



AMERICAN LEGION CHARLES F. THOMAS IV POST 117
189 VETERANS DRIVE • PALM BAY, FLORIDA 32909

The Thomas Times



Vote for your Officers for the 2017-2018 Year. Elections for all American Legion Organizations are in May!

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**POST DINNER
26 MAY WILL BE A
MAGICAL AFFAIR**

Join the Fun on Friday, 26 May when Post 117 kicks off Memorial Day Weekend with a special Post Dinner and a Magic Show!

Dinner will feature your choice of entrée, Steak or Stuffed Flounder with Shrimp Skewers.

The evening begins with Cocktails at 4 pm, followed by dinner from 5 to 6:30 pm. The Magic Show begins at 7:30.

Advance Tickets are now on sale in the canteen for \$20 per person. Tickets at the Door will be sold on a space available basis for \$28 each. Admission for the Magic Show only is \$10 at the door.

See the bartender in the canteen now to buy your tickets and get ready for a magical evening!



**2017-2018
ELECTIONS**

American Legion Post 117 will hold its election of Officers on Saturday, 13 May from 10 am to 2 pm in the Post Hall.

Auxiliary Unit 117 will vote at its meeting on Tuesday, 16 May starting at 7 pm.

The Sons of the American Legion will vote on Tuesday, 9 May from 6 to 7 pm; the regular meeting will follow at 7 pm.

The American Legion Riders will hold its elections at its regular meeting on Thursday, 4 May, starting at 6:30 pm..

ELECTIONS

Post
Saturday 13 May
10 am to 2 pm

Auxiliary
Tuesday 16 May,
7 pm

SAL
Tuesday 9 May
6 to 7 pm

Riders
Thursday 4 May,
6:30 pm

MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day Weekend is a busy time around Post 117. The weekend begins with the Post Dinner and Magic Show on Friday Night (see article at left).

On Saturday morning, volunteers will gather at Fountainhead Cemetery in order to place flags on the graves of veterans. If you are interested in being involved, meet at Post 117 at 8 am or at the cemetery at 8:30 am.

On Memorial Day, Monday 29 May, a special ceremony will be held at Post 117 to honor all the veterans who have died in service to their country. The ceremony will take place at 2 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Free hamburgers and hot dogs will be available from the grill by the Tiki Bar before and after the ceremony. Food will be served from Noon to 1:30 pm, and from 3 to 4 pm.

Post 117 Directory

American Legion Officers

Commander Jim Fournier
 1st Vice Commander Bruce Thurber
 2nd Vice Commander Gene Baker
 Adjutant..... Duane Podhola
 Finance Officer..... Chris Hess
 Chaplain..... Barry Roberts
 Sergeant-at-Arms Matt Zirwas
 Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms..... Gene Pilot
 Historian..... Tim Durham
 Judge Advocate..... Charlie Christy
 Service Officer Don Overton
 Service Officer Chris Hamrick
 Executive Committee Dave Fox
 Executive Committee Tom Giampino

Auxiliary Officers

President..... Wanda McDermon
 1st Vice President..... Beverly Hall
 2nd Vice President Millicent Donovan
 Treasurer Diane Wood
 Secretary..... Haley Farris
 Sergeant-at-Arms..... Joann Wright
 Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms Phoebe Chilcott
 Chaplain Barbara 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 Commander Bruce Walkowiak
 2nd Vice Squadron Commander Tony Gannon
 Adjutant..... Ed Milnor
 Finance Officer..... Ray Mohr
 Chaplain..... Ed Milnor Jr.
 Sergeant-at-Arms Dylan Young
 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Keith Durham
 Historian..... Bob Humann

Legion Riders Officers

Director Bob Wiseman
 Assistant Director Bruce Walkowiak
 Secretary..... Sheila Cline-Burns
 Treasurer Ray Mohr
 Chaplain Donna Walkowiak
 Sergeant-at-Arms..... Duane Podhola
 Historian Michelle Bucher
 Safety Officer Ed Milnor
 Membership Neil Dagata

Honor Guard

Commander: Matt Zirwas
 Members: Phoebe Chilcott
 Randy Chilcott Dawn Hanner
 Bob Menard Ed Milnor
 Eddy Milnor Bruce Walkowiak
 Donna Walkowiak

Ways & Means Committee

Chairman: Gene Baker
 Members: Randy Chilcott
 Millicent Donovan Bev Durham
 Tim Durham Jim Fournier
 Chris Hess Bruce Thurber
 Bob Wiseman Ray Wright

House Committee

Chairman: Duane Podhola
 Members: Leo Bellanger
 Randy Chilcott Chris Hamerick
 Don Jochum Bud Fritz

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 American Legion SAL Squadron 117
 Legion Riders FL Chapter 117

Commander's Corner



Another year has come and gone I am so thankful and grateful to have been your commander for the past three years.

I can't thank you all enough, especially the Post, S.A.L., Auxiliary and Legion Riders Officers for all of your support. I hope you continue to support our new incoming Commander Gene Baker. Please support him and all the new officers. It takes the whole Legion family to make this post what it is.

I can't thank you all enough that have stepped up to the plate and volunteered your time for the numerous events and charities throughout the years. I am very proud of the Post 117 family and hope you all will continue

to volunteer when you can. It's your Post. Treat it a such and let's have fun doing what the American Legion is all about.

We will be greatly recognized at this year's convention in June for the great success we've had again this year with the Children & Youth picnic amongst other great events and achievements. Thanks to all of you that gave up your time to support these past events.

