



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

The Thomas Times



One Flag, One Land,
One Heart, One Hand
One Nation Evermore
Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Special Hours

Open Monday
3 July @ 1 pm

Open Tuesday
4 July @ Noon

Join the Fun!

4th of July Tiki Party
Tuesday, 4 July 2017
Post 117 Tiki Bar
Noon to 4 pm
Free Hamburgers & Hotdogs
Bring a Side Dish to Share
with your American Legion
Family & Friends!

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

2017-2018
Installation of Officers
Saturday 8 July 2017
Watch Bulletin Board
For Details

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



2016-2017

This being my last newsletter article as Commander, I will keep it brief. I want to thank all of you for your support and dedication to Post 117 over the past 3 years. It has been a wonderful experience. Please continue to support the post family programs and new officers for the new 2017/2018 year. Thank you all again.

For God and Country,

Jim Fournier

Commander, 2016-2017, American Legion Post 117



2017-2018

I would like to thank every legion member for having the faith in me to elect me the new commander for the upcoming year. I would also like to thank the rest of the legion family for the positive feedback you have given me leading up to the election. I hope to continue in the outstanding efforts put forth by the previous commander Jim Fournier. Lets have a very good and productive year as the legion family and continue to strive to improve the post that we all love and enjoy so much.

Gene Baker

Commander, 2017-2018, 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, 4th Tuesday, 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 yoGreetings my fellow Auxiliary sister, summer has arrived along with the heat and dreaded humidity. Boy wouldn't it be great to have the spring like weather back again.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the members who voted me in for a second term as your President; I will do my upmost to make you all proud.

By the time you receive this newsletter the June Convention in Orlando will be in full swing, I will give a report at the July membership meeting.

As you all know, we will have a new commander installed on July 8th,

let's make Gene Baker proud to have our auxiliary working and volunteering under his watch. Commander Baker we look forward to working with you and the new officers serving under you. Commander Jim, it has been a real pleasure working with you and we wish you a great "retirement". Thank you for all your hard work and dedication, a job well done.

Not much to report right now, please check your calendars and the posters in regard to any event or function that we may have coming up. Please remember we are always looking for volunteers to help out, please look at what is happening at our Legion and lend a helping hand where you can, giving of your time is more precious and rewarding then anything else.

That's it for now, more to come next time, stay cool.



*Randy Chilcott
Commander
Squadron 117*



Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion

I want to thank everyone for placing your confidence again this year to serve as your Squadron Commander. I want to thank all of my officers for a great year and look forward to another great year ahead of us.

This year we need to focus our efforts on our membership. We not only need to retain current members and gain new ones, we need to get more of members actively involved in our activities. If you want to get involved and help out your Squadron please attend our meetings, they are on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm.

Installation of officers at Post 117 will be held on Saturday July 8th at 10am in the hall.

The Veterans' Fishing Trip was a great success and we look forward to doing it again next year. Thank you to Kiefer and everyone that helped make it happen!

As always we need volunteers for Steak Shoot, Friday Night dinner, Sunday Breakfast and Big AZZ Burgers on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please try and help out with all our SAL activities.

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

See ya'll around the Post!



Dawn Burgess
Director, Chapter 117



Chapter 117, American Legion Riders

Hello Riders!

First, I want to thank you for electing me your Director for 2017-2018. I promise to do my best to uphold the duties of the office and welcome your ideas for rides and fundraisers. Our executive committee works hard to take care of the business of the Riders program, but we are also going to work hard to incorporate more fun rides this year.

We also want to plan more fundraisers so that we may continue to support the many organizations in our community.

It takes all of us to be successful, and your volunteer hours are needed for our Steak Shoot, Friday Night Dinners and Sunday Breakfast. It's only

a few hours a month, and the more we have, the merrier!

I'll see you at the August meeting, 6:30 pm sharp. Until then, bring me your ideas and let me know if you can volunteer in any capacity. Until then, ride safe!!

**For the cause,
not the applause.**

**REMINDER
Riders' Meeting
1st Thursday of the Month
6:30 pm**

Friday Night Dinners and Karaoke

<i>Date</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Menu</i>	<i>Karaoke DJ</i>
7 July	Riders	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Vegetable, Roll & Butter	Jimmy D
14 July	S.A.L.	Baked Pork Chop, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Vegetable, Roll & Butter	Chuck Body
21 July	Auxiliary	Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Vegetable, Roll & Butter	Jimmy D
28 July	Post	Thanksgiving in July Roast Turkey with all the Fixin's	Chuck Body
4 August	Riders	To Be Announced	Jimmy D
11 August	S.A.L.	All You Can Eat Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Chuck Body
18 August	Auxiliary	Hot Open Faced Roast Beef Sandwich	Jimmy D
25 August	Post	Roast Beef, Potato & Gravy, Vegetable, Roll & Butter	Chuck Body

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!

- 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)

Save the Date

Saturday 9 September 3 to 6 pm
Boys State Dinner

Monday 11 September 9
Honor & Remembrance 9 am
First Responders Lunch 11 am

Sunday, 29 October
Kids Without Christmas Poker Run

Save the Date

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



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.

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



**Every
Friday
Night
8 - 12**

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

Haircuts by Cathy

3rd Sunday of the Month
10 am to 12 noon

