

AMERICAN LEGION CHARLES F. THOMAS IV POST 117 189 VETERANS DRIVE • PALM BAY, FLORIDA 32909 (321)729-8089

The Thomas Times

What's Going On

November 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Post 117 Campout with music on Saturday the 2nd and Sunday the 3rd. Also, "Huge Meat Raffle" on Sunday at 12pm for the benefit of the Veterans Fishing Trip in 2020.

November 5th

American Legion Post 117 Veterans Luncheon at 12pm at Post Hosted by Fountainhead Memorial.

November 9th

City of Palm Bay Veterans Day Parade. Parade starts at 9am at City Hall and ends at Post 117. Official Ceremony with many dignitaries after the parade and then a Public picnic.

November 10th

Marine Corp 244th Birthday. Cake at 12:30pm.

American Legion Auxiliary 100th Birthday. Cake at 4pm.

November 12th

"Special Thank You" to Veterans at Odyssey Ir/High School at 9:15am.

November 16th

Post 117 Family Meeting at 11am.

November 23rd

Juniors Harvest 1-6pm.

November 25th

Auxiliary Unit 117 Birthday

November 28th Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Dinner from I-4pm.

December 7th Pearl Harbor Day

City of Palm Bay Holiday Light Parade. Starts 6:30pm at Eastern State College to City Hall. This year's theme is "Stars and Stripes in Lights". We will be honoring America, our military, and veterans on this Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

December 14th

Children's Christmas Party I Iam-Ipm

Bartenders Christmas Party in the Tiki 6pm with music by limmy D.

December 25th Christmas Day

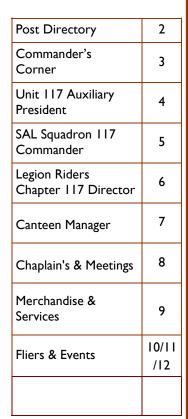
Christmas Dinner I-3pm.

Post 117 will close at 6pm.

December 31st

New Years Eve pot luck with music by Jimmy D.







American Legion Officers

Post 117 Directory Auxiliary Officers

Commander	Bruce Thurber
I st Vice Commander	Gene Pilot
2 nd Vice Commander	Terry Struven
3 rd Vice Commander	Bob Swinski
Adjutant	Jeff Colopy
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. Linda Shipley
. MaryAnn Spellman
. Wanda Colopy
. Barbara Ward
. Nancy Richert
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. Janie Mithaler
. Kathy Belanger
. Pat Luckey
.Linda Lanier

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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
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Membership	. Guy Savage

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Ways & Means Committee

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Commander's Corner

Bruce Thurber Commander, American Legion Post 117

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The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veteran's organization devoted to mutual helpfulness.

As we enter the busiest time of the year at the post, we are going to need many volunteers. We start of with the Veterans Day weekend and the Parade on November 9th and then Veterans Day on the 11th. Our 2nd Family meeting will be held at 11am on November 16th.

Thanksgiving will be celebrated with our annual dinner on the 28th followed by the black Friday post beautification detail. December brings us the Christmas Season.

We have the District Meeting and the Light Parade on Saturday the 7th, the Bartenders Christmas Party on the 14th. Christmas Eve we have a potluck and Christmas Day our Family Dinner.

Finally, New Year's Eve will be Potluck with Jimmy D entertaining us. During this time please be Safe. To bring us luck in the New Year on January 1st, 2020 we will have Black Eyed Peas, Collards and Corn Bread.

Starting on the 1st of January all Bartenders are required to check everyone's membership card as you must have a 2020 card to purchase alcohol. Please respect the fact that this is a Law and their job.

Lastly the American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.



Diane Tomlin Wood President, Unit 117

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Unit 117 American Legion Auxiliary

September and October have passed. What a busy time with the success of 9/11, Murder Mystery, Space Coast Honor Flight Recruitment Dinner, District Picnic, ABC school, the Son's Luau and of course Halloween. Want to reach out and thank everyone for their dedication and volunteering for all these events. Without your support we could not be the great Unit we are and family of 117.

Bingo is back in full swing with Millie D. The fall programs have started. The holidays are upon us with the upcoming events in November and December (Veterans parade, food baskets, Junior Fall Festival, Children's Christmas Party, the gift tree and many more activities).

