



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

The Thomas Times



Coffee With A COP
January 25th at 8:30am
\$3 Egg Sandwich

American Legion Post 117 Fundraising Begins for Special Olympics 2019

Every year Squadron 117 of Sons of the American Legion heads up Post 117 Family's fundraising efforts for the Special Olympics.

This year's efforts kick off with the **ANNUAL POKER RUN** on Saturday, February 2nd which starts and ends at Post 117 with stops at Post 81, VFW Post 4206, Lou's Filling Station, Cabana Shores and Camp Holly.

Registration starts at 9am at American Legion Post 117-189 Veterans Dr. Palm Bay. Riders/Cages \$10/Passengers \$5. Breakfast Sandwiches \$3 will be available in the canteen starting at 8:30am. First Bike out at 10:30am Last Bike in at 2:30pm.

High Hand \$50 Low Hand \$100

Music provided by Doc Holiday

After the ride, join us for a \$5 Cookout at Post 117

50/50 Raffle

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CELEBRATING **100** YEARS OF SERVICE

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2018 - 2019

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Commanders Homecoming

American Legion Post 117
189 Veterans Drive, Palm Bay
February 9, 2019
Cocktails at 5pm & Dinner at 6pm

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..... 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
 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 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
 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

Director Marty Spreadbury
 Assistant Director Guy Savage
 Secretary.....Brenda Miskow
 Finance OfficerKim Oaks
 ChaplainJosh Spreadbury
 Sergeant-at-Arms..... Tim Morris
 HistorianMaryAnn Spellman
 Safety OfficerEric Spellman
 MembershipGuy Savage

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
 Diane Wood
 Linda Shipley

House Committee

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

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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



The holidays are behind us and a new year is upon us. I hope everyone had happy and safe holidays. I like to think we as a family have accomplished a lot in the last six months. We have made repairs and upgrades to the post; had Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for everyone, Halloween and Christmas parties for the Kids and donated toys and food to the needy in the local area.



*Gene Baker
Commander,
American Legion
Post 117*

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the breakfast for Shop with a Cop; I have heard nothing but good comments from everyone. This is usually a slow time of the year for us but not this year. We have Coffee with a cop, the Legions 100th birthday, Special Olympics Poker Run, and the Department Commanders Homecoming all coming in the next two months. This has been a very busy but also a time in my life when I have been very proud of all we have accomplished as a family. I look forward to the next six months to see what else we can accomplish as a family.

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
- 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



Unit 117 American Legion Auxiliary



*Diane Tomlin Wood
President, Unit 117*



Holidays are over, and what a busy time it was for our unit. Holiday baskets, Children Christmas party. Veterans lunch, Angel tree and so many more programs we as a family support. Thank you all for supporting and giving to these wonderful programs. We are half way through our 2018-2019 year, and how blessed we have been with our members. We are fortunate to have a team of ladies that are dedicated to our veterans and our community. We welcome our new members and we always are thankful for our renewing sisters. Let's get those renewals done for 2019. We are a strong Unit and we stand together to support our veterans and one another. Volunteer and support the American Legion Auxiliary, what a wonderful program it is. Look into the future for some exciting programs that we will be introducing and promoting. Our 2nd Vice always has

something planned. Come out to our luncheon on January 13th for our official visit with the Department President Michele DeGennaro and we present the funds we raised at our Murder Mystery party in honor of her program "Final Salute" along with our juniors. Let's show our support that are all VIP's and that our Unit is All In from District 12. What a great time for our new members to meet some of our District and Departments officers and to show what the American Legion Auxiliary stands for.

Until the next time...

For God and Country

Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion



*Randy Chilcott
Commander
Squadron 117*



Welcome to 2019, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. We had a great 2018 but I know 2019 will even be better. The Special Olympics Run is almost here and we have a lot more work to do, if you can volunteer to help in any way contact me or chairman Tom Wood. (This includes the whole legion family)

If you have not paid your 2019 dues you are late and will not be able to access the Canteen or the Tiki. Please pay your dues ASAP if we don't get membership dues we don't have the ability to make as many donations to support our programs and veterans.

Our next District meeting will be held at Post 163 on March 2, 2019 at 10am.

Looking for 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.

See ya'll around the Post!

