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The Thomas Times

American Legion Post 117

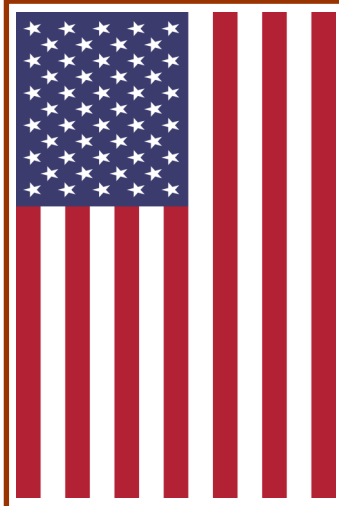
Prepares to Celebrate Independence Day!

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!

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4th of July Picnic Starts at noon

Installation of Officers Saturday July 6th at 1pm



Family Picnic

July 4th



Starting at Noon

Post will provide

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Bring a side to share

Installation of Officers

2019-2020

LEGION FAMILY

Saturday July 6th

1300 Hours

Post 117 Directory

American Legion Officers

Commander.....Bruce Thurber
 1st Vice Commander.....Gene Pilot
 2nd Vice Commander.....Terry Struven
 Adjutant.....Jeff Colopy
 Finance Officer.....Gene Baker
 Chaplain.....Barry Roberts
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Ed Milnor
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Donna Swinski
 Historian.....Bill Davidson
 Judge Advocate.....Chris Hamrick
 Service Officer.....Chris Hamrick
 Service Officer.....Kevin McGarry
 Executive Committee.....Leo Belanger
 Executive Committee.....Ed Carbin
 Immediate Passed Commander..Gene Baker

Auxiliary Officers

President.....Diane Tomlin Wood
 1st Vice President.....Linda Shipley
 2nd Vice President.....Maryann Spellman
 Treasurer.....Wanda Colopy
 Secretary.....Barbara Ward
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Nancy Richert
 Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms.....Wanda McDermon
 Chaplain.....Barbara Simons
 Historian.....Janie Mithaler
 Executive Committee.....Kathy Belanger
 Executive Committee.....Pat Luckey
 Executive Committee.....Linda Lanier

Sons of the American Legion Officers

Squadron Commander.....Randy Chilcott
 1st Vice Squadron Commander ..Bruce Walkowiak
 2nd Vice Squadron Commander .Tom Wood
 Adjutant.....Bruce Thurber
 Finance Officer.....Don Bilger
 Chaplain.....George Aichele
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Tony Gannon
 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.....Terry Cox
 Historian.....Andy Campbell
 SAL Advisor.....Bruce Thurber

Legion Riders Officers

Director.....Marty Spreadbury
 Assistant Director.....Guy Savage
 Secretary.....Stacy Gioia
 Finance Officer.....Patti Boatright
 Chaplain.....Josh Spreadbury
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Tony Boatright
 Historian.....Open Position
 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: Bob Swinski
 Members: Marty Spreadbury
 Randy Chilcott Guy Savage
 Tom Wood Bill Davidson
 Diane Wood Terry Struven
 Linda Shipley Wanda Colopy

House Committee

Chairman: Leo Belanger
 Members: Tom Wood Jerry Pucel
 Jeffrey Colopy Terry Doiel
 Andy Campbell Chris Tepper

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Canteen Committee

Chairmen: Bob Swinski

Members:

Jeff Davis Kerry Baker
 Les Leiner Randy Chilcott
 Sheila Benard Tom Wood



**Commander's
Corner**

*Bruce Thurber
Commander,
American Legion
Post 117*



As we enter the 2020 membership year it is going to be an honor serving as your Commander. We will be implementing the new Constitution and By-laws along with the house rules. Serving you as a State and District Officer was great and I learned a lot, but I look forward to being back at the Post level and doing things such as planning the first ever Palm Bay Veterans Day Parade.

As your Department Membership Chairman, I made Family my slogan and would like Post 117 to continue using it. When we work as a family although we have differences we can work toward the best results for all involved.

The new Family Officers and I have a major hurdle this year. Each of the entities hit 100% with the Legion growing to 911 Veterans. This is our an all time high and we will be tasked to go beyond for the upcoming membership year. This takes the whole family becoming involved. This year the Early Bird Cutoff is Sept 15th and we will have an early bird event in October.

Let me welcome all the new officers as we start our year.

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*



As we say goodbye to our 2018-2019 year with great proudness , we welcome our new year of 2019-2020. We will be celebrating our American Legion Auxiliary's 100th birthday. Thank you all for giving me another year serving this great Unit 117. We had a great team this pass year (could not have made it without them) along with all of our fantastic volunteers. We welcome our new officers this year and we know if will be another great team for our unit supporting our veterans along with their families and our community.

We have a lot of plans for this year and will be posting announcements as they happen. Our murder Mystery Party will be our first big event in September supporting the program of "Honor Flight".

