



History Book of  
 Charles F. Thomas IV Post No. 117  
 The American Legion  
 Palm Bay, FL 32909  
 For 2022—2023  
 By: Dana Jackson



Introduction

**The Beginning of the American Legion Riders**

In the fall of 1993 Chuck (Tramp) Dare shared a dream with then Post Commander (Polka) Bill Kaledas at the American Legion Post 396 in Garden City, Michigan. The idea came about to start a motorcycle association that would operate within the American Legion. The idea was to provide an atmosphere whereas Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L.. members, who shared an enthusiasm for motorcycles, could come together. It was meant to be a family oriented group.

Not knowing how to start this group up, and stay within the scope of the American Legion, a letter was written to then Department Adjutant Hubert Hess. In his November 19th, 1993 reply he stated that it “Sounds like a great idea”. In this letter, and follow-up phone conversations, he gave us instructions on how to manage this program at our Post. He also provided us information on how to get approval for the use of the American Legion Emblem. We then sought to get this program recognized through our Post Membership. The idea was brought up at our Post meeting to have our Post sponsor the group to be known as the “American Legion Riders”. It was passed by our members and thus became the birth of the first American Legion Riders group.

We started with just a small group. Within a few months we grew to nineteen members. We worked on developing a set of by-laws to help us to provide structure to our group. We designed an emblem for the American Legion Riders. This emblem, contained within its design, the emblem of the American Legion. Working closely with our Department Adjutant we were able to gain approval, by the national headquarters of the American Legion, to have our emblem manufactured for our group. This emblem is worn today by Legion Rider groups throughout the country.





### Introduction (Continued)

and Nation. We did such things as putting on a “Bingo” at the VA Hospital, putting on fundraisers for local charities, participating in motorcycle “runs” to raise money for charity and participation in ceremonies and parades. We did have some Post members who thought, in the beginning, that we would be just a bunch of “Bikers”. After seeing the kinds of things we did, we gained a lot of respect in both the American Legion community as well as our own community.

In 1996 we had an article published about the American Legion Riders in the American Legion National publication of the “Dispatch”. An article in the American Legion Magazine soon followed up this article. In about 1996 “Tramp” moved to Texas, where he did a great job of promoting the Legion Rider program there. Today, there are groups of American Legion Riders throughout the country.

#### **Who benefits from forming an American Legion Riders Group?**

We all do!!!! Many of the groups, in existence today, have all had stories where some of their Post members were a little reluctant to let a group of “Bikers” in to their Post. After seeing what these groups were doing for the American Legion their opinion soon changed. Not only did the Post welcome them, but in most cases did what they could to help support their efforts, by participating in some of the groups fundraising events. There are also many stories where the American Legion Riders group worked in conjunction with the Post to sponsor a program. The Post was glad to have their help and the Riders were honored to be asked. We were able to break down some barriers. Just because one person wears a leather motorcycle jacket and another wears a golf shirt and slacks, we now know that we can work together to promote the aims and purposes of the American Legion.. We have done it, and everyone involved was able to see the benefit.



### Introduction (Continued)

As stated, it is to be able to work with the Local Post to assist in promoting the American Legion.

Membership, Membership, Membership!! Literally every Post program of the American Legion Riders has brought in members that may not have joined the American Legion were it not for the Riders program. The Riders program has been able to spark a new interest to join the American Legion. Some of these members, who joined for the Legion Rider program, have gone on to serve as Officers within their Post. Conversely, we have also had Post members go out and purchase motorcycles just to join the Riders. There was one story from a Post that recently started an American Legion Riders group. It advertised for the first meeting of the group. They originally intended for only about six or seven members to show up to the first meeting. When the meeting started they had several people wanting to join, nine of these people were joining the American Legion that night so that they could become members of the Legion Riders. Have you had a program that has brought in that many new members in one night lately? Pure enjoyment!! The program was designed to have people work together and enjoy themselves. It may be a group of Riders working on a fundraiser for a local charity, it may be just a warm summer evening ride together or maybe just sitting at the Post sharing stories. It’s all about members working together and playing together – it is there for them to enjoy.

Bill Kaledas





Captain Charles F. Thomas IV

6/13/46—4/8/71

HQ & SVC BTRY, 3RD BN, 319TH ARTILLERY, 173RD ABN BDE, USARV  
Army of the United States



**Charles F Thomas IV**

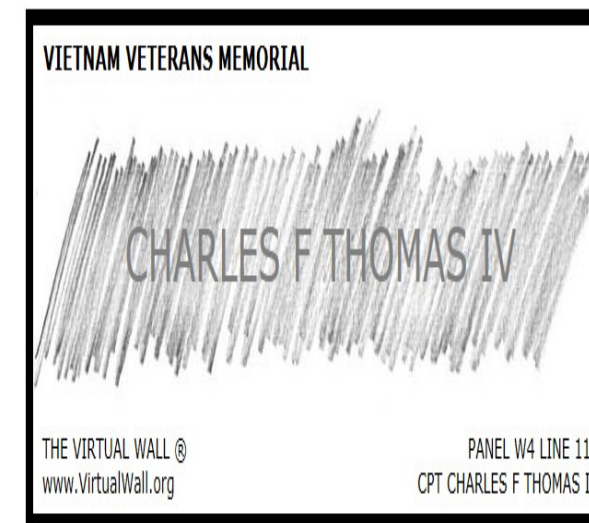
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PERSONAL DATA:  
 Home of Record: Palm Bay, FL  
 Date of birth: 06/13/1946

MILITARY DATA:  
 Service: Army of the United States  
 Grade at loss: O3  
 Rank/Rate: Captain  
 ID No: xxxxx5720  
 MOS/RATING: 71193: Field Artillery Unit Commander (Airborne Qual)  
 Length Service: \*\*  
 Unit: HQ & SVC BTRY, 3RD BN, 319TH ARTILLERY, 173RD ABN BDE, USARV

CASUALTY DATA:  
 Start Tour: 01/04/1970  
 Incident Date: 04/08/1971  
 Casualty Date: 04/08/1971  
 Age at Loss: 24  
 Location: Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam  
 Remains: Body recovered  
 Casualty Type: Hostile, died outright  
 Casualty Reason: Ground casualty  
 Casualty Detail: Artillery, rocket, or mortar

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# American Legion Post 117

189 Veterans Dr SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909



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## PREAMBLE

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To demonstrate the principles of responsible motorcycling as set forth in the Rider's Response: "We, Your American Legion Riders, Ride for God and Country, The American Legion Family, and Allied Veterans everywhere, Protect those that protect us. Amen". To serve as examples of responsible American Patriotism; to uphold and defend the Constitution of The United States of America; to serve our comrades as set forth in the Preamble to The Constitution of The American Legion.



## Who We Are!

We are the American Legion Riders, Florida, Chapter 117 of The American Legion, Charles F. Thomas IV, Post 117, 189 Veterans Drive, Palm Bay, Florida, 32909.

The American Legion Riders is not an M/C, and does not practice M/C rules or regulations. The American Legion Riders is family oriented, just as its parent organization: The American Legion.

The American Legion Riders are members of the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary who are also motorcycle enthusiasts. The American Legion Riders were formed...

- To participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with the aims and purposes of the American Legion.
- To promote motorcycle safety programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interest.
- To use our association to promote and support programs of the American Legion.





## American Legion Rider Oath

“I \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly pledge myself; to perform faithfully and impartially; the duties of the office; in the American Legion Riders Chapter \_\_\_\_\_; that I am about to assume; And I Further pledge; I will support the goals and principals of The American Legion; I attest that I am not a member of; and do not subscribe to; the principles of any motorcycle club or group; opposed to our form of government.”



## RIDERS CREED

**R**

Riders dedicate themselves to the success of the American Legion. I know that, through my efforts, I can make a difference.

**I**

I alone am responsible for myself and to my fellow riders. I will conduct myself with the highest degree of integrity and honor.

**D**

Deeds, not words, create change. I will persevere against any and all things that prevent my success. My resolve and strength will overcome all obstacles.

**E**

Each rider is first a member of the American Legion Family. I will actively participate in willingly support their endeavors.

**R**

Readily will I join other riders in activities and events which support our missions. I will do so gladly knowing I volunteered to be an American Legion Rider.

**S**

Success is the only acceptable conclusion. I will allow nothing to dissuade me or impede me from service to my family, community, country and especially our Veterans.







