

American Legion

Charles F. Thomas IV Post 117

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Monthly Events At A Glance . . .

NOVEMBER

- ◆ Karaoke - Every Friday 8 to 12 pm
- ◆ Taco Night - Tuesdays, 5 to 7 pm
- ◆ Haley's Awesome Wings - Wednesdays, 4 to 7 pm
- ◆ NFL Ticket - Every Sunday, Food Specials 1 to 5 pm
- ◆ Shrimp Sunday - Every Sunday 1 to 5 pm
- ◆ Veterans Day Ceremony - Tuesday, 11 November, 2 pm
- ◆ Thanksgiving Dinner - Thursday, 27 November, Time TBA
- ◆ Tiki Deck Work Party - 28, 29, 30 November, 9 am



DECEMBER

- ◆ Karaoke - Every Friday 8 to 12 pm
- ◆ Taco Night - Tuesdays, 5 to 7 pm on non Fish Fry Day
- ◆ Haley's Awesome Wings - Wednesdays, 4 to 7 pm
- ◆ NFL Ticket - Every Sunday, Food Specials 1 to 5 pm
- ◆ Shrimp Sunday - Every Sunday 1 to 5 pm
- ◆ Shirley's Fish Fry - Tuesday, 9 December, 2 to 7 pm
- ◆ Christmas Dinner - Thursday, 25 December, Time TBA
- ◆ New Years Eve Party - Wednesday, 31 December See Flyer



Post Meetings:

- Legion Meeting – 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
- SAL Meeting – 2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm
- Auxiliary Meeting – 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
- Legion Riders Meeting – 1st Thursday, 6:30 pm
- 40 & 8 Voiture 1621 – 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm
- La Femmes – 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Post Website: www.al117.com

Legion Riders Website: www.alr117.com

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Commander's Corner

Dear Legion, Aux, and SAL Members,

It's been hot and wet the last two months and we're finally getting cooler weather. We have a few things planned in the near future so, if you have time to help out around the Post please volunteer some of your time when you can. The Second Anniversary for the Tiki Bar Expansion is in late November and we are planning the construction of a new outdoor deck north of the Tiki Bar on November 28th. We are also going to start some renovations in the canteen soon after that.

By the time this newsletter gets out, we will have already had our Halloween party. I hope everyone had fun this year. It has always been a fun event for our Post. Thank you Sheila Cline and the volunteers that helped, they do such a wonderful job decorating the hall for these events. We will have a Veterans Day ceremony at the Post on November 11th at 2:00pm. We will also have Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner available for our members and we will celebrate New Years Eve with food, drinks, and entertainment. Please see the flyers posted in the canteen as some events may be updated after the newsletter is distributed.

With that being said, our next newsletter will be published for January and February so I would now like to wish everyone a safe holiday season and a prosperous New Year. I also want to thank all of the Post 117 Officers for their continued hard work, support and dedication for the Post. Thank You all!

For God and Country,

Jim Fournier

Commander, American Legion Post 117



Ways and Means Committee

Chairman: Jim Fournier
Members: Bruce Thurber
Sharon McCausland
Sheila Cline-Burns
Gene Baker
Sheila Culnan
Dick Kissinger
Duane Podhola



Meeting: 1st Monday of Month, 7:00PM

Canteen Staff

Canteen Manager: Sheila Cline-Burns
Volunteer Bartenders: Shirley Domonousky
Sheila Culnan
Linda Abbott
Barbara Mohr
Linda Pollock
Haley Farris
Terry Rook



Honor Guard

Commander: Matt Zirwas
Members: Jim Fournier
Bruce Thurber
Tom McCausland
Ray Yarnell
Bruce Walkowiak
Donna Walkowiak
Jesse Figueroa
Dave Hynes
Brandon Thurber



House Committee

Chairman: Tom Giampino
Members: John Jones Ron Lawton
Charlie Christy Steve Goodman
Brenda Miskow Jim Kriegner
Tina Bonifazi Doyle Hughes



Meeting: 2nd Monday of Month, 7:00PM

Dear Members,

Welcome fall, I pray the Florida 90 degree days are over, I know I personally love the 68 degree nights. Thank you everyone who attended our 1st annual Halloween Dog Parade, it was a great success.

A reminder to all members, our Auxiliary is still collecting used empty prescription bottles that go to ASPCA, and magazines are being delivered to our local nursing homes, and the VA. There is a bin for them in the hall, any questions please ask your Bartender.

Please contact myself or any Auxiliary officer if you know of any member needing a little help with their Thanksgiving Dinner, we will be providing Thanksgiving baskets to those in need. We also will be having a sign up list of items for the baskets if anyone would like to donate items to help defray the cost.

