



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

# The Thomas Times

**Congratulations Post 117  
made 5th Consecutive  
All Time High in Membership**

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### May 4<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kentucky Derby Day Party In Honor of Ms Gloria  
Party starts a 4pm and don't forget your derby hats for the parade.

### May 5<sup>th</sup>

Vietnam Wall escort from Eastern Sate College Cocoa Campus to  
Wickham Park

Leave from Cocoa Campus at 10am.

### May 6<sup>th</sup>

Presentation of Wreaths at the Vietnam Wall at 6pm.

### May 12<sup>th</sup>

Love your Mom!! Flowers and cards and maybe some candy for  
Mom's.

### May 18<sup>th</sup>

Post Elections in the Canteen from 10am to 4pm. The Tiki will open  
at 10am.

### May 25<sup>th</sup>

Placement of Flags at Veterans graves at Fountain Head Cemetery  
8:30am.

### May 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day

Ceremony at the gravesite of Post 117 namesake, Charles F. Thomas  
IV at 9am.

After the ceremony the Post 117 Honor Guard will be escorted by  
the Legion Riders of Post 117 to Senior Living facilities for a  
ceremonies.

There will be a ceremony at Post 117 at 1pm followed by a picnic.

### June 15<sup>th</sup>

3 Angels Ball For All fundraiser.

### June 16<sup>th</sup> Fathers Day

Love your Dad!!

**Many of these happenings will need volunteers.**



## Post 117 Directory Auxiliary Officers

### 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

President..... Diane Tomlin Wood  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President..... Sheila Bernard  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President..... Linda Shipley  
 Treasurer..... Patricia Luckey  
 Secretary..... Barbara Ward  
 Sergeant-at-Arms..... Nancy Richert  
 Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms..... Position Vacant  
 Chaplain..... Barbara Simons  
 Historian..... MaryAnn Spellman  
 Membership..... Sheila Bernard  
 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..... Bob Humann  
 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..... Josh Spreadbury  
 Sergeant-at-Arms..... Tim Morris  
 Historian..... MaryAnn Spellman  
 Safety Officer..... Eric Spellman  
 Membership..... Guy Savage

### Honor Guard

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

### Ways & Means Committee

Chairman: Bruce Thurber  
 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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### 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



The last few months have been a challenge to the post family as this time of year is every year. We are through the busiest part of the year; we had the Department Commanders Homecoming and the Eastern Area Ball in addition to our normal Easter, Children and Youth Picnic and the BIN Run. All of these events were a great success due to the efforts of the whole legion family. We have Memorial Day coming up soon and I hope everyone will come out and put flags at Fountainhead in honor of our Veterans buried there. We will then have a ceremony and a picnic at the post. My second year is coming to an end and I have had the privilege of working with the best officers of our family that I could have asked for. I hope the new Commanders has as much backing as I have had. Have a safe and enjoyable next few months.



*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*



Auxiliary Sisters and Legion Family,  
As this year is coming to an end, I have been blessed and very grateful to serve as President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 117, Palm Bay. Special thanks to all the volunteers and supporters that have made our Unit what it is today. Our success is the dedication of our members and the whole post family. Working with The Legionaires, the Sons, the Riders and the Auxiliary has made our entire family at Post 117 the best place to support our veterans, families and the community. Special thanks to all the unit officers that I am so grateful to have served with this year. I love you all. Our motto this year was "WE AGREE TO DISAGREE". Thank you First Vice Sheila Benard for that one. That has always been a inspiring motto during some long discussions times. Commander Gene Baker, thank you for the encouraging words you have given and your dedication to the post. All I can share is get involved, volunteer, run for an office if you want change and the utmost is support your post. To a great year and to the future.....



*Randy Chilcott  
Commander  
Squadron 117*



### Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion

I am grateful to have been elected your Squadron Commander again for the coming 2019, 2020 year. Thank you again to those who have stepped up and volunteered your time with all the events the squadron has done this past year. To all the moms – Happy Mother's Day! Squadron 117 will be cooking you a free breakfast on Mother's Day, Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 till 11am. The SAL 12<sup>th</sup> District Constitutional Conference will be held Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> at post 117. Registration is at 1 the meeting starts at 2pm. The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Detachment Convention will be held June 27<sup>th</sup> to June 29, 2019 at Orlando World Center Marriott.