THE LAST RIDE

I stood and I watched as my Brother rode by  
 It wasn't the way it should be  
 He rode not his bike, but in a long black cage  
 And he rode by himself not with me.  
 But I shed not a tear for this Brother of mine  
 For he lived free and loved his lifestyle  
 So ride on my Brother and rest in peace  
 Till we meet again after while  
 And when my time comes to take that last ride  
 You can bet it'll be with a smile  
 Cause I love to ride and I'll be going home  
 So I'll enjoy it to the very last mile.

Provided by Rider Chaplain Leah Guljord (credit: In The Light Urns)



Rest in Heaven

Fellow Riders

**Frank Respante**

**01/05/51—06/30/22**

**Gene Pilot Jr**

**Charter Member**

**8/28/48—12/29/22**

**Tommy Ratcliffe**

**9/29/48—1/3/23**





June 2022  
Events Calendar

**June 2022** Rev. 1 **Charles F. Thomas IV  
American Legion Post 117**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post opens daily at 11am Kitchen is open 1 - 5pm Sunday Look for daily food specials on Facebook Tiki opens: TUESDAY's 5pm FRIDAY's 3pm SATURDAY 's 2pm SUNDAY's 1pm			1	2	3	4
			Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Vince 6:30 - 9:30pm	Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Riders Mtg 6:30pm	Riders Dinner 5 to 7pm Prime Rib Scott 7 - 11pm	Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Teddy V. 7 - 11pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	Show-Me-The-Money 1-3pm Ace of Spades 7:30pm	Wing Night 5-7pm SAL Mtg 6:30pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Vince 6:30 - 9:30pm	Pool Tournament 1pm-7 4088 Mtg 7pm	SAL Fish Dinner 5-7pm Vince 7 - 11pm	New to Post 117 Joey Ferris 7 - 11pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Aux EC Mtg 6:30pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	Flag Day Show-Me-The-Money 1-3pm Army Birthday Cake @ 4:30pm	Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Joey Ferris 6:30 - 9:30pm	Pool Tournament 1pm-7	Aux Dinner 5-7pm Ribs Scott 7 - 11pm	3 Angles Ball For All Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Ricky T. 7 - 11pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Riders EC Mtg 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	Show-Me-The-Money 1-3pm Ace of Spades 7:30	Wing Night 5-7pm Legion EC Meeting 6pm Legion Mtg 7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Alex James 6:30 - 9:30p	Pool Tournament 1pm-7 AUX Mtg 7pm	Post Dinner 5-7pm New to Post 117 Joshua Keels 7 - 11pm	Installation of Officers 10am in the Hall Vince 7 - 11pm
26	27	28	29	30		
Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Ways & Means 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	Show-Me-The-Money 1-3pm Ace of Spades 7:30	Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Jimmy D. 6:30 - 9:30pm	Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Bike Night W/ Food 6-9pm		



The American Legion, Department of Florida 103rd Statewide  
Convention  
Orlando, Florida

June 16-19, 2022

Commander Bill Davidson, Bruce  
Cromer, Adjutant and Brent Jackson,  
Post 117



Post 117, Commander Bill Davidson  
receiving Special Olympics Level of  
Excellence Award





## Installation of Officers

June 25, 2022—June 15, 2023

Incoming Director ..... Brian Yancey  
 Ass't 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 ..... Brian Yancey  
 Merchandise ..... Dana Jackson



Installation of Officers  
 Swearing In Ceremony  
 American Legion Post  
 117—25 Jun 2022



## Post Calendar

July 2022

**July 2022 Rev.1** **Charles F. Thomas IV  
American Legion Post 117**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post opens daily at 11am Kitchen is open 1 - 5pm Sunday Look for daily food specials on Facebook Tiki opens: TUESDAY's 5pm FRIDAY's 3pm SATURDAY 's 2pm SUNDAY's 1pm					1 Jolo's Empanadas 5-7pm Scott 7 - 11pm	2 Pool Tournament 1pm-? Double Trouble 7 - 11pm
3 SAL Meat Raffle 12:00pm Burgers and Dogs 12 - 3pm Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	4 Independence Day Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Special Potluck With Doc Holiday Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	5 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Ace of Spades 7:30pm	6 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm New to 117 Adam Sean 6:30 - 9:30pm	7 Pool Tournament 1pm-? Riders Meeting 6:30pm	8 Riders Dinner 5-7pm Pork Loin Chops Thom Parks 7 - 11pm	9 Vince 7 - 11pm
10 Celebration of Life Frank Raspante 1pm Kitchen Closed Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	11 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Aux EC Meeting Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	12 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Ace of Spades 7:30pm	13 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close SAL Meeting 6:30pm Vince 6:30 - 9:30pm	14 Pool Tournament 1pm-? 40&8 Meeting 7pm	15 SAL Dinner 5-7pm Fish Fry \$12 Joey Ferris 7 - 11pm	16 Pool Tournament 1pm-? Junior Meeting 11 - 12pm Alex James 7 - 11pm
17 Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	18 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Riders EC Meeting 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	19 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Ace of Spades 7:30pm	20 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Legion EC 6pm Scott 6:30 - 9:30pm	21 Pool Tournament 1pm-? Aux Meeting 7pm	22 AUX Dinner 5-7pm Kerry's Meatloaf New to 117 John McDonald 7 - 11pm	23 Vince 7 - 11pm
24 Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	25 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Ways & Means 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	26 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Ace of Spades 7:30pm	27 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Jimmy D 6:30 - 9:30pm	28 Pool Tournament 1pm-? Riders Bike Night In The Tiki with food 6-9pm Jimmy D Playing Music	29 Post Dinner 5-7pm Scott 7 - 11pm	30 Starr's Benefit Run Double Trouble 7 - 11pm





Frank Respante  
 Celebration of Life—Post 117  
 July 10, 2022



Starr Benefit Ride  
 July 30, 2022



15 Bikes/4 C&P/28 Total /2744 miles



Rider's Chaplain Leah Guljord providing  
 Prayer over all participants -Post 117



Starr & Hollis Batten & her family mem-  
 ber at Camp Holly  
**Raised \$1000.00**



Post Calendar  
August 2022

August 2022 Rev.0



Charles F. Thomas IV  
American Legion Post 117

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6-9m-close Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	2 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Food Special Ace of Spades 7:30pm	3 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Vince 6:30 - 9:30pm	4 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Coast Guard Birthday Cake at 4:30pm Riders Meeting 6:30pm	5 Riders Dinner 5-7pm Pulled Pork Jeff Krick 7 - 11pm	6 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Scott 7 - 11pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6-9m-close Aux EC Meeting 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Food Special Ace of Spades 7:30pm	Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm SAL Meeting 6:30pm John McDonald 6:30 - 9:30pm	Pool Tournament 1pm-7 40&8 7pm	SAL Dinner 5-7pm Fish Fry \$12 Vince 7 - 11pm	Private Event in The Hall Thom Parks 7 - 11pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6-9m-close Riders EC Meeting 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Food Special Ace of Spades 7:30pm	Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Legion EC 6pm Legion Meeting 7pm Jimmy D. 6:30 - 9:30pm	Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Aux Meeting 7pm	AUX Dinner 5-7pm Nancy's Spaghetti Adam Sean 7 - 11pm	Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Double Trouble 7 - 11pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6-9m-close Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Food Special Ace of Spades 7:30pm	Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Vince 6:30 - 9:30pm	Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Riders Bike Night in The Tiki with Tacos 6-9pm	Legion Dinner 5-7pm Shelly & Dave 7 - 11pm	JoJo Benefit Ride Jimmy D. 7 - 11pm
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D6R Unity Ride  
August 13, 2022



Supporting D6, Jim Fournier, Lisa Meeks, Tim Morris, Karen Ortiz, Glen Weyant (D20), Brent & Dana Jackson, Paul Perkins, Stanley Wood, Brian & Natalia Yancey  
**6 Bikes/10 Total ; 1/D20 Rider/1276 miles**



Post 219—Fruitland Park, FL –Pre-Breakfast meal prior to ride.





### Jocelyn "JoJo" Benefit Run—Post 117

August 27, 2022



<<Robert Smith & JoJo Lugo Getting ready to head out on benefit ride! 49 Bikes/ 70 Total/3150 miles Raised \$3605



JoJo & Joshua "JJ" Lugo, Jayleen & Genesis Quinones, Post 117



### 17th American Legion Legacy Run

Alabama to Wisconsin

August 21—25, 2022



Missouri's National Veteran's Memorial

2 Bikes/ 2 Total/6930 miles

Tim Morris & Brent Jackson attended the Legacy Run which is a 1200 mile ride that starts at the USS Alabama Memorial Park in Mobile, Alabama and travels through Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, and Illinois. End location is Milwaukee, WI which is the site of the 2022 American Legion National Convention.

