

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



**Everyone is
Irish on the
17th of March!**

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American Legion Post 117 Election Season is Underway

It's hard to believe but it is that time again! The first and second rounds of nominations for 2018-2019 Officers will be held during the regular meetings in March and April.

For the American Legion of Post 117, the first round of nominations will be at the meeting on the 21st of March, with the second round following on 18 April.

For the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 117, the first round of nominations will be March 13th, and the second round will be April 10th.

Similarly Unit 117 of the American Legion Auxiliary will have its first round of nominations on 20 March and the second round on 17 April.

Last, but not least, the Rider's will have their first round at the meeting on 1 March, and the second round at the meeting on 5 April.

Play your part in the process, come to the monthly meetings in March and April; learn about the current issues facing Post 117; participate in the nominations process and get to know the candidates. We'll see you there!



LIVE Entertainment Saturday Nights At Post 117

SHOWTIME ENTERTAINMENT

**10 March
31 March
14 April
28 April**

THE Hitmen

**17 March
7 April
21 April**

**Florida's 31st Annual
Vietnam and
All Veterans Reunion
19 - 22 April 2018
Wickham Park**

**The Vietnam Traveling
Memorial Wall will
be at Wickham Park
15 - 22 April**

**Wreath Ceremony
16 April**

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..... Bill Davidson
 Judge Advocate..... Charlie Christy
 Service Officer Kevin McGarry
 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
 Randy Chilcott
 Linda Shipley

House Committee

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

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 American Legion SAL Squadron 117
 Legion Riders FL Chapter 117

Commander's Corner

I would first like to thank everyone for all the work that has been done in the last two months. As a family we have raised money in support of the Special Olympics. We took on an event, the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Teams exhibition, that we had no idea what it would be like and supported it in a first rate fashion. The Riders had an outstanding showing for the escort and the Auxiliary, SAL, and Legion all worked together to supply the community with the food for the day.

The Auxiliary Children's Easter Party is coming soon, so let's all ensure the kids have a good time. We have two more big events coming in April; the Department's Children and Youth Picnic and the BIN run. I am sure we will do an excellent job as always.

Please don't forget the importance of the upcoming elections and turn out to vote, the person you would like to see run the family groups depends on your nominations and votes. Everyone please enjoy the next few months, and be safe.

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, 2nd Monday, 7:00 pm





*Wanda McDermott
President, Unit 117*



Unit 117 American Legion Auxiliary

Hello my fellow auxiliary sisters, hope this finds everyone well and happy. The month of March is the time to nominate new officers for the 2018 – 2019 year. A nominating committee has been formed and is looking for people who might be able to fill these positions. Please give some thought as to whom you would like to see elected.

Membership has been going very well, we are still not at 100%, if you know of anyone that has not renewed; please ask them to do so now. It is very important for us to get our numbers up as it determines how many delegates we can send to convention and affects some of the rewards we may receive.

Spring is a time of renewal, lets all pitch in and volunteer for the many projects we have going on in our legion home, please check your calendars for a list of the events that are happening. See you around the legion.

History

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. The American Legion Auxiliary's mission is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.

For God and country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Mission Statement

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*Randy Chilcott
Commander*



Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion

I want to thank the Legion family who donated money and time volunteering to make this year Special Olympics event a GREAT SUCCESS!

We raised \$7,400.00 in donations and \$3,420.00 In-kind donations making for a total of \$10,820.00. This surpass last year all time high!

During our March 13th and April 10th regular meetings we will be asking for nominations for SAL officer's positions please let someone know so they can nominate you. The elections of officers will be held on May 8th at our regular meeting.

Our next SAL District meeting is March 3rd at Post 39 Vero Beach, registration at 9am meeting at 10am.

As always we need volunteers for Thursday steak shoot, Friday night dinner, Sunday 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!

"Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires."



*Dawn Burgess
Director,
Chapter 117*



Chapter 117, American Legion Riders

Dear Riders,

I can't believe we are already into March, this year is flying by. In fact, it's already time for nomination of officers. Our first nominations will be at the March meeting, second nominations at the April meeting with elections in May. Please consider running for a position in the coming year. We need your help to continue our successful Riders Program! If you have any questions about duties and qualifications, you will find it in our SOPs. The Standard Operating Procedures for our Chapter are being updated and will also be presented for approval at our April meeting.

