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The Thomas Times

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Since the May/June newsletter the Post went from Closed (Phase 1) to Phase 2.

The Post opened Friday June 5th under Phase 2.

The post is now open Monday through Saturday from 11am to 10pm. Sundays the Post opens from 9am to 10pm. Breakfast from 9am to 11:30am. Breakfast is now served in the Hall.

Bar seating is limited with 6ft spacing with no standing except at the servi section to order. Tables in the Canteen were spaced 6ft apart.

Food services for eating in the Hall and Canteen was started. Wednesday Wings is back along with Friday dinners. There are also Daily food Specials.

The Tiki Bar is now open on the standard days and times.

Games will not start until the Post is fully open with no restrictions.

The pool Table and Video games are open.

It is unknown at this time when Phase 3 will start.

The Celebration of Life for Legionnaire Kenny Richert has been re-scheduled for Saturday July 25th from 1-4pm.



Post 117 Directory Auxiliary Officers

American Legion Officers

CommanderBruce Thurber
 1st Vice Commander.....Gene Pilot
 2nd Vice Commander.....Ray Wright
 3rd Vice Commander.....Jimmy Donovan
 Adjutant.....Open Position
 Finance OfficerGene Baker
 Chaplain.....Donna Walkowiak
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Donna Swinski
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Pamela James
 Historian.....Jennie Chavis
 Judge Advocate.....Chris Hamrick
 Asst. Judge Advocate.....Charlie Christy
 Service OfficerKevin McGarry
 Executive CommitteeLeo Belanger
 Executive CommitteeEd Carbin
 Executive CommitteeDave Fox

President MaryAnn Spellman
 1st Vice President..... Sheila Benard
 2nd Vice President..... Sheila Cline Burns
 Treasurer Pat Luckey
 Secretary Sheila Cline Burns
 Sergeant-at-Arms Beverly Hall
 Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms..... Terry Struven
 Chaplain..... Barbara Simons
 Historian..... Mary Lindsey
 Executive Committee..... Millie Donovan
 Executive Committee..... Kerry Baker
 Executive Committee..... Brenda Miskow
 Past President..... Diane Wood

Sons of the American Legion Officers

Squadron CommanderRandy Chilcott
 1st Vice Squadron Commander ..Bruce Walkowiak
 2nd Vice Squadron Commander .Tom Wood
 AdjutantBruce Thurber
 Finance OfficerDon Bilger
 ChaplainGeorge Aichele
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Tony Gannon
 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.....Terry Cox
 HistorianAndy Campbell
 SAL Advisor.....Bruce Thurber

Legion Riders Officers

Director..... Chris Hess
 Assistant Director..... Jeff Cox
 Secretary Sheila Cline Burns
 Finance Officer..... Kim Oaks
 Chaplain..... Donna Walkowiak
 Sergeant-at-Arms Brian Yancey
 Historian..... Open Position
 Road Captain..... Tim Morris
 Membership..... Edie Cortez
 Merchandise Edie Cortez

Honor Guard

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

Ways & Means Committee

Chairman: Jimmy Donovan
 Members: Chris Hess
 Randy Chilcott Jeff Cox
 Jennie Chavis Bill Davidson
 MaryAnn Spellman Sheila Cline Burns
 Ray Wright Tom Wood Steve Chavis

House Committee

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

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Canteen Committee

Chairmen: Dave Fox

Members:

