

ROLL CALL

Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237



Alabama's Largest American Legion Post

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Billy Heatherly *Post 237 Commander* **Commander's Corner**

Hello fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons,

April is Nomination's month. Election of Officers will be upon us before you know it. Our next General membership meeting will be the 18th of April. I have a Nominations Committee for the candidates of officers for the 2022-2023 Legion year. If you wish to be an officer of the Post, please let your intentions known.

For reasons unknown, attendance for the meetings is still at an all-time low. If I may ask, why do you pay dues to get nothing out of it? Sure, you may get the Legion magazine, and I wager that more than half of you don't even read it. Do you even read the great newsletter that we even publish? The American Legion and this Post has more to it than you think. For happenings, please visit "The Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237" Facebook page and hit the Like button to keep up with your Post.

I would like to take the time to thank all the membership for their continued support of the officers and staff of your American Legion. May you all be healthy and safe. Thank you all,

Commander Billy Heatherly

Post Elections

If you are interested in serving as an Officer at American Legion Post 237 please contact Ken Vining in the finance office at:
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(256) 489-9668 or email:
financeofc@legion237.com

Sons of the American Legion

The SAL monthly meeting is canceled for April because it falls on Easter Sunday. The election will be held at the May meeting.

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Five Points Flag Pole

The Five Points Historic District Association is looking for a patriotic individual or group to maintain the neighborhood flagpole in Wellman Park. Wellman Park is a small strip of land at the intersection of Pratt, Holmes, and Andrew Jackson which was sold to the City of Huntsville for \$1 in 1915 by the Wellman family with the requirement it always remained a park. The flagpole was temporarily taken down by the City but they have agreed to reinstall at our request. If you can help please email Jenny Johnson at: jenny9150@gmail.com or call or text at 256-679-0102.



American Legion Riders

will meet April 16th at City Diner on Drake Avenue at 9:00 a.m. Ride follows, weather permitting.

Veteran Service Officer

Nick Jones, Post 237 and District 12 Veteran Service Officer, is available by phone at 256-361-3702 from 10am to 5pm Monday thru Friday. Or by email at: serviceofc@legion237.com

Memorial Day Flag Placement at Huntsville Memory Gardens

Please come out and help!
Flag placement 21 May at 11AM
Flag pick up 4 June at 11AM

Outside Work Day 9 April at 8AM

Please help! We will be working at the Post and a at the Bingo Hall.

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:

<https://www.theredstonerocket.com/eedition/>

AMERICAN LEGION CLAYTON E. MONEYSMAKER POST 237

OFFICERS

Billy Heatherly	Commander
Michael Kinney	1st Vice Commander
Tom Paone	2nd Vice Commander
Jerry Phelps	3rd Vice Commander
Mary McCoy	Adjutant
Bud Pagakis	Finance Officer
Dennis Atkins	Chaplain
Nicholas Jones	Service Officer
Ken Carpenter	Historian
Cody Klinner	Sergeant-At-Arms
Rudy Cowe	1 Year Trustee
Robert Barnett	2 Year Trustee
John Lawyer	3 Year Trustee
Earl Hokanson	Honor Guard Cdr.
John Murphy	ROTC Liaison
Steve Bowling	S.A.L. Commander
Buddy Miller	S.A.L. Adjutant
Steve Bowling	ALR Director
Sherry Schroen	Auxiliary President
Channa O'Keefe	Club Manager

Executive Committee

Billy Heatherly, Tom Paone, Jerry Phelps, Mary McCoy, Bud Pagakis, Nicholas Jones, Ken Carpenter, Rudy Cowe, Dennis Atkins, Cody Klinner, Michael Kinney, John Lawyer, Robert Barnett, Ken Vining

House Committee

Jerry Phelps, Ryan King, Ralph Miller, Billy Heatherly, Channa Perez, Bob Wasniewski, Ed Wilson, John Schantz, Steve Bowling, Ken Reisenweber, Joyce Hampton

Finance Committee

Bud Pagakis, Mary McCoy, Dennis Atkins, Rudy Cowe, Ken Vining

Building Committee

Rudy Cowe, Robert Barnett, John Lawyer, Ed Becher, Sherry Schroen, Barbara Cowe, Thad Paone, Ken Vining, Rick Jerrell

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<http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=126>

Printed copies of the current newsletter are available in the Social Quarters.