As everyone knows this is a very busy time of the year for everyone, please keep these dates on your calendar. On Saturday, November 29 and December 06 we will be decorating our Post so please watch for a flyer giving more details. Come on out and help hang the mistletoe and have a glass of cheer.

On December 20 is the children's party, please see the sign up sheet. Please remember our Auxiliary meeting our on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Your thoughts do matter so please attend your Auxiliary meeting and share your thoughts good, bad, happy, or sad, your sisters are here and we are listening. On behalf of our Auxiliary I wish everyone a very blessed Happy Holiday Season, may the Lord be with each and everyone.

Sincerely,

Sharon McCausland

American Legion Auxiliary President, Unit 117



**AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY**

SAL Members,

Let me be the first to wish you Happy Holidays!!!! We are just around the corner from Veterans Day. Please come out and support those who have served this great Nation. Thank you to our veterans and their family members. You truly are Difference Makers. God Bless our troops and God Bless America.

After Veterans Day we begin the busiest time of the year at our Post. First we have the Holiday Parties and then we begin our fund raisers. We will be supporting a Special Olympics Run on Feb 28th and Guardian ad Litem Dinner on March 7th. In addition, we continue to hold our Thursday Steak Shoots, Friday Dinners, and Sunday Breakfast and Lunch. With this comes the need for volunteers, the back bone of what we do. Please contact Tony Gannon and let him know what you can do to help with these projects as well as Gene Baker and myself. We can always use the help.

Bruce Thurber

SAL Commander, Squadron 117



**SONS OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION**

Fellow Veterans,

It's hard to believe that this is our last newsletter for 2014. I would like to thank everyone who attended our Veterans Benefits - Are You Eligible Seminar? We had as our guest Department of Florida Commander Jay Conti, Eastern Area Commander Al Diaz, 12th District Commander Ron Saxby in attendance. I want to thank Post 117 for hosting this seminar. Thanks to Stephen J. Lacey Elder Law Attorney with McClelland Jones, LLC. If you could not attend and have question about Medicaid, veterans protecting your assets, Elder Law, and Aide, and Attendance, please contact, Jackie McManus 321-984-2700. She can schedule you an appointment for help.

There are many changes coming with the Vieira VA, Clinic. We are losing some doctors but also we have new one coming aboard. The VA will start issuing a new health card to be used if you live 40 miles or further from a VA clinic or hospital. It will allow you to get outside treatment without delay. Also watch for you new VA ID card. Also if you are enrolled in VA Health Care you must see your primary care once a year, please do not forget to make your VA appointment. I encourage each veteran to apply for VA Healthcare. You may need it one day. I wish you and your family a safe and happy Holiday Season. Please be safe, God Bless.

James H Stewart Jr.

Service Officer, American Legion Post 117

Jstewart.serviceofficerpost117@gmail.com 832-315-7670

Fellow Legion Riders,

The last two months have been a very busy time. We have had several escorts and runs to support.

- ◆ On August 30 the Riders escorted the Post 117 Color Guard to the Veterans Cup Tournament at Spessard Holland Golf Course where they presented the colors to kick off the event.
- ◆ On September 3 a few of the Riders escorted the Honor Flight bus from Wickham Park Senior Center to Orlando airport.
- ◆ On September 6 several of the Riders escorted boats from the Stick March to the Bass Pro Shop in Melbourne in support of the Veteran Bass Challenge. It was a little wet that day but we all had a great time supporting a worthwhile event.
- ◆ On September 13 Riders supported the Wild Dogs MC in their poker run for the Military War Dogs.
- ◆ On September 27 Riders again escorted Honor Flight to Orlando and then supported a fun run to Wickham Park where the District Picnic was being held.
- ◆ On October 5 many of the Riders supported the run for Saint Jude. I want to thank everyone that supported these rides.



We have 108 Riders in our Chapter and we often have a hard time getting enough volunteers to do our Thursday Steak Shoot, Friday Dinners, and Sunday Breakfast and Lunch. Please volunteer a little of your time to help support the organization and our Post.

Richard Kissinger

Director, American Legion Riders Chapter 117



Benefit Run for "Lillyana"

On Saturday, October 18th, members of American Legion Post 117, Moose Lodge 2311, and other motorcycle groups supported a benefit run for 20 month old Lillyana Worthington of Palm Bay. She was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leuemia. She is faced with two years of intense chemotherapy.

The run was sponsored and started at the Moose with stops at Camp Holly, Lone Cabbage, Satellite Beach Moose, American Legion Post 81, and returned to Moose Lodge 2311. There was fun, food, and drinks for all. Everyone had a great time and the event was a great success. Thank you to all who supported the benefit.