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.

### Chapter 117, American Legion Riders



Marty Spreadbury  
Director,  
Chapter 117

Hello Riders,

Our first term is coming to a close at a rapid pace we hope everyone is enjoying our time as much as we have. We want to thank those Officers who've worked so hard this year to keep us on track, Kim Oaks, Brenda Miskow, Maryann Spellman, Eric Spellman, Tim Morris and Guy Savage, as we finish the last couple months for this term. Our newly nominated Officers are as follows



Director	Marty Spreadbury
Asst. Director	Guy Savage
Treasurer	Patti Boatright
Sgt at Arms	Tony Boatright
Chaplin	Josh Spreadbury
Road Captain	Eric Spellman
Secretary	Vacant to be appointed by EC

We have our up coming May 2nd general meeting. For those who don't know **"Road to Sturgis"** game is fully underway drawings are the **"First & Last Thursday"** each month rules are posted on Rider Bulletin Board and in the Tiki. Come out join the fun win some money!!

On May 5<sup>th</sup> we'll help Escort the Wall to Wickham Park for the Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion, May 6<sup>th</sup> is the Wreath Ceremony and May 12<sup>th</sup> Challenge 22 Vet Suicide Ride In, all at Wickham Park. The Schedule of Events is posted on Facebook & Riders Bulletin Board.

Looking further into May for you long range planners we have our support run to Fountainhead Memorial Park on Memorial Weekend we are doing flag placement there on May 25<sup>th</sup> in honor of the fallen and then we'll Escort of the Honor Guard on May 27<sup>th</sup>



## Chapter 117, American Legion Riders



Marty Spreadbury  
Director,  
Chapter 117

June 15<sup>th</sup> is the Angels run along with numerous other events happening which we'll continue to post information via Facebook and send out Emails. You can also check the Post & Rider's bulletin boards for flyers and information we do our best to keep events posted and up to date.

**HUGE SHOUT OUT** to all the Riders & Friends who've helped with our recent and very successful activities, District 12 Picnic, Escort for the Fallen, Children & Youth Picnic, In State Unity Ride, Round Robin and the BIN Run. It doesn't work without you **Thank You All** for taking time from your own busy schedules to support us.



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 canteen.

**We are always in need of Volunteers for Steak Shoot, Dinner and Breakfast, so pick a month and give us a hand.**

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

### March

Steak Shoot: Eric, Brenda

Friday Dinner: Maryann & Kim

Sunday Breakfast: Sam & Deb

Bike Night: Dan on the grill, Neala & Sue Merchandise, Raffles and all the stuff behind the scenes **Thank You ladies !!**

### April

Steak Shoot: Gene, Susie & Leo

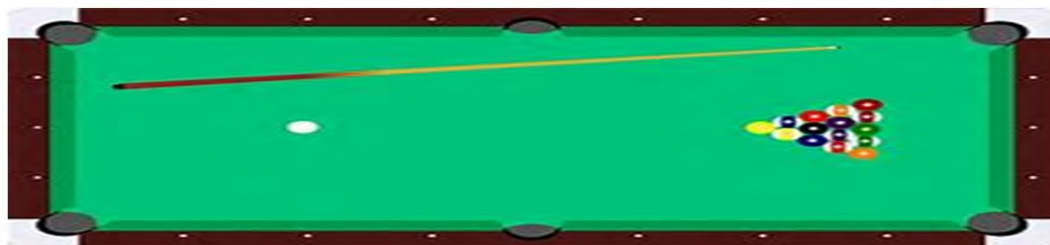
Friday Dinner: Shelia, Sue & Neala

Sunday Breakfast: Maryann & Eric

Bike Night: Mike on the grill, Sue & Neala Merchandise, Raffles and all the stuff behind the scenes **Thank You ladies !!**



