American Legion Charles F. Thomas IV Post 117

September / October 2014 Issue No. 5













Monthly Events At A Glance . . .

SEPTEMBER

- ♦ Karaoke Every Friday 8 to 12 pm and Sunday 4 to 8 pm
- Taco Night Tuesdays, 5 to 7 pm on non Fish Fry Day
- ♦ Haley's Awesome Wings Every Wednesday 3 to 7 pm
- ◆ NFL Ticket Every Sunday, Food Specials 1 to 5 pm
- ◆ Shrimp Sunday Every Sunday 1 to 5 pm
- ◆ Labor Day Monday, 1 September, Hot Dogs @ Tiki
- Girls Scout Dinner 6 September, 4:30 to 7:30 pm
- Shirley's Fish Fry Tuesday, 9 September, 2 to 7 pm
- **District 12 Meeting** 13 September, Post 40
- ◆ **POW/MIA Day** 19 September, 2 pm Ceremony
- District 12 Picnic @ Wickham 27 September, 11 am

OCTOBER

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- ◆ **Taco Night** Tuesdays, 5 to 7 pm on non Fish Fry Day
- ♦ Haley's Awesome Wings Every Wednesday 3 to 7 pm
- ◆ NFL Ticket Every Sunday, Food Specials 1 to 5 pm
- Shrimp Sunday Every Sunday 1 to 5 pm
- Oktoberfest Saturday, 11 October, See Flyer for details
- Shirley's Fish Fry Tuesday, 14 October, 2 to 7 pm
- Early Bird Dinner Saturday, 18 October, 4 to 7 pm
- ♦ Halloween Party Friday, 31 October, 7 to 11 pm
- ♦ Kid's Halloween Party Saturday, 1 November, 12 to 3 pm

Post Meetings:

Legion Meeting – 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 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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American Legion Officers

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Commander	Jim Fournier
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Adjutant	Jesse Figueroa
Finance Officer	Duane Podhola
Chaplain	Barry Roberts
Sgt. At Arms	Matt Zirwas
Asst. Sgt. At Arms .	Ray Yarnell
Historian	Tim Morris
Judge Advocate	Tom McCausland
Service Officers	James Stewart & Barry Roberts
Exec Committee	Mike Demarte & Tom Giampino

American Legion Auxiliary Officers

President	Sharon McCausland
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Asst. Sgt. At Arms	Takeema Lewis-Figueroa
Chaplain	.Barbara Simons
Historian	Maryann Spellman
Membership	Janet Podhola
Executive Members	at Large:
Boots Kimber,	Linda Lanier, & Sheila Culnan

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Squadron Commande	r.Bruce Thurber
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Historian	Ed Milnor

American Legion Riders Officers

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Director	Dick Kissinger
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Secretary	Sheila Cline-Burns
Treasurer	James Stewart
Chaplain	James Stewart
Sgt. At Arms	Duane Podhola
Historian	Dawn Hanner
Safety Officer	Terry Doiel

Commander's Corner

Dear Legion, Aux, and SAL Members,

Football and the peak of hurricane season are upon us. Not to mention that the holidays are approaching fast. There are a lot of upcoming events planned, so please take a look at the flyers on the bulletin board in the canteen when at the post and also the information board in the Tiki for up to date flyers and information. Changes do happen and not everything gets in the newsletter.

We are always in need of volunteers to help with all the events and it would be nice to see some new faces at some of our steak shoots, dinners and breakfast fund raisers. So PLEASE.....don't be shy and lend a hand when possible. It is the volunteers that make the things we love to do so successful and fun.

I also want to let everyone know that we have a new brand of beer at our post (further details and literature coming soon) it is Founding Fathers Beer and is a "Made in America" beer in flavors of Lite, Amber and Pale. Fifty percent of the company profits go back to support military families and The American Legion. So, if you are a beer drinker, give it a try. You might like it.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone to renew their memberships by September 30th to take advantage of the FREE Early Bird Dinner. It would be nice to see a 100% family banner hanging at our post.

Thank you all for your help and support For God and Country,

Iim 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

House Committee

Chairman: Tom Giampino Members: John Jones

Charlie Christy Brenda Miskow Tina Bonifazi

Ron Lawton Steve Goodman Jim Kriegner

Meeting: 2nd 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

Matt Zirwas Commander: Members: Jim Fournier

> Bruce Thurber Tom McCausland Ray Yarnell Bruce Walkowiak Donna Walkowiak Stephan Raspante



Mike DeMarte Jesse Figueroa Brandon Thurber Dear Members.