Jeff Davis Kerry Baker
 Tom Giampino Randy Chilcott
 Sheila Benard Steve Chavis

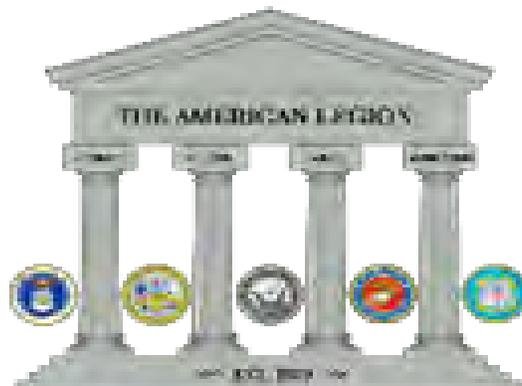


Commander's Corner

*Bruce Thurber
Commander,
American Legion
Post 117*

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The Virus truly effected the members of the Post 117 Family in many ways, but we survived. As we enter the new membership year, we must continue with restrictions placed on us by the government and have many milestones to reach. The first is installing the new officers, having the pavilion built, getting back to holding meetings and getting back to the four pillars the reason we are here. The **American Legion provides life-changing assistance and guidance for veterans, military personnel, their families, and communities in thousands of ways every day around the world. Help comes in the form of personal assistance, cash grants, donated goods, disaster relief, labor, networking, volunteerism, and advocacy.** During our shut down our Canteen Staff and others volunteered to run a drive thru food service which was a great success and helped recover some of the losses we had, I would like to personally thank each and every one who stepped up. I would also like to thank the outgoing officers and welcome the incoming officers. Last year we set a high standard, so our work is cut out for us. As we go forward remember that every family member is a recruiter for the family. As we have the greatest family in the American Legion let us work hard at making it grow and supporting our Local Community. Lastly I would like to ask that every family member reach out to Palm Bay citycouncil@pbfl.org and ask for them to pay for a Veterans Day parade.



Unit 117 American Legion Auxiliary



MaryAnn Spellman
President, Unit 117

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Greeting Family,
Let me start by thanking all of you for placing your confidence in me to serve as your 117 Unit President. I am honored and truly blessed to be a part of this amazing unit.
I would like to also thank everyone for coming out to vote for this year's awesome group of officers. Let us all give a huge shoutout and Congratulate all the new and returning 2020-2021 incoming Officers.

President: MaryAnn Spellman

Secretary: Sheila Cline Burns **1st Vice:** Sheila Benard

2nd Vice: Sheila Cline Burns **Treasurer:** Pat Luckey

Chaplain: Barbara Simons **Historian:** Mary Lindsey

Executive Committee Members

Brenda Miskow

Kerry Baker

Millie Donovan

Unit 117 Past President Diane Wood

I would also like to thank last year's offices for a job well done, you ladies rocked it!

We have a lot of work ahead of us this coming year as we start the year a bit differently than any other year. We have certainly faced some challenges these past few months, and as always working together with our Post Family we pulled through it, and as always we will continue to work through any difficult times that come our way. As Unit President this will be a new learning curve for me, but with the help of the new Officers, returning officers, all our awesome volunteers, and our legion Family we will make things happen, and achieve our goal of helping our veterans and our community. We are a very strong, dedicated Family.

Please remember to attend our monthly general meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Bring your ideas, we would love to hear them.

Unit 117 will be putting together a bunch of fun events along with our annual fundraisers, we need your help it takes many volunteers to achieve our mission.

Unit 117 American Legion Auxiliary Cont'd



MaryAnn Spellman
President, Unit 117

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Our 1st Vice Sheila Benard will be handing membership this year. Make sure to pay your dues by September 10th 2020 so you can get your stamp for the early bird dinner.

We will also be asking for volunteers to help with Steakshoot, Friday Dinners, and Sunday Breakfast. Please reach out to our 2nd Vice Sheila Cline Burns to get on the schedule.

I am overly excited to see where this year takes us, I just know we are going to have a fabulous year.

Hope to see everyone soon.
For God & Country

Warm Regards,
MaryAnn Spellman
Unit 117 President

Legion Family Future Leaders (Juniors)



MaryAnn Spellman
Jr's Chairman

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Greetings all,

Yes, it is that time of year again for our Family Future Leaders to do what they do best, help support our veterans and our community. Our Jr's had a great year and did so many amazing things last year. We would love to grow this program, our children and Grandchildren are our Legion Family FUTURE LEADERS (Juniors) let's get them involved now, so they can grow and learn just what our Legion Family is all about and what we do for our Veterans and the community.