I want to thank all that continue to help with Steak Shoot, Friday Dinners and Sunday Breakfast. We always need volunteers, so please help out when you can. Until next time, keep the shiny side up and enjoy the ride!!

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

**WALL ESCORT
15 APRIL 2018
KSU @ 10 AM
Eastern Florida State
College, Cocoa Campus**

Friday Night Dinners and Karaoke

Date	Host	Menu	Karaoke DJ
2 March	Riders	Tamale & Tostada, Refried Beans, Rice Pico de Gallo Salsa	Jimmy D
9 March	S.A.L.	All You Can Eat Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Chuck Body
16 March	Auxiliary	Pork Chops, Homemade Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Roll & Butter, Wanda's Applesauce Cake	Jimmy D
23 March	Post	To Be Announced	Chuck Body
30 March	Post	To Be Announced	Jimmy D
6 April	Riders	MaryAnn's Spaghetti and Meat Sauce Served with Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert	Jimmy D
13 April	S.A.L.	All You Can Eat Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Chuck Body
20 April	Auxiliary	Salisbury Steak, Homemade Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green beans, Roll & Butter, Dessert	Jimmy D
27 April	Post	To Be Announced	Chuck Body



**12th
DISTRICT
PICNIC
@ POST 117
10 MARCH
Noon - 5 pm**

**Proceeds to Benefit
Boys and Girls State**

**FOOD • ENTERTAINMENT
RAFFLES • 50/50**



40 & 8 Voiture 1621
and La Societe de Femme
Saint Patrick's Day Dinner

1 to 6 pm
Traditional Corned Beef,
Cabbage & Vegetables \$9
Reuben Sandwich \$8

**BACA
RUN**



Sunday, 25 March



**Hippie Ball
24 March
2017**

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 117
Invites You to
Groove at the Hippie Ball!**

The Post 117 American Legion Auxiliary is having a Hippie Ball fundraiser on Saturday, 24 Mar from 7 pm to ??? This promises to be a blast from the past! Proceeds to benefit local charities.

Cost is \$15.00 per ticket. There will be prizes for best costumes, and games like charades!

There will be a VW bus photo booth, beads and head bands for all.



Jimmy D will be playing our favorite tunes from the era. Come on out for a fun filled evening!



**Children's
Easter Party
Saturday, 31 March
11 AM to 1 PM**

**For Members' Children
12 and under**

**Please Sign Children
up by 27 March**



7
April



**Department of Florida
Children & Youth Picnic**



**Watch for
flyers in the
canteen for
more
information**

Unit 117 American Legion Auxiliary



**Saturday, 21 April 2018
Check the Flyers in the Canteen
for More Information**



**2nd Annual
Swing & Giggle
Golf Tournament
14 April 2018**

**Indian River Colony Club
4 Man Scramble
Registration by 1 April
Awards Banquet Following at
American Legion Post 117**

**Contact Ed Carbin 321-536-3712 or
Dawn Burgess at 561-201-7086
For More Information**



**BIN
RUN
VII**

**28 April 2018
12 to 6 PM
American Legion Post 117**

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!

- Joe & Linda Shipley (4/18)
- Ernie & Shirley Winslow (6/18)
- Elaine Griswold (7/18)
- Durham Family (3/19)

Hall Rental

Our Post Hall is available for special functions, weddings, anniversary & birthday parties, etc.

Please contact Chris Hess at (321) 729-8089 for facility information, rental availability, and price information.

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

12th District
 Constitutional Conference
 May 5, 2018
 American Legion Post 117
 Registration 8:30 am
 Call to Order 9:00 am



Pet Services

Provided By: Sharon McCausland

When: 2nd Tuesday of the Month
Time: 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Place: American Legion Post 117
Pets must be on leash or in crate

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

Haircuts by Cathy

3rd Sunday of the Month
 10 am to 12 noon