JROTC/ROTC Awards Presentations

Each year Post 237 Legionnaires present the American Legion Military Excellence and Scholastic Excellence Awards to deserving cadets in ROTC and Junior ROTC programs in Huntsville and Madison County.

John Murphy, Post 237 JROTC/ROTC Liaison Officer, coordinates with ROTC cadre in selecting the cadets and assigning a Legionnaire to represent the American Legion at the awards ceremonies.

The JROTC programs supported by Post 237 are Grissom Army, Huntsville Space Force, Lee Army, Buckhorn Army, Hazel Green Navy, Columbia Army, Madison County Army. The Army ROTC program at Alabama A&M is also supported by Post 237.

If you would like to present the awards at one of the JROTC Awards ceremonies please contact John Murphy via email at: lfcmurhvh@att.net



Post 237's CeVin Barnes and John Murphy at Columbia High School JROTC Awards Ceremony on March 22nd.



TEXAS HOLDEM FUNDRAISER

A weekly Texas Holdem fundraiser will begin on Tuesday, April 5th at 6PM in the bar. Funds raised will benefit charitable and Legion projects throughout the year. Come on down and join in the fun!!

T shirt Sales

T-SHIRT SALE!!!!
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
PURCHASE A SHIRT PLEASE SEE
CHANNA OR THE BARTENDER!!!
ALL SHIRTS ARE \$20.00
MUST BE PAID ON THE DATE
YOU ORDER!!!!



LAST DAY TO ORDER IS APRIL
14TH 2022

The RoundUp App

As a Veteran's Service Organization our American Legion Post 237 has an obligation to provide first-class services to our North Alabama Veterans. To create a first-class service organization our Post needs a consistent revenue stream that will fund the necessary budget items for our Veterans and enable us to support our charitable programs.

Our Post Finance Office has investigated and vetted one resource to put our Post on a track to self sufficient funding. The RoundUp App is an easy way for our members and supporters to help fund our Post and service budget. The RoundUp app can be downloaded on your PC, phone or tablet. There are no initial costs to use the RoundUp app.

The RoundUp program will round up each purchase on a linked card to the next dollar for the purchases you make within the month. For example if you spend \$10.25 at the hardware store, the app will round up that purchase by 75 cents to \$11. At the end of the month the app will deposit all of your round ups into our Post account less a 1% service fee.

The RoundUp App will work on any valid credit or debit card on all purchases made with that card. A normal credit card user will end up making between \$10 and \$20 in donation to the Post every month. If we have only 200 members contributing \$10 per month with this program, we will net \$1,800 per month after deducting the 1% RoundUp service fee. Users can establish donation limits on the app, make one-time donations and easily send a link to friends and family who may want to help us.

Your personal credit information is not stored within the app and RoundUp has no access to that information. The app uses the financial transaction company Stripe to validate your information. Stripe is used by many of the larger e-commerce corporations.

Veterans can download the RoundUp app and easily setup an account. If you need assistance with download the app or establishing an account please contact the Finance Office. We will make ourselves available to help you set up your account.

If you have any questions or positive comments, please contact Ken or Bud at the Finance Office: financeofc@legion237.com
(256) 489-9668 or (256) 883-9911 ext 102

Message from the Adjutant's Desk

Dues Year 2022 ends June 30th. Thank you to all members who have paid their 2022 dues. The Membership Drive will end April 18th with a prize donated by Larry's Pistol and Pawn North Parkway, awarded for recruiting the highest number of new members/transfer members/nonrenewing members.

Thank you to Jean Downs of Post 229 for her donation of Girl Scout Cookies for the Kuwait Care Packages. Also Thank You to Kimberly Achey of Covanta for picking up returned Flags for Retirement Services.

Executive Committee Meeting will be April 13th at 6:00 pm.

American Legion Riders will meet April 16th at City Diner on Drake Avenue at 9:00 a.m. Ride follows, weather permitting.