(Information gathered from www.legion.org website)

Barry Roberts Department Chaplain Florida &





The American Legion, 103rd National Convention

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

August 26—September 1, 2022



Brent Jackson >>>>>



- Lin Marcheggiani
- Tim Morris—Post 117
- Joe Marcheggiani, (D6 CDR),
- Melanie Caputo
- Bruce Carl—Central Area Commander, & Rick Orzechowski (Post 72)



Newsletter (July/August 2022)

**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 Chimp mail 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



Post Calendar  
September 2022

SEPTEMBER 2022 Rev.2



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4 Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm Riders Pancake Breakfast 9-11am	5 Free Pool all Day Labor Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Tiki Open 12 - 6pm Pot Luck Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	6 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	7 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Juke Box Night	8 Pool Tournament 1pm-? 40&8 7pm	9 SAL Dinner Fish Fry 5-7p Vince 7-11pm	10 District 12 Meeting @ Post 81 Doc Holiday 70th Birthday Party 1 - 7:30pm Adam Sean 7-11pm
11 NFL Football 9-11 Ceremony 1pm First Responders Lunch 11am Shrimp & Wings ONLY 5pm DJ Alvin, 12-4p outside Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	12 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Aux EC Meeting 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	13 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	14 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm SAL Meeting 6:30pm Juke Box Night	15 Pool Tournament 1pm-? Aux Meeting 7pm	16 AUX Dinner 5-7p Scott 7-11pm	17 Pool Tournament 1pm-? Bob Stewart's Celebration Of Life 3pm Double Trouble 7-11pm
18 NFL Football Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Air Force Birthday Cake @ 4:30pm Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	19 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Riders EC Mtg 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	20 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	21 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Legion EC 6pm Juke Box Night	22 Pool Tournament 1pm-?	23 Legion Dinner 5-7p Vince 7-11pm	24 DJ Alvin 7-11pm
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Doc Holiday Birthday Bash—Post 117  
September, 10, 2022



Doc Holiday >>>>



Tom Ratcliffe & Robert Smith>>>



<<<<Terry Struven, Andy Campbell  
5 Bikes/5 C&P/10 Total 120 miles  
Raised \$745





### Patriot's Day

September 11, 2022

Riders delivering food to EMT/PD in Malabar & Palm Bay, Malabar FL



Kevin McGarry  
Ken Brody  
William whitney  
Palm Bay Fire Dept Staff  
Lee Dickens

Palm Bay Fire Station Staff, Bobby Dye, Police Officer, Robert Smith, & Stan Wood  
**13 Bikes/2 C&P/ 15 Total 705 miles**



### Florida's 2nd Seven Bridges POW/MIA Remembrance Day Ride

September 17, 2022



Event was attended by Post 117 & Post 20 Members:  
Brent Jackson, Tim Morris, Karen Ortiz, and Glenn Weyant (CH20) - Start point was Jacksonville, FL  
**3 Bikes/4 total/ 1800 miles +1 D20 Rider**





Post Calendar  
October 2022



ALR Chapter 101  
Out-of-District Merry-Go-Round,  
October 2, 2022

October 2022 Rev.0  Charles F. Thomas IV  
American Legion Post 117

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post opens daily at 11am Kitchen is open 1 - 5pm Sunday Look for daily food specials on Facebook Tiki opens: TUESDAY's 5pm FRIDAY's 3pm SATURDAY 's 2pm SUNDAY's 1pm						<b>1</b> SAL District Meeting @ Post 189 10am Pool Tournament 1pm-7 John McDonald 6:30 - 10:30pm
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
NFL Football Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Vince 6:30 - 9:30pm	Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Riders Meeting 6:30pm	Riders Dinner 5-7pm Chicken Cordon Bleu DJ Jimmy D. 6:30 - 10:30pm	Swat Team Event Double Trouble 6:30 - 10:30pm
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>23/30</b>	<b>24/31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
NFL Football Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm 14th Ways & Means 8pm	Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Alvin 6:30 - 10:30	Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Bike Night w/ food 5pm-7	Early Bird Dinner 5-7p Ham, Scalloped Potatoes Vince 6:30 - 10:30pm	Private Party in Pavilion Shelley & Dave 6:30 - 10:30pm

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 101

2881 E CR 48

BUSHNELL, FL 33513

IS HOSTING AN OUT OF DISTRICT

**MERRY-GO-ROUND RIDE**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 2022**

STARTING AT POST 101,

1<sup>ST</sup> STOP - POST 77, INVERNESS

2<sup>ND</sup> STOP – POST 237, BEVERLY HILLS

3<sup>RD</sup> STOP – POST 155, CRYSTAL RIVER

ENDING AT POST 166, HOMOSASSA

ALL DISTRICT 4

REGISTRATION 9AM ~ 11AM

\$5.00 PER PERSON

KSU @ 11:00AM

BREAKFAST CAN BE PURCHASED 9 ~ 11



Brent Jackson, Tim Morris, & Dana Jackson—Outside of Post 166, Homosassa—end point



<<<Outside of Post 101, Bushnell, FL

Inverness—Briefing

**2 Bikes/3 Total/386 miles**





### Palm Bay Swat Team Benefit Run

October 8, 2022



A benefit run for  
Palm Bay Swat Team  
Registration 10am  
At American Legion Post 117  
Oct.8th KSU 11am

\$15 Rider Raffles  
\$5 Passenger 50/50

Music by  
Doc Holiday at 4pm

Stops are  
Lone Cabbage  
Pineda bar & grill  
FrogBones  
Siggy's  
Post 117




Bobby Dye, Stan Wood, Glen Weyant, Eric Spellman, Robert Smith—Post 117

**26 Bikes/37 Total/3589 miles Raised \$455**

Robert  
Smith  
>>>>



SWAT  
TEAM  
<<<<



### Bi-Annual D6R Lake Okeechobee Run

Oct 26, 2022



Attended by Brian Yancey, Stan Wood, Robert Smith & Tim Morris

11.5 hours 357 miles—hours counted toward Merry-Go-Round

**5 Bikes/5 Total/1785 miles**





## District 12 (D12) Halloween Run

October 29, 2022



<<Brian Yancey & Leah Guljord making pit stop at Post 359-Port St John, Titusville, Florida

6 bikes/8 Total/1056 miles—Also Merry-Go-Round



## Newsletter (Sep/Oct 2022)

**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 our 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 [ridersdirector@al117.com](mailto:ridersdirector@al117.com)





Post Calendar  
November 2022

**November 2022 Rev.1**  **Charles F. Thomas IV  
American Legion Post 117**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Canteen Opens 11am every day Monday's Men's Night Free Pool All Day Wednesday's Ladies night wing night Sunday Full menu and steamed Shrimp 1pm-4:45pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm every Tuesday		1 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	2 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Vince 6:30 - 9:30pm	3 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Riders Meeting 6:30pm	4 Riders Dinner 5-7pm Chicken Fried Steak DJ Jimmy D 6:30 - 10:30pm	5 Veterans Day Parade 9 - 10am Pool Tournament 1-7 DJ Jimmy D 10:30 - 3pm Picnic 11:00 - 3:00 DJ Alvin 6:30 - 10:30pm	
6 NFL Football Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	7 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	8 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	9 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm SAL Mtg 6:30pm DJ Alvin 6:30 - 9:30pm	10 Marine Corps Birthday Cake Ceremony 1pm in the tiki Lockmar Vets Parade Pool Tourney 1pm-7 40&8 Meeting 7pm	11 Veterans Day Celebration @ 12:00 Lunch 12:30 - 3:00pm SAL Dinner 5-7pm Fish Fry Vince 6:30 - 10:30pm	12 Kids without Christmas Event November Birthday Cake 6:30pm Karaoke with Chuck 6:30 - 10:30pm	
13 NFL Football Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	14 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Aux EC Meeting 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	15 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	16 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Legion EC 6pm Legion Meeting 7pm DJ Chuck 6:30 - 9:30pm	17 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Aux Meeting 7pm	18 American Legion Florida Fall Conference 18th - 20th AUX Dinner 5-7pm Nancy's Ribs Jeff Krick 6:30 - 10:30pm	19 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Benefit for Gene Pilot 1pm Double Trouble 6:30 - 10:30pm	
20 NFL Football Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	21 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Riders EC Mtg 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	22 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	23 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm DJ Jimmy D 6:30 - 9:30pm	24 Thanksgiving Day Dinner 1 - 4pm	25 Post Dinner 5-7pm Post Work Day Bam Vince 6:30 - 10:30pm	26 Fall Festival 1 - 5pm DJ Jimmy D 6:30 - 10:30pm	
27 NFL Football Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	28 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Ways & Means Mtg 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	29 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	30 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Vince 6:30 - 9:30pm				



