



The Thomas Times



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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 6 Nov - Annual Kids Without Christmas Run
- 8 Nov - Election Day
- 11 Nov - Veterans Day
- 12 Nov - Homes for Heroes Fundraiser
- 24 Nov - Thanksgiving Day
- 25 Nov - Black Friday Work Party
- 17 Dec - Bartenders' Christmas Party
- 25 Dec - Christmas Day
- 31 Dec - New Year's Eve



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Celebrate the Holiday Season with Your American Legion Family!

The holidays are upon us and as we plan for get-togethers with our families and friends, don't forget about your American Legion Family! There are lots of activities coming up - some for fun - and some offering opportunities for you to help those less fortunate.



As we do every year, the various groups making up our American Legion Family will be conducting fundraising, collecting canned goods, and asking for volunteers to help in making up Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for needy families. Other opportunities to help include fulfilling a child's wishes by claiming an Angel from the Angel Tree, volunteering to cook or serve Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at the post, joining the Black Friday Work Party, or participating in one or more of the raffles where you get the chance to win a great prize AND help others at the same time!



Before we begin the Holiday Festivities, we take some time on 11 November to honor our Veterans—especially those who have passed. Volunteers are needed to help place flags on the graves of Veterans at Fountainhead Memorial Cemetery. Volunteers can meet at the post at 0830 on Friday, 11 November or at the cemetery at 0900. Join us for the Red, White & Blue Tiki Party at Post 117 after all the flags have been placed.



Watch for the flyers for all the details on upcoming events. Enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season and try to make some time to help those who may not be as fortunate as we are.

Monthly Events at a Glance . . .

- ◆ Karaoke - Every Friday 8 to 12 pm
- ◆ Doc's DJ Saturday Night - Every Saturday 7 to 12 pm
- ◆ Auxiliary Bingo - Every Sunday (unless otherwise posted) 1 to 4 pm
- ◆ Tacos - First Tuesday, 5 to 7 pm
- ◆ Haley's Wings & Line Dancing - First and Third Wednesday, 5 to 7 pm
- ◆ Sandwich Tuesdays - Second & Fourth Tuesday, 5 to 7 pm
- ◆ Big-Azz-Burgers - Third Tuesday, 5 to 7 pm
- ◆ Fired Up Wednesday! - Second Wednesday, 5 to 7 pm
- ◆ Riders Dinners - Friday, 4 November and Friday, 2 December, 5 to 7 pm
- ◆ SAL Dinners - Friday, 11 November and Friday, 9 December, 5 to 7 pm
- ◆ AUX Dinners - Friday, 18 November and Friday, 16 December, 5 to 7 pm
- ◆ Post Dinner - Friday, 25 November and Friday, 23 December, 5 to 7 pm
- ◆ Honor Guard Dinner - Friday, 30 December, 5 to 7 pm

Post 117 Directory

American Legion Officers

Commander.....Jim Fournier
 1st Vice Commander.....Bruce Thurber
 2nd Vice CommanderGene Baker
 AdjutantDuane Podhola
 Finance Officer.....Chris Hess
 ChaplainBarry Roberts
 Sergeant-at-ArmsMatt Zirwas
 Asst. Sergeant-at-ArmsGene Pilot
 HistorianTim Durham
 Judge AdvocateCharlie Christy
 Service Officer.....Barry Roberts
 Executive Committee.....Tom Giampino
 Executive Committee.....Dave Fox

Auxiliary Officers

President.....Wanda McDermon
 1st Vice PresidentBeverly Hall
 2nd Vice PresidentMillicent Donovan
 TreasurerDiane Wood
 Secretary.....Haley Farris
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Joann Wright
 Asst. Sergeant-at-ArmsPhoebe Chilcott
 ChaplainBarbara Simons
 Historian.....Karen Humann
 Membership.....Beverly Hall
 Executive Committee.....Linda Lanier
 Executive Committee.....Millie Jochum
 Executive Committee.....Kim Oaks

Sons of the American Legion Officers

Squadron Commander.....Randy Chilcott
 1st Vice Squadron CommanderBruce Walkowiak
 2nd Vice Squadron CommanderTony Gannon
 AdjutantEd Milnor
 Finance Officer.....Ray Mohr
 ChaplainEd Milnor Jr.
 Sergeant-at-ArmsDylan Young
 1st Assistant Sergeant-at-ArmsKeith Durham
 HistorianBob Humann

American Legion Riders Officers

DirectorBob Wiseman
 Assistant DirectorBruce Walkowiak
 Secretary.....Sheila Cline-Burns
 TreasurerRay Mohr
 ChaplainDonna Walkowiak
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Duane Podhola
 Historian.....Michelle Bucher
 Safety Officer.....Ed Milnor
 Membership.....Neil Dagata

Honor Guard

Commander: Matt Zirwas
Members:
 Randy Chilcott Bob Menard
 Dawn Hanner Bruce Walkowiak
 Ed Milnor Donna Walkowiak
Color Guard: Phoebe Chilcott
 Ed Milnor Jr.

