



AMERICAN LEGION CHARLES F. THOMAS IV POST 117  
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**Ceremony at Noon**

**Lunch Free For All Veterans  
1p-4p**

## Lets Talk Dues

There's only four months left in the year to renew you dues for 2019.

## Your Membership Team

Bruce Thurber-1st Vice  
Gary Benard-Adjutant  
Tony Gannon-SAL 1st Vice  
Chris Richert-SAL Adjutant  
Sheila Benard-AUX 1st Vice  
Linda Shipley-AUX 2nd Vice  
Karen Humann-Riders

## Volunteers

Legion Family members are always in need of Volunteers. If you haven't volunteered before give it a try.



**Thanksgiving Dinner  
22 November 2018**

*Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes,  
Vegetable, Roll & Butter  
Dessert*

*Buffet Style Service  
in Canteen  
Serving 12p to 4 pm*

*Free  
To Post  
Members*



**Christmas Dinner**  
*Ham, Mashed Potatoes,  
Vegetable, Roll & Butter, and  
Desserts*

*Buffet Style Service in Canteen  
Serving 1 to 3 pm*



## November

Marine Corps Birthday 10th  
Veterans Day 11th  
Thanksgiving Day 22nd

## December

Pearl Harbor Day 7th  
Christmas Day 25th

**Christmas Day  
The Post will close at  
6pm**

## Post 117 Directory

### American Legion Officers

Commander ..... Gene Baker  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander..... Bruce Thurber  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 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..... Chris Hamrick  
 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  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.....Sheila Bernard  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President .....Linda Shipley  
 Treasurer.....Patricia Luckey  
 Secretary.....Beverly Saltz  
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Nancy Richert  
 Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms .....Sharon Schmidt  
 Chaplain .....Barbara Simons  
 Historian .....Wendy Wood  
 Membership .....Sheila Benard  
 Executive Committee.....Kerry Baker  
 Executive Committee.....Barbara Flaherty  
 Executive Committee.....Linda Lanier  
 Executive Committee.....Wanda McDermon

### Sons of the American Legion Officers

Squadron Commander..... Randy Chilcott  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Squadron Commander.. Tony Gannon  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Director ..... Marty Spreadbury  
 Assistant Director ..... Guy Savage  
 Secretary.....Brenda Miskow  
 Finance Officer .....Kim Oaks  
 Chaplain .....Wendy Roberts  
 Sergeant-at-Arms..... Tim Morris  
 Historian .....MaryAnn Spellman  
 Safety Officer .....Eric Spellman  
 Membership .....Position Vacant

### Honor Guard

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

### Ways & Means Committee

Chairman:  
 Members:  
 Randy Chilcott  
 Diane Wood  
 Linda Shipley

### House Committee

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

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### Visit the Post 117 Facebook Pages

American Legion Post 117  
 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 all the help and work that was done in the last two months. The military Veterans Poker Run, Patriots Day and POW/MIA day were all big successes. As usual the whole Post Family worked as a team on Patriots Day as we delivered and fed numerous first responders for free.

By the time you read this the Auxiliary will have held the kids and adults Halloween parties. I am sure they will be a huge hit as always.

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



*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, 6:00 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

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La Femmes, 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Ways & Means Committee, 1st Monday, 7:00 pm

House Committee, 2nd Monday, 7:00 pm



### Unit 117 American Legion Auxiliary



*Diane Tomlin Wood  
President, Unit 117*



The holiday season is upon us. We have had our casino mystery dinner party for our Department President Michelle DeGennaro and her program Final Salute and what a success it was! I thank all the volunteers for their participation for a great event, what a team effort! Special thanks to Linda Shipley and MaryAnn Spellman.