Patriot Bikers  
Navy UDT-Seal Muster Ride  
November 5, 2022



**PATRIOT BIKERS**  
NAVY UDT-SEAL MUSTER RIDE  
NOVEMBER 05, 2022

**STAGING POINT LOCATION**  
HOME DEPOT  
88 SOUTH WEST 12TH AVE., DEERFIELD BEACH

**DESTINATION**  
NATIONAL NAVY UDT-SEAL MUSEUM/MEMORIAL  
3300 N HWY. 41A FORT PIERCE, FL.

**TIME**  
MEETING UP AT 6:30AM.  
ROLLING OUT NO LATER THAN 8:00AM.

MEMBERSHIP FEES IN THE ORIGINAL NAVY UDT-SEAL MUSEUM, IN ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL NAVY UDT-SEAL MUSEUM, WITH THE ORIGINAL NAVY UDT-SEAL MUSEUM WILL INCLUDE A BACK HOME RECEPTION. MEET WITH US AT 6:30 AM AND ROLL OUT.

BIKERS WILL BE THE OFFICIAL SUPPORT OF A CHARITY LEFT TO THE ORIGINAL NAVY UDT-SEAL MUSEUM. MEMBERSHIP FEES WILL BE \$100.00 PER PERSON. THE NATIONAL NAVY UDT-SEAL MUSEUM/MEMORIAL WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH A \$10.00 ADULTOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 12. ADULTORAL. THERE WILL BE FOOD AND BEVERAGE VENDORS AVAILABLE.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:  
THE OFFICE, 3300 N HWY 41A, FORT PIERCE, FL 34948, 888-222-4444



Brent & Dana Jackson—Fort Pierce

1 Bike/2 Total/108 miles

Briefing before heading into museum





### Mike Kelly's Kids Without A Christmas Run

November 12, 2022



Bobby Dye & Stan Wood Post 117



Santa John Pettinicchio Jr



32 Bikes/47 Total/2773 miles

Raised \$1752



### Gene Pilot's Benefit Ride

November 19, 2022

American Legion Post 117



38 Bikes/56 Total/3360 miles

Raised \$1485



Riders from the District joined in on the Benefit Ride! Thank you!





Post Calendar  
December 2022

December 2022 rev0



Charles F. Thomas IV  
American Legion Post 117

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Canteen Opens 10am every day Monday's Men's Night Free Pool All Day Wednesday's Ladies night wing night Sunday Full menu and steamed Shrimp 1pm-4:45pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm every Tuesday Ace of Spades Every Tuesday last ticket sold 7:20pm				1 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Riders Meeting 6:30pm	2 Riders Dinner 5-7pm Chicken Fried Steak  DJ - Alvin 6:30 - 10:30pm	3 Palm Bay Holiday Light Parade 6pm - 9pm Pool Tournament 1-7 SAL District meeting @ Post 22 9am Double Trouble 6:30 - 10:30pm
4 NFL Football Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	5 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	6 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	7 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Vince 6:30 - 9:30pm	8 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 40&8 Meeting 7pm	9 SAL Dinner 5-7pm Fish Fry  DJ - Jimmy D 6:30 - 10:30pm	10 December Birthdays 6:30pm Cake & Icecream—Bring appetizer to share
11 NFL Football Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	12 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Aux EC Meeting 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	13 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	14 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm SAL Mtg 6:30pm DJ - Alvin 6:30 - 9:30pm	15 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Aux Meeting 7pm & Annual Xmas Party	16 AUX Dinner 5-7pm Jolo's Stuffed Peppers  Jeff Krick 6:30 - 10:30pm	17 Pool Tournament 1-7 Bartender Christmas Party 6pm Kids Christmas Party Legion District Meeting @ 318 PSL Karaoke - Chuck 6:30 - 10:30pm
18 NFL Football Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45	19 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Riders EC Mtg 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	20 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Space Force Birthday Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger	21 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Legion Meeting 7pm DJ - Jimmy D 6:30 - 9:30pm	22 Pool Tournament 1pm-7	23 Post Dinner 5-7pm  Vince 6:30 - 10:30pm	24
25 Merry Christmas Ham Dinner 1 - 4pm  Post Closes @ 6pm	26 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Ways & Means Mtg 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	27 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	28 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm DJ - Chuck 6:30 - 9:30pm	29 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 New Years Campout Dec. 29 - Jan. 2	30 Post Dinner 5-7p  DJ - Jimmy D 6:30 - 10:30pm	31 New Year Celebration Vince & Jimmy D 6:30pm - 12:30am



28th Annual Bruce Rossmeyer  
Ride for Children Benefiting Camp Boggy Creek  
December 11, 2022



Eustis, Florida



Brent & Dana Jackson, Rick Johnson, Karen  
Ortiz Glen Weyant—Corey's Bagel Shop—Pre  
breakfast ride

3 Bikes/5 Total/794



David Ashby-Rider's Director Post 10, Dana &  
Brent Jackson, Anita Hutchinson, Post 55,

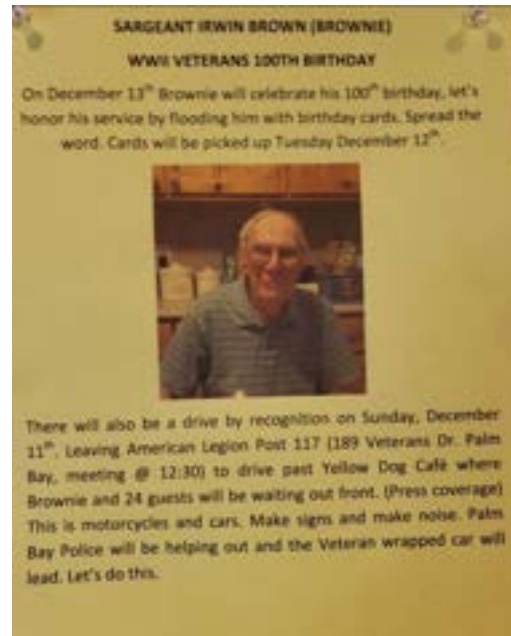




## WWII Veteran Sergeant Irwin "Brownie" Brown

Drive-By

December 11, 2022



Brownie's 100th Birthday Drive-by Yellow Dog Café  
**48 Bikes**  
**C&P 17**  
**78 Total**  
**1170 miles**



## Wreaths Across America

Fountainhead Funeral Home & Memorial Park

December 17, 2022



Commander Bill Davidson & CH Donna Walkowiak laying wreath on CPT Charles F. Thomas IV grave site.

**6 Bikes/3 C&P/9**  
**Total/99 miles**







Riders Fire Truck Escort  
 In Support of Auxillary Christmas  
 December 17, 2022



Rider Brent Jackson with  
 Gbaby Serenity



Rider Tim Morris "Santa"  
 with grandbaby Count  
 Valentine Kirchner  
 supporting the  
 Auxillary Children's  
 Christmas Party at Post  
 117.

**13 Bikes/1 C&P/  
 14 Total/56 miles**

Palm Bay Fire Department



Patrick Space Force Base  
 Children's Christmas Project  
 December 17, 2022



Tim Morris  
 Brent Jackson  
 Kim Oaks  
 Dana Jackson  
 At Walmart shop-  
 ping! Viera, FL



Tim Morris, Brent & Dana  
 Jackson deliver X-mas pre-  
 sents to PSFB Airmen. Funded  
 by The American Legion  
 Riders Department of Florida



Legion Members Tim Morris, Kim Oaks, Brent  
 & Dana Jackson, Lisa Meeks, Bruce & Donna  
 Walkowiak, Shiela Cline Burns and others for your  
 help in making this a successful Christmas for the  
 kids.