Ways and Means Committee

Chairman: Gene Baker
Members:
 Kerry Baker Sheila Cline-Burns
 Randy Chilcott Beverly Durham
 Tim Durham Jim Fournier
 Duane Podhola Bruce Thurber
 Bob Wiseman

House Committee

Chairman: Duane Podhola
Members:
 Randy Chilcott Jeff Davis
 Don Jochum Ron Lawton
 Brenda Misko

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 American Legion SAL Squadron 117
 Legion Riders FL Chapter 117

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 by the 21st of the Month Prior to Publication.*

Commander's Corner

Dear Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members,

First I would like to thank all of those that helped with the First Responders luncheon and distribution, another huge success! Our Swing and Giggles Inaugural Golf Tournament was a lot of fun and I want to thank everyone that participated and helped. The tournament raised \$3,000 to be donated to the Children's Organ Transplant Association (C.O.T.A.).

I also want to thank those that paid their dues early and got the early bird stamp which entitled you to a free dinner. For those were early birds this year, I hope that you came to the dinner.; both the dinner and the magic show were fantastic and the volunteers made it another great event. A Big Thank you for all that volunteered.

For this year's Black Friday (Nov.25th) work party, we will be cleaning and painting the ceiling grid in the canteen and installing new tiles. Work will commence at 9:00 am. Bring a ladder if you have it. The more - the merrier.

The holidays are upon us and the post has a lot of functions planned for this holiday season as always. Please, if you can lend a hand and volunteer it would be greatly appreciated. The post will be having a Veterans Day celebration along with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner followed hopefully by a New Year's Eve party (tbd). With that being said, our next newsletter will be published for January and February 2017, so I want to wish everyone a safe holiday season and a prosperous New Year. I also want to thank all of you that have volunteered your time for your post events and also all the post officers for their continued support, hard work and dedication. As always, please make sure to read the posters and flyers hanging in the canteen, tiki bar and on the AL117.com website for the most current information on events here at the Post. Thank you all for your help and support.

For God and Country,
Jim Fournier

We Want To Hear from YOU!

Do you have comments or items to submit to the newsletter?

Email: newsletter@AL117.com

Items for the January/February 2017 issue are due no later than 21 December 2016.

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

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3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm

La Femmes
1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Ways & Means Committee
1st Monday, 7:00 pm

House Committee
The Monday before the
Legion EC meeting, 7:00 pm

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans.

The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with great political influence perpetuated by its grass-roots involvement in the legislation process from local districts to Capitol Hill. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans in Washington. The Legion stands behind the issues most important to the nation's veterans community, backed by resolutions passed by volunteer leadership.

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives. (From www.legion.org/mission)

Hall Rental Information

Our Post Hall is available for special functions, weddings, anniversary & birthday parties, etc. Please contact Sheila Cline-Burns at 321-301-0886 for rental availability and price

Hello Ladies,

By the time you read this Halloween has come and gone, I hope everyone enjoyed the children and adult parties, and I am sure fun was had by all. This leads me to say the Holidays are now upon us.

First up, we have Thanksgiving;! As we do every year, we will be preparing food baskets for our needy families that can't afford the luxury of purchasing all that is necessary to celebrate the Holiday in the traditional way. We are currently seeking donations of food including canned goods, stuffing, gravy mix and other needed items, look for the list that will be posted in the canteen listing what is needed to fill these baskets. If you know of a family that is in need, please submit their name to the Unit so we can put them on our list. Let us be ever mindful of those that are less fortunate than us.

Next we have Christmas; we will be putting up our Angel Tree with the names of children who won't have a special Christmas without our help. We will also be making up Christmas food baskets for families in need. Many fund raisers will be going on in support of these efforts.. The Unit, will be raffling off a Basket of Electronics to help raise funds for our Christmas projects; the basket will be available shortly for you to view and purchase your tickets. Of course, we will need volunteers to help with the busy Holiday Season, please donate some of your valuable time during this special season to help us make all these projects happen.

We have had a very successful and rewarding first quarter this year. Many projects have come and gone with more to come. Please remember, and I can't express this enough, that the reason we are here is to help and support our veterans and it is always better to give than receive. I wish everyone a Joyous and Happy Holiday Season!

Yours in Service, for God and Country,

Wanda L. McDermon

President, Unit 117 American Legion Auxiliary



**AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY**

Sons of the American Legion,

I would like to thank all of those that helped out with the First Responders Lunch! It was a great success!

Please note that a motion to change our monthly meeting from the 2nd Thursday of the month to the 2nd Tuesday of the month will be brought up at our next meeting November 10, 2016. Article X11 section 2 of our Constitution and Bylaws states "These Bylaws may be amended at any Squadron meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members attending such regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted by resolution and read at the immediate preceding squadron meeting, and provided further, that written notice shall have been given to all members at least three days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying such members that at such meeting a proposal to amend the Bylaws is to be voted upon.