If you have a child / grandchild and would like them to be a part of our junior's girl and boys are both welcome to join up to age 17. Please speak with Auxiliary 1st Vice Sheila Benard to enroll any girls, or SAL Squad Commander Randy Chilcott for the boys. The membership dues are \$8.00 for the year for all Junior's

Unfortunately, our year was cut short and things seemed to come to a complete stop for our Future Leaders, as we as leaders decided to protect their health, and safety by postponing any meetings until it is safe to do so. We will keep everyone informed on when we will start back up again.

As we continue to grow this program, we really want to keep everyone up to date on what they have been doing and what is coming up in the future. We do not want anyone to miss out on the amazing things our Future Leaders will be doing this year. If you are not a part of our Legion Family Future Leaders Face Book page, please request to join to learn about upcoming events and their progress. We have a huge support team this year. I will be chairing along with Co Chair Sheila Benard and the help of many others.

We intend on getting all the Jr's involved in as many Post family events, and programs along with other special things we have planned throughout the year.

For God & Country,
Warm Regards,
MaryAnn Spellman Jr's Chairman,
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 117



Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion

The SAL decided to keep all our current officers in place for the upcoming 2020-2021 year. We had a very good year and I look forward to another great year working with the legion family.

I have a plan for this New Year and a lot of it has to do with taking care of our post first. (Family First) We will continue all our programs and I will be posting announcements as we move forward.

Randy Chilcott
Commander
Squadron 117

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As always we need volunteers for Thursday steak shoot, Friday night dinner, Sunday breakfast and Big AZZ Burgers (when they resume) 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!

Randy Chilcott Commander
Squadron 117





Wanda Colopy
Canteen Manager

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Post 117, Canteen Manager

We are still in phase 2 of this covid-19 virus. Looks like with all the cases continuing to rise will not be going to phase 3 anytime soon.

Our hours are:

Canteen

Mon-Sat 11am-10pm

Sun 9am-10pm

Tiki

Fri-3pm-10pm

Sat-2pm-10pm

Sun-1pm-10pm

Remember we have to do the social distancing inside the canteen, tiki, hall when we are opened.

Once we go back to phase 3 back to normal no restrictions. Will go back to the games, entertainment and drink specials.

I would like to thank my awesome bartender staff for the beautiful flowers. I had rotator cup surgery.

Please come out and support are awesome post 117, and our great bartender staff.

For God and Country

Wanda Colopy
Canteen Manager



Post Meetings ••• Post Meetings ••• Post Meetings ••• Post Meetings

- Legion Meeting, 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
- Legion EC Meeting, 2nd Sunday 12 noon
- 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, 3rd Monday, 6:30 pm
- 40 & 8 Voiture 1621, 4th Tuesday, 7:00 pm
- La Femmes, 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
- Ways & Means Committee, 1st Monday, 6:00 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".

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
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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

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

New Hours! Open Later!

Monday-Saturday 11am-10pm
Sunday 9am-10pm

Tiki will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday at normal hours. The Tiki will also be open the 1st Thursday and the last Thursday (Bike Night) of the month by the Riders.

Kitchen Specials Daily

Now Available From the Kitchen



SOUP of the DAY

**Soup is now available
from the kitchen**

For \$3

Also Subs and Salads

For \$6

All You Can Eat



Breakfast

9 am till 1130 am

Eggs your way

Omelets

Bacon

Sausage

\$7

Potatoes

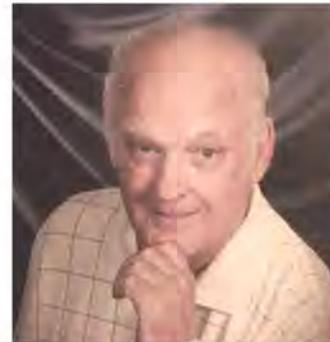
Corned beef hash

Biscuits & Gravy

And Specials

New date for Celebration of Life

for Kenny Richert
Saturday July 25th
1 to 4pm



To be held at American Legion Post 117
189 Veterans Drive SE, Palm Bay, FL32909