Please join in on a committee, make great memories and meet new friends if you are a new comer. All volunteers are welcome. Learn the true meaning of what it is to be an American Legion Auxiliary member. Our membership chair this year will be Linda Shipley.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if there are questions or anything we may help with. We are all excited armed and ready for another year for our Unit. Keep a look out for our different projects and events that we will be supporting for this year.

For God and Country



*Randy Chilcott
Commander
Squadron 117*



Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion

I want to thank everyone for placing your confidence in me again this year to serve as your squadron commander. I want to thank all of my officers for a great year and look forward to another great year ahead of us.

This year we need to focus our efforts on membership. We not only need to retain current members and gain new ones, we need to get more of our members actively involved in our activities. If you want to get involved and help out your squadron please attend our meetings, they are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm.

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!



Marty Spreadbury
Director,
Chapter 117



Chapter 117, American Legion Riders

My Fellow Riders,

Summer is upon us as we swelter our way forward in fine Florida fashion. We have the upcoming 4th of July holiday festivities, we've been invited to participate in the Parade, the Post is having a picnic the Tiki will be open @ 11:30am on the 4th. Although we will NOT BE having a Riders general meeting we are having Steak Shoot and the Tiki will remain open for **“Road to Sturgis”** come out join the fun!! Friday the 5th Riders dinner grilled boneless chops, pasta salad, corn on cob and dessert. Please come out and support Installation of Officers on Saturday the 6th of July.

Don't forget Bike Night is the last Thursday of the month every month. Our next General Meeting will be August 1st please come support the meetings help us plan our year. Looking forward to some summer fun doing what we love to do riding and helping support our Veterans & Community. Until our next chance to ride together keep the rubber side down shinny side up, be safe in your travels and we'll see ya soon.

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



Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion-Special Olympics

We had a successful Special Olympic campaign this past year. We thank everyone who supported us. We are already off to a great start for a bigger event this year kicking off with our tool basket and knife raffles.

All the monies the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 117 raises stays in our local county. Got some great fundraisers this year, will keep you posted. Always needing volunteers, help a great cause.

Thanks again for your support,
Tom Wood
2nd Vice
Special Olympic Chair

Post 117, Canteen Manager

My name is Wanda Colopy. I am the new Canteen Manager. It is an honor to be apart of post 117, and being involved with the Canteen. I have 15 years experience as a Canteen Manager for the American Legion.

If you have any idea's or concerns please do not hesitate to email me at canteen@all17.com. I am always open for idea's to improve the Canteen.

On Wednesday's all day we have a drink special for \$2.00, and music starting from 6pm to 10pm. Come out and enjoy the fun on Wednesday nights.

Bartenders at Post 117:

Angie

Barb

Shannon

Susie

Tiffany

Tina

JoJo- our newest bartender that joined our staff.

For God and Country

Wanda Colopy



Friday Night Dinners and Entertainment

<i>Date</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Menu</i>	<i>Entertainment</i>
5 July	Riders	Grilled Boneless Chops, Pasta Salad, Corn on Cob and Desert	Leather & Lace
12 July	SAL	All You Can Eat Fried or Baked Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	Showtime
19 July	AUX	TBD	Leather & Lace
26 July	Post	TBD	SAX West
2 August	Riders	TBD	TBD
9 August	SAL	All You Can Eat Fried or Baked Fish, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies and French Fries	TBD
16 August	AUX	TBD	TBD
23 August	Post	TBD	TBD
30 August	Post/Scouts	TBD	TBD

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 (canteen@al117.com) 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

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

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

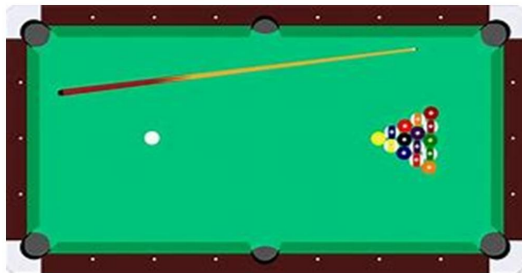
Haircuts by Cathy

3rd Sunday of the Month
 10 am to 12p





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



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



Family Picnic

July



4th

Starting at Noon

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Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Bring a side to share

July Friday & Saturday Entertainment

Wednesday July 3rd.....Jimmy D..... 7-11p
 Friday July 5th.....Leather & Lace.....8p-12a
 Saturday July 6th.....Mucic by Scott.....7-11p
 Friday July 12th.....Showtime.....8p-12a
 Saturday July 13th.....Southern Thunder...7-11p
 Friday July 19th.....Leather & Lace.....8p-12a
 Saturday July 20th.....Encore.....7-11p
 Friday July 26th.....SAX West.....8p-12a
 Saturday July 27th.....Showtime.....7-11p

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