The SAL has put together a gun raffle for a Henry Frontier Carbine "Evil Roy" Edition .22 Magnum Rifle. Tickets are 10 dollars each and only 100 tickets are being sold; all proceeds going to the Special Olympics of Florida. See a SAL Officer for tickets.

As the year draws to a close, we look to all SAL members to pay their dues for 2017, if we don't get membership dues we don't have the ability to make as many donations. As always we need volunteers for Steak shoot, Friday night dinner, Breakfast, NFL lunch and Big AZZ Burgers. Please try and help out for all our SAL activities. Our next SAL District meeting is November 12th at Post 189 Sebastian, registration at 9, meeting at 10am. Please feel free to talk to me about any ideas you may have.

To all the veterans - Have a Happy Veterans Day! I would like to thank you all for your service.

To everyone - See ya'll around the post!

Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas! !

Randy Chilcott

**Commander,
Squadron 117, Sons of The American Legion**



**SONS OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION**

Fellow Legion Riders,

We are entering the Holiday Season with numerous Poker Runs in November, seven (7) to be exact and two (2) so far in December. I will keep you posted about these Poker Runs via E-Mail. Also one of our new Riders (Deb) has volunteer to sew patches on our vest for donation only, all of the donations will be given back to the Riders, we have to work out some details before she will start.



I want to thank everyone that has stepped up to volunteer for Friday Dinners and Sunday Breakfast. Please volunteer a little of your time to help support the Riders and your Post.

Please continue to attend the meetings and also support our Rides/Escorts and this is very important that if you are out riding please keep track of your mileage and the number of riders (don't need names) that are with you, you can e-mail me or just write the information down on a piece of paper and drop it in the Riders box in the foyer

Bob Wiseman

Director, Legion Riders Chapter 117

**STAY HIGH ON LIFE
AND KEEP RIDING**

Friday Dinners, 5 to 7 pm & Karaoke , 8 pm to 12

<i>Date</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Menu</i>	<i>Karaoke DJ</i>
<i>Nov 4</i>	<i>Riders</i>	<i>To be announced</i>	<i>Jimmy D</i>
<i>Nov 11</i>	<i>SAL</i>	<i>Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing with Gravy and a Vegetable</i>	<i>Guest DJ</i>
<i>Nov 18</i>	<i>AUX</i>	<i>Italian Sausage, Stuffed Peppers, Broiled Red Potatoes, Roll & Dessert</i>	<i>Jimmy D</i>
<i>Nov 25</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>To be announced</i>	<i>Chuck Body</i>
<i>Dec 2</i>	<i>Riders</i>	<i>To be announced</i>	<i>Jimmy D</i>
<i>Dec 9</i>	<i>SAL</i>	<i>All-You-Can-Eat Fried Fish, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, French Fries & Hush Puppies</i>	<i>Guest DJ</i>
<i>Dec 16</i>	<i>AUX</i>	<i>To be announced</i>	<i>Jimmy D</i>
<i>Dec 23</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>To be announced</i>	<i>Chuck Body</i>
<i>Dec 30</i>	<i>Honor Guard</i>	<i>To be announced</i>	<i>Jimmy D</i>

Boosters

- Dianne & Dennis Boland (11/16)
- Duane & Janet Podhola (3/17)
- Bonnie DeCaro (3/17)
- Joe & Linda Shipley (3/17)
- Gene & Suzie Pilot (5/17)
- Dawn Burgess (6/17)
- Jim Fournier (6/17)
- Elaine Griswold (7/17)
- Kevin & Karen McGarry (8/17)
- Tom & Les Giampino (9/17)
- Howard Print II (11/17)
- Ernie & Shirley Winslow (6/18)

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".

Pet Services



Free Services for Members' Pets

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

When: 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Place: American Legion Post 117

Services Provided By:

Sharon McCausland

PETS MUST BE ON LEASH OR IN CRATE

MERCHANDISE SALES

Legion Shirts For Sale

- T-Shirts (Tan) \$12
- Polo Shirts (White, Red, Black or Maroon) \$20

Riders Items For Sale

- Men's Tank Tops (Black) \$10
- Men's T-Shirts (Black) \$10
- (Men's Muscle Shirts Available in Black, White, or Red)
- Men's Muscle Shirts (Small to XL) \$10
- Men's Muscle Shirts (2XL to 3XL) \$12
- T-Shirts (Maroon) (Small to XL) \$16
- T-Shirts (Maroon) (2XL to 3XL) \$18
- Denim (Lt Blue) (Small to 2XL) \$25
- Long Sleeve (Black) \$20
- Ladies Tank Top (Black) \$15
- Ladies V-Neck (Black) \$18
- Small Riders Patch \$5
- Large Riders Patch \$20

SAL Items For Sale

- US Flag (3x5) \$20
- POW/MIA Flag \$30
- SAL T-Shirts (Red or Blue) \$10

AUX Items For Sale

- Auxiliary Ladies V-Neck T-Shirts \$15
- Black Half Staff Ribbon \$12

Haircuts by Cathy

3rd Sunday
of the Month

10 am to 12 noon