I also want to wish Happy Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day to all that apply.

Don't forget the Memorial Day Ceremony at Fountainhead and Post Ceremony on May 29th.

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

Commander,
American Legion Post 117

Post Meetings • Post Meetings • Post Meetings • Post Meetings • Post Meetings

Legion Meeting, 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Legion EC Meeting, 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm

SAL Meeting, 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Auxiliary Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Auxiliary EC Meeting, 1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Legion Riders Meeting, 1st Thursday, 6:30 pm

Legion Riders EC Meeting, Last Thursday, 6:30 pm

40 & 8 Voiture 1621, 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





*Wanda McDermon
President, Unit 117*



Unit 117 American Legion Auxiliary

Hello my fellow Auxiliary Sisters, it looks like spring is upon us; quickly going into summer.

As this year draws to a close, I am reflecting back on what a wonderful time I had serving as your President. I would like to take this time to say Thank You to all of you for all the hard work you have done this year, what a great group of ladies to work with. Unit 117 is a force to be reckoned with at times, as a group, we have always come together to support our veterans and community. I am so very proud of each and every one of you, keep up the good work.

To Commander Jim Fournier, I

wanted you to know, that without your guidance and advice, I could not have done this job. I know at times I could be stubborn but you always had a way of making me see the big picture and for that "Thank You". I know that the ladies and I appreciate everything you have done for our Unit and our Legion home; it has been my privilege to serve with you.

As you all know, election time is upon us, please give some thought as to whom you would like to serve as your officers. Get out there and talk with your fellow sisters and see what is going on in our Unit.

Again, thanks for the memories.

12th District Constitutional Conference Schedule

The District Constitutional Conferences for each organization are held annually before the Department Convention to conduct the year end business of the District; elect new District Officers for the upcoming year; and conduct an annual review of the District Constitution & By-Laws

The 12th District Legion Constitutional Conference will be held at Post 117 on Saturday, 6 May 2017.

Registration at 1 pm; Meeting starts at 2 pm.

The Sons of the American Legion Constitutional Conference will also be held on Saturday, 6 May 2017 at Post 117. Registration for the SAL conference is at 9:30 am; the meeting starts at 10:00 am.

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its Constitutional Conference on Saturday, 13 May 2017 at Post 163 (1795 N. Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne). Registration is at 9 am; the meeting starts at 10 am.



*Randy Chilcott
Commander
Squadron 117*



Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion

It is that time of the year for elections, we will be voting May 9, 2017. The voting committee will be setup from 6pm to 7pm in the hall. Remember you must have your membership card with you to vote. The general meeting will follow at 7pm.

The 45th Annual Detachment Convention will be held Jun 29, 2017 to July 2, 2017 at Orlando World Center Marriott. Anyone interested in attending we need to know soon, so we can make arrangements.

The SAL 12th District Constitutional Conference will be held Saturday May 6, 2017 at Post 117 9:30am Registration – 10am meeting.

As always we need volunteers for Steak shoot, Friday night dinner, Breakfast and Big AZZ Burgers. Please try and help out all our SAL activities.

Please feel free to talk to me about any ideas you may have.

See ya'll around the Post!

Chapter 117, American Legion Riders



Bob Wiseman
Director, Chapter 117



Fellow Legion Riders,
This will be my final entry into the news letter as of June you will have a new Director and I hope that you give her/him the same support that you have given me. Its has been a great ride the last two years.

I want to thank all the Officers that I have had for the past two years and everyone that has stepped up to volunteer for Steak Shoot, Friday Night Dinners, and Sunday Breakfast. It's just not one person that makes the Riders what you stand for its takes all of you, as a whole you have done and will continue to make the Riders great. 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.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE ELECTIONS ON MAY 4TH @ THE MONTHLY MEETING!

“STAY HIGH ON LIFE AND KEEP RIDING”

Friday Night Dinners and Karaoke

Date	Host	Menu	Karaoke DJ
5 May	Riders	To Be Announced	Jimmy D
12 May	S.A.L.	Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy and a Vegetable with a Roll and Butter	Chuck Body
19 May	Auxiliary	To Be Announced	Jimmy D
26 May	Post	Choice of Entrée (1) Steak or (2) Stuffed Flounder with Shrimp Skewers	Chuck Body
2 June	Riders	To Be Announced	Jimmy D
9 June	S.A.L.	All You Can Eat Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Chuck Body
16 June	Auxiliary	To Be Announced	Jimmy D
23 June	Post	Chicken Cordon Bleu with Rice Pilaf Salad Bar Optional	Chuck Body
30 June	Post	To Be Announced	Jimmy D

BOOSTERS

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".

Thank you for your support!

- 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)
- Joe & Linda Shipley (4/18)
- Ernie & Shirley Winslow (6/18)

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



40/8 Sandwich Night

2 May, 5 - 7 pm

Ham & Cheese Panini w/Fries

6 June, 5 - 7 pm

Philly Cheesesteak w/Fries

Proceeds benefit 40/8 Programs



Hall Rental

Our Post Hall is available for special functions, weddings, anniversary & birthday parties, etc. Please contact Chris Hess at (321) 729-8089 for rental availability and price information.



Every Friday Night 8 - 12

DJ Jimmy D (1st and 3rd Friday)
Chuck Body (2nd and 4th Friday)

Pet Services



Free Services for Members' Pets
Nails Trimmed or Dremeled
Ears Cleaned and Hair Removed
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

Haircuts by Cathy

3rd Sunday of the Month
10 am to 12 noon

