

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 Nominations month. Election of Officers will be upon us before you know it. Our next General membership meeting will be the 19th of April. I have a Nominations Committee for the candidates of officers for the 2021-2022 Legion year. If you wish to be an officer of the Post, please let your intentions known. Please be advised, that due to lack of attendance, there will be NO Membership Dinner before the meeting until further notice. Once we see a rise in attendance numbers, we will bring back the dinner at the same low price, and hopefully with a perk or two to entice more members to attend.

Some points that I do need to reiterate. If any of you, or know someone in our Legion family that are feeling the effects of COVID19, we do ask that you stay at home to get better, and if there is anything we might could do to assist, please contact us. For other 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

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Good day fellow golfers,

We want to remind you that teams are signing up for the 6 June Memorial Tournament so get your money into us as soon as possible. You can either give it to one of the bartenders (be sure to mark check GOLF) or to one of the committee members listed on the flyers. (Pages 4 and 5)

We are still in the hunt for prizes, auction items, gift certificates and other items to auction or present as prizes. We are looking for hole sponsors as well, \$500 or \$1000 per hole and even a total tournament sponsorship package for \$2,000. We have a couple of potential hole-in-one sponsors.

Don't forget the \$100 'in memory of' dedication which is open to anyone who has a relative who has passed. Memorial Day is to honor all those who gave their lives for our country. We honor them. We also present this opportunity to anyone who would like to honor a loved one who has served.

Golf Committee

Membership Update

Our Membership for 2020 was 1277. Our current 2021 paid Membership is 1217 and our goal is 1392. Please renew as soon as possible. Renew at the Adjutant's Office, weekdays 1-4PM or call for an appointment. Renew online via credit card or setup Automatic Annual Renewal at: www.legion.org/renew

Dragonman's Military Museum – YouTube

Follow the link below to a video of a private military museum in Colorado Springs, CO. that is absolutely amazing. Everything is functional. It is incredible!

[HTTPS://m.youtube.com/watch?v=9hUI5Fz1jOg](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=9hUI5Fz1jOg)

Virtual Tour of the National Museum of the United States Army

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wo-yEf4HF-s>

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:

https://www.theredstonerocket.com/eedition/page_67fd_b3e7-c618-5cf4-ba84-6aa88b45dfbf.html

AMERICAN LEGION CLAYTON E. MONEYSMAKER POST 237

OFFICERS

Billy Heatherly	Commander
CeVin Barnes	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
Douglas Gregory	Sergeant-At-Arms
Dennis Atkins	1 Year Trustee
Rudy Cowe	2 Year Trustee
Robert Barnett	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, CeVin Barnes, Tom Paone, Jerry Phelps, Mary McCoy, Bud Pagakis, Jerry Creel, Nicholas Jones, Ken Carpenter, Douglas Gregory, Rudy Cowe, Dennis Atkins, and Robert Barnett.

House Committee

Glen Vela, Gerry Frank, Billy Heatherly, Channa O'Keefe, Bob Wasniewski, Jerry Phelps

Finance Committee

Bud Pagakis, Mary McCoy, Dennis Atkins, and Rudy Cowe.

Building Committee

Rudy Cowe, Dennis Atkins, John Carr, Juan G. Hernandez, Justin White, Ted Carson, Robert Barnett, and Barbara Cowe

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"The Clayton E. MoneyMaker American Legion Post 237"

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

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



JERRY LANKFORD WAY

John E. Carson

On Wednesday, March 10, the city of Huntsville erected a sign near the entrance to the Post 237 Annex, officially establishing Jerry Lankford Way. It was the culmination of an effort began a year before and first suggested by City Councilman Bill Kling SAL Post 237.