Please check the calendar for dates and times. This is the time for giving and volunteering. Look for our special raffles for our holiday families in need. Please volunteer a few hours to support our veterans, children and community.

Our meetings are every third Tuesday of the month. December (12/17) is our own Auxiliary party with a very short meeting then it is exchange gift game and good fellowshop. Bring a dish and join in the festivities.

I just want to wish everyone a safe and blessed holiday. Thank you again for your support.

For God and Country, Diane Wood - President



Randy Chilcott Commander Squadron 117

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Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion

I would like to thank all of you that help out with the First Responders lunch. A total of 195 meals were delivered to first responders and 23 meals were sold at the post. Thank you to the legion family for helping out with the luau ride and making it a success even with bad weather!

The SAL has put together a gun raffle with all proceeds going to Special Olympics of Brevard, 10 dollars a ticket and only 400 tickets being sold.

If you have not paid your 2020 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 318 on December 7, 2019 at 11am.

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. I wish you and your family a safe and happy Holiday Season.

See ya'll around the Post!



Tom Wood S.A.L. 2nd Vice



I just want to thank all the family members for the great support on Saturday, Oct 19th, with the Luau supporting Special Olympics. We had a very awesome day! Big thanks to the Riders especially Marty Spreadbury for the great job he did. Shout out to Louie for the delicious roasted pig. Thank you all!!



Marty Spreadbury Director, Chapter 117

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Chapter 117, American Legion Riders

My Fellow Legion Riders,

Well cooler weather is slowly coming if we could just get it to stop raining. Shout out to all for making the extra effort to come out and support our rides greatly appreciated!

It's a busy season the next couple months we have Camping Weekend Nov 1st – 3rd entertainment planned for all weekend and the Veterans Day Parade & Picnic coming right up on Nov 9th. NVHS Run and ABATE Toy Run are both on Sunday Nov 17th and Richard Phillips Biker Down has their 3rd annual Butterfly Release on Nov 24th. With Thanksgiving on the way the Nov 28th don't blink it'll be Christmas before you know it.

Sunday December 1st is the Shriner's Annual Toy Run. On Saturday Dec 7th, we have the ALR 12th District meeting here at Post 117 in the hall. Breakfast snacks will be available and we're planning on grilling burgers n' dogs after the meeting join us in the Tiki. The following weekend Dec 14th "Santa's Coming to Town" for Kid Christmas Party our shortest escort on record. Did you blink yep Christmas is right around the corner now.

Don't forget our monthly meetings always the first Thursday of the month. We can always use volunteers for Steak Shoot, Friday Dinner and Sunday Breakfast & Afternoon.

Big SHOUT OUT to Mick & Rick as they man the grill for Bike Night and HUGETHANK YOU to Tiffany & Shannon for their Friday Dinner Bartender Invasion.

Until then keep an eye on your emails, if you're not receiving emails let us know so we can confirm your address it's our best forms of communication in keeping ever one informed. We also do our best to post info to Riders Facebook Page as well as on the Riders Bulletin Board.

Rubber side down shinny side up, be safe in your travels see ya soon.







Wanda Colopy Canteen Manager

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Post 117, Canteen Manager

The canteen has added a new bartender to the staff. Her name is Stephanie. Please welcome her when you see her working in the canteen or tiki.

We have added another item to the snack menu. We now have a nacho machine fresh nacho's and cheese for only \$1.50. If you want extra cheese .50 cents or nacho's chips .50 cents. Come check it out you will enjoy the nacho's and cheese.

The tiki has a new ice beer chest. It holds 96 bottles of beer covered in ice. It will keep the beer nice and cold for the beer drinkers.

Angie on Monday's will have a blue plate special. It starts on November 04. Come out and enjoy the food with a cold beverage purchased from the canteen. Each Monday Angie will have a different special. The price will vary.

The bartenders are now coming up with their own drink specials to improve the canteen. Please support the bartenders. The holidays are approaching us, and we will have drink specials for the holidays.

If you have any idea's for the canteen please fill out the form, and put it in the suggestion box to improve the canteen. The box is located in the canteen next to the membership box's. It is a black box and it is labeled.

Any complaints about the canteen or a bartender MUST BE IN WRITING. This way it can be handled by the canteen committee that we now have in placed. This is backup paperwork to resolve the problem or issue. There are 6 members on this committee (2) Legion (2) SAL (2) Auxiliary, and Bob Swinski 3rd vice over see's this committee. Also we enjoy getting complements about the canteen, canteen manager, bartenders.