Newsletter (Nov/Dec 2022)

**Fellow Legion Riders**, September and October are in the books and we've gotten out and rode for charities and special events. Our pancake breakfast was a test to see if folks were interested and it was a successful test, we'll be doing more of those in the future. We helped Doc Holiday celebrate living on this blue marble for 70 years. Escorting the chicken dinners is always an honor on 9/11 for our First Responders. I am trying to support other posts, when possible, by attending their events. We had a good showing for supporting Chapter 189's Larry & Teresa's Memorial Poker Run. The SWAT Team Benefit Ride was successful this year due to your participation and our Road Captain, Jeff Cox, for putting together the ride and escort, great job. I was told that the 12th District Picnic at Wickham was of the most successful ones ever held. There were more bikes riding up from the south, than I've ever seen before! Some of our members that are retired were able to go over on a Wednesday and ride with District 6 on the Unity Ride around Lake Okeechobee which was long, but a ride is a ride. And we just completed a 12th District Unity Ride also on the Saturday before Halloween. Riders were asked to wear a costume, about half did. A good showing of different post and bikes. Thank you all that showed up. This one was for the northern part of the district. The next will be going south. We were able to complete two Merry-Go-Round rides for the month. I wish we could do more, but we get busy on so many events. As always, stay tuned Thank you all for your



Newsletter (Nov/Dec 2022)

As always, stay tuned on Facebook and see my Chimpmails for more information about rides and events we will support. Also, sometimes a ride will come up in a decision made in the tiki the night before, so if you didn't hear about it, my apologies! Thank you all for your support!

Brian Yancey Director, Chapter 117





Post Calendar  
January 2023

**January 2023 Rev.0**  **Charles F. Thomas IV  
American Legion Post 117**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Happy New Year! Meat Raffle 12:30pm Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45	<b>2</b> Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	<b>3</b> Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	<b>4</b> Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm DJ Chuck 6:30 - 9:30pm	<b>5</b> Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Riders Meeting 6:30pm	<b>6</b> Riders Dinner 5-7pm Chicken Fried Steak DJ Alvin 6:30 - 10:30pm	<b>7</b> Pool Tournament Starts at 1 pm Oratorical Contest 11am Double Trouble 6:30 - 10:30pm
<b>8</b> Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	<b>9</b> Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Aux EC Meeting 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	<b>10</b> Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	<b>11</b> Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm SAL Mtg 6:30pm Vince 6:30 - 9:30pm	<b>12</b> Pool Tournament 1pm-7 4088 Meeting 7pm	<b>13</b> SAL Dinner 5-7pm Fish Fry Shelley & Dave 6:30 - 10:30pm	<b>14</b> Jimmy D. Benefit Ride Jimmy D & Vince Outside 1 - 5pm Karaoke - Chuck 6:30 - 10:30pm
<b>15</b> Aux Department President Visit 12pm Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	<b>16</b> Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Riders EC Mtg 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	<b>17</b> Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	<b>18</b> Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Legion EC 6pm Legion Meeting 7pm DJ Alvin 6:30 - 9:30pm	<b>19</b> Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Aux Meeting 7pm	<b>20</b> AUX Dinner 5-7pm Vince 6:30 - 10:30pm	<b>21</b> Pool Tournament Starts at 1 pm Department Hillbilly Hoedown 12pm DJ Jimmy D. 6:30 - 10:30pm
<b>22</b> Hillbilly Breakfast 9-11am Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	<b>23</b> Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Ways & Means Mtg 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	<b>24</b> Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	<b>25</b> Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm DJ Jimmy D. 6:30 - 9:30pm	<b>26</b> Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Riders Bike Night w/ food 5-7pm	<b>27</b> Post Dinner 5-7pm Grilled Chicken Joe Calautti 6:30 - 10:30pm	<b>28</b> January Birthdays Vince 6:30 - 10:30pm
<b>29</b> Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	<b>30</b> Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	<b>31</b> Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	Canteen Opens 10am every day Monday's Men's Night Free Pool All Day Wednesday's Ladies night wing night Sunday Full menu and steamed Shrimp 1pm-4:45pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm every Tuesday Ace of Spades Every Tuesday Last ticket sold 7:20pm			



ALR D12 Hurricane Relief  
Ride for West Coast  
January 8, 2023

**THE NORTH AND SOUTH WILL DO IT AGAIN JANUARY 8TH WHO CAN RAISE THE MOST DONATIONS FOR POST 11, 123, 216, AND 303 GUTTED POSTS HURRICANE DAMAGE**

	NORTH STOPS 0930	SOUTH STOPS 0800
POST 1 BREAKFAST	350	318
BIKES OR CAGES	348	358
WELCOME RIDERS \$10	22	38
CHAPEL \$50	200	394
POST AT LEAST 1 BOTTLE \$1	168	117
RAFFLE THERE \$10/50		
\$15 COVERS DINNER 5-6 PM		

POSTS AND RIDERS PLEASE BE GENEROUS MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT 12 PROCEEDS WILL BE DIVIDED BY 4 CONTACTS:  
NORTH BRAD PARSONS (321) 863-7657  
SOUTH ANDY ROSS (321) 323-6101

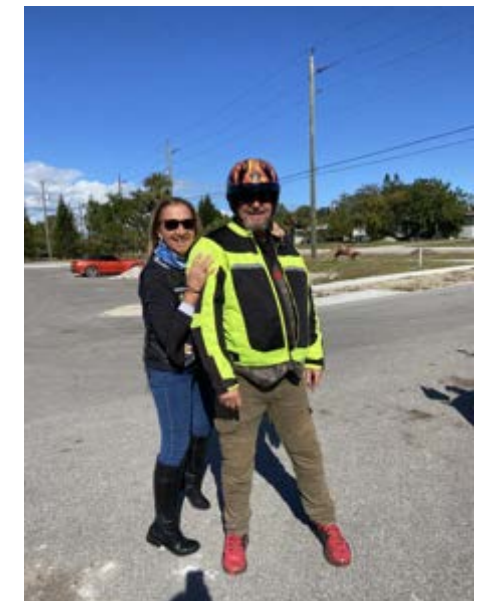


Post 358, White City, Florida



Karen Ortiz & Tim Morris>>

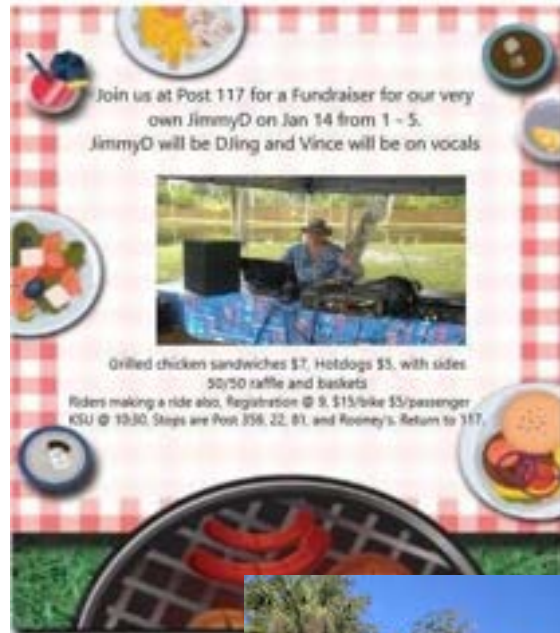
<<Dana Jackson,  
Glenn Weyant &  
John Rubino  
**4 Bikes/2 C&P/  
6 total/726 miles**





## Jimmy D Benefit Ride

Jan 14, 2023



Post 81



11 Bikes  
2 C&P  
13 Total  
1222 miles

Willie Anderegg, Lee Dickens, Brent Jackson, Bob Salvador, Robert Smith, Brian Yancey, Bobby Dye, Stan Wood, & Spencer Reinking—  
Post 359—Port St John, Titusville, Florida



## Post Calendar

February 2023

February 2023 Rev. 0



Charles F. Thomas IV  
American Legion Post 117

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5 4 Chaplains Event Ride 9:00am Ceremony 4:00pm Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	6 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	7 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	8 Wing Night 5-7pm SAL Mtg 6:30pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close DJ - Alvin 6:30 - 9:30p	9 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 40&8 Mtg 7pm	10 SAL Fish Dinner 5-7pm Joshua Keels 6:30 - 10:30p	11 Poker/Yun Run For Tom Doc Holiday Outside Karaoke with Chuck 6:30 - 10:30p
12 Super Bowl Sunday Pot Luck Kitchen Closed Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	13 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Aux EC Mtg 6:00pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	14 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	15 Wing Night 5-7pm Special Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off Legion EC Meeting 6pm Legion Mtg 7pm Vince 6:00 - 10pm Love Grows Event	16 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 AUX Mtg 7pm	17 Aux Dinner 5-7pm Maryann's Spaghetti Jeff Krick 6:30 - 10:30p	18 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Jimmy D 6:30 - 10:30p
19 Gene Pilot Celebration of Life 1pm 3-5 Shrimp, Wings, Fries only Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	20 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Riders EC Mtg 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	21 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	22 Wing Night 5-7pm BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Jimmy D 6:30 - 9:30p	23 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Riders Bike Night w/ food 6pm -7	24 Post Dinner 5-7pm Ribs Joe Calautti 6:30 - 10:30p	25 February Birthdays Vince 6:30 - 10:30p
26 Celebration of Life Carlos 1pm 3-5 Shrimp, Wings, Fries only Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	27 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Ways & Means 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	28 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm				





## Special Olympics Benefit Run/Event

February 4, 2023

Special Olympics benefit run/event  
at American Legion Post 117  
Registration starts at 9:30 KSU at 10:30

### Stops include:

Willy's, Post 189  
Palm Pub, Siggy's  
back to Post 117

February 4th Hosted by SAL  


### Special Olympics

Doc Holiday's playing  
Baskets, Auction, 50/50  
Hamburgers and Hot dogs



During the SALS event, the Riders and other members were able to **raise \$4271** in Honor Of Tom Ratcliffe that would also be donated to the Special Olympics.