Welcome September and lets all pray for a day in the 80's and

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

zero humidity, well I at least have a positive thought. Speaking of positive thoughts. Thank you very much for the wonderful turnout at the August Auxiliary meeting. It was so nice to see everyone attending and being active with our Auxiliary. September 13 is the School of Instructions for anyone interested in the working knowledge of our Auxiliary. The training will be held at Unit 189 in Sebastian

One of our Auxiliary members, Liz Gruen, will be answering pet training questions and give training tips free of charge on the 2nd Tuesday of every month between 9:30 and 11:30. The Auxiliary will also be having their 1st Pet Halloween Costume Party and Parade with owner and pet on October 25th at 4 pm. There will be food and prizes. Dress up your pooch and yourself and come have fun at Post 117. Call Liz at 321-634-2003 for more information. All dogs must be on leash and please have your pouches up-to-date on shots.

On October 31st the Auxiliary will be sponsoring the adult Halloween Party and then on November 1st they will hold the Children's Halloween Party. See the enclosed flyer for details on both parties.

Please remember our Auxiliary week at the Post is the third week of the month so please come out to the Post and support our functions. Auxiliary meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm. Please see the newsletter for more information.

Sincerely,

Sharon McCausland

American Legion Auxiliary President, Unit 117

SAL Members,

This year's membership Theme is "Building Bridges" to support the Four Pillars. These pillars are Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, \(\)



National Security, Americanism and Children & Youth. The money you pay for dues and funds raised by Steak Shoots, Dinners and Special events is what we donate to help in each of these pillars. Paying your dues early not only gets you a seat at the Early Bird Dinner but gives us the ability to make donations. The cut-off for early birds is September 30th. Please see Ray or drop your dues in the box.

Tony is looking for some help in the kitchen. You don't have to be a cook there is a lot more to do than just cook. If you are interested he will also teach you the basics. Dick will also be looking for volunteers to help with the Special Olympics Fund raisers. Sponsors are needed so if you own a business or know someone who does sign them up early so they make it on our posters.

This is going to be a very productive year for us and the other members of the Legion Family. Please do what you can to help.

Bruce Thurber

SAL Commander, Squadron 117

Fellow Veterans.

There are many benefits that you may not know about. With the increase of Technology, the Veterans Administration also uses the Internet to allow veterans and their Spouses access to the VA. Go to the VA website at https://www.ebenefits.va.gov. It is easy to use so create an account.

I encourage you to set up an account and get it authenticated at the ROI (Release of Information) Office at the Viera OPC. You can follow the progress of a Compensation Claim or an appeal claim. It allows you to print your (COE) certificate of Eligibility for VA home loan to buy or refinance if needed.

If you need information please contact the post or myself for help. We can arrange a class for Training to help you enroll in Benefits.

James H Stewart Jr.

Service Officer, Department of Florida 12th District Service Officer, American Legion Post 117 Jimmyflaundertaker@gmail.com 832-315-7670

Fellow Legion Riders,

The last couple of months have been busy. First, on June 28, 2014 we had our first "Project Suds" Poker Run. With the help of the Auxiliary, SAL, and the Legion we had a successful benefit. Tropical nights donated music for this event. There were a total 101 riders and about 85 bikes. On July 15, 2014 we gave a check for \$2,350 to the Auxiliary at their monthly meeting. On July 4, 2014 we had a Steak Dinner and served approximately 75 meals. Doc furnished the music for the event.

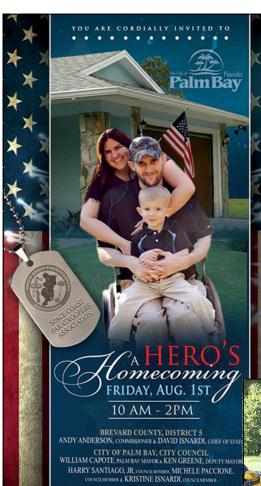
Then one of the most important rides was the escort of a local hero. Sgt Justin Burdette and his family were escorted from Babcock Road to their new home off Eldron Blvd. that was donated by the city of Palm Bay. The riders from Post 117 furnished about 25 bikes. It was nice to see a community pull together to honor a hero.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that made these benefits a success.



Richard Kissinger

Director, American Legion Riders Chapter 117



Justin Burdette Escort

On 1 August 2014, the Legion Riders Chapter 117 along with Rolling Thunder, and the Patriot Guard escorted Justin Burdette and his family to their home donated to them by the City of Palm Bay. The home was recently refurbished for them under the "Homes for Warriors" Program. The escort started at Me Maws on Babcock and was led by the Palm Bay Police and Brevard County Sheriffs Department. There was a large turnout at the home and the streets were packed with cars, motor cycles, fire trucks, and local media vehicles. Guest speakers included Dave Isnardi, Andy Anderson, and Palm Bay Mayor. The City of Palm Bay has several homes that are scheduled to be refurbished and given to other combat wounded veterans. The "Homes for Warriors" will be working on other homes and could use your help.

If you would like to contribute some of your time please see or contact Duane Podhola for the dates and times of the next home refurbishment.