The busy season begins as we head into Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. There are holidays baskets to be made and holiday parties to be planned. We will be raffling an electronic basket for the children's Christmas party. A great holiday gift or a gift to keep for yourself. The Auxiliary is made of all volunteers to support our veterans and their

families. Give a few hours of your time a month and make a difference. We have a fantastic family that supports one another so during the holidays we give thanks to all you for supporting the family of the American Legion. As Madam President Michelle DeGennaro would say "We are All In".

For God and Country  
Diane Wood

### Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion



*Randy Chilcott  
Commander  
Squadron 117*



I would like to thank all of you that help out with the First Responders lunch. A total of 160 meals were delivered to first responders and 23 meals were sold at the post. The SAL has put together a gun raffle with all proceeds going to Special Olympics of Brevard 20 dollars a ticket and only a 100 tickets being sold. We also have two Penn fishing pole being raffled off for the Veterans fishing trip on April 28, 2019. See all fliers for more information. If you have not paid your 2019 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 39 on December 1, 2018 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!

Randy Chilcott  
Commander  
Squadron 117

## Chapter 117, American Legion Riders



Marty Spreadbury  
Director,  
Chapter 117



Hello My Fellow Riders,

It's been an eventful couple of months. Had some good rides for some great causes thanks to all for your participation and donations. We've enjoyed doing Bike Nights hope you all have as well let us know your thoughts and ideas for improvements.

We've got a busy season coming in the next two months. There's the upcoming Veteran's Day parade and many more charities for us to assist in helping out our local Vets and Community. Weight in on your choices let us know whom you'd like to support. List below always subject to change, we'll do our best to keep you informed

Still requesting names of Veterans we can honor with our "Vet of the Month Ride By". If you know a Veteran that we can honor in this fashion please submit their names to one of our officers or jot the name and details on a piece of paper and leave it in the Riders mail box in the lobby.

Please keep track of your miles when your out riding let us know about your how many in your group, did you stop at another American Legion in your travels. Just jot the info on a piece of paper and leave it in the Riders Mailbox now near the rear entrance of the canteen or just email us.

Please attend our meetings as we work on planning out the year. We are always in need of Volunteers for Steak Shoot, Dinner, Breakfast, so pick a month and give us a hand.



## Chapter 117, American Legion Riders



Marty Spreadbury  
Director,  
Chapter 117



### Volunteers For Last 2 Months **THANK YOU!!**

#### September

Steak Shoot: Eric, Tim & Donna

Friday Dinner: MaryAnn

Sunday Breakfast: Pattie, Stacy, Sue

Sunday Lunch: Nancy, Donna, Sue & Neala

Bike Night: Josh & Lee, Neala, Sue & Sheila merchandise

#### October

Steak Shoot: Eric & Donna

Friday Dinner: Sue, Neala, Guy & Marty

Sunday Breakfast: Pattie & Tony

Sunday Lunch: MaryAnn  
Bike Night: Guy & Marty, Neala, Sue & Stacy merchandise & decorations

Email is main form of communication to keep ever one informed, we're also doing our best to post info to Riders & Post 117 Facebook Pages as well as on the Riders Bulletin Board.

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



Still Serving...  
And Riding!





Bruce  
Thurber

## Membership News

Early Bird Cutoff is Veterans Day November 11<sup>th</sup>. As we approach the end of 2018 renewal becomes ever important. Department will close for the Holidays in Mid-December meaning membership will not be processed during that time frame.

On January 1<sup>st</sup> anyone who's dues have not been processed through National will lose their benefits things like Legionnaires' Trust Insurance, Travel Discounts, Auto Rental, CVS Caremark, Life Station and More. Some of these benefits may require re-enrollment after your membership is updated. At the Post level those of us who volunteer to process membership will also be taking breaks to spend time with our families so to help us please renew as early as possible.



During the Holiday season canteen workers and post officers may be extremely busy and not be able to assist you with expired membership. So please renew early.



It is also a requirement that anyone purchasing alcoholic beverages have a current membership card. For this purpose, membership cards expire at midnight on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Members who have expired may not be signed in and you remain on the expired list for two years.

