



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

The Thomas Times



9-11 Remembrance & First Responders Lunch

The Post 117 Legion Family honors our local First Responders on Monday, 11 September by serving them lunch at the Post or delivering it to their workplaces. Lunch will be served at Post 117 starting from 11 am to 4 pm and will include Grilled Chicken, Baked Beans, Coleslaw and more. First Responders, on and off duty, eat free. Retired First Responders ID also accepted. All others are welcome to join us for \$6.

There will also be a short ceremony in Remembrance of 9/11 at 1300 hrs—Everyone is invited to participate.

This special event is only possible when the Legion family works together. Volunteers for serving, please contact Millie Donovan. Riders providing escort, please contact Riders Director Dawn Burgess. Cooks/Kitchen Volunteers, please contact SAL Commander Randy Chilcott.

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American Legion Post 117 2nd Annual Swing & Giggle Golf Tournament

**Sunday 15 October 2017
Indian River Colony Club**

Gather your favorite foursome and join in for a day of giggles and golf!
BYOB - Soft sided coolers permitted.

Proceeds Benefit Project Vet Relief

4 Person Scramble
8:30 AM Shotgun Start
Registration begins at 7:30 AM

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
Closest to the Pin on Par 3's

Awards Banquet after Tournament at
American Legion Post 117

For more information or to become a
Hole Sponsor, please contact:

Ed Carbin @ 321-536-3712
Dawn Burgess @ 561-201-7086
or Post 117 @ 321-729-8089

DISASTER RELIEF

**American Legion Post 117
is collecting bottled water and
other relief supplies for the
victims of Hurricane Harvey.**

**The trailer is being loaded in
the parking lot of Post 117.**

**The truck & trailer are sched-
uled to depart on 6 September
or earlier if filled to capacity.**

Early Bird Dinner Saturday 21 Oct!



Pay your 2018
membership by Monday, 25 Septem-
ber and you're invited to the Early
Bird Dinner! Early Birds will enjoy a
Roast Beef dinner with roasted pota-
toes, mixed vegetables and roll with
butter, free of charge!

Post 117 Directory

American Legion Officers

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

Auxiliary Officers

President.....Wanda McDermon
 1st Vice President.....Beverly Hall
 2nd Vice PresidentLinda Shipley
 TreasurerDiane Wood
 Secretary.....Karen Humann
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Deb Cellucci
 Asst. Sergeant-at-ArmsSharon Schmidt
 ChaplainBarbara Simons
 HistorianKim Oaks
 MembershipBeverly Hall
 Executive Committee.....Kerry Baker
 Executive Committee.....Lauren Belbusti
 Executive Committee.....Dawn Burgess

Sons of the American Legion Officers

Squadron Commander..... Randy Chilcott
 1st Vice Squadron Commander.. Bruce Walkowiak
 2nd Vice Squadron Commander. Tony Gannon
 Adjutant..... Bruce Thurber
 Finance Officer..... Ray Mohr
 Chaplain..... Chris Richert.
 Sergeant-at-Arms Dylan Young
 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Humann
 Historian..... Position Vacant

Legion Riders Officers

DirectorDawn Burgess
 Assistant DirectorBruce Walkowiak
 Secretary.....Sheila Cline-Burns
 Treasurer.....Ray Mohr
 ChaplainDonna Walkowiak
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Duane Podhola
 HistorianMaryAnn Spellman
 Safety OfficerEric Spellman
 MembershipKaren Humann

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:
 Members:
 Bev Durham
 Tony Gannon
 Linda Shipley

House Committee

Chairman: Duane Podhola
 Members: Leo Bellanger
 Bud Fritz Don Jochum
 Tom Wood

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 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 117
 American Legion SAL Squadron 117
 Legion Riders FL Chapter 117

Commander's Corner

After my first month and a half as commander I am learning more as each day passes, I also have realized what a good job the previous commanders did during their tenures.

When I first got elected I had a list of items that I wanted to accomplish during my year as commander, I am realizing the best laid plans need to be modified as each day brings a new challenge. The family meeting was held and after that meeting I hope everyone understands what I would like to accomplish. I think the meeting was a success and a lot of good ideas were put forth by all members of the family. Those ideas are starting to be worked on and by the next newsletter I hope to say that some are finished.

Come out and support post activities to include Sept. 11th, POW/MIA day, and the Halloween party to name just a few. Let's see what we can accomplish in September and October together.

