



AMERICAN LEGION CHARLES F. THOMAS IV POST 117
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Flags On Veterans

Graves Rain or Shine

Saturday May 28th 8:30am

Scout Troop 732

BBQ Sunday

May 29th 12pm-5pm

Memorial Day Service

at Charles F Thomas IV grave site

Monday May 30th 9am and at the Post at 1pm

**3 Angels Ball For All
Poker Run**

Saturday June 18th

Department Convention

June 16-19th

Check Facebook and bulletin boards for more details.



Post 117 Directory

American Legion Officers

CommanderBill Davidson
 1st Vice Commander.....Gene Pilot
 2nd Vice Commander.....Ray Wright
 3rd Vice Commander.....Jimmy Donovan
 Adjutant.....Bruce Thurber
 Finance OfficerGary Benard
 ChaplainDonna Walkowiak
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Donna Swinski
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Jeannie Perry
 HistorianJennie Chavis
 Judge Advocate.....Bob Swinski
 Service Officer.....Kevin McGarry
 Executive CommitteeEd Carbin
 Executive Committee.....Jesse Suelter
 Immediate Past Commander.....Bruce Thurber

Auxiliary Officers

President MaryAnn Spellman
 1st Vice President..... Sheila Benard
 2nd Vice President..... Sheila Cline Burns
 Treasurer Brenda Miskow
 Secretary Kim Oaks
 Sergeant-at-Arms Beverly Hall
 Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms..... Shellee Hutchins
 Chaplain..... Barbara Simmons
 Historian..... Dawn Burgess
 Executive Committee..... Mille Donovan
 Executive Committee..... Teresa Linton
 Executive Committee..... Sandy Huff

Sons of the American Legion Officers

Squadron CommanderAndy Campbell
 1st Vice Squadron Commander ..Bruce Walkowiak
 2nd Vice Squadron Commander .Jeff Cox
 AdjutantGeorge Aichele
 Finance OfficerDon Bilger
 ChaplainMathew Hanline
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Terry Cox
 HistorianAlvin Hill
 SAL Advisor.....Bruce Thurber

Legion Riders Officers

Director..... Jeff Cox
 Assistant Director..... Brian Yancey
 Secretary Sheila Cline Burns
 Treasurer Kim Oaks
 Chaplain..... Leah Guljord
 Sergeant-at-Arms Stan Wood
 Historian..... Open Position
 Road Captain..... Eric Spellman
 Membership..... Shelby Kennedy
 Merchandise Shelby Kennedy

Honor Guard

Commander: Matt Zirwas

Members: Dawn Hanner
 Ed Milnor Bruce Walkowiak
 Clinton Mason Rowena Milnor
 Donna Walkowiak John Petticchie

Ways & Means Committee

Chairman: Jimmy Donovan

Members: Andy Campbell
 Jennie Chavis
 MaryAnn Spellman
 Brenda Miskow

House Committee

Chairman: Jess Suelter

Members: Tom Wood
 Andy Campbell
 Jerry Pucel

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Commander's Corner

*Bill Davidson
Commander,
American Legion
Post 117*

commander@all117.com

We made our 100% goal for membership. Well done everyone.

Both rounds of nominations for Post elected officers have been completed. Since those that were nominated were unopposed there will not be an election. No one accepted the nomination for 2nd Vice Commander so that position is currently open.

The 2022/2023 Post 117 Officers are:

Commander: Bill Davidson

1st Vice Commander: Jess Suelter

2nd Vice Commander: Open

3rd Vice Commander: Terry Struven

Finance Officer: Jeannie Perry

Historian: Bobby Dye

Chaplain: Donna Walkowiak

Sgt at Arms: Donna Swinski

Sgt at Arms: Jennie Chavis

Executive Committee Members: Ed Carbin and Stan Wood

The Adjutant, Judge Advocate and Service Officer are appointed positions. The appointments will be made at the May Legion meeting.

As you can see the parking lot repair has been completed. Tiki floor repair is still under review. The ice machine in the Canteen has been replaced.

Department 2022 Convention June 16-19th.



Andy Campbell
Commander
Squadron 117

sal@117.com



Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion

[Hello everyone!](#)

Summer is coming!

Since my last communication we have had our nominations for all of the 2022 – 2023 officers. No one was opposed so here are your officers for next year.

Commander – Andy Campbell

1st Vice – Bruce Walkowiak

2nd Vice – Greg Singler

Finance Officer – Don Bilger

Sgt at Arms - Eric Spellman

Asst Sgt at Arms – John Pettinicchio

Chaplain – Mike Miskow

Historian – Alvin Hill

Congratulations to you all and thanks for supporting the SAL

This years veterans fishing trip will be on May 22nd

This is a veterans only fishing trip. Please be ready to show your ID card when signing up if asked. We will only have 40 spots available. I already have enough volunteers for the trip. Membership is doing well! And we have surpassed 100%. As of this newsletter we are at 106%! Thanks Bruce W for all of the hard work you do to maintain this!

Convention is happening in June. We need delegates to go for SAL. If you want to go vote please reach out to me or Bruce and we can get you headed in the right direction. I will be attending on Saturday only and will drive up in the morning and back home at night so if you want to ride with me let me know.

Easter Brunch was a success as we sold 74 meals that day and Fish Frys continue to be good as well! With the folks heading back up north for the summer I will be reducing my fish frys to 80 meals until October.

Make sure to watch the TV's in the post and the bulletin board for upcoming events!