Duane 321-698-7382 (Cell)







American Legion Charles F. Thomas IV Post 117 Presents



Veterans Benefits – Are you Eligible?



Come have your Questions
Answered!!

189 Veterans Drive Palm Bay, Florida 32909 Monday October 27th, 2014 1:00pm

Please join James Stewart, Service Officer, Welcome our special guest, Elder Law Attorney Stephen J. Lacey

McClelland Jones, LLC

Come to our FREE Education and see if you can qualify!

A few hours of your time now,

will help you prepare for you or your spouse's future. If you have questions, please call Jackie McManus at 321-984-2700 Register on our website at www.mcclellandjonesestateplanning.com



Veteran's Benefits

Monday, October 27th at 1:00pm, Attorney Stephen Lacey of McClelland Jones will visit American Legion Post 117 to discuss Veteran's benefits including Aid & Attendance, eligibility requirements and where and how to apply. If you or your spouse is a Veteran, or if you are a surviving spouse of a Veteran, this program will provide valuable information about this important benefit.

James "Jimmy" H. Stewart Jr.

Service Officer, District 12 and American Legion Post 117 Jimmyflaundertaker@gmail.com

Honor Guard

The Post 117 Honor Guard does its best to support anything that comes up. We are invited to do a flag raising at Spessard Holland golf course near Melbourne Beach for a Veterans golf outing on August 30th and a memorial service at the Post on September 20th. We will be participating in a POW/MIA ceremony at the Post on September 19th. As you can see, we are an active Honor Guard that you can be proud of. The men and women on the Honor Guard take pride in what they do.



Matt Zirwas

Honor Guard Commander, American Legion Post 117 Sergeant-At-Arms, American Legion Post 117

Chaplain's Corner

Dear Legion, Aux and SAL Members,

I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Chaplain for American Legion Post 117. I consider it a great honor to serve you and I want to openly offer my assistance to all members and your families in time of need for death, illness, crisis, special concern, ministry need, spiritual growth and prayer.



I look forward to working with you as we join together to preserve the values of this great Country and support the men, women and families who have served and made sacrifices for our great Nation.

Food for Thought:

For I know the plans I have for you, "declares the LORD," plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. *Jeremiah* 29:11

God has plans for your life and your future. He is always there willing to show you the way. If you would like to discuss any questions or concerns about your future, please feel free to contact me.

For God and Country,

Barry Roberts

Chaplain, American Legion Post 117

bwroberts@rocketmail.com Cell (863) 661-9999



Bill Butler (5/15)
Elaine Griswold (7/16)
Duane & Janet Podhola (1/15)
Barbie & Ken (7/14)
Howard & Kathy Print (3/16)
Ruben & Asia Rodriguez (9/16)
Ernie & Shirley Winslow (1/15)
Barb & Ray Mohr (4/15)
Tom Sullivan (7/14)
Robert & Sandra Mack (9/14)
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 ~

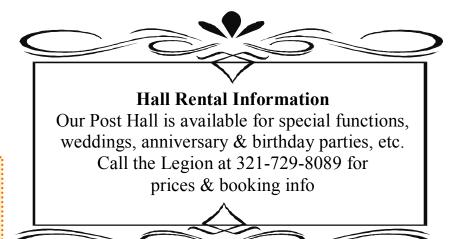
Our Chaplain can be contacted regarding deaths, illness or requests for help

Barry Roberts (863) 661-9999

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".



Service Officer Support

We now have two new Service Officers assigned to Post 117. They both attended the Department Convention in June for training and certification. Please join me in welcoming James Stewart and Barry Roberts to the Legion Officer staff and to their new positions. If you need their services they can be reached at the numbers below.

James Stewart - (832) 315-7670

Barry Roberts - (863) 661-9999

Volunteers

Our Post is currently made up of around 1200 members, 700 Legion, 350 Auxiliary, and 150 Sons of the American Legion. One would think that out of that quantity we would have plenty of volunteers to help with meals, bingo, steak shoot, and support for Post activities. However, this is not the case. We are always in need of more volunteers to avoid burning out those that are continuously tasked to make meals, decorate, serve food, etc. If you have some spare time please get involved with your organization and give a little of your time. You will be greatly appreciated and who knows, you might even have some fun doing it. Please attend your Post meetings and get involved. Become part of the team.

Thanks,

Commander



Karaoke Entertainment Schedule



Date	Entertainer(s)
05 September	Jimmy "D"
07 September	Tropical Nights
12 September	Dan Haber
14 September	Jimmy "D"
19 September	Tropical Nights
21 September	Dan Haber
26 September	Chuck Body
28 September	Chuck Body

<u>Date</u>	<u>Entertainer(s)</u>
03 October	Jimmy "D"
05 October	Tropical Nights
10 October	Dan Haber
12 October	Jimmy "D"
17 October	Tropical Nights
19 October	Dan Haber
24 October	Chuck Body
26 October	Chuck Body
31 August	None (Halloween)

During NFL Season Karaoke on Sunday will be conducted on the Tiki Bar Stage and not in the Canteen. Entertainers need to be prepared for inclement weather.

