



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

The Thomas Times



American Legion Post 117 Prepares to Celebrate Independence Day!

Make your plans now to join the members of the Post 117 American Legion Family as we celebrate the birthday of our beloved country!

Beginning at noon on the 4th of July, the post will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs; bring along a side or chips to share and join in the celebration!

2nd Annual Veterans' Fishing Trip Rescheduled to Sunday, 15 July 2018

For information, contact
Andy (262) 716-1925 or
Keifer (321) 213-8983

2018-2019 Officers

The following personnel have been selected as Officers for the American Legion Post 117 for the coming year:

- Commander
Gene Baker
- 1st Vice Commander
Bruce Thurber
- 2nd Vice Commander
Position Vacant
- Finance Officer
Gary Benard
- Historian
Bill Davidson
- Chaplin
Barry Roberts
- Sergeant-at-Arms
Donna Swinski
- Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Bud Fritz
- Executive Committee
Leo Belanger
Bob Wiseman
- Immediate Past Commander
Jim Fournier
- Service Officer
Chris Hamrick
Kevin McGarry

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Saturday, 14 July Post 117 Celebrates Its 34th Birthday!

On Saturday, 14 July, beginning at noon, Post 117 will hold the Installation of Officers ceremony to swear in the officers for the 2018-2019 year.

Following the Installation Ceremony, the post will celebrate its 34th birthday! Watch for flyers in the canteen for more information.

SAL Officers 2018-2019

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Commander | Randy Chicott |
| 1st Vice Commander | Tony Gannon |
| 2nd Vice Commander | Chris Richert |
| Finance Officer | Don Bilger |
| Adjutant | Chris Richert |
| Sgt at Arms | Tom Wood |
| Asst Sgt at Arms | Position Vacant |
| Historian | Bud Fritz |
| Chaplin | Robert Humann |
| SAL Advisor | Bruce Thurber |



Post 117 Directory

American Legion Officers

Commander Gene Baker
 1st Vice Commander..... Bruce Thurber
 2nd Vice Commander..... Position Vacant
 Adjutant..... Position Vacant
 Finance Officer..... Gary Benard
 Chaplain..... Barry Roberts
 Sergeant-at-Arms Donna Swinski
 Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms..... Bud Fritz
 Historian..... Bill Davidson
 Judge Advocate..... Position Vacant
 Service Officer Chris Hamrick
 Service Officer Kevin McGarry
 Executive Committee Jim Fournier
 Executive Committee Leo Belanger
 Executive Committee Bob Wiseman

Auxiliary Officers

President.....Diane Tomlin Wood
 1st Vice President.....Sheila Bernard
 2nd Vice PresidentLinda Shipley
 Treasurer.....Patricia Luckey
 Secretary.....Beverly Saltz
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Nancy Richert
 Asst. Sergeant-at-ArmsSharon Schmidt
 ChaplainBarbara Simons
 HistorianWendy Wood
 MembershipSheila Benard
 Executive CommitteeKerry Baker
 Executive CommitteeBarbara Flaherty
 Executive CommitteeLinda Lanier
 Executive CommitteeWanda McDermon

Sons of the American Legion Officers

Squadron Commander..... Randy Chilcott
 1st Vice Squadron Commander.. Tony Gannon
 2nd Vice Squadron Commander. Chris Richert
 Adjutant..... Chris Richert
 Finance Officer..... Don Bilger
 Chaplain..... Chris Richert
 Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Wood
 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Position Vacant
 Historian..... Bud Fritz
 Advisor Bruce Thurber

Legion Riders Officers

DirectorMarty Spreadbury
 Assistant DirectorGuy Savage
 Secretary.....Brenda Miskow
 Finance OfficerKim Oaks
 ChaplainWendy Roberts
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Tim Morris
 HistorianMaryAnn Spellman
 Safety OfficerEric Spellman
 MembershipKaren Humann

Honor Guard

Commander: Matt Zirwas
 Members: Leo Belanger
 Dawn Hanner Ed Milnor
 Eddy Milnor Bruce Walkowiak
 Donna Walkowiak

Ways & Means Committee

Chairman: Gene Baker
 Members: Marty Spreadbury
 Randy Chilcott
 Chris Hess
 Linda Shipley

House Committee

Chairman: Duane Podhola
 Members: Leo Belanger
 Bud Fritz Joe Luckey
 Tom Wood

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

Commander's Corner

Before I start my new year as Commander I would like to thank all of the outgoing officers of the post family. We could not have accomplished what we did without their hard work and the help of all of the families.

I am now looking forward to working with the new incoming officers; we have already been discussing some things we would like to accomplish in the upcoming year. We have another busy year ahead us and I have no doubt our Legion family will step up as you always do.