Mary McCoy, Post 237 Adjutant

Wargo Scholastic Scholarship Program

If you are a descendant of a United States Military Veteran and plan to attend college or vocational school then the Wargo Scholastic Scholarship may be for you!

The Wargo Scholarship is a \$1000 award paid directly to the educational institution for tuition and fees.

Application must be made before May 1, 2022. Additional information and the application forms are available on the Post 237 website: www.legion237.com Select Wargo Scholarship.

The direct link is:
<http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=127>

Questions regarding the Wargo Scholarship can be emailed to: wargo@legion237.com



The Good Samaritan

The biblical story of the Good Samaritan sets the example of how we as Legionnaires should treat our fellow Legionnaires as well as all Veterans who have fallen and need a hand up.

Luke 10:25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” He answered: “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind: and Love your neighbor as yourself.” “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

He wanted to justify himself so he asked Jesus, “and who is my neighbor?” In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him, he said, ‘and when I return I will reimburse you for any extra expenses you may have.’

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

We as Legionnaires should always be good neighbors. As you read the story examine your own heart, who are you, the priest, the Levite or the Good Samaritan. As part of our obligation to our fellow Veterans, we owe them all to be to be good neighbors always.

Jesus said, “Love thy neighbor as thyself.”

With blessings always.

Chaplain Dennis W. Atkins

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCH

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11AM -1:30PM

Specials: Wed – Philly Cheese Steak,
Thu – Taco Salad, Fri - Fish

KARAOKE

SOCIAL QUARTERS

THU 7-11 PM AND SUN 3-7 PM KARAOKE WITH HOWIE

SAT 8PM-12 AM KARAOKE WITH MIKEY MIKE

FRI 7-11PM KARAOKE WITH HEATH

TRIVIA

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY 7-9 PM WITH LISA AND ZACK

BINGO

POST 237 ANNEX

MON, WED, THU AND SAT 6 PM

MEMBERSHIP DINNER AND MEETING

BALLROOM

3RD MONDAY DINNER AT 6PM (\$7.00) , MEETING AT 7 PM

POOL TOURNAMENT

SOCIAL QUARTERS

ALTERNATING THURSDAYS 7:00 PM

TEXAS HOLDEM FUNDRAISER

SOCIAL QUARTERS

TUESDAY 6PM

Second Sunday Pot Luck

Join us on the second Sunday of the February for a Pot Luck. Bring a dish to share and enjoy Karaoke with Howie!



Monday Night Trivia

Join us on Monday nights at 7PM for Trivia presented by Lisa and Zack Church! Have fun, exercise your brain and win Legion Bucks!



Social Quarters Hours of Operation

Monday	10:00AM – 12:00AM
Tuesday	10:00AM – 12:00AM
Wednesday	10:00AM – 12:00AM
Thursday	10:00AM – 12:00AM
Friday	10:00AM – 1:30AM
Saturday	12:00PM – 1:30AM
Sunday	12:00PM – 8:00PM

Adjutant's Office Hours

Monday	1:00 – 4:00PM
Tuesday	1:00 – 4:00PM
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00PM
Thursday	1:00 – 4:00PM
Friday	1:00 – 4:00PM

Call 256-683-9840 or 256-397-3659 to make an appointment.

Or email either: adjutant237@legional.org
or adjutant@legion237.com



Lunch at the Legion

Monday through Friday

11:00AM to 1:30PM

Specials:

Philly Cheese Steak – Wednesday

Taco Salad – Thursday

Fish -Friday

Smoke Free Lunch!

The area in front of the bar is smoke-free from 10AM to 2PM Monday through Friday. The area in back of the bar is open for smokers. Please be courteous and observe these new restrictions.



HUMOR IN UNIFORM

The Officer on Duty was passing the barracks after lights out, when he heard voices from inside. He slammed open the door, and shouted; "Listen, you guys! A few minutes ago, you all heard me say Good Night. What you must realize, is that when I say Good Night, it means shut up!!".

There was pin silence instantly but after a few seconds, a small voice could be heard from somewhere in the far back of the dark room; "Good Night Sir".

