



AMERICAN LEGION CHARLES F. THOMAS IV POST 117
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The Thomas Times

Spring, raindrops, green grass, easter, flowers, butterflies, baby animals, nature has its own way of mesmerizing humans.
Happy Spring!

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Post 117 Directory

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 Executive Committee.....Rhonda Suelter
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 HistorianAlvin Hill
 SAL Advisor.....Bruce Thurber

Legion Riders Officers

Director..... Robert Smith
 Assistant Director..... Stan Wood
 Secretary Sheila Cline
 Treasurer Bobby Dye
 Chaplain..... Brian Yancey
 Sergeant-at-Arms David Bolduc
 Historian..... Dana Jackson
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 Membership..... Vacant
 Merchandise Vacant

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2024-2025 Officers:
Basic Training—<https://legion.org/alei>

Department Merchandise
<https://www.floridalegion.org/resources/department-merchandise>



Commander's Corner

Terry Struven
Commander,
American Legion
Post 117

commander@all17.com

2025 is moving right along and we are approaching a very busy few months coming up. January and February were also nonstop with all of our 117 family members offering all kinds of exciting events. We had two benefits in January for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and one for a long time member in dire need of our support. We had our regular programs, Riders Cornhole Tournaments, Steak Shoot, Auxiliary's Show Me The Money, Ladies & Men's Night, Wing night, and much more.

In February, we had a wonderful time at the annual Super Bowl party. For Valentines day we had some wonderful entertainment and a chance to win great prizes for our members. As with every week we were busy with regular programs and extra events such as Vet Girls Rock a luncheon celebrating our female veterans sponsored by our 117 Auxiliary members. Scouts of America Troop 732 held a Flag Retirement Ceremony and we awarded Dr. Ana Klenz a momentum of our appreciation for being selected as our 2024 Department of Veterans Affairs Physician of the Year.

On March, 1st to be exact from 12:00- 4:00pm we will be saying a big THANKYOU to the life's blood of our Post, our VOLUNTEERS. Post 117 Volunteer Appreciation Picnic will offer a catered meal and gifts and giveaways (while they last for our wonderful volunteers with Vince providing some great music for listening and dancing pleasure.

We will be supporting the 12th District Picnic on March 15 and supporting a great cause in Bikers Down Fundraiser.. We also will be hosting an event for Project Vet relief to raise funds for this important concern over Veterans suicide and welcoming our Vietnam Veterans Home.

In March and April at the Legion Membership meetings we will be taking nominations for the new Post Officers for 2025-2026. These officers are- Commander, First Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Sgt at Arms, Asst, Sgt at Arms, Historian, and 2 Executive Committee members. Please get involved and come to a meeting and see how the process works. The election will be Saturday May 17th from 11 a.m. to 2 pm.

April we will be once again supporting Department of Florida's Children and Youth Picnic on April 5th and our own member and Department Commander's Homecoming Hillbilly Hoedown April 26th.

March and April we will be having Celebrations of Life for 2 of our beloved 117 family members who have moved on to their heavenly homes.

Let us know how we are doing and lets look forward to the new group of Officers who will be coming on board in June. If you want to get involved this is the time of year to make your plans to do so.

See you around our Post.

Always remember to honor our American Legions ideals and May God Bless you, your family and May God Bless the United States of America.

Commander Terry Struven



Greg Singler
Commander
Squadron 117

gregsingler@yahoo.com



Squadron 117, Sons of the American Legion

Hello to SAL members from your commander Greg Singler.

February 1st Special Olympics fundraiser event raises over \$2700, great job!

February 13th S.A.L first Steak Shoot raised \$645 towards the veterans fishing trip to sail on May 31st.

February 14th Fish Fry \$720 for the veterans fishing trip.

I would like to say a special thanks to everyone who helped in the kitchen on Sunday the 16th. We sold over \$800.

March 1st Volunteer Appreciation Day.

March 6th-9th MaryAnne Spellman Camping Event.

March 8th is the next scheduled food pantry 10am-12pm.

March 9th is the Meat Raffle to benefit the veterans fishing trip.

March 12th S.A.L meeting guests are welcome. We will start nominations for officers.

