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Welcome to a new year at American Legion Post 117!

Let's be sure to thank and welcome the new and returning officers of the Legion, Sons, Auxiliary, and Riders. May they lead us through a great year working for our Veterans and our community.



Check Facebook and bulletin boards for more details.

Post 117 Directory

American Legion Officers

CommanderBill Davidson
 1st Vice Commander.....Jesse Suelter
 2nd Vice Commander.....Bob Swinski
 3rd Vice Commander.....Terry Struven
 Adjutant.....Bruce Thurber
 Finance OfficerJeanie Perry
 ChaplainDonna Walkowiak
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Donna Swinski
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Jennie Chavis
 HistorianBobby Dye
 Judge Advocate.....Bob Swinski
 Service Officer.....Kevin McGarry
 Executive CommitteeEd Carbin
 Executive CommitteeStan Wood
 Immediate Past Commander.....Bruce Thurber

Auxiliary Officers

President Kim Oaks
 1st Vice President..... Karen Humann
 2nd Vice President..... Donna Swinski
 Treasurer Loraine Ryan
 Secretary Sheila Cline
 Sergeant-at-Arms Beverly Hall
 Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms..... Open
 Chaplain..... Barbara Simmons
 Historian..... Wendy Wood
 Executive Committee..... Dawn Burgess
 Executive Committee..... Barbara Ward
 Executive Committee..... Brenda Miskow
 Membership..... Karen Humann

Sons of the American Legion Officers

Squadron CommanderAndy Campbell
 1st Vice Squadron Commander ..Bruce Walkowiak
 2nd Vice Squadron Commander .Greg Singler
 AdjutantGeorge Aichele
 Finance OfficerDon Bilger
 ChaplainMike Miskow
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Eric Spellman
 Asst, Sergeant-at-ArmsJohn Pettinicchio
 HistorianAlvin Hill
 SAL Advisor.....Bruce Thurber

Legion Riders Officers

Director..... Brian Yancey
 Assistant Director..... Stan Wood
 Secretary Sheila Cline Burns
 Treasurer Bobby Dye
 Chaplain..... Leah Guljord
 Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Smith
 Historian..... Dana Jackson
 Road Captain..... Jeff Cox
 Membership..... Open
 Merchandise Open

Honor Guard

Commander: Matt Zirwas
 Members:
 Ed Milnor Jr. Dawn Hanner
 Daniel Wood Bruce Walkowiak
 Donna Walkowiak Rowena Milnor
 Andy Campbell John Petticchie

Ways & Means Committee

Chairman: Terry Struven
 Members:
 Andy Campbell Stan Wood
 Bobby Dye Brian Yancey
 Kim Oaks Bill Davidson
 Brenda Miskow Bob Swinski
 Greg Singler

House Committee

Chairman: Jerry Pucel
 Jess Suelter
 Members:
 Tom Wood
 Andy Campbell

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**Commander's
Corner**

*Bill Davidson
Commander,
American Legion
Post 117*

commander@al117.com

As you can see the Tiki Bar floor project has been completed. Looks great.

Thanks to Gary Benard for heading up that project.

We are still working on the electrical project for the Pavilion.

The Department of Florida Convention was held mid June. Post 117 and some members received awards.

Post 117 Department of Florida Awards

- Runner-Up for Best Religious Emphasis: Chaplain Donna Walkowiak
- Teacher of the Year: Thomas Rebman
- Service Officer of the year: Kevin McGarry
- Special Olympics Fundraising over \$7,000: Post 117
- 100% Membership: Post 117
- 103% Membership: Post 117

Post 117 Members that are Department of Florida Officers

- 2nd Vice Commander: Chris Hamrick
- Chaplain: Barry Roberts
- Membership Chairman: Bruce Thurber (Also 12th District 1st Vice Commander)
- Past Department Commander: Diane Boland

All officers have been sworn and we are off and running for the 2022/2023 year.

Keep up the good work Post 117 Family!!



Andy Campbell
Commander
Squadron 117

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Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion

[Hello everyone!](#)

Summer is here and elections are over!

Happy 4th of July!

Here are your 2022/2023 officers for SAL!

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

Chaplin – Mike Miskow

Historian – Alvin Hill (N – Don Bilger)

Congratulations to you all and thanks for supporting the SAL

At Convention we were presented with a trophy for Special Olympics donations of \$15,306.28

Membership is starting over again and we are getting in renewals already. The problem is we don't have our membership cards so if you paid your dues for this coming year be patient you will get your cards in the next month.

The Fish Fry has been slowing down and will pick up again in the fall so we are only going to have 60 dinners available for July and August. I will be away from the middle of August until the middle part of September so if you need anything please contact Bruce Walkowiak with any issues.

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

District 12 Vice Commander



MaryAnn Spellman
President

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Unit 117 American Legion Auxiliary

Greeting Family,

I want to start by thanking all of you for placing your confidence in me for the past 2 years to serve as 117 Unit President. I am honored and truly blessed to be a part of such an amazing Unit.