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In morning formation:
The Sergeant asked: "Anyone have any experience in telecom work?"
One Private raised his hand.
Sergeant: "Ok, then you go and dig a hole for the telephone pole."

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While a Navy wife's husband was on a prolonged overseas deployment, her four year old daughter decided that she wanted a baby brother. "Good idea," her mother told her, "But don't you think we should wait until your father is back home?"
The four year old had a better idea, "Why don't we just surprise him?"

Contributed by Tom Paone

Help! We are running out of jokes!

Please give us a hand. To contribute a cartoon or funny story to Humor in Uniform email to: newsletter@legion237.com



Around the Post

A BIG Thanks goes out to C&K Roofing and Construction. The Post home had a hole in the roof along with various other areas that needed to be sealed. C&K's Jim and Beth Gentry sent a crew out to fix the leaks. They have been providing those types of services free of charge to the Post for over a year. If you need a roof repair or other construction work call C&K at 256-326-4232.



**Bingo at the Annex
3806 Colonial Park Cir SW
Huntsville, AL 35805**

6:00PM

**Monday - Auxiliary Post 176
Wednesday - Auxiliary Post 237
Thursday - SAL Squadron 237
Saturday - Legion Post 237**

2022 Alabama Boys State

American Legion Alabama Boys State is a leadership program for young men who have completed their junior year of high school, are active in the community, and are outstanding students. Boys State provides delegates with working knowledge of how governments function on the city, county and state levels. We believe that there is no better way to assure the survival of our republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of the American government.

We are preparing for the 2022 American Legion Alabama Boys State convention which will be at Troy University from May 29 through June 4, 2022. Our Post has historically sponsors several needy students. We conduct an orientation session and dinner to prepare delegates for the convention. We also provide a breakfast for bus riders, and bus transportation to and from the Boys State convention for delegates from Madison County. We team with the other American Legion Posts in the county to recruit students and educate school administrators on the content and benefits of the Boys State program.

Our students have been very successful at Boys State, with two Governors in the past three conventions and a national Vice President in 2021 hailing from our county. In 2019 we had over 70 delegates and the combined class of 2020 and 2021 produced more than 70 delegates from Madison County last year.

Representative Anthony Daniels provided a grant in 2020 which allowed us to help fund Boys State scholarships for young men from our county. We were able to use that grant money for deserving students from the 2020 and 2021 classes.

We raise money to support our Boys State efforts primarily through our Legion Post 237 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 237 weekly bingo games. As you can imagine, Covid has taken a serious toll on our bingo operations over the past two years so our available funds are low. Also the cost of the two trips to and from Tuscaloosa went from \$2100 in 2019 to over \$3100 in 2021. With the additional mileage to and from Troy and higher fuel prices, the lowest price bus quote for 2022 is \$3500 plus a fuel service charge of \$200. We also expect that more students will be requesting transportation due to the increased travel distance to Troy vs. Tuscaloosa.

We need your help. We can afford to conduct some of our usual activities related to Boys State, the orientation and meals. However, we will be forced to curtail our bus transportation or our sponsorships for needy students unless we can find additional funding for those expenses. We are actively soliciting both individual and business sponsors. If you would like to donate or if you work for a company that might consider helping with some of our Boys State expenses please contact me. You can reach me at:

Tom Paone
email: vicecdr2@legion237.com
phone: 256-656-4952



Madison County Boys State Orientation for the 2020 and 2021 classes

~ Post 237 April 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Heath	2 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
3 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	4 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-7p Bldg Committee 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	5 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	6 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	7 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	8 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Heath	9 8a Outside work day 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 12p-1p Marine Corp Mtg 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
10 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner	11 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	12 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg.	13 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting	14 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	15 Good Friday	16 9a Legion Riders Mtg at City Diner, ride following mtg 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
17 Easter 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	18 Tax Day (Taxes Due) 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-8p Mbrs. Dinner and Meeting 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	19 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch	20 11a-12p Comm Cmte Mtg 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	21 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	22 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Heath	23 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
24 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	25 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	26 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p County Meeting	27 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	28 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-8p AL 351 Mtg. 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	29 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Heath	30 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike

Details on Calendar items are available by clicking on the item at:

<http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=100>



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