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Post 117 Directory

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CommanderBill Davidson
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 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
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 Executive CommitteeStan Wood
 Immediate Past Commander.....Bruce Thurber

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President Kim Oaks
 1st Vice President..... Karen Humann
 2nd Vice President..... Donna Swinski
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 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
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 Asst, Sergeant-at-ArmsJohn Pettinicchio
 HistorianAlvin Hill
 SAL Advisor.....Bruce Thurber

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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

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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
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Post 117*

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As we move into September/October we will be busy with numerous activities/events that will run to the end of the year. We will need many volunteers from the Post Family members. There will be a need for someone to volunteer to be an event coordinator for each event/activity. This may require the coordinator to have several meetings with those involved so that everyone knows what they and others are responsible for. This should keep confusion at a minimum.

The Veterans Day parade is set for Saturday November 5th and the Holiday parade is set for Saturday December 3rd. This year Tim Brooks is going to have the Marine Corp birthday celebration at Post 117 on Thursday November 10th.

Mylegion.org

Legionnaires and SAL members should sign up at MyLegion.org to update their information such as address, phone number and Emergency Contact information. One of the benefits to signing up is that if your membership card is lost or destroyed, you can print a new membership card yourself.

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!

I hope all you had a great summer!

As we start to roll into fall and the weather becomes more favorable and a lot of folks start coming back from their summers away, we will have some great activities happening around the post. Stay tuned to the bulletin board in the canteen and the TVs for more info

The weekend of Sept 9th it all begins with our awesome Fish Fry on Friday and then Doc Holidays 70th Birthday party on the 10 and the 9/11 Ceremony on Sunday the 11th

Once again membership is starting over and would ask that you get that paid as soon as possible for next year

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 Sept and October then we will move it back to 100 for the winter months

I will be traveling more for work in the coming months but will try to work it around my schedule here as I am lucky enough to be able to do that.

Also, I have taken the position of District Vice Commander for District 12 and that will require me to do a little more travel as well and hope you see many of you at the district meetings!

Make sure to watch the TVs 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



Kim Oaks, President

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Unit 117 American Legion Auxiliary

Let me begin by saying thank you all for having the confidence in me to elect me as your Unit President for the 2022-2023 Auxiliary year. I promise to remain committed to our Unit and to the mission of the ALA.

This years Auxiliary theme is C.O.L.O.R., Continue Our Legacy Of Respect. Our membership theme is Painting The Town for our Veterans and our District theme is based on a Past Department Presidents theme and that is of PDP Betty Barber (2003-2004) Florida Hearts Celebrate the Red White and Blue. We are the Hearts. Every District has been assigned a different PDP.

We began our year with installation of Officers on June 25, 2022. We held our first Junior meeting on July 16, 2022 and our first General Membership Meeting July 21, 2022 where we welcomed 8 new members. On behalf of the Education committee, we voted to donate \$500 to Friends of Children of Brevard for backpacks. The Junior Activities committee proudly announced that Junior member Averi Krogh was elected as ALA Department of Florida's Honorary Department Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms. Congratulations, Averi, we are all so very proud of you! The ALA Girls State committee welcomed Delegate Gabriella McDermott. Gabriella spoke briefly about her time at Girls State and thanks the Unit for sponsoring her.

Show Me The Money has some new volunteers. Please be patient with us as we work together to find our rhythm and join us every Tuesday from 1-3pm.

Continue to be involved: you are a valuable member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Thank you for everything you do and thank you for saying color me there! Members, you are the artists, painting the town for our veterans. #colormethere.

Yours in Service,
Kim Oaks, President Unit 117



MaryAnn Spellman
Chairman

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Unit 117 Juniors

Hello Family,

I hope this finds everyone well.

Calling all Family Future Leader, On Sunday September 11th, 2022, at 10am the Jr's will be helping pack up meals to deliver to 1st responders for 9-11. We would like to have all Jr's there to help and then go and deliver the meals. It would be great if the Jr's could make cards to bring with them to the police stations and fire departments to thank them for their service to the community. Please bring your cards with you that day.

Our next meeting will be Sunday September 18th, 2022 @ 11am at the post home. The Jr's will be making Veterans Day card, also they will get meet and speak with a few of our Veterans from the Post.

We have some cool things in the works for our Future Leaders this year to keep them involved. Please watch the Future Leader FB page for more information that will be posted as we finalize these plans. If you are not a part of the FB page, contact me to be added. We will also post flyers and notifications at the post and here in the newsletter. We will do the best we can to keep everyone posted on all future events for the Jr's. I would like to wish all our Jr's the best of luck for the school year, as we start another year. Just remember you are Future Leaders, you got this!

Annual Kids Halloween Costume Party on Saturday October 29th 1pm – 3pm. Signup sheet will be posted in the canteen. We are looking for Candy donations, there will be a box marked Kids Halloween Part Candy in the hall by the Auxiliary office, please drop your candy off there. Thank you in advance for all you do to help with our Jr events. If you have a child / grandchild between ages birth to 17 and would like to be a part of this amazing program. Dues are \$8 for the year. Girls will be signed up with Auxiliary, please, contact Karen Humann boys will be SAL members' Dues are \$11.00, please contact Andy Campbell.
Warmest Regards,

MaryAnn Spellman Unit 117 Jr Chairman
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Brian Yancy
Director,
Chapter 117

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Chapter 117, American Legion Riders

Fellow Legion Riders,

July and August have been hotter than usual, but we've still gotten out and rode for charities and special events. Thank you all for making Starr's and Jojo's events successful.

Thank you to those that went to District 6 and participated in their District Unity Ride. They were appreciative as well and told me they would be over to participate in our next 12th District Unity Ride.

To all our volunteers who've worked so hard to support us through the last two months, THANK YOU! Our success as a group truly depends on your involvement. Please attend the monthly meetings, you will find out about upcoming rides and events. Meetings along with Facebook and Chimpmail are ours means to communicate with you. It doesn't slow down! As it hopefully begins to cool, there will be more rides and events.

The Palm Bay SWAT Team ride will be coming up. The District Picnic at Wickham Park is October 22, I'm sure we have a group Ride In. And the entire month of October is Merry-Go-Round supporting the Department Commander's charity for Children and Youth Programs. Get ready for Kick Stands Up!

Brian Yancy
Director,
Chapter 117

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*Donna Walkowiak
Chaplain*

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Chaplain's Corner

I want to thank our prayer warriors for checking Chaplains Corner on the Post Facebook page. When a need for prayer arises or is requested you are there. You were there for Cheryl Lemar, Rick Johnson, Gene Pilot and Jimmy D when they were hospitalized. All home now either recovered or recovering. Gene is still in need of prayers for healing so he can have his shoulder surgery done. Prayers for JoJo are needed so don't let up.

We lost Michael Nolen, Frank Respante, Michael Fell, and Bob Stewart. Your prayers for the families left behind were heart felt and appreciated. The celebrations of life that were held were well attended and the families thank you.

With the anniversary of 9-11 coming up we need to remember to pray for our first responders. As they risk their lives for us may they be in God's protective hands.

We should also pray for our fractured nation, that it may it be restored to its former greatness and common sense be restored along with morality.

I give thanks for my Post Family and its ability to rally for each other as in JoJo's fundraiser. We are a force when we come together for a common cause and the United States of America is the same way. Pray for God to Bless America.

Thank you all for being who you are.

Donna Walkowiak
Chaplain

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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, 6:00 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