March 14th S.A.L Fish Fry. We always need volunteers to give others a break.

March 15th District 12 Picnic at Post 117 also American Legion 106th Birthday.

March 29th Rider's Project Vet Relief Fundraiser.

April 5th Department of Florida Children & Youth Picnic.

April 9th S.A.L Meeting with 2nd round of officer nominations.

April 11th Fish Fry.

April 12th Food Pantry 10am-12pm.

April 19th Junior Spring Fling and Easter Party.

April 26th Department Commander's Homecoming Hillbilly Hoedown.

If you are interested in running for an officer position, please reach out.

Sincerely

Gregory Singler

Sons of American Legion Commander



Special Olympics Benefit Run & Fundraiser



Kim Oaks, President
oaksk@bellsouth.net

Auxiliary Unit 117

Here we are in March already! Where has the time gone?

Our ALA Girls State Interviews went very well with three Delegates and three Alternates. Thanks to Rachael Nash, Barbara Ward and Julie Gebhardt (Unit 81) for all your help with the interviews and helping to make that very tough decision. Unit 117 will be very well represented at ALA Girls State this June!

National Security; To Date, total coupons clipped and shipped to our deployed military now total \$166,973.68! Amazing job ladies!!!!

Our 1st Vice President/Membership Chairman, Brenda Miskow has been extra busy processing new membership's and renewals, as of Friday February 21st, we are currently at 107.64%. Thank you, Brenda for all you do!

Our Vet Girls Lunch was a huge hit. There were 16 Women Veterans in attendance. We walked through the Veterans Healing Garden, heard from Dorothy Walsh of Their Voice of Hope and had a clothing swap. We now have a few things to donate to Serene Harbor.

Upcoming Events:

March 1st is Volunteer Appreciation Day at Post 117

March 3rd we will be reviewing our Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules at 6:00 pm. All Auxiliary Members are welcome to join.

March 13th is our next Steak Shoot at 7:00 pm

March 15th is the District Picnic supporting TAL Boys State and ALA Girls State transportation. Come out to Post 117 to support this very worthy cause.

March 16th is the Celebration of Live for our Beloved Barbara Simons at 1:00

March 20th will be the 1st round of Nominations of new Officers and our General Membership meeting at 7:00 pm

March 21st is our Auxiliary Dinner - Fried Shrimp, fries and cole slaw

March 21st the Juniors will be collecting laundry soap for our Suds of Love Program.

April 3rd Please join us at Palm Bay City Hall at 6:00 as we receive Proclamation for The Month of the Military Child and also for National Poppy Days .

April 4th Our ALA Department of Florida President, Charlotte Bass will be doing her Unit visit and will be joining us for dinner.

April 5th is the TAL Department of Florida Children & Youth Picnic.

National Auxiliary Scholarship information can be found at:

- All National Scholarships must be submitted online to the National website.
- Visit the National website for complete information on each scholarship
- [Scholarships](https://www.legion-aux.org/Scholarships/) ,https://www.legion-aux.org/Scholarships/

Let's make this year a success by encouraging all eligible students to apply! Together, we can support their educational journeys and reward their dedication.

Yours in Service,

Kim Oaks





MaryAnn Spellman
Chairman

Maryannspellman9@gmail.com



Unit 117 Juniors

Greeting All,

I hope this finds all our future leaders and their families well.

Our Family Future Leaders have been busy so far this year and have done some great things and have more amazing things planned for the next few months.

They started off the New Year with a Legion Family Softball tournament fundraiser. We had a great time on the field, and raised money for C&Y. At the request of our members, we will be hosting another softball tournament in April, stay tune date TBD.

Several Jr's and Young SAL Members attended the Special Olympics event at 117. They had a lemon aid stand and donated all proceeds for the cause, they assisted in 50/50 and helped with the Raffle basket drawing.

Averi Rose Krogh was awarded 117 Jr Volunteer of the month for December for all she did to help for the holiday season. McKenzie Ann Krogh received Jr Volunteer of the month for January for her great running skills helping by running for several players at the softball tournament. Please make sure you are logging hours and get them to me so it can be submitted for Jr of the Month. Logging Volunteer hours is the only way we know what your Future Leaders have been doing.