**34 Bikes/2 C&P/53 Total/4028 miles**

**Raised \$675**



## Four Chaplains Sunday/Monument Visit

February 5, 2023



A tribute to the Four Chaplains of different religions, who on that eventful day gave up their lives to save others. This ceremony honors their sacrifice and one that will touch you; so that you will never forget their story. ~ CH Donna Walkowiak

Legion Members/Riders visited the Four Chaplain's Monument in Sebastian, FL. Randy Schmidt, David Bolduc, Bruce Walkowiak, Stanley Wood, Bobby Dye, Matt Matrix, CH Donna Walkowiak, George Marcus, Brian Yancey

**1 Bike/6 C&P/**

**7 Total/420 miles**





# The Four Chaplains



## The story

Early on Feb. 3, 1943, an enemy torpedo struck the Army transport *Dorchester* as it carried 902 officers and enlisted men, Navy armed guard, merchant seamen and civilian workers in the North Atlantic. The Coast Guard cutter escorts *Comanche* and *Escanaba* rescued 230 men.

As *Dorchester* took on water, four Army chaplains – Lt. George L. Fox (Methodist), Lt. Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), Lt. John P. Washington (Roman Catholic), and Lt. Clark V. Poling (Dutch Reformed) – calmed frightened soldiers, aided the wounded and guided the disoriented toward safety.

On deck, they opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. When there were no more available, the chaplains removed their life jackets and gave them to four young men. "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven," said John Ladd, a survivor.

As the ship went down, men in rafts saw the four chaplains, arms linked and braced against the slanting deck, singing hymns and praying

Congress attempted to confer the Medal of Honor on the chaplains but was prevented by strict requirements of heroism under fire. It authorized a one-time posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, awarded by President Eisenhower in 1961; it was intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.



7th Annual American Legion Rider Summit

Feb 8—11, 2023



Brian Yancey, Tim Morris and Stan Wood attending ALR Summit. Dana Jackson & Brent Jackson attended also.





## 7th Annual ALR Summit 2023

Feb 8-11, 2023

### Wednesday, February 8, 2023

3:00pm-6:00pm	Pre-Ballroom	Registration, Pre-orders/Merchandise
3:00pm-6:00pm	Creative Room	Vendors
6:00pm-8:00pm	Ballroom	Meet & Greet

### Thursday, February 9, 2023

8:00am-6:00pm	Pre-Ballroom	Registration, Pre-orders/Merchandise
8:00am-6:00pm	Creative Room	Vendors
9:00am-9:45am	Ballroom	Instructors Planning Session
10:00am-10:15am	Ballroom	Opening Ceremonies
10:45am-11:45am	Wonder Theater Adventure Vista Room Discovery Magic	Leadership Training, Joe Maltese Finance Officer Training, Michael Raymond District & Dept Websites, V Luke & L Camacho Chapter of the Year, Kristi Bastian Computer/App Tracking, S. Nist, L. Skobel ALR Meeting Protocol, Jessica Moore
11:45am-12:45pm	Lunch	
1:00pm-2:00pm	Discovery Wonder Adventure Vista Room Theater Magic	Sergeant at Arms, Tim Morris, Jeff Hawk Event Planning, Denny Luke VA&R Veterans Benefits, Larry Roberts Adjutant Training, Melanie Caputo Historian, Ed Lewis Chaplain Training, Stuart Scott
2:30pm-3:30pm	Wonder Theater Adventure Vista Room Discovery Magic	Leadership Training, Joe Maltese Finance Officer Training, Michael Raymond District & Dept Websites, V Luke & L Camacho Chapter of the Year, Kristi Bastian Computer/App Tracking, S. Nist, L. Skobel ALR Meeting Protocol, Jessica Moore



## 7th Annual ALR Summit 2023

Feb 8-11, 2023

### Friday, February 10, 2023

8:00am-6:00pm	Pre-Ballroom	Registration, Pre-orders/Merchandise
8:00am-6:00pm	Creative Room	Vendors
8:30am-9:30am	Discovery Wonder Adventure Vista Room Theater Magic	Sergeant at Arms, Tim Morris, Jeff Hawk Event Planning, Denny Luke VA&R Veterans Benefits, Larry Roberts Adjutant Training, Melanie Caputo Historian, Ed Lewis Chaplain Training, Stuart Scott
9:45am-10:45am	Wonder Theater Adventure Vista Room Discovery Magic	Leadership Training, Joe Maltese Finance Officer Training, Michael Raymond District & Dept Websites, V Luke & L Camacho Chapter of the Year, Kristi Bastian Computer/App Tracking, S. Nist, L. Skobel ALR Meeting Protocol, Jessica Moore
11:00am-12:00pm	Discovery Wonder Adventure Vista Room Theater Magic	Sergeant at Arms, Tim Morris, Jeff Hawk Event Planning, Denny Luke VA&R Veterans Benefits, Larry Roberts Adjutant Training, Melanie Caputo Historian, Ed Lewis Chaplain Training, Stuart Scott
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch	
1:15pm-4:00pm	Wonder	Road Capt/Safety, T Wieder, B Greer, W Parrott
1:15pm-3:00pm	Discovery	Food Handling. Cert, T Morris, Debbie Raymond
1:15pm-2:15pm	Adventure Vista Room Magic	Leadership Training, Joe Maltese Finance Officer Training, Michael Raymond District & Dept Websites, V Luke & L Camacho
2:30pm-3:30pm	Theater Vista Room Magic Adventure	Chapter of the Year, Kristi Bastian Computer/App Tracking, S. Nist, L. Skobel ALR Meeting Protocol, Jessica Moore Open Forum W/ALR Chair & Adjutant





## 7th Annual ALR Summit 2023

Feb 8-11, 2023

### Saturday, February 11, 2023

8:00am-6:00pm	Pre-Ballroom	Registration, Pre-Orders/Merchandise
8:00am-6:00pm	Creative Room	Vendors
9:00am-11:00am	Discovery	Food Handling Cert., T Morris, Debbie Raymond
9:00am-12:00pm	Wonder	Road Capt/Safety, T Wieder, B Greer, W Parrott
8:30am-9:30am	Adventure	Leadership Training, Joe Maltese
	Vista Room	Finance Officer Training, Michael Raymond
	Magic	VA&R Veterans Benefits, Larry Roberts
9:45am-10:45am	Adventure	Adjutant Training, Melanie Caputo
	Theater	Historian, Ed Lewis
	Magic	Chaplain Training, Stuart Scott
	Vista Room	Open Forum W/ALR Chair & Adjutant
11:00am-12:00pm	Adventure	Sergeant at Arms, Tim Morris, Jeff Hawk
	Vista Room	Event Planning, Denny Luke
	Magic	District & Depart Websites, Luke & Camacho
	Discovery	Area & District Chairs Workshop
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch	
1:15pm-4:30pm	Ballroom	Reconvene



## Poker/Fun Run for Tom Ratcliffe

Feb 11, 2023



27 Bikes/7 C&P/53 Total/2120 miles

Raised \$4271



Red Lipstick Ladies

"In Honor of" Tom who loved red lipstick! Camp Holly







Gene Pilot Jr.