Please have a safe and a great holiday.



Barry Roberts chaplain@all 17.com



Danny Buckley chaplain@al I 7.com

Post 117, Chaplain's Corner

Hello everyone. In a matter of just a few weeks the holiday season will be upon us as we will be celebrating both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please keep in mind that on Thanksgiving Day as you gather together around the laden table that you give thanks to God for every blessing that he has bestowed upon you and your family throughout the previous year. And if you doubt that God has not blessed you then I suggest that you do this simple test, and that is to take a sheet of paper and draw a line down the middle and label one column good and the other bad. Now list the good and bad things in the appropriate columns. I guarantee you that good will out weight the bad.

The other holiday is Christmas. Unfortunately for many is all about the twinkling of lights and decorations, buying and receiving/giving of gifts. We as Christians or Spiritual people know that is not what Christmas is all about. We celebrate the birth of God's son Jesus Christ and we must not lose sight of that. Also let us not forget our

Jewish members who will be celebrating their holiday known as Hanukkah which means Dedication and is often called the "Festival of Lights" with the lighting of the Menorah. 7 candles with the middle one representing the Sabbath. It is a time for all to be of good cheer. Let's make this our Family goal during these two holidays.

Email: chaplain@al I 17.com

Barry Roberts (863) 661-9999 During business hours or

Danny Buckley (321) 305-9965 24/7.

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



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@all17.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, W	hite, 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

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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

Place: American Legion Post 117

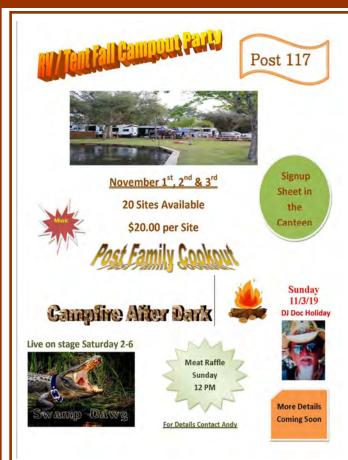
Time: 9:00 AM to 12 PM

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

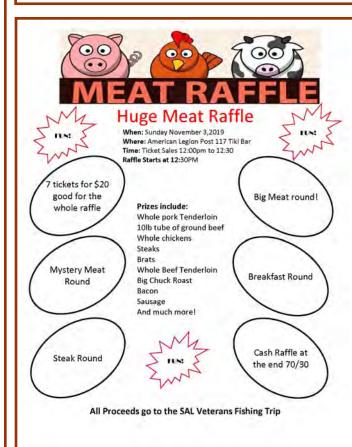
Haircuts by Cathy 3rd Sunday

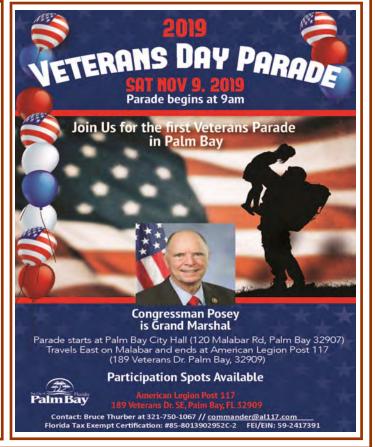
3rd Sunday of the Month 10 am to 12p







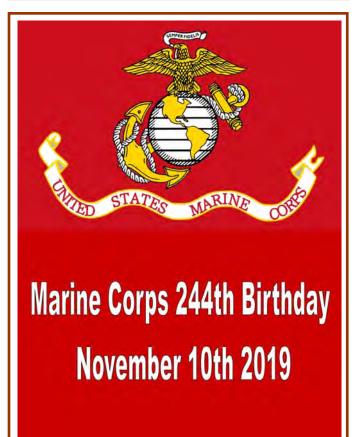








Odyssey Jr/Sr High School has invited all Veterans to attend a Special Thank You Event on November 12th at 9:15 am 1350 Wyoming Drive SE RSVP: Jeff Colopy





Post 117 Family Meeting Saturday November 16th 11 AM

Due to the success of the Family Meeting
We are having our 2nd meeting
Hopefully with a bigger turnout