Lillyana



Upcoming Runs and Rides

- 02 November 2014 Special Olympics Poker Run - Begins @ Post 189
08 November 2014 AMVET Paws Run - Begins @ AMVET Post 34
09 November 2014 NVHS Christmas Support - Begins/Ends @ Post 81
07 December 2014 33rd Annual Toy Run - Merritt Island to Wickham Park
13 December 2014 Life Care Center Run - Begins @ Palm Bay Moose
20 December 2014 Children's Christmas Party - Delivery of Santa to Post 117



Start planning for the Legacy Ride in March - Details will be provided at Riders Meetings

Chaplains Corner

Dear Legion, Aux and SAL Members,

With the Holiday season upon us I would like to say thank you to all the Veterans who served and I wish you a very blessed and safe Veterans Day! Thanksgiving is one of my favorite Holidays and I am very thankful for my fellow Veterans and their families. I am also thankful for my Legion family and I wish you all the greatest blessings of family and friends as we celebrate the blessings God has given us.

“Christ”mas is always such a wonderful season of as we celebrate our greatest gift. Everyone has not experienced freedom of Religion and the Twelve Days of Christmas was written so that persecuted Christians could celebrate Christmas in code! May you all have a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!

- 1 A partridge in a pear tree = Jesus Christ
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testament
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
- 5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.
- 6 Geese A-Laying = the six days of creation
- 7 Swans A-Swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
- 8 Maids A-Milking = the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-Leaping = the ten commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

For God and Country,

Barry Roberts

Chaplain, American Legion Post 117

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Honor Guard

The Post Honor Guard has a busy schedule coming up. November 8th, the Marine Birthday ceremony at VFW Post 4206, and November 11th, Veteran Day ceremonies at 9:00am Viera Manor Veteran Assisted Living Center, 11:00am Century Oaks Veterans Assisted Living Center, and the Post 117 ceremony at 2:00pm. The Honor Guard members do a fantastic job and make our Post 117 proud. They are a great bunch to work with always ready to learn. We are planning a picnic and providing the food and entertainment at Century Oaks Veterans Assisted Living Center in Melbourne to give them a day of leisure and fun and let them know they are not forgotten. This will happen in November with a date to be announced.

Matt Zirwas

Honor Guard Commander, American Legion Post 117

Sergeant-At-Arms, American Legion Post 117



Boosters

Bill Butler (5/15)
Elaine Griswold (7/16)
Duane & Janet Podhola (1/15)
Howard & Kathy Print (3/16)
Ruben & Asia Rodriguez (9/16)
Ernie & Shirley Winslow (1/15)
Barb & Ray Mohr (4/15)
Dianne Thibodeau (11/15)
Jimmy "D" & Millie (11/14)
John & Judy Greed (3/15)
Tom & Les Giampino (3/15)
Matt Zirwas (5/15)
Chester Jenkins (9/15)

~ FROM OUR CHAPLAIN ~

Our Chaplain can be contacted regarding deaths, illness or requests for help

Barry Roberts (863) 661-9999

Service Officer Support

James Stewart - (832) 315-7670

Barry Roberts - (863) 661-9999

Booster Information

Due to the rising cost of printing and postage for the newsletters, we are asking you to help defray the cost by participating as a booster every year. A \$15 donation will allow you two names for one year.

Note: The numbers after your name indicate what month & year you need to renew your booster check made out to the "American Legion Post 117".

Hall Rental Information

Our Post Hall is available for special functions, weddings, anniversary & birthday parties, etc.

Call the Legion at 321-729-8089 for prices & booking info



SAL Dinner ***14 November 2014***

***Center Cut
Pork Chops***
with
***Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Vegetable
Roll & Butter***

All for \$6.00



Legion Riders Dinner ***5 December 2014***

***Prepared and Served by
Wayne and Liz***

Chicken Cordon Bleu
with
***Roasted Red Potatoes
Green Beans
Roll & Butter***



Karaoke Entertainment Schedule



Date	Entertainer(s)
07 November	Jimmy "D"
14 November	Dan Haber
21 November	Tropical Nights
28 November	Chuck Body

Date	Entertainer(s)
05 December	Jimmy "D"
12 December	Dan Haber
19 December	Tropical Nights
26 December	Chuck Body

During NFL Season there will be no Karaoke on Sunday. Karaoke will resume on Sunday in the Canteen after the Super Bowl in February.

Liquor Price Increase

Due to vendor price increases, the Post is required to raise its prices for liquor type drinks. Price increases will begin at opening on New Years Day.

Thank You - EC Committee

Auxiliary Chaplain's Corner

Please call me or leave a message at the Post if you need assistance.