Celebration of Life

February 19, 2023



Newsletter (Jan/Feb 2023)

**Fellow Legion Riders**, November and December are in the books and we've gotten out and rode for charities and special events. Mike Kelly's Kids without Christmas was very successful and he has already told us he wants to do it with us next year. On Veteran's Day Riders participated in escorting the Color Guard to three different retirement homes, the residents love us coming! While he was still living, we held a benefit for Gene Pilot, (God rest his soul), and raised funds to help with his bills. I am very grateful that he was able to attend this event. In this theme, unfortunately we lost both Gene Pilot and Tom Ratcliffe within a week of one another. On December 11, I am truly proud that we had our Ride By for Irwin Brown who was celebrating his 100th birthday at the Yellow Dog café. 48 bikes with 13 passengers, 15 cages which included 10 PBDP vehicles. I know my heart felt special that day! I hope yours did too, something to be proud of! On National Wreath Laying Day, Riders participated in three different events; first was the wreath laying at Fountainhead Cemetery, second was as always, escorting Santa on the PBDP truck for the Kids Christmas party. The kids love it! The third event that day was the wreath laying at the post, several Riders participated. I am trying to support other posts, when possible, by attending their events. This one was for the northern part of the district. The next will be going south. We've been a little delinquent about the Plaque Game, however we just stay so busy and it will not slow down.





Newsletter (Jan/Feb 2023)

As always, stay tuned on Facebook and see my Chimp mails for more information about rides and events we will support. Also, sometimes a ride will come up in a decision made in the tiki the night before, so if you

didn't hear about it, my apologies!

Brian Yancey Director, Chapter 117



Post Calendar

March 2023

Charles F. Thomas IV  
American Legion Post 117

March 2023		Rev.0				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	6 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	7 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	8 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close SAL Meeting 6:30pm DJ - Alvin 6:30 - 9:30p	9 Pool Tournament 1pm-? 40&8 Mtg 7pm	10 SAL Fish Dinner 5-7pm Vince 6:30 - 10:30p	11 Murder Mystery Dinner 6pm Karaoke with Chuck 6:30 - 10:30p
12 Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm Female Veterans & Gold Star Mothers 11am	13 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Aux EC Mtg 6:00pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	14 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	15 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Legion Mtg 7pm Round 1 of Officer Nominations Vince 6:30 - 9:30p	16 Pool Tournament 1pm-? AUX Mtg 7pm	17 St. Patrick's Day Aux Dinner 5-7pm Corn beef & Cabbage Jimmy D 6:30 - 10:30p	18 Pool Tournament 1pm-? District 12 Picnic 11am Shelley & Dave 6:30 - 10:30pm
19 Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	20 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Riders EC Mtg 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	21 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	22 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close DJ - Alvin 6:30 - 9:30p	23 Pool Tournament 1pm-?	24 Post Dinner 5-7pm Smoked Ribs Joe Calautti 6:30 - 10:30p	25 Richard Phillips Down Biker Fund 12pm Ken Snyder 6:30 - 10:30p March Birthdays
26 Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	27 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Ways & Means 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	28 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	29 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm-close Jimmy D 6:30 - 9:30p	30 Pool Tournament 1pm-? Riders Bike Night w/ food 6pm - ?	31 Boy Scout Dinner 5 - 7pm Vince 6:30 - 10:30p	





Grant Seafood Festival—Grant, FL

ISO Project VetRelief

March 4-5, 2023



Brian Yancey & Brent Jackson

**Raised \$421**

Leah



<<Dana Jackson



Tim Morris



Richard Phillips Down Biker Fund

6th Birthday Bash

March 25, 2023



Robin Phillips

Kathy Ansbro

Leslie Kadlec

Cathleen Hallock

Legion Riders & Post 117 hosting event. They raised **\$11,300** for the biker fund.

**10 Bikes/10 Total/**

**120 miles**





Post Calendar

April 2023

**April 2023** Rev.0  **Charles F. Thomas IV  
American Legion Post 117**

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Canteen Opens 10am every day Monday's Men's Night Free Pool All Day Wednesday's Ladies night wing night Sunday Full menu and steamed Shrimp 1pm-4:45pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm every Tuesday Ace of Spades Every Tuesday Last ticket sold 7:20pm						<b>1</b> 117 Family Future Leaders Spring Fling And Easter Party Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Jimmy D 6:30 - 10:30p
<b>2</b> Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings Only 3-5pm Last Order 4:45 Doug Mallon "Gunny" Celebration of Life 1pm Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	<b>3</b> Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6-9pm-close Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	<b>4</b> Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	<b>5</b> Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm DJ - Alvin 6:30 - 9:30p	<b>6</b> Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Riders Meeting 6:30pm (Nominations) Vince 6:30 - 10:30p	<b>7</b> Riders Dinner 5-7pm Pork Roast with Apricot Glaze Vince 6:30 - 10:30p	<b>8</b> Project:VetRelief Event 1pm Ken Snyder 6:30 - 10:30p
<b>9</b> Easter Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	<b>10</b> Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Aux EC Meeting 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	<b>11</b> Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	<b>12</b> Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm SAL Meeting 6:30pm (2nd Nominations) DJ - Chuck 6:30 - 9:30p	<b>13</b> Pool Tourney 1pm-7 40&A Meeting 7pm	<b>14</b> Canceled SAL Dinner Fish Fry 5-7p Jeff Krick 6:30 - 10:30p	<b>15</b> Pool Tournament 1pm-7 April Birthdays Vince 6:30 - 10:30p
<b>16</b> Kitchen Closed Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	<b>17</b> Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Riders EC Mtg 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	<b>18</b> Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	<b>19</b> Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Legion EC 6pm Legion Meeting 7pm (2nd Nominations) Vince 6:30 - 9:30p	<b>20</b> Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Aux Meeting 7pm	<b>21</b> SAL Dinner Fish Fry 5-7p New Entertainment Dreamer	<b>22</b> 3 Angels Ball for All Event Karaoke with Chuck 6:30 - 10:30p
<b>23/30</b> Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm April 30th Wall Escort	<b>24</b> Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6-9pm-close Ways & Means 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	<b>25</b> Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	<b>26</b> Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Jimmy D 6:30 - 9:30p	<b>27</b> Pool Tournament 1pm-7	<b>28</b> AUX Dinner 5-7p Stuffed Cabbage Joe Calautti 6:30 - 10:30p	<b>29</b> Riders Raid the Tiki w/ food 2pm-5pm Jimmy D 6:30 - 10:30p



Project Vet Relief Event

Post 117

April 8, 2023



Raised \$3228

**PROJECT: VETRELIEF**  
They Fought for Us. We Fight for Them.

American Legion Riders Chapter 117 invite you to ride with us on a benefit ride supporting Project Vet Relief. End Veterans Suicide.

**50/50 Raffle**  
**Huge Auction**  
**Raffle Baskets**

**ALL AMERICAN RIDE**

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 4 PM ON!!!**



Stan Wood, Shelby Kennedy  
Brian Yancey & Natalia Yancey



Mike Ambort & Linda Silva

30 Bikes/4 C&P/47 Total/

4606 miles





### Marty Spreadbury Benefit Ride

April 16, 2023



### In-State Unity Ride

April 17—April 21, 2023

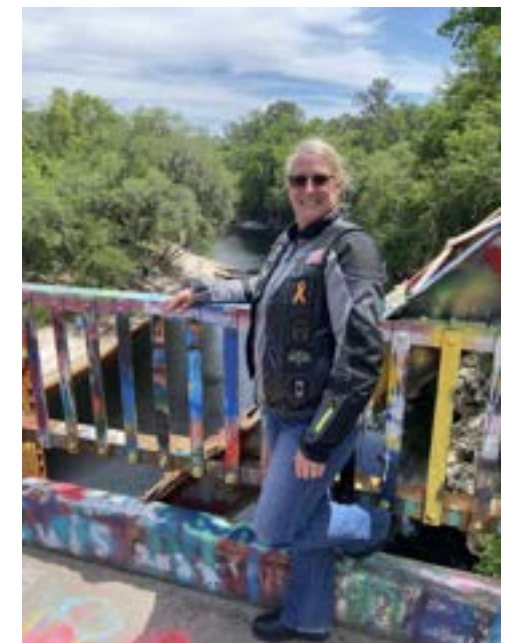
#PensacolaRoute



Panama City, FL

Brent & Dana  
Jackson on the  
#Pensacolaroute  
#bridgetonowhere

Graffiti Bridge,  
Live Oak, FL  
1 Bike/2 Total/  
2908 miles





In-State Unity Ride  
 April 17—April 21, 2023  
 #Kissimmee Route



Karen Labrecque-Ortiz, Stan Wood, Tim Morris, Brian Yancey & Glenn Wyatt (Chapter 20 member but supports Chapter 117 ).  
**3 Bikes/ 4 Total/5824 miles**



8th Annual 3 Angels Ball for All Poker Run  
 April 22, 2023



Riders and Post 117 hosted event.  
**116 Bikes/3 C&P/177 Total/11505 miles**





## Vietnam Memorial Wall

April 30, 2023



American Legion Post 117 Family —Riders Chapter 117, Squadron 117, Honor Guard, and Juniors Unit 117 laying wreaths at the Vietnam Memorial Wall at Wickham park.