On March 16th at 11 am we will be meeting at the Post and driving over to Palm Bay PD and FD by City Hall to deliver goodie bags to our Police officers and Firemen and woman.

Our annual Easter Party /Spring Fling will be on Saturday April 19th from 1-5pm. We are asking for Raffle baskets and Auction items. Please get with me if you would like to donate anything I would be happy to meet and pick up what you have.

All upcoming events and Information will be posted on the Future Leaders Facebook page. If you are not a part of this page, please send me a friend request so I can invite you to join the page. This is a secure page, and only invited members will be able to join. We send out emails so please send us yours to maryannspellman9@gmail.com.

If you have a child or a grandchild who is not yet a Jr member, please get them signed up to become one of our amazing Family Future Leaders. The dues for all Jr's ages birth to 18 is \$11. Girls will join under Auxiliary, contact our 1st Vice / Membership Chair Brenda Miskow. Boys are \$11 they will join under SAL. Please contact 1st Vice / Membership Bruce Walkowiak.

For God & Country
MaryAnn Spellman
Unit 117 Jr Activity Chairman



Robert Smith, Director,
Chapter 117
smittypj@gmail.com



Chapter 117, American Legion Riders

Dear Members and Friends,

As we welcome the spring season, we are excited to share updates and upcoming events for our chapter. Thank you for your continued support and participation!

Recent Highlights:

- January 23rd: Our Riders Steak Shoot was a success! A big thank you to Nancy Richert and Kim Oaks for facilitating this event and to everyone who attended.
- January 25th: We held a benefit ride and fundraiser for Nancy Richert, and we are grateful to all who came out to support. Your generosity makes a significant difference!
- January 30th: Bike Night returned with enthusiasm! Thanks to Doc Holiday for the live music and Spencer Reinking for the fantastic food. Bike Nights will now be hosted on the last Thursday of each month, so mark your calendars!
- February 1st: We participated in the Special Olympics fundraiser and ride, where an impressive 41 bikes and over 50 people came together. Thank you for your dedication and support!

Upcoming Events:

- Officer Nominations: It's that time of year again to consider new chapter leadership. Nominations for officers will start at the next Riders meeting. If you're interested in stepping up, let someone know for a nomination!
- March 22nd: We will be hosting the Richard Phillips Down Biker Fund Birthday Bash. This is a significant event, and we need as many volunteers as possible to help with setup and bike parking. Your support is crucial!
- Bike Week: From February 28th to March 8th, we will host several rides to Daytona. Stay tuned for ride announcements!
- March 29th: Join us for the Project Vet Relief benefit and ride, an important event aimed at helping to end veteran suicide.
- April 5th: We will have a Children and Youth benefit and ride, with more details to come soon.
- Instate Unity Ride: From April 7th to 12th, one of the routes will make a stop at Chapter 117 on April 9th. I hope to join for part of that route, so let's plan for a great welcome!

Special Thanks: We would like to extend our appreciation to Shelby Kennedy, Lisa Meeks, and Bob Garry for facilitating Riders Cornhole every Tuesday evening. Special thanks to Shannon Cox for cooking the excellent meal for January's Riders Dinner, and to Jocelyn Lugo (Jo Jo) and her kids for preparing February's dinner. Both meals were outstanding and highly appreciated by our members!

Thank you once again for all the amazing efforts our volunteers contribute every day. Together, we make a difference!

Until next time, Ride Safe!
Robert "Smitty" Smith
Rider's Director



Donna Walkowiak
Chaplain

Chaplain@all17.com

Chaplain's Corner

I would like to thank everyone that participated in Four Chaplains Sunday. Visiting the Monument in the morning or taking part in the afternoon ceremony. The saga of the Four Chaplains is the highlight of my year. Recognizing the ultimate sacrifice they made, the depth of their faith and love for their fellow man. It's a ceremony that honors them while showing us how to love on another unconditionally. I hope you were able to attend.