I want to give a special thanks all last year's officers on a job well done, you ladies ROCKED IT!

Unit 117 was to help so many people in need this year. Thank you to all that volunteered their time, donated, supported our events, and fundraisers to make this happen, we really are a very strong, dedicated Family.

I would like to also thank everyone for coming out to vote for this year's AWESOME group of incoming officers. Let us all give a HUGE shoutout and CONGRADULATE all the new and returning Unit 117 2022- 2023 Officers.

President: Kim Oaks
Parliamentarian MaryAnn Spellman
Secretary: Sheila Cline
1st Vice: Karen Humann
2nd Vice: Donna Swinski
Treasurer: Lorraine Ryan

Chaplain: Barbara Simons
Historian: Wendy Wood
Sgt at Arms: Beverly Hall
Asst Sgt at Arms: TBD
Executive Committee Members:
Brenda Miskow

I am looking forward to seeing the wonderful things Unit 117 has planned this year, I know it will be another AMAZING year!

Please remember to come and join us for our monthly General Meeting the 3rd Thursday at 7pm. If you need to pay your dues, please contact membership chair / 1st Vice Karen Humann

For God & Country Warm Regards,
MaryAnn Spellman
Unit 117 Past President 2021 – 2022



MaryAnn Spellman
Chairman

auxiliary@al117.com



Unit 117 Juniors

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 FUTURE LEADERS (Juniors & young SAL members) 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.

My plan for this year is to have one meeting a month at the post home. Our 1st meeting will be on Saturday July 16th at 11am. I will keep everyone updated regarding future meetings and events. We intend on getting all the Jr's involved in as many Post 117 family events, and programs as possible.

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 / membership Karen Humann to enroll any girls, or SAL Squad 1st Vice Bruce Walkowiak for the boys. The membership dues are \$8.00 for the year for all ALA Junior's and young SAL Members.

Please make sure, I have your contact information, phone and email so I can make sure you are getting all updates. Send to maryannspellman9@gmail.com We do not want anyone to miss out on the amazing things our Future Leaders will be doing this year.

For God & Country.

Warm Regards
MaryAnn Spellman Jr Chairman



Brian Yancy
Director,
Chapter 117

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Chapter 117, American Legion Riders

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Fellow Legion Riders,

Let us first thank all the 2021 – 2022 Officers for an outstanding year and a job well done. Lots of miles for our favorite charities and programs; all the things we're about as AL Riders. To all our volunteers who've worked so hard to support us throughout the year THANK YOU! Our success as a group truly depends on your involvement. We know how hard it is to find time in our busy schedules to volunteer, but volunteering is what sets us apart.

AL Riders, you are the ones that will make this coming year successful! So please raise your hand and help us out as we move into another season and continue the ALR 117 legacy of supporting our veterans & charities.

Let us know your thoughts on how we can improve. Please attend the monthly meetings, you will find out about upcoming rides and events. Meetings along with Facebook and Chimpmail are our means to communicate with you. Until then, keep an eye on your email for upcoming events. If you're not receiving emails, let us know!

Thanks to all those who've stepped up and were elected as new incoming Officers for 2022 - 2023 we look forward to our fellow Riders support in making this another record year. This is a new learning curve for some of us, but with your help and help of our new Officers let's set this year on fire with enjoyable rides & events.

Brian Yancey
Director, Chapter 117



*Donna Walkowiak
Chaplain*

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Chaplain's Corner

As I start the new 2022-2023 year I have to reflect on the year we finished. It was a whirlwind of activity.

Sadly we said goodbye to so many including 3 past commanders, and a Past Post officer.

I'm proud to say our Legion family came out to support the families of the Legionnaires, as our Honor Guard provided military honors.

I feel that I have been blessed to have a strong, active Legion family. Both the wreath ceremony and the 4 Chaplains ceremonies were well attended.

The response on Chaplains Corner shows a growing concern for each other and a faith in the power of prayer. I look forward to serving again this year and ask for your continued support.

Remember if you are in need of prayer we are here for you. Text, message or email your concern to chaplain@all17.com. (I do not post anything without your approval)



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)	\$20
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	\$50

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.



Early Bird 2022

Cutoff Date Oct 1st



POST 117

Picnic

**4TH OF
JULY**

Noon-4pm

**Ceremony at 12 fol-
lowed by the Picnic**

**Post will provide Burgers and Dogs
Please bring a Side to Share**



**STARR'S BENEFIT RUN
BATTLING BREAST CANCER
SATURDAY JULY 30TH**

REGISTRATION AT POST 117 STARTING AT 9:30

RIDERS \$15, PASSENGERS \$5

KSU AT 10:30

STOPS: LONE CABBAGE, PINEDA INN

ROONEY'S AND BACK TO 117

**FOOD, 50/50, RAFFLES,
VENDORS AND BASKETS**

JIMMY D ON STAGE