Chapter 117, American Legion Riders



Marty Spreadbury
Director,
Chapter 117



Hello My Fellow Riders,

As we close 2018 we want to thank everyone for all your support as we work to continue the legacy that is ALR 117. We're enjoying our Bike Nights hope you all are as well let us know your thoughts and ideas for improvements.

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 ride how many in your group, did you stop at another American Legion in your travels. Just jot the info on a ride log sheet they are hanging on the Riders bulletin board 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.

Volunteers For Last 2 Months THANK YOU!!

Nov

Steak Shoot: Eric, Leo

Friday Dinner: Maryann

Sunday Breakfast:

Sunday Lunch: Leo

Bike Night: Freddy on the grill, Neala & Sue Merchandise, Raffles

Dec

Steak Shoot: Tim & Kim

Friday Dinner: Sue, Neala, Guy & Marty

Sunday Breakfast: Sue, Marty & Guy

Sunday Lunch: Chris & Justin

Bike Night: Dan on the grill, Sue & Neala Merchandise, Raffles & Jello Shots

Email is main form of communication to keep every 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.





Blind Draw Darts

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

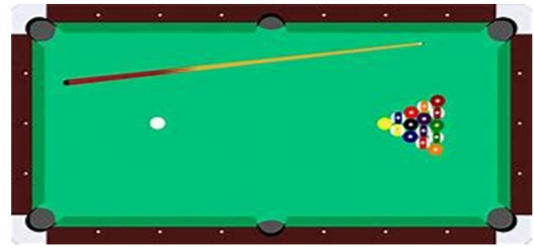
\$3 BUY IN



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>
4 January	Riders	TBD	Chuck Body
11 January	S.A.L.	All You Can Eat Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Chuck Body
18 January	Auxiliary	Soup and salad bar. Your choice, open faced meatloaf or pulled pork sandwich and desert.	Chuck Body
25 January	Post	TBD	Chuck Body
1 February	Rider's	TBD	TBD
8 February	S.A.L.	All You Can Eat Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Chuck Body
15 February	Auxiliary	Beef Tips and noodles, veggie and desert	TBD
22 February	Post	TBD	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!
 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 Live Entertainment
January 12th**



**Showtime Entertainment
7pm till 11pm**

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 19TH
SOUTHERN PERSPECTIVE**

" All Original...All The Time"

7pm until 11pm

**Auxiliary
Department of Florida President Luncheon
January 13th 1pm till ??**



Michele DeGennaro

Coffee with a Cop

**January 25th 2019
0830
Post 117 Hall**

**\$3
Egg
Sandwich**

Special Olympics

Saturday February 2nd 2019

POKER RUN

Registration 9 am at American Legion Post 117-189 Veterans Dr. Palm Bay
First Bike Out 10:30 Last Bike in 2:30
BIKES & CAGES WELCOME/RIDERS \$10/PASSENGERS \$5
Start and Finish Post 117

1. Post 81 2909 Harbor City Blvd Melbourne
2. VFW Post 4206 3201 Dairy Rd Melbourne
3. Lou's Filling Station 411 E New Haven Ave Melbourne
4. Cabana Shores 5240 N US Hwy 1 Palm Shores
5. Camp Holly Airboat Rides 9744, US-192, Melbourne, FL 32904

High Hand \$50 Low Hand \$100

Doc Holiday Providing Country and Classic Rock

Breakfast Sandwich \$3

Starting at 8:30

**Platters \$5
Sides Included**

Vendors Welcome!

For more information call: Tom 321-508-1629

Squadron 117

Commanders Homecoming

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February 9th, 2019
Cocktails at 5pm & Dinner at 6pm

\$20

On the Menu

Bratwurst	Kartoffelsalat
Sauerkraut	Krautsalat
Pomme Frites	Boulette

Hotel Information: 321-220-2003
Holiday Inn Express, 1206 Malabar Rd, Palm Bay
King Room \$119 Two Queens \$129

Information: Suzie Pilot or Bruce Thurber Post 117 321-729-8089
EMAIL: membership@legion.org
Tickets: Mail to: Post 117, 189 Veterans Drive Palm Bay, FL 32908 Attn: Homecoming

Wear Your Favorite Red-White & Blue