I want to also thank Guy Savage for the new Chaplains Board. It a bit of a learning curve for me but it is worth it. Being able to post a photo along with a name has been a great help in recognition. I have begun a "Post Everlasting" slide for the Legion Year to remember those that have gone before us. I will also be able to add information about Celebrations of Life as they are announced. We had a quiet a spell for a bit but now the board is filling up on us with notification of members passing and a call for prayers of healing. If you have not seen the new board please take a moment to check it out.

As our country gears up under a new administration, let us pray that the Lord will guide our leaders in the direction they need to go to keep our country great, to promote freedom for all and equality in opportunity. We pray for our service members; that they return home to their loved ones and for those that bring the battle home with them. We must remember to "Be the One". Reach out, observe and support. We are a strong Post with a positive impact. Thank you all.

May you continue to remember those that we lost or those still recovering:

Veteran Steve Lumm
 Veteran Joseph Barnes
 Veteran Steven Bjortvedt
 Veteran Charles "Chuck" Roane
 Auxiliary Chaplain Barbara Simons

John "Santa" Pettinicchio and Bruce Thurber are still on their journey of recovery. Prayers for David Smitley as he recovers in rehab.

Your Chaplain,
 Donna Walkowiak

Four Chaplains
 Monument Visit
 in Sebastian, FL





BE THE ONE

Click on Be The One to go to the website to learn more!

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

- Legion EC Meeting, 2nd Thursday, 5:30pm
- 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



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@all17.com) for facility information, rental availability, and price

Did you Know if you purchase Florida Legion 50/50 Raffle, some proceeds benefit Post 117? Take a picture of QR code & it takes you to site to buy tickets.



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MERCHANDISE SALES

Legion Items For Sale

Legion T-Shirt	\$20
Legion Polo with pocket	\$35
Legion License Plate	\$5
R.E.D Friday Shirts.....	\$20

Riders Items For Sale

(For special orders contact Riders Merchandise Person)

All Men's Shirts	\$20
All Ladies Shirts	\$20
All 3x/4x shirts are special order.....	TBD
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
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See the bartender to purchase merchandise!

Visit the Post 117 Facebook Pages & Website

[American Legion Post 117](#)

[American Legion SAL Squadron 117](#)

[American Legion Auxiliary Unit 117](#)

[Legion Riders FL Chapter 117](#)

www.all17.com

Renew Your Membership & Come See Us!

March 2025 Rev.