**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>
3 May	Riders	1/2 Chicken with 7 spice dryrub wood fired on the Big Grill, Spanish Rice, Butter Creamed Fordhook Lima Beans, Biscuit	Jimmy D
10 May	SAL	All You Can Eat Fried or Baked Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Jimmy D
17 May	AUX	Mild Italian Sausage, Italian Salad, Roll and Desert	Jimmy D
24 May	Post	Bacon Wrapped Porkloin, Mashed Potato and vegetable	Chuck Body
31 May	Post/Scouts	TBD	Chuck Body
7 June	Riders	TBD	Chuck Body
14 June	SAL	All You Can Eat Fried or Baked Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Chuck Body
21 June	AUX	Oven Roasted Chicken, Baked Potato Wedges, Salad, Roll and Desert	Chuck Body
28 June	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







Vietnam and all Veterans of Brevard

Present:

**Florida's 32nd Annual Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion**  
 The Nation's Largest Veterans Reunion  
**PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND**  
**May 9th – 12th**

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall on display May 5-12, 2019

- LIVE MUSIC**
- FOOD & DRINKS**
- MILITARY VENDORS**
- MILITARY DISPLAYS**
- THE SOME GAVE ALL MOVING TRIBUTE**



Wall Escort May 5, 2019 Leaves at 10am  
 Eastern Florida State College Cocoa Campus  
 Reunion Web Page at:  
[floridaveteransreunion.com](http://floridaveteransreunion.com)

Wickham Park  
 321-255-4307 - 2500 Parkway Dr  
 Melbourne, FL

No Coolers, Glass or Pets allowed in the Reunion Area

Per Wickham Park: Golf Carts Permitted For the Handicapped Only And Must Abide By FL Highway Laws

Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall  
<http://travelingwall.us>



Call For Info  
 321-408-2698  
 321-652-4185

Vendor call 321-652-4185  
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 Club Escort Lineup Info  
[vbvreunionescort@gmail.com](mailto:vbvreunionescort@gmail.com)

Sunday- May 5th  
 10:00am Wall Escort from Brevard Community College, Cocoa  
 12:00pm Doc Holiday, Covered Dish Picnic and Wall Set-Up

Please No Coolers, Glass or Pets in Reunion or Memorial Area.

Monday- May 6th  
 6:00pm Presentation of wreaths  
 7:00pm Opening Ceremonies at the Wall

Thursday- May 9th  
 12:00 Doc Holiday  
 2:00-3:30pm County Road 2  
 5:00-6:30pm A Touch of Gray Band  
 8:00-10:00pm Absolute Blue Band

Friday- May 10th  
 11:00am Doc Holiday  
 3:00pm K9 Demonstration Main Stage Area  
 3:30-5:00pm Southern Thunder Band  
 6:30-8:00pm Joe Reid and The Heartland Band (Daytona Beach)  
 9:30-11:00 VIVA Rock Band (Miami)

Saturday- May 11th  
 11:00am Opening Ceremonies/Massing of the Colors/  
 LZ Helicopter Landing  
 12:00-12:30pm Quilts Of Valor  
 1:00-2:30pm Hypersona  
 3:00pm Marines Take The Hill (Main Stage Area)  
 3:30-5:00pm Lyrical Soul  
 5:00-6:00pm Suncoast Vietnam Vets "The Last Patrol"  
 6:30-8:00pm Horsepower Band  
 9:30-11:00pm Caribbean Chillers Band (Jimmy Buffett tribute band)

Sunday- May 12th  
 10:00am Church Services with John Steer  
 11:00am Doc Holiday  
 11:30am-2:00pm Challenge 22 Event  
 2:00-3:30pm Roughhouse Band  
 4:00pm Melbourne Municipal Band at the Wall  
 5:00pm Closing Ceremony at the Wall

Monday- May 13th  
 9:00am Cleanup Wickham Park and Wall Take Down

Brought to you by the Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard, Inc.  
 Schedule is tentative and subject to change.