Mr. Kling felt it important that the city do something of a permanent nature to recognize the importance of Mr. Lankford's thirty years of service as the Honor Guard Commander of Post 237 but also the important services the Honor Guard has offered the veterans of Huntsville and Madison County such as rendering military honors at funerals and memorials, participating in flag raisings, teaching flag history and etiquette to young people, posting colors at events and in general, representing the American Legion and bringing credit upon themselves and Post 237.

Even with the support of the Council, it would still be a long road to make it happen. In the age of Google Maps, changing the name of a street is not a simple task. New developments were looked at, but those streets had already been named. Then there was the location factor; residents driving those roads would be unlikely to identify Jerry Lankford.

The search then narrowed to Colonial Park Circle, the road running past the post annex. First scans showed few if any address changes would be needed and the Council studied the proposal with a closer eye.

That led to the disappointing news that there were 11 properties involved and the costs of changing the addresses would be too great.

The city proposed an alternate; they would design and erect a sign on the city owned property to establish Jerry Lankford Way, thus ensuring the importance and contributions of the Honor Guard would not be forgotten.

JERRY GLENN LANKFORD

Born on September 22 of 1945 in Gadsden, Alabama, Jerry entered the Air Force in 1964 and served until 1972. But service to his country and community did not stop there.

An active member of the American Legion Post in Huntsville, Jerry Lankford served thirty years on the Honor Guard as its Commander and in 2018 received an official Proclamation from Huntsville's Mayor Tommy Battle, commending his service to veterans and their families in Huntsville and Madison County.

After a long and valiant battle with cancer, Jerry left this world on January 16, 2019 for his next duty station at Post Everlasting at the age of 73.

Pictures of the sign and John Carson by Christine Brown. Honor Guard pictures by Mrs. Bill Pond.



The Honor Guard has been extremely busy this year and is in need of additional volunteers. Please contact Honor Guard Commander Earl Hokanson at hongrdcdr@legion237.com if you are interested in joining the Honor Guard.

Dear Friends,

The Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237 is pleased to announce the Annual Memorial Day Golf Tournament to which will be held on June 6, 2021 at the Colonial Golf Course.

This tournament is a fund raiser for our Post 237 in order that we may continue operations and continue to support Veterans through our many charitable programs. Our organization is a 501c19 and all donations are tax deductible. We are looking for gifts to use as prizes or to auction. Examples are gift certificates for meals or services, donated items for auction, free rounds of golf, and almost anything you would like to donate!

Hole and tournament sponsorships are available at the following levels.

Silver Level Sponsorship begins at \$100.00. A donation can be 'in Memory of' a departed service member or may be dedicated to a Legion/Sons or Auxiliary member. The dedication can be made for anyone you choose. Five of these dedications share a one-hole sponsorship.

Gold Level Sponsorship is a \$500.00 donation and includes one foursome entry fee and may be a dedication 'in Memory of'. A **Gold Plated Sponsorship** is a \$250 donation and it sponsors one half of a hole and can be a dedication 'in Memory of' as well.

Platinum Level Sponsorship is a \$1000.00 donation and will include two foursome entry fees can also be a dedication 'in Memory of'.

In addition we are looking for an overall **Tournament Sponsor** at \$2000.00. The Tournament Sponsor may advertise at the tournament and at the luncheon following the tournament at the Legion Ballroom and in the Post 237 Newsletter.

Entry fees will include golf and cart with a goody bag, and lunch at the Post 237 Ballroom immediately following the tournament. Most of all it will include a really good time. Cost is \$240 per team or \$60 for an individual.

For additional information or forms you may visit the Post 237 website at:

If you have questions please contact one of the tournament committee members:

Jerry Phelps at 256-694-4376

Jeff Osberg at 757-633-4620

Dennis Atkins at 301-326-8762

Ralph Miller at 256-652-2829

Billy Heatherly

Commander, Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237

Entry Form: American Legion Post 237 Annual Memorial Golf Tournament 6 June 2021, 7:30 Tee Time at Colonial Golf Course.

Make all checks out to American Legion Post 237, put Golf in memo line