Charles F. Thomas IV
American Legion Post 117

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Canteen Opens 10am every day Sunday: Full menu and steamed shrimp 1pm-4:45pm Monday: Men's Night—BOGO Drinks; Free Pool All Day Tuesday: Show-Me-The-Money 1-3pm Ace of Spades—Last ticket sold at 7:20pm Wednesday: Ladies Night BOGO Drinks; \$1 Wing Night; Entertainment Friday: Family Dinner; Music Entertainment Friday & Saturday Private Event: Pavilion (P); Hall Rental (H)						1 Be The One Pool Tournament 1pm Volunteer Appreciation Day Picnic 12-4p/ Vince Karaoke Mark Canada 6:30-10:30pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5p Scouts Meeting 5-6:30pm	Free Pool All Day Men's Night 6p-close Honor Guard Practice 6p Scouts Meeting 7-9p Aux (H) CBL	Kitchen Open 11a-2p Show-Me-The-Money-1p Riders Corn Hole 6:30pm Philly Cheesesteak 4:30-7 Ace of Spade 7:30pm	Kitchen Open 11a-2p \$1 Wing Night 1-7pm Ladies Night 6p-close Jimmy D 6:30-9:30pm	Pool Tournament 1pm Riders Meeting 6:30pm Officer Nominations Private Event 11-1p (H) SAL Camping	Kitchen Open 11a-2p Riders Dinner 5-7pm Stuffed Peppers SAL Camping /Doc Holiday 3-7pm Jimmy D 6:30-10:30pm	Food Pantry 10a-12p Private Event (P)/ 4pm SAL Camping—Jimmy D DJ Alvin 6:30-10:30pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5p Private Event (H) 4-8pm SAL Camping Weekend/ Meat Raffle Scouts Meeting 5-6:30pm	Free Pool All Day Men's Night 6p-close Auxiliary EC Meeting 6p Scouts Meeting 7-9p	Kitchen Open 11a-2p Show-Me-The-Money-1p Big Azz Burgers 4:30-7pm Riders Corn Hole 6:30pm Ace of Spade 7:30pm	Kitchen Open 11a-2p \$1 Wing Night 1-7pm Ladies Night 6p-close SAL Meeting 6:30pm 1st Officer Nominations DJ Chuck 6:30-9:30pm	Pool Tournament 1pm Private Event 11-1p (H) Auxiliary Steak Shoot 7p Legion EC @5:30pm 40&8 7pm	Kitchen Open 11a-2p SAL Dinner Fish Fry 5-7pm Vince 6:30-10:30pm	Pool Tournament 1pm District 12 Picnic Post 117 AL 106th Birthday/Doc Holiday SK1 6:30-10:30pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 2-5p COL Barbara Simons 1pm Scouts Meeting 5-6:30pm	Free Pool All Day Men's Night 6p-close Rider's EC Meeting 6p Officer Nominations Scouts Meeting 7-9p St Patty's Day/Jimmy D Corned Beef & Cabbage \$15	Kitchen Open 11a-2p Show-Me-The-Money-1p Riders Corn Hole 6:30pm Tacos 4:30-7pm Ace of Spade 7:30pm	Kitchen Open 11a-2p \$1 Wing Night 1-7pm Ladies Night 6p-close Legion Meeting 7pm 1st Officer Nominations DJ Alvin 6:30-9:30pm	Pool Tournament 1pm Private Event 11-1p (H) Auxiliary Meeting 7pm 1st Officer Nomination	Kitchen Open 11a-2p Auxiliary Dinner 5-7pm Fried Shrimp Joe Calautti 6:30-10:30pm	Food Pantry 10a-12p Richard Phillips Down Biker Fund BDay Bash P&H 12-5pm Will The Thrill 6:30-10:30pm
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
23rd Full Kitchen Menu Shrimp & Wings 1-5p 23rd-Juniors Meeting 12pm 30th Post Full Kitchen 23/30 Scouts Meeting 5-6:30pm	Free Pool All Day Men's Night 6p-close 24th Ways & Means 6p Scouts Meeting 7-9p	Kitchen Open 11a-2p Show-Me-The-Money-1p Riders Corn Hole 6:30pm Big Azz Burgers 4:30-7pm Ace of Spade 7:30pm	Kitchen Open 11a-2p \$1 Wing Night 1-7pm Ladies Night 6p-close Vince 6:30-9:30pm	Pool Tournament 1pm Private Event 11-1p (H) Rider's Bike Night 6-9pm	Kitchen Open 11a-2p Post Dinner 5-7pm Shepherd's Pie Will The Thrill 6:30-10:30pm	Project Vet Relief Fund-raiser 11a-5pm (H)(P) March Birthday 6pm Karaoke Chuck 6:30-10:30pm



**Upcoming Months
(Dates & Times are tentative)**

April

- April 1st—Be The One**
April 5th—Department Children & Youth Picnic
April 6th—Steve Lumm—Celebration of Life
April 7-12—In-State Unity Ride
April 9th—In-State Unity Ride Visit
April 12—Food Pantry
April 17th—Legion Steak Shoot
April 19th—Junior Spring Fling/Easter Party
April 26th—Department Commander's Hill Billy Hoedown
April 27th—Legion DCC Post 117

May

- May 3rd—SAL DCC Post 394**
May 3rd—Derby Day
May 4th—Wall Escort
May 5th—Wreath Ceremony
May 10th—Massing of the Colors
May 11th—SAL Mother's Day Brunch
May 17th—Post Elections
May 24th—Flags on Veterans Graves
May 25th—Scouts of America Troop 732 BBQ
May 25th—SAL Meat Raffle
May 26th—Honor Charles F. Thomas IV Ceremony/Assisted Living Visits/Memorial Day Ceremony at Post 117
May 31st—Veterans Fishing Trip

June

- June 12-15th—Department Convention**
June 13th—Charles F. Thomas IV Birthday
June 15th—Father's Day Brunch
June 21st—Installation of Officers