**Kentucky Derby Party**

6th Annual Kentucky Derby Party  
 In Honor of MS Gloria  
 Featuring The Parade of Hats

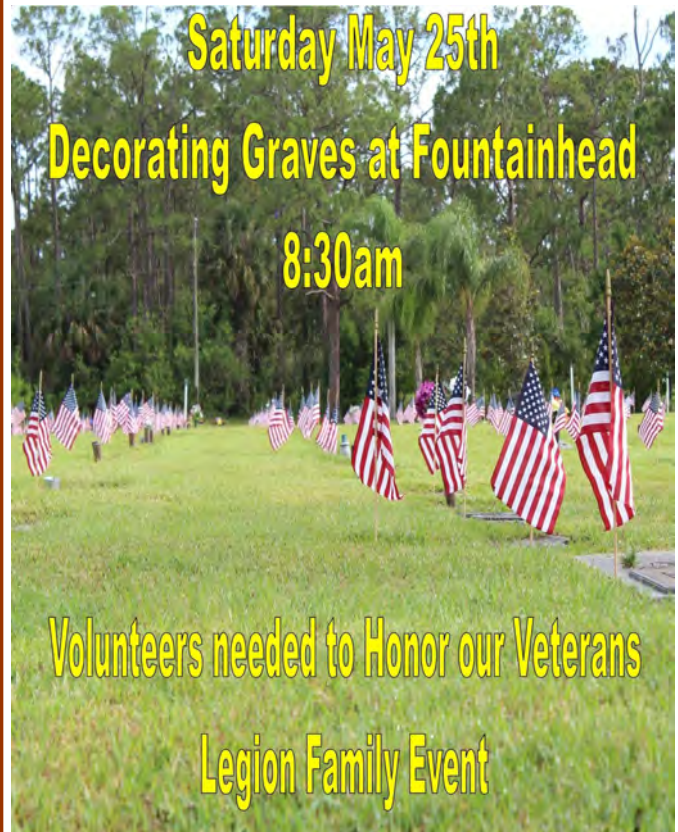
May 4th at American Legion Post 117 Tiki Bar  
 Party Starts 4:00PM

*Ladies and Gentleman wear your best chapeau as there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The "Parade" will start approximately one hour before post time.*

Food, prizes and of course the main event  
 The Running of the 145th Kentucky Derby

*Come draw for the winning horse and collect a NICE prize. A dish to share will be appreciated.*

**THIS CANNOT BE A SUCCESS WITHOUT YOU.**



Saturday May 25th

Decorating Graves at Fountainhead

8:30am

Volunteers needed to Honor our Veterans

Legion Family Event

**Charles F. Thomas IV**

**American Legion Post 117**

**2019 Memorial Day**

**Celebration**

**Service at Fountain Head**

**Honoring Charles F. Thomas IV**

**Monday May 27th 2019**

**9 AM**

**Memorial Day 2019 Ceremony**

**American Legion Post 117**

**1pm**

**Followed by our Picnic**



3 Angels Ball For All  
4th ANNUAL

# POKER RUN

Saturday, June 15th

PRIZES  
LIVE AUCTION  
MUSIC



50/50  
RAFFLES  
BBQ



PRESENTING SPONSOR



**Poker Run**  
**Registration**  
**Begins at 9 am**  
**Kick Stands Up at 10 am**

♪ **Featuring Doc Holiday** ♪

**Location:**  
**American Legion Post 117**  
**189 Veterans Drive SE**  
**Palm Bay, FL 32909**

**Riders \$20**  
**(Includes Lunch)**  
**Passengers \$10**  
**(Includes Lunch)**

**BBQ Lunch \$8 per person**  
**Shirt Sponsor \$100**  
**(Back of Shirt Advertising)**

**\*All Proceeds Benefit 3 Angels Ball for All Charity**  
**(Helping Underprivileged Children Play Organized Sports)**

*Can't Attend? We welcome all contributions to support "3 Angels Ball for All"*  
*For Additional Information Please Contact Us at [3angelsballforall@gmail.com](mailto:3angelsballforall@gmail.com)*