I would like to especially thank all of the numerous family members who recruited new members, because of your efforts the Post 117 Legion family was at 100%. Kudos to all.

Everyone please have a healthy and prosperous year. Thank you for the help this last year.

Gene Baker

Commander, American Legion Post 117



*Gene Baker
Commander, of
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
 SAL EC Meeting, 4th Monday, 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





Randy Chilcott
Commander
Squadron 117



Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion

This being my third year as your Squadron Commander let me tell you we have a lot of goals to surpass as a squadron to beat last year's goal. What an impressive year we had. We have to hit the ground running right after convention and not stop. With the help of my squadron and the legion family we CAN do this.

We need to set up many committees to get this done, just to name a few. Special Olympics, First responders' dinner (911), Veterans fishing trip and many more. If you can help in anyway let me or one of my officer know. It is going to be an exciting year!

As always we need to work on membership. Last year we finished the year with 234 members, an all time HIGH. We have to try to retain and sign up new members. I plan on having more membership drives this year and need the squadron and legion family help, any input would be appreciated.

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!

Chapter 117, American Legion Riders



Marty Spreadbury
Director,
Chapter 117



Fellow Legion Riders,

Let us first thank all of the 2017-2018 Officers for an outstanding year and a job well done. Lots of miles for our favorite charities and programs; all the things we're about as AL Riders.

To all our volunteers who've worked so hard to support us throughout the year THANK YOU! Our success as a group truly depends on your involvement.

We know how hard it is to find time in our busy schedules to volunteer, but volunteering is what sets us apart as doer's rather than dreamer's. So please raise your hand and help us out as we move into another season and continue the ALR 117 legacy of supporting our veterans & charities.

Thanks to all those who've stepped up and were elected as new incoming Officers for 2018- 2019 we look forward to our fellow Riders support in making this another record year. This is a new learning curve for some of us, but with your help and help of our new Officers let's set this year ablaze with enjoyable rides & events.

Some ideas we're working on. We're hoping to have a monthly "Rider's Night Out" held in the Tiki with games, drink specials etc. Also looking at the logistics of a program to "Honor a Local Veteran Monthly" details forthcoming.

Of course these things will be in conjunction with our usual monthly Friday Night Dinners, Steak Shoot & Sunday Breakfast, so step up and give us hand. As we all know these events are what keep us viable with cash flow to organize events and afford our monthly expenses, so your ideas in this arena are always welcomed. Let us know your thoughts on how we can improve.

In closing, we look forward to making this a memorable year. Please attend the monthly meetings and help us continue to do the good things we do. That said, there will not be a July Riders meeting due to the convention schedule. We will resume regular monthly meetings in August, the next Riders meeting will be August 2nd; we hope to see you there - lots of plans to be made. Until then, keep an eye on your email for upcoming events. If you're not receiving emails, let us know so we can confirm your address. Email is one of our best forms of communication to keep everyone informed. We're also doing our best to post info to Riders' Facebook page as well as on the Riders' Bulletin Board.

Until we get a chance to ride together again, rubber side down shiny side up, be safe in your travels.

See ya soon.



Showtime Entertainment
 Live in the Canteen
 7 - 11 pm
 July 14th & 21st
 August 11th & 18th

BINGO

*Sorry No Bingo in July or August
 We'll see you in September!*



Volunteers are always needed for post events!
 Volunteer to do your part!
 Check for Volunteer Opportunities on the Bulletin Board in the Canteen

Friday Night Dinners and Karaoke

Date	Host	Menu	Karaoke DJ
6 July	Riders	To Be Announced	Jimmy D
13 July	S.A.L.	All You Can Eat Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Jason
20 July	Auxiliary	Saucy Baked Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Roll & Butter, and Dessert	Jimmy D
27 July	Post	Thanksgiving in July Roast Turkey and All the Fixin's	Jason
3 August	Riders	To Be Announced	Jimmy D
10 August	S.A.L.	All You Can Eat Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Jason
17 August	Auxiliary	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, and Dessert	Jimmy D
24 August	Post	To Be Announced	Jason
31 August	Riders	To Be Announced	Jimmy D

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.

Haircuts by Cathy

3rd Sunday of the Month
10 am to 12 noon



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

Free Services for Members' Pets

- Nails Trimmed or Dremeled
- Ears Cleaned and Hair Removed
- Anal Glands Drained

Pets must be on leash or in crate.

Post 117 In-House Pool Tournament
Every Thursday and Every 1st and 3rd Saturday
Starting at 1 pm



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)\$16
- 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



Featuring the Installation of Officers Starting at Noon!