AMERICAN LEGION POST 117
189 VETERANS DR SE
PALM BAY, FL 32909

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY PICNIC

March 1, 2025
12:00pm - 4:00pm

Catered Lunch & Special Gifts for 117 Volunteers
Special Door Prizes
Music by Vince

WE APPRECIATE YOU!
POC: Dana Jackson, 719-459-6334

LET'S GO CAMPING

Meat Raffle - Bonfires
All Proceeds go to Veterans Fishing Trip

MUSIC BY JIMMY D SATURDAY MARCH 8TH
MEAT RAFFLE SUNDAY MARCH 9TH

Sign up Below!
March 6th thru the 9th

American Legion Post 117
189 Veterans Drive

American Legion Post 117
189 Veterans Dr SE
Palm Bay, FL 32909
PRESENTS

FOOD PANTRY

FOR ALL AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS,
VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES



MARCH 8 & 22ND | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

2ND & 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
A COMMUNITY SHARING VEGGIES, FRUIT & MORE
FIRST COME FIRST SERVE
PLEASE PROVIDE ID UPON REQUEST
BRING A BAG
POC: COMMANDER TERRY STRUVEN, 321-729-8089

Sons of the American Legion 117

Sunday March 9th, 2025 26th

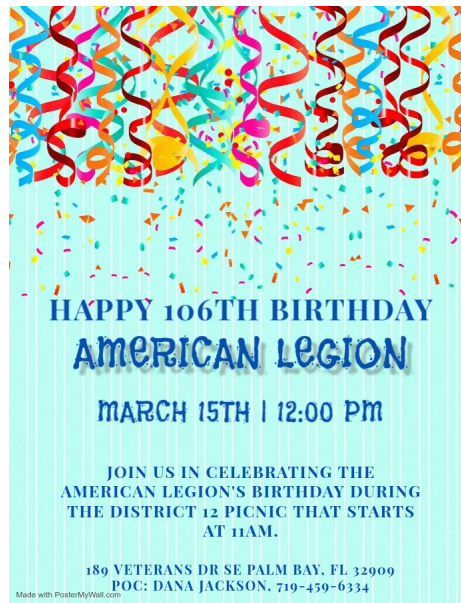
MEAT RAFFLE

2 Grand Prizes to be announced
Big Meat Round
Mystery Meat Box
Steak Round
Sausage Round
Spin the Wheel Round

70/30 RAFFLE Ticket Sales start at 12:00pm
8 Tickets for \$20

Starts at 1pm

All proceeds go to Veterans Fishing Trip
189 Veterans Drive, Palm Bay FL




HAPPY 106TH BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION

MARCH 15TH | 12:00 PM

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN LEGION'S BIRTHDAY DURING THE DISTRICT 12 PICNIC THAT STARTS AT 11AM.

189 VETERANS DR SE PALM BAY, FL 32909
POC: DANA JACKSON, 719-459-6334

Celebrating
The life of



Barbara Simons

Sunday March 16th 1pm

Please join us as we remember our Auxilliary Sister

Cover Dishes Greatly Appreciated

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



AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT 12 PICNIC

Saturday, March 15th the 4 American Legion Families of District 12 invite all Legion family members & the local community to come out to our Annual District 12 Picnic at the American Legion Post 117 starting at 11am with proceeds going to Boys & Girls State! Get ready for a fun filled day for the entire family & be sure to mark your calendars! We will have food, games, music & raffles! We hope to see everyone there!



2025 Election Post Officers

- The first rounds of nominations of officer's - March 19th
- The Second Round Officer Nominations - April 16th
- Election is May 17th from 11:00am to 2pm in the Hall.

Interested in running for a post position? Seek out the Commander/Adjutant for more information.
The call for nominations will be in accordance with the Department of Florida Constitution and By-Laws and rules of procedure in the Officers Guide



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PALM BAY, FL 32909

HAPPY St. Patrick's Day

MARCH 17, 2025
12:00PM - ?
MUSIC BY JIMMY D
CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE \$15
PRIZES & GIVE-A-WAYS

WWW.AL117.COM



Richard Phillips
Down Biker Fund®

RICHARD PHILLIPS DOWN BIKER FUND 3TH
BIRTHDAY BASH
SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2025
12 pm to 5 pm

AMERICAN LEGION POST 117
189 VETERANS WAY DR
PALM BAY, FL. 32909

www.richardphillipsdownbikerfund.com

Suds of Love



Laundry Supply Drive


Friday March 21st 4 - 7 pm

List

- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric Softener
- Fabric Sheets
- Bleach

Our 117 Family Future Leaders need your help.