ALR Cards cannot be renewed without proof of 2019 dues payment to your eligible organization.





# Blind Draw Darts

**1 ST AND 3 RD MONDAYS  
STARTING A 7 PM  
BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER**

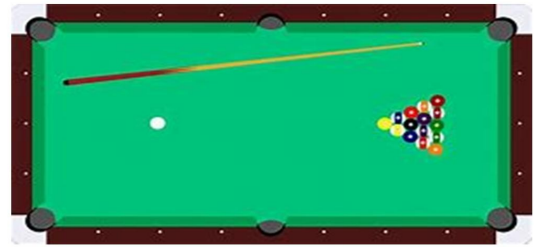
**\$3 BUY IN**



Wings and Fries  
Available



## IN-HOUSE POOL TOURNAMENTS Every Thursday 1pm till?



## 1st & 3rd Saturdays 1pm till?

### Friday Night Dinners and Karaoke

<i>Date</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Menu</i>	<i>Karaoke DJ</i>
2 November	Riders	TBD	Jimmy D
9 November	S.A.L.	All You Can Eat Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Chuck
16 November	Auxiliary	TBD	Jimmy D
23 November	Post	Baked Ham, Potato and Vegetable	Chuck
30 November	Post	To Be Announced	Jimmy D
7 December	Riders	TBD	Chuck
14 December	SAL	All You Can Eat Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Jimmy D
21 December	Auxiliary	TBD	Chuck
28 December	Post	TBD	Jimmy D



### 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!  
 Tom & Diane Wood 9/19  
 Gary & Sheila Benard 9/19  
 Jimmy & Mille Donovan 9/19  
 Durham Family (3/19)

### Hall Rental

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

Please contact the Canteen Manager 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) .....\$25

#### 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



### Pet Services

Provided By: Sharon McCausland

**When:** 2nd Tuesday of the Month  
**Time:** 9:00 AM to 12 PM  
**Place:** American Legion Post 117

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

### Haircuts

**by Cathy**  
 3rd Sunday  
 of the Month  
 10 am to 12p



## Saturday Night DJ

*This will be for twice a month.  
Check the bulletin board for which  
days  
Dancing and Music  
**Jimmy D.**  
Come out and enjoy yourself*

## Saturday Night Live Entertainment November 3rd & 17th December 1st & 15th



**7pm till 11pm**

## Unit 117 American Legion Auxiliary

Legion Family Future Leaders (Juniors)  
Meetings

Sunday December 2nd 11am-12pm

## Rider Location of Event

11/01/18	ALR 117 Riders Meeting & Steak Shoot
11/02/18	ALR 117 Riders Friday Night Dinner
11/03/18	Bike Day ALR Chapter 359 "Spanks Band"
11/04/18	ALR 117 Riders Sunday Breakfast & NFL Day
11/01/18	Legion Fall Conference, Sea World Orlando
11/02/18	Legion Fall Conference, Sea World Orlando
11/03/18	Legion Fall Conference, Sea World Orlando
11/04/18	Legion Fall Conference, Sea World Orlando
11/10/18	Marine Corps Birthday
11/10/18	Veterans Day Parade, Melbourne, Presented by Post 163
11/10/18	Marine Corps Birthday
11/11/18	Bike Day Chapter #1 Titusille
11/11/18	KWC = Kids Without Christmas Poker Run
11/11/18	Treasure Coast Abate Toy Run
11/11/18	Bike Day Chapter #1 Titusille
11/12/18	Veterans Day Observed
11/18/18	Treasurer Coast Abate Toy Run
11/25/18	N.V.H.S. Poker Run
11/25/18	Shriners Toy Run, Byrd Plaza, 801 Dixon Blvd., Cocoa, Fl
12/01/18	District 12 Meeting
12/02/18	Brevard Toy Run, Merritt Square Mall
12/08/18	American Legion Riders District Meeting Post 81 10:00