**17 Bikes/4 C&P/22 Total/2090 miles**



## Newsletter (Mar/Apr 2023)

**Fellow Legion Riders**, January and February are finished. We've gotten out and rode for charities and special events. We helped a Legion Family member, JimmyD, with a benefit ride as well as supported the Jolly Roger Poker Run in January. Bike night in January was successful. As February rolled in, we got a little busier. The Special Olympics ride for SAL was successful and the following week a Tom Ratcliffe Fun Poker Run as well helped Special Olympics. During ALR Summit, we had seven members in attendance to take classes and bring back to our chapter information to make us even more successful. And again, we are getting out and supporting other chapters with their poker runs and activities. Coming up is the District Picnic at Post 117 and the Richard Phillips Down Biker Fund Ride In. I would appreciate your support for all our events! As always, stay tuned on Facebook and see my Chimpmails for more information about rides and events we will support. Also, sometimes a ride will come up in a decision made in the tiki the night before, so if you didn't hear about it, my apologies! Thank you all for your support!

Brian Yancey Director, Chapter 117



Post Calendar

May 2023

May 2023

Rev.0



Charles F. Thomas IV  
American Legion Post 117

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6-pm-close Presentation of the Wreaths 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	2 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	3 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm DJ - Alvin 6:30 - 9:30p	4 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Riders Meeting 6:30pm 2nd Nominations & Vote	5 Riders Dinner 5-7pm Pork butt Vince 6:30 - 10:30p	6 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 DCC Meeting-Hall Kentucky Derby Day In The Tiki
7 Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	8 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6-pm-close Aux EC Meeting 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	9 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	10 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm SAL Meeting 6:30pm DJ - Chuck 6:30 - 9:30p	11 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 40&8 Meeting 7pm Steak Shoot 7pm	12 SAL Dinner 5-7pm Fish Fry Jimmy D 6:30 - 10:30p	13 Election Day 10am - 1pm Private Party Pavilion District SAL 163@ 10am Karaoke with Chuck 6:30 - 10:30p
14 Mothers Day Brunch 10-2pm Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45	15 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6-pm-close Riders EC Meeting 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	16 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	17 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Legion Meeting 7pm Vince 6:30 - 9:30p	18 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Aux Meeting 7pm 3rd Nomination & Vote	19 AUX Dinner 5-7pm Jojo's Empanadas Poppy Plates Dreamer Band 6:30 - 10:30pm	20 Pool Tournament 1pm-7 PegLeg Event Shelley & Dave 6:30 - 10:30p
21 Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	22 Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6-pm-close Ways & Means 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	23 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	24 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm DJ - Alvin 6:30 - 9:30p	25 Pool Tournament 1pm-7	26 Legion Dinner 5-7pm Joe Calautti 6:30 - 10:30p	27 Flags at Fountain Head May Birthdays Riders Raid The Tiki Vince 6:30 - 10:30p
28 Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Meat Raffle 12:30 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	29 Memorial Day Picnic 1pm Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off DJ Alvin Outside Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	30 Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	31 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm Jimmy D 6:30 - 9:30p	Canteen. Opens 10am every day Monday's Men's Night Free Pool All Day Wednesday's Ladies night wing night Sunday Full menu and steamed Shrimp 1pm-4:45pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm every Tuesday Ace of Spades Every Tuesday Last ticket sold 7:20pm		

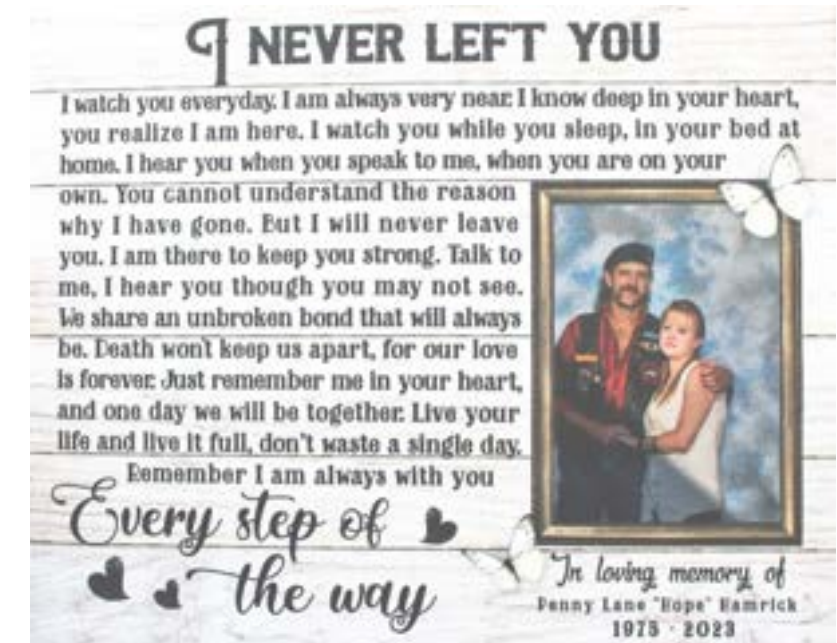
Love For Chris

Benefit Ride

May 20, 2023



American Legion  
Department of Florida  
2nd Vice Commander  
Chris Hamrick was  
shown a lot of love from  
his fellow legion mem-  
bers. There was a benefit  
ride, raffle, and basket  
raffles in order to raise  
money for Chris and his  
children.







Fountainhead Cemetery  
 Flags on Service members' Grave  
 May 27, 2023



Riders, Auxillary, and Scouts BSA Troop 732 remembering our servicemembers who gave all during the Memorial Day weekend. May you rest in peace and never be forgotten!  
**9 Bikes/10 Total/250 miles**



Post Calendar  
 June 2023

**June 2023 Rev.0**  **Charles F. Thomas IV American Legion Post 117**

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				Pool Tournament 1pm-7	Riders Dinner 5-7p Meatloaf	Pool Tournament 1pm-7
				Riders Meeting 6:30pm	Vince 6:30 - 10:30p	Double Trouble 6:30 - 10:30p
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Veteran Fishing Trip 5:30am Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5pm Last Order 4:45 Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6-9pm-close Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Big Azz Burger Ace of Spades 7:30pm	Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night BOGO 1/2 off 6pm DJ - Alvin 6:30 - 9:30p	Pool Tournament 1pm-7 40&8 7pm	SAL Dinner Fish Fry 5-7p Jimmy D 6:30 - 10:30p	DJ - Alvin 6:30 - 10:30p
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Shrimp & Wings Only 3-5pm Last Order 4:45 Tom Wood Memorial Service 1pm Scouts Mtg 5-7pm	Free Pool all Day Men's Night BOGO 1/2 off 6-9pm-close Aux EC Meeting 6pm Scouts Mtg 7-9pm	Show-Me-the-Money 1-3pm Riders Corn Hole Tournament 6:30pm Tacos Ace of Spades 7:30pm	Flag Day Army Birthday Cake @ 4:30 Wing Night 5-7pm Ladies Night SAL Meeting 6:30pm Jimmy D 6:30 - 9:30p	Department Convention June 15th to 18th Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Aux Meeting 7pm	AUX Dinner 5-7p Pot Roast & Noodles Ken Snyder 6:30 - 10:30p	Pool Tournament 1pm-7 Shelley & Dave 6:30 - 10:30p
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### Rider's Tuesday Night

#### Cornhole



#### Rider's Cornhole

#### Tuesday Night

6:30 pm—Until Complete

We've grown from 5 to 17 teams!



Thank you Lisa Meeks & Tommy Griffin & Others who have made this event a GREAT One!



### Bike Night / Rider's Dinner

June 2022 — June 2023



Shiela Cline Burns & Jim Fournier  
"Taco Night"



Thank You Riders for your Support!





The American Legion,  
 Department of Florida  
 104th Statewide Convention  
 Lake Buena Vista, Florida  
 June 15—18, 2023



District 12  
 Meeting Dates

September 10, 2022 . . . . . Post 81 Melbourne  
 October 22, 2022 . . . . . Wickham Park  
 December 17, 2022 . . . . . Post 318 Port St Lucie  
 February 4, 2023 . . . . . Post 359 Port St John  
 March 18, 2023 . . . . . Post 117 Palm Bay  
 May DCC . . . . . Post 117 Palm Bay





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