They have been asked to help collect Laundry Supplies for our Suds of Love program where we help Veterans with their weekly laundry.



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

The American Legion Riders invite you to ride and come fundraise with us in support of Project: VetRelief-Suicide Prevention Initiative

March 29, 2025 12pm - 5pm

SAL on the Grill
Burgers \$10,
Hot dogs \$8
with sides

Registration 9am
KSU 10am
\$15/Rider \$5/Passenger
Stops Include:
Post 39 Vero Beach
Post 189 Sebastian
Willy's Bar & Grill Fellsmere
Post 117

Raffle Baskets
50/50
Auction

#veteransuicide #Paint22

Vendors \$25/spot
Set-up 10am-12pm
POC Dana, 719-459-6334

American Legion Post 117
189 Veterans Dr SE
Palm Bay, FL 32909
POC: Stan Wood, PVR Chair, 802-376-5350



HAPPY Birthday

Celebrating Post 117 Members
with March Birthday's
March 29th @6:00pm



American Legion Department of FL Presents

Children & Youth Picnic

Saturday April 5th 2025 12pm - 5pm

Raffles 50/50

Poker Run \$15 Rider \$5 Passenger Stops: TBD

1/3 Pound Burger or 1/4 pound Hot Dog \$10
Kids under 12 1/4 Pound Burger or Hot Dog \$5
All Meals Served with Sides

Music by Doc Holiday

American Legion Post 117
189 Veterans Dr
Palm Bay, FL 32909

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Rick Johnson 954-262-4496
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IN-STATE UNITY RIDE

The Florida American Legion Riders are coming together for the In-State Unity Ride, which will take place from April 7th to April 11th. The purpose of this ride is to raise awareness and collect donations for PROJECT: VetRelief's Suicide Prevention Initiative. The event will feature three routes, Central, Eastern, and Western.

April 7-11, 2025



The In-State Unity Ride will be visiting Post 117 on APRIL 9, 2025 at 1445-1505

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FOOD PANTRY

FOR ALL AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS,
VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES



APRIL 12TH | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

2ND & 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
A COMMUNITY SHARING VEGGIES, FRUIT & MORE
FIRST COME FIRST SERVE
PLEASE PROVIDE ID UPON REQUEST
BRING A BAG
POC: COMMANDER TERRY STRUVEN. 321-729-8089



December Volunteer of the Month



Legionnaire Larry Hoel receiving December Volunteer of the Month Award from Dana Jackson, Post Adjutant for his work running the pool tournament.



Averi Krogh December Junior Volunteer of the Month

January Volunteer of the Month



Auxiliary member Debbie Nixon receiving January Volunteer of the Month Award from Dana Jackson, Post Adjutant for her work with the Veterans Healing Garden.



McKenzie Krogh January Junior Volunteer of the Month

U.S Veterans Holiday's and Important Events

March

Month of March—Women's History Month

March 3rd—Navy Reserve Birthday

March 4th—Hug a GI Day

March 9th—Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 9th—K-9 Veterans Day

March 15th—American Legion 106th Birthday

March 17th—St. Patrick's Day

March 21st—Rosie The Riveter Day

March 25th—Medal of Honor Day

March 29th—National Vietnam War Veterans Day

April

Month of April—Month of the Military Child

Month of April—Military Saves Month

April 1st—April Fools Day

April 9th—Gold Star Spouses Day

April 9th—National Former POW Recognition Day

April 12—April 20th—Passover

April 14—Air Force Reserve Birthday

April 15th—Purple Up! Day

April 18th—Good Friday

April 20th—Easter

April 22nd—Earth Day

April 23rd—Army Reserve Birthday

April 30th—National Military Brats Day