch and other law enforcement agencies will be present to interview potential employees. For more information contact J9 Joint Service Support, Employment Transition Services Eric Collins at (360) 738-6166.

Our office has been busy this last month, seeing 77 people and processing 25 claims. Latest reports show it is taking 20 to 24 months to process claims. The sooner you get your paper work in the system the better, especially in the cases of pensions. Reimbursements are paid retroactive to the time and date stamp of when the VA first received the claim paper work. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Service Office at Post 7.

The Holidays are coming and we are gathering food and warm clothing for local veterans and their families. With multiply deployments and a soft job market times much harder for our community. We are asking for you to bring warm coats, hats, gloves, clothing and blankets to the Post and we will get them to those in need. There is a list of needed items at the Post or call Chris @ (360) 815-4485.

Starting in November we will be gathering turkeys, hams, and food items to make up Thanksgiving Baskets and December Christmas Baskets. Please bring canned and nonperishable food items for less fortunate. Your donations will allow them to have a home cooked holiday dinner with their family and Friends.

### Service Office

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Thank you for putting your trust in me to be 2nd vice commander. I will do my best to fulfill the duties of my post. According to the Officer Guide my interest should be patriotic observances, developing Post activities, and entertainment features. Please help me make the Post a great place where people like to come. Please become a more active member. This can involve: volunteer for a position, help run a activity, suggest ideas to improve the Post, go on Post outings, attend our meetings, bring a friend, or volunteer your talents. Please introduce yourself to me and send me a email at 2ndvicepost7@gmail.com. I also set up a twitter feed at wapost7.

### 2nd Vice Commander **Keith Koenig**



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 office



## "Club 7 News"

**Lounge Hours:**

**Mon-Sat. 12 Noon—until close**

**Sun. 2 PM—until close**

\*If less than 5 people drinking,  
 the lounge will close at 8:00 PM



**Popcorn Donations  
 Are Welcome!**



Club 7 Specials  
 will be on the reader board.

*Happy Hour  
 Monday ~ Friday  
 4 ~ 6 PM*

*Early Bird Day  
 2nd Tuesday of the Month  
 1st drink "Two-Bits"*




# American Legion Post 7 November 2011





Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat








Taco Night  
1st Friday  
5-7 PM  
\$7  
ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!  
Lost Highway Band

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|--|--|---------------------------------|--|--|
| 1<br>6 PM House<br>Committee<br>6:30 PM Texas<br>Hold'em | 2<br>Bingo/Potluck 6 PM<br>6:30 PM Activity<br>Meeting | 3<br>7 PM E-board<br>7 PM BASIC | 4<br>5-7 PM Tacos<br>7 PM Live Music<br>Lost Highway Band<br> | 5<br>6:30 PM Darts 50/50<br>Cash Shoot |
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| 6<br>Noon Bar Meeting<br>2 PM Cribbage<br>3 PM Pool Tourney<br> | 7<br>7 PM Dance<br>Lessons<br> | 8<br>Early Bird Day<br>11:30 AM<br>Merchant Marine<br>6:30 SAL Mtg. | 9<br>6:30 PM Legion Riders | 10<br>11 AM Veterans<br>Program at City Hall<br>Noon Bake Sale<br>5-7 PM Burgers | 11<br>11:30 DAR<br>6:30 PM Dart Meat<br>Shoot |
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| 13<br>2 PM Cribbage<br> | 14<br>7 PM Dance<br>Lessons<br> | 15<br>11:30 Fleet Reserve<br>6:30 Texas Hold'em | 16<br>10-2 Job Fair<br>6 PM Bar Bingo<br>6 PM Soldiers Angels<br>6 PM Novemberfest | 17<br>Joint General Mtg,<br>7 PM Legion, Sal,<br>Auxiliary, Riders | 18<br>5-7 PM Spaghetti<br>Night | 19<br>6:30 PM Darts 50/50<br>Cash Shoot<br>5 PM Dinner<br>7 PM Dance<br>Good Vibrations |
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| 20<br>2 PM Cribbage<br>3 PM Pool Tourney<br> | 21<br>7 PM Dance<br>Lessons<br> | 22<br>6:30 SAL Mtg. | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26<br>6:30 PM Dart Meat<br>Shoot |
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| 27<br>2 PM Cribbage<br> | 28<br>7 PM Dance<br>Lessons<br> | 29 | 30 |  <p><i>Third Friday of the month 5-7 PM</i><br/><i>All you can eat!!!</i></p> |  |  |
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# American Legion Post 7 December 2011



| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu                                      | Fri   | Sat   |
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| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #f4b084; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid black;">  <p>Taco Night<br/>1st Friday<br/>5-7 PM</p> <p><b>\$7</b></p> <p>ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!<br/>Lost Highway Band</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Burger Night!!<br/>2nd and 4th Friday<br/>5-7 PM</p>  </div> </div> |  |  |   |  |   |   |
| <p>4<br/>Noon Bar Mtg.<br/>2 PM Cribbage<br/>3 PM Pool Tourney</p>   | <p>5<br/>7 PM Dance Lessons</p>   | <p>6<br/>6 PM House Committee<br/>6:30 Texas Hold'em</p> | <p>7<br/>6 PM Bar Bingo<br/>6:30 PM Activity Meeting</p>                        | <p>8<br/>7 PM E-board<br/>7 PM BASIC</p> | <p>9<br/>5-7 PM Burgers</p>  | <p>10<br/>9 AM-Noon Santa Brunch<br/>11:30 DAR<br/>6:30 PM Dart Meat Shoot</p>                          |
| <p>11<br/>2 PM Cribbage</p>    | <p>12<br/>7 PM Dance Lessons</p>  | <p>13 Early Bird Day<br/>11:30 AM Merchant Marine</p>    | <p>14<br/>6:30 PM Legion Riders</p>   | <p>15<br/>7 PM Gen. Mtg.</p>             | <p>16</p>   | <p>17<br/>5 PM Early Bird Dinner<br/>6:30 PM Darts 50/50<br/>Cash Shoot<br/>7 PM Dance Replacements</p> |
| <p>18<br/>2 PM Cribbage<br/>3 PM Pool Tourney</p>    | <p>19<br/>7 PM Dance Lessons</p>  | <p>20<br/>11:30 Fleet Reserve<br/>6:30 Texas Hold'em</p> | <p>21<br/>11:30 Fleet Reserve<br/>6 PM Bar Bingo<br/>6 PM Tom &amp; Jerry's</p> | <p>22</p>                                | <p>23</p>   | <p>24<br/>6:30 PM Dart Meat Shoot</p>   |
| <p>25</p>   | <p>26<br/>7 PM Dance Lessons</p>   | <p>27<br/>6:30 SAL Mtg.</p>                              | <p>28</p>   | <p>29</p>                                | <p>30</p>   | <p>31<br/>7 PM New Years Party<br/>9 PM Rocky Vasalino Show</p>   |