



AMERICAN LEGION CHARLES F. THOMAS IV POST 117
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The Thomas Times



**Veterans Day
Honoring
Those Who
Served**

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American Legion Post 117 Invites the Public to Join Us Veterans Day Weekend

At the request of the National Commander of the American Legion, Post 117 will be open to the Public on Veterans Day Weekend.

The weekend begins Friday, 10 November with All You Can Eat Fish & Chips served with Hush Puppies and Cole Slaw from 5 to 7 pm followed by Karaoke from 8 pm to close.

On Saturday, the Post 117 Legion Family honors our local Veterans with a special ceremony at 1 pm.

Then the celebration of our veterans continues with a special Steak and Shrimp dinner available from 3 to 7 pm for just \$15 per person.

Special Events like this are only possible when the Legion family works together. Look for sign-up sheets in the canteen for volunteers for the weekend events!. Invite your friends and neighbors to visit Post 117 for Veterans Day!

District 12 Auxiliary Cookbooks

The American Legion Auxiliary units of the 12th District are raising funds to send the Girls State Delegates to Tallahassee this year by creating a cookbook made up of recipes collected from Legion Family Members all throughout the 12th District.

Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share? Contact Kim Oaks at oaksk@bellsouth.net to get a Recipe Collection Form and return it to her no later than the 15th of November. The cookbooks may be ordered for \$10 each by sending your check to
ALA Unit 189
807 Louisiana Ave
Sebastian, FL 32958

Please include your unit number (117) and your email on your check. Books will be delivered to Unit 117 on 1 February 2018

GIRLS STATE MOTTO

**"Forward Forever,
Backward Never,
Within Ourselves Our
Future Lies"**

LIVE Entertainment At Post 117

**Saturday, 4 Nov, 8-12
Showtime
Entertainment**

**Saturday, 17 Nov, 8-12
The Hit Men**

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: Ray Wright
 Members: Dawn Burgess
 Bev Durham
 Randy Chilcott
 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

First, I would like to thank everyone for their patience with all the work that was done in the canteen and its subsequent closing. The duct work that was done should fix the problems in the canteen ceiling.

I would also like to thank Ed Pace for getting the paint donated and donating his and his company's time to repaint the canteen, so it was at no cost to the post.

We will be opening to the public on Veterans Day weekend, this is being done at the request of the American Legion National Commander for all posts to open to the public on Veterans Day.

The holiday season is fast approaching, and I hope everyone will join us at the post for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner or just stop by to say Hi if you don't have the time to eat. Everyone have safe and enjoyable holidays. .

Gene Baker
Commander, American Legion Post 117



*Gene Baker
Commander,
American Legion
Post 117*



Happy Holidays!



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, 2nd Monday , 7:00 pm





*Wanda McDermott
President, Unit 117*



Unit 117 American Legion Auxiliary

Hello all, I hope everyone came through the hurricane without too many problems and that you are enjoying the recent change to fall-like weather. It's hard to believe, but the holidays are just around the corner!

I want to say THANK YOU to all the members that has renewed their membership for the 2018 upcoming year; if you haven't renewed yet, please do so as soon as you can. Remember that membership is the backbone of our Auxiliary! 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.

Last weekend the Auxiliary hosted a fantastic Halloween party for the kids. The Post Halloween party for the adults followed Saturday evening and it was another great event! I want to thank everyone who helped decorate the Hall -

it looked fantastic! I also want to thank everyone who made food and who helped host the parties. You all did an awesome job!

As the holidays approach, everyone gets very busy, but please remember that we still need volunteers for our monthly events - especially since the Auxiliary gets to host the "5th Weekend" at the end of November into December in addition to our regular weekends. If you would like to get involved with Steak Shoot, Friday night dinners and/or Sunday morning breakfast, please contact our 2nd VP, Linda, and she will hook you up.

We also have the holiday baskets to get ready, so please check the Post bulletin boards and posters to find out what is going on and volunteer to help.

That's it for now, enjoy the rest of 2017 - Best Wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. I'll see you around the Legion.



*Randy Chilcott
Commander
Squadron 117*



Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion

We are just around the corner from Veterans Day. Please come out and support those who have served this great Nation. Thank you to our veterans and their family members.

After Veterans Day we begin the busiest time of the year at our Post. First we have the Holiday Parties and then we begin our fund raisers. Starting now thru February 3rd we are seeking donations from businesses for our Special Olympic Poker Run on February 3rd. If you can help in anyway let Tony Gannon or me know.

If you haven't paid your 2018 dues please do so ASAP, if we don't

get membership dues we don't have the ability to make as many donations to support our Veterans.

Our next District meeting will be held at Post 40 Fort Pierce on December 2nd registration at 9 meeting at 10am.

As always we need volunteers for Thursday steak shoot, Friday night dinner, Sunday breakfast-lunch 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.

I wish you and your family a safe and happy Holiday Season.

See ya'll around the Post!



*Dawn Burgess
Director,
Chapter 117*



Chapter 117, American Legion Riders

Dear Riders and Legion Family,

The cooler air and holidays are upon us! We have had some great rides these past few months, and looking forward to riding for the benefit of our community and Post families in need this season--as well as getting in a few fun runs!

Check your email, Facebook and the Rider bulletin board for upcoming Toy Runs November 19 and December 3--and Warm Full Safe for Homeless Veterans on November 26.

We will once again escort Santa's "sleigh" to the Children's Christmas Party in December, watch for details.

As a reminder, we ask that each person donate \$5 during our fun runs, but this is NOT MANDATORY and never has been. If you can spare it, terrific, if not, you are always welcome to ride and have fun--no judgment!

In closing, I want to thank all the Legion Family members and Riders who step up to volunteer during our Steak Shoot, Dinner and Breakfast.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and health and prosperity in the New Year!

**For the Cause,
Not the Applause !!**

Friday Night Dinners and Karaoke

<i>Date</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Menu</i>	<i>Karaoke DJ</i>
3 Nov	Riders	Sheila's Homemade Meatloaf with fresh Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, and choice of Red or Brown Gravy Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Jimmy D
10 Nov	S.A.L.	All You Can Eat Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Chuck Body
17 Nov	Auxiliary	Scalloped Potatoes with Ham, Vegetable, and Roll & Butter with Pineapple Angel Cake	Jimmy D
24 Nov	Post	Turkey Sandwiches, Stuffing, and Gravy	Chuck Body
1 Dec	Auxiliary	Soup and Salad bar with Bread Sticks OR Soup and Sandwich, Dessert	tbd
8 Dec	Riders	Baked Chicken, Potatoes, Vegetable and Dessert	Jimmy D
15 Dec	S.A.L.	All You Can Eat Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Chuck Body
22 Dec	Auxiliary	Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, with Vegetable and Dessert	Jimmy D
29 Dec	Post	Stuffed Peppers, Rice, and Salad	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



11 November 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 4 Nov - Showtime Entertainment
 Playing Live - 8pm to Midnight

Saturday 17 Nov - 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