Gene Baker

Commander, American Legion Post 117



*Gene Baker
Commander,
American Legion
Post 117*



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 McDermion
President, Unit 117*



Unit 117 American Legion Auxiliary

Hello all, I trust that all of you had a great summer; I know I have. Not too much has been going on the last couple of months, just the usual 4th of July gathering, Family meeting of our Legion 117 and I understand that it was very informative and was enjoyed by all.

I want to say welcome to our new members and THANK YOU to all the members that has renewed their membership for the 2018 upcoming year. Membership is the backbone of our Auxiliary and all that renew early will have a free dinner compliments of our Legion home. If you have a friend that is eligible for membership, talk to them and invite them to join, we need to get our numbers up so that we can continue to support and help our Veterans and Legion families.

Our new 2nd Vice, Linda Shipley has come up with some great ideas

for fund raisers and events. If you would like to get involved with Steak Shoot, Friday night dinners and Sunday morning breakfast, please contact Linda and let her know you are interested and she will hook you up. We are always looking for volunteers to help make these events become a reality; it is far more gratifying to give than receive.

Please check your calendars, bulletin boards and posters to find out what is going on and volunteer to help.

Our next event is the 9/11 First Responders Dinner, we need side dishes and help with boxing, delivering and serving, please see one of your Officers for more information.

That's it for now, remember, Kids have gone back to school so watch out for the school zones and the buses. See you around the Legion.



*Randy Chilcott
Commander
Squadron 117*



Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion

As the summer comes to a end it is now the beginning of our busy time. We will start on September 11th with the First Responders dinner. This is a Legion Family event all volunteers are appreciated.

Also starting in September is NFL Sunday afternoon lunch and we need at least two volunteers to work in the kitchen.

The new membership year has started, please pay your 2018 dues as soon as possible. The cutoff date for the early bird dinner is September 25th.

We are also in the planning stages for the Special Olympics Poker Run.

Tony Gannon is again heading up this committee and he will need all the help he can get to surpass last year's success!

Our next District meeting will be held at Post 1 on September 30th registration at 9am meeting at 10am.

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!



*Dawn Burgess
Director,
Chapter 117*



Chapter 117, American Legion Riders

Hello Riders!

It's been a long, hot summer and we are looking forward to some cooler weather to put some miles down. We've been off to a fast start this year, having completed two fun runs. Big thanks goes out to Chris Hess and Marty Spreadbury for being Road Captains, and of course thanks to all the participants!

There are many upcoming poker runs to support various community charities. Please keep an eye on your email, the bulletin board at the Post or Facebook. If you aren't receiving emails, please let me know!

We are also planning more fun

runs beginning with September 2 Run to the Bunker in Orlando, with Tim Morris as Road Captain. October trip is TBD as of this writing. In November, plan to join us for a Veterans Day ride to St. Augustine. This will be an overnight trip and you should have received an email with details by now. Have an idea for a ride? Let me know!!

In closing, I want to thank all the volunteers that have stepped up to help with Steak Shoot, Friday dinner and Sunday breakfast. We have a great family here and it is truly appreciated. Until next time, ride safe!!

Friday Night Dinners and Karaoke

<i>Date</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Menu</i>	<i>Karaoke DJ</i>
1 Sept	S.A.L.	All You Can Eat Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Jimmy D
8 Sept	S.A.L.	Baked Pork Chop, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, and a Vegetable	Chuck Body
15 Sept	Riders	To Be Announced	Jimmy D
22 Sept	Auxiliary	Beef Tips and Noodles with Gravy, Vegetable, Roll & Butter, and Dessert	Chuck Body
29 Sept	Post	Spiral Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable, and Roll & Butter	Jimmy D
6 Oct	Riders	To Be Announced	Jimmy D
13 Oct	S.A.L.	All You Can Eat Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Chuck Body
20 Oct	Auxiliary	To Be Announced	Jimmy D
27 Oct	Post	German Beef Rouladen, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Vegetable, and 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!

- Howard Print II (11/17)
- Joe & Linda Shipley (4/18)
- Ernie & Shirley Winslow (6/18)
- Elaine Griswold (7/18)

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 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\$10
- 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



**POW-MIA
National
Remembrance
Day**

**15 September 2017
Ceremony at Post 117
1 pm**



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.

Live Entertainment Saturday Night!

**Saturday 9 Sept—Mackenzie Carey
Playing Live - 8pm to Midnight**

**Saturday 23 Sept - The Hit Men
"The Hardest Working Band on the Space Coast"
8 pm to Midnight**

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