Barbara Simons

Chaplain, Auxiliary Unit 117

Phone: 321-544-9444

Post: 321-729-8089



Pet Services

Free Services for Member's Pets

- ◆ Nails Trimmed or Dremeled
- ◆ Ear Hair Removed
- ◆ Ears Cleaned
- ◆ Anal Glands Drained

When: Second Tuesday of the Month

Time: 9:00 am till 12:30 pm

Place: American Legion Post 117

Provided By: Sharon McCausland



"PETS MUST BE ON LEASH OR IN CRATE"

Legion Shirts For Sale

T-Shirts (Tan)	\$12
Polo-Shirts (White)	\$25

Riders Items For Sale

Men's Tank Tops (Black).....	\$10
Men's T-Shirts (Black).....	\$10
Men's Muscle Shirts (Small to XL).....	\$10
Men's Muscle Shirts (2XL to 3XL).....	\$12
Men's Muscles (Black, White, Red)	
T-Shirts (Maroon) (Small to XL).....	\$16
T-Shirts (Maroon) (2XL to 3XL).....	\$18
Denim (Lt Blue) (Small to XL).....	\$25
Denim (Lt Blue) (2XL).....	\$25
Long Sleeve (Black).....	\$20

Ladies Tank Top (Black).....	\$15
Ladies V-Neck (Black).....	\$18

Small Riders Patch.....	\$5
Large Riders Patch.....	\$20
Hat	\$15

SAL Items For Sale

Flag Poles (20' Expandable)	\$50
US Flag (3x5)	\$20
POW/MIA Flag.....	\$30
SAL Hats.....	\$10



Voiture 1621 Wreck 2015

*Help support the planned 40&8
Wreck being held in November 2015*



Raffle

Two - LG 42 Inch LED TVs

Tickets on sale @ \$10 each

Only 70 tickets sold per TV

See 40 & 8 Members for tickets

SHRIMP SUNDAY



Peel & Eat Shrimp

\$9 per pound \$5 per 1/2 lb

Every Sunday

1-5 pm or until sold out

*Prepared by Chef Gene and Crew
American Legion Post 117
189 Veterans Drive, Palm Bay, Florida!*

Thanksgiving Dinner 27 November 2014

*Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes,
Vegetable, Roll & Butter
Dessert*

*Buffet Style Service
in Canteen
Serving 1 to 4 pm*

*Free
To Post
Members*



Christmas Dinner

*Ham, Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetable, Roll & Butter, and
Desserts*

*Buffet Style Service in Canteen
Serving 1 to 3 pm*



Haley's Awesome



Wings - 50 Cents each



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Wednesdays, 4 - 7 PM
Special Flavors Weekly



Happy New Year 2015

Post 117 Presents
New Years Eve Gala
"Dinner & Dance"

Formal Dinner
Followed by Live Music to
Ring in the New Year
Featuring

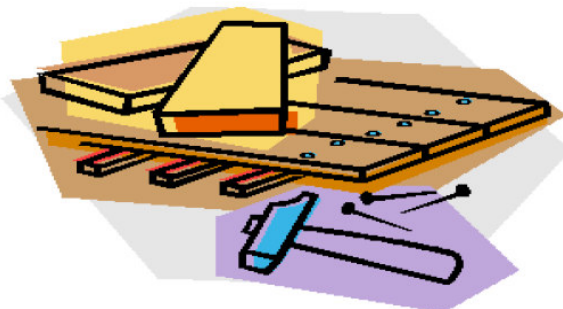
"Slickwood"

Tickets and more details
will be available soon!

Tiki Bar Expansion 2 Year Anniversary

Tiki Deck Work Party
28 - 30 November 2014

Come help with the
addition of a deck on the
north side of the Tiki Bar



Veterans Day Ceremony

11 November 2014
2:00 PM

Tiki Opens 12 AM
Food 12:00 - 3:30 PM
Brats or Burger
With Beans & Chips
Free to Veterans
\$3.00 for Non-Veterans

Special Guests

Sponsored by
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Organizations



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189 Veterans Way SE
Palm Bay, FL 32909

Membership Renewal

All 2014 memberships expire on the last day of December. On the 1st of January 2015 bartenders will refuse service to patrons that haven't paid their membership dues. Please, proudly show your cards when asked, the bartenders are just doing their job.

***Thank You ..Commander
Auxiliary President
SAL Commander***

Newsletter Mail Request

If you are requesting the newsletter be mailed to your residence please fill in the form below and mail to: American Legion Post 117

**189 Veterans Drive SE
Palm Bay, FL 32909**

Name: _____ **Membership Number:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____