

# **THE CLAYTON E. MONEYSMAKER AMERICAN LEGION POST 237**

## **DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA**

### **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

#### **AMERICANISM COMMITTEE**

**July 1, 2024**

**Purpose:** To provide the Post 237 Executive Committee and the membership knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of the Americanism Committee.

The Americanism Committee shall be charged with inspiring Patriotism and good citizenship; encouraging patriotic and civic instruction in schools; and activities for community and civic betterment.

This committee is established to provide support for the Americanism programs including ROTC/JROTC liaison with local high school and college ROTC units, assistance in conducting the Madison County American Legion High School Oratorical Contest, assistance in recruiting Madison County students for Boys State, conducting the Madison County Boys State Orientation and providing transportation and sponsorships for Madison County Boys State delegates.

**Scope:** This SOP applies to the duties and responsibilities of the Americanism Committee of The Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237, Department of Alabama.

**Authority:** The By-Laws of the Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237, Department of Alabama, page 6, Article VII, Section 1, subsection e., dated November 21, 2022.

#### **References:**

The American Legion 2024 Officer's Guide

The American Legion Oratorical website: <https://www.legion.org/oratorical>

The American Legion Boys State Website:

<https://www.legion.org/boysnation>

The Department of Alabama Boys State Website:

<http://www.alboysstate.org/>

The Post 237 Second Vice Commander SOP

<https://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=206>

**1. General Duties of the Americanism Committee:**

- 1.1. The Americanism Committee shall be chaired by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander and has as members the ROTC Liaison Officer (if appointed by the Commander) and several volunteers. The Americanism Committee meets on a monthly basis. In its current configuration the Americanism and the Communications Committees are consolidated to alleviate the need for multiple meeting nights and to make best use of volunteer's time. Both committees meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00PM..
- 1.2. The Americanism Committee coordinates with the Madison County Commander and the other American Legion Posts in Madison County to conduct activities related to the Madison County Oratorical Contest, Boys State recruitment and orientation, and support of the JROTC and ROTC programs in Madison County.

**2. Madison County Oratorical Contest Support**

- 2.1. A verbal agreement with the other American Legion Posts in Madison County provides that Madison Post 229 will host and chair the annual Madison County Oratorical Contest. The Madison County Commander is responsible for overall management of the contest.
- 2.2. The Second Vice Commander serves as the Post 237 focal point for assistance in conducting the Madison County contest which historically has been scheduled in late January. The Post 237 Second Vice Commander SOP details the activities The Second Vice Commander performs in support of the Madison County Oratorical Contest. The Americanism Committee provides support and manpower for the activities detailed in the Second Vice Commander SOP Section 3.

**3. Madison County Boys State Support**

- 3.1. A verbal agreement with the other American Legion Posts in Madison County provides that Post 237 will chair the annual Madison County Boys State Committee. The Madison County Commander is responsible for overall management of the Boys State effort. The Post 237 Second Vice Commander chairs the Madison County Boys State Committee and serves as Madison County focal point for Boys State. . .

- 3.2. The Post 237 Second Vice Commander SOP details the activities that the Second Vice Commander performs in chairing the Madison County Boys State effort. The Americanism Committee provides support and manpower for the activities detailed in the Second Vice Commander SOP Section 4.

#### **4. ROTC/JROTC Program Support**

- 4.1. The Second Vice Commander and the Post 237 ROTC Liaison (if appointed by the Commander) are the Post 237 focal points for support of the following ROTC and Junior ROTC programs in Madison County.

Grissom, Army  
Huntsville, Space Force  
Lee, Army  
Buckhorn, Army  
Hazel Green, Navy  
Columbia, Army  
Madison County, Army  
Alabama A&M, Army

- 4.2. The Post 237 Second Vice Commander SOP details the activities that the Second Vice Commander and the ROTC Liaison Officer perform in support of Madison County ROTC and JROTC programs. The Americanism Committee provides support and manpower for the activities detailed in the Second Vice Commander SOP Section 5.

#### **5. Support of Patriotic Events**

- 5.1. The Americanism Committee assists in the planning and execution for patriotic celebrations and events. Examples of events that the committee support are Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Day lunch and wreath laying, flag distribution and retrieval on graves.

Any amendment to the Post 237 Constitution or By-Laws, which conflicts with any provision(s) of this SOP, shall automatically repeal and modify this SOP to the satisfaction of such conflict.