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 3:00 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



NFL TICKET IS HERE

Come watch the games at the Post Seven Screens Available in Canteen Food and Beer Specials

10 WINGS & PITCHER OF BEER - \$10





KARAOKE @ TIKI

If you are not watching the NFL Ticket Come to the Tiki to do Karaoke Sunday Karaoke will be on the Stage

FOOD ITEMS MAY BE AVAILABLE



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!

3rd Annual WILD DOGS for WAR DOGS







(All Bikers and Cagers Welcomed)

Registration 9-11 am - Breakfast buffet available \$5 Last Bike Out 11am - Last Bike In 3pm

Fund-raiser for USWDA; supporting the Silent Heroes in the Military - Past, Present, and Future!

\$10.00 per hand * Best Poker Hand Payout * 50/50 * Raffle * Games/Prizes ♥ K9 Demonstration @ 4pm by PAFB ♥ Live Music Donated by: Wild Card Band * USWDA Donation Collection by a representative of the USWDA Southern Chapter (for list of needed items go to www.uswardogs.org)

- Moose Lodge #2311 (Registration) 1335 Malabar Rd NE, Palm Bay
- Lou's Blues Upstairs 3191 N AIA, Indialantic
- HD's Roadhouse 1811 East Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island
- American Legion #81 2909 S US 1, Melbourne
- American Legion #117 189 Veterans Dr SE, Palm Bay be in by 3pm!

Register @ Any Stop * Live Entertainment & Games Start @ 1PM Post #117

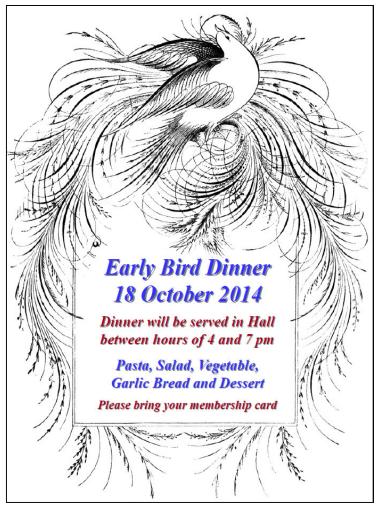
For more information Phone: 321-914-7689 Email: wilddogs222@yahoo.com



COSTUME CONTEST & PARTY for Kids Saturday November 1 Noon - 2 pm COSTUME CONTEST, GOODIES AND FUN!! Adult Costume Contest Friday, October 31, 7 pm - ?? Finger Foods and a Frightenly Good Time! Music by Jimmy D Check the Canteen Info Board for more details and sign up sheet, to be posted soon!

American Legion Post 117, Palm Bay, Florida





ITALIAN DINNER

SPONSORED BY: THE GIRL SCOUTS (TROOPS 999, 983 & 310)

Location: American Legion (Post 117)

189 Veterans Drive, Palm Bay, FL 32909

When: September 6, 2014 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Why: To support the above Girl Scout troops on their trip to Savannah, GA. where they will be visiting the birthplace of the founding leader of the Girl Scouts.

Homemade Dinner Choices:

Baked Ziti with meat ---- or ---- Baked Ziti without meat



Chicken Alfredo Ziti ---- or ---- Meatless Alfredo Ziti

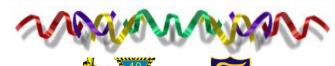


Price: \$8 - Adults

\$4 – Children (10 & under)

(Includes salad, dinner, garlic bread, drink and dessert)

Please call Wendy at: 617-719-1654 to reserve your tickets.







40 & 8 Voiture 1621 & La Society de Femme Oktoberfest 2014

Meal: Jagerschnitzel
Mashed Potatoes
Hunter Gravy
Veggie
S & S Cabbage
Rolls & Butter

Date: 11 October 2014 Dinner: 4:30 – 6:30 pm Price: \$10.00 /person

Dessert

Place: American Legion Post 117

Advanced Ticket Sales

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	Mail Request r be mailed to your residence please American Legion Post 117 189 Veterans Drive SE Palm Bay, FL 32909
Name: Member	Membership Number:
Address:	
City: State:	Zip:
Phone Number:	

Notice - Auxiliary Members

Ladies, Please get your membership renewals submitted before 30 September 2014 to get a free Early Bird Dinner. Paying your dues early will also help the Auxiliary reach its membership goals for 2014-2015. If you have any questions regarding your membership please feel free to contact me at the numbers below.

Thanks for your assistance,

Janet Podhola

Membership Chairman,

American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 117
321-837-1226 (Home)
321-698-7732 (Cell)