I can be reached at 117squadroncmdr@gmail.com

Thanks, and God Bless,

Andy Campbell
SAL Squadron Commander



Bruce Thurber

Adjutant@all17.com

Adjutant's Corner

As the Legion transitions into the age of technology they will no longer be providing us with replacement cards for members for whatever reason need one. The New procedure will be that once your file is updated in my legion you will be able to print your replacement card. We ask that all Legion and SAL members register an account at: <https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Home> Further for those with access to there account through the phone you will be able to bring up your card if necessary.



As we end our year, we have been finding more and more that we have inaccurate information on Legionnaires and Sons of the American Legion. This can be updated in two ways one sign in to myLegion.org and update it or complete the form and place in the appropriate membership mailbox.

Information Update Form: Legion SAL

Name:

Address:

Phone:

EMAIL:

The New Membership Program has added a section for **Emergency contact** information section, for Legion and SAL members. To update your information in the system please fill out the form and place in the appropriate membership box.

Contact Name:

Relationship:

Phone Type: Cell Home Business

Phone Number:

Comments:



*Donna Walkowiak
Chaplain*

Chaplain@all17.com

Chaplain's Corner

Well, we've come to the end of this term. We look back on the year and reports are turned in. I'd like to thank the Commander and all the officers for their support, as I could not have done as much as we did without them. I thank also the Honor Guard for their participation in not only the Celebrations of Life but also the ceremonies that I held. It adds so much. I would also like to express my appreciation for my Post Family. You were there with prayers of healing, support and condolences. You were the extended family, there to hold up our ill, injured and bereaved in their time of need. This is a strong bond we can be proud of. This Post can look back on all the good it accomplished this year, the money raised for so many charities, the events that were sponsored by one faction of the family but made successful by the volunteer efforts of the full family. The events that were just held at our Post that were supported by the family making them successful. We are one Legion and we do make a difference. At the same time this has been a sad year; with 15 of our Legionnaires passing, including a Charter member and 2 past Commanders. We held 8 Celebrations of Life and the Post family was there to Honor the deceased and support the family. Thank you.

I request now that we continue to pray for those over seas, suffering the atrocities we see unfolding. Pray the lord will reveal his plan and restore peace and human dignity. Pray also for our great nation, that the Lord will guide us in his Devine way, that we may regain our moral compass and return to the values that were the cornerstone we were built upon.

I am Proud to have served as your Legion Chaplain this year and look forward to the 2022/2023 year.



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

- Legion EC Meeting, 3rd Wednesday, 6:00pm
- Legion Meeting, 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
- SAL Meeting, 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm
- Auxiliary EC Meeting, 2nd Monday, 6:30 pm
- Auxiliary Meeting, 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm
- Legion Riders Meeting, 1st Thursday, 6:30 pm
- Legion Riders EC Meeting, 3rd Monday, 6:00 pm
- Ways & Means Committee, Last 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 before your name indicate what month/ year you need to renew your booster check made out to the “American Legion Post 117”.

- June 2021
Thomas and Stacy Gaume
- September 2021
Tom and Diane Wood
- March 2023
Jess and Rhonda Suelter

Hall/Pavilion Rental

Our Post Hall or Pavilion are 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

MERCHANDISE SALES

Legion Items For Sale

- Men’s Tee (Gray/Black, Red/Gold, Black/White, Black/Red)...\$15
- Men’s Polo with pocket (Black, Red and Burgundy).....\$35
- Women’s Shirts (Red, Black, Teal, Burgundy and Purple).....\$20
- Legion License Plate.....\$5

Riders Items For Sale

(For special orders contact Riders Merchandise Person)

- Men’s Tank Tops (Black)\$10
- Men’s T-Shirts\$20
- Hoodies..... \$30
- Long Sleeve (Black)\$20
- Ladies V-Neck.....\$20
- Small Riders Patch\$10
- Medium Riders Patch\$20
- Large Riders Patch\$40

SAL Items For Sale

- US Flag (3x5)\$25
- POW/MIA Flag\$30
- SAL T-Shirts (Red or Blue)\$10

AUX Items For Sale

- Auxiliary Ladies V-Neck T-Shirts\$15
- Black Half Staff Ribbon\$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

Services currently provided at Sharon’s home.

Contact Sharon at (321) 403-1216 for appointment and directions.



JOIN US

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Hosted by

BSA Troop 732

Sunday, May 29th 12pm – 5pm

Pulled Pork or Qtr Chicken Plates \$10
w/ Baked Beans, Slaw, Mac n' Cheese

→ **Raffle Baskets & More** ←



Charles F. Thomas IV
American Legion Post 117

2022 Memorial Day
Celebration

Service at Fountain Head

Honoring Charles F. Thomas IV

Monday May 30th 2022

9 AM

Memorial Day 2020 Ceremony

American Legion Post 117

1pm

Followed by our Picnic

3 Angels Ball For All
7th ANNUAL
POKER RUN
Saturday, June 18th

GREAT LIVE MUSIC BY SHOVEHED!

RAFFLES 50/50 BOARD LIVE AUCTION

3 Angels Ball For All

Registration Begins at 9 am
Kick Stands Up at 10 am

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

Riders \$20
(Includes Lunch and Event Shirt)

Passengers \$15
(Includes Lunch and Event Shirt)

BBQ Lunch \$8 per person

Shirt Sponsors \$150
(Back of shirt Advertising)

Featuring
DOG HOLIDAY
Country and Western Music

Master of Ceremonies
 Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Everyone Welcome! Ride or Drive!
*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" To Sponsor or for Additional Information Please Contact Us at 3angelsballforall@gmail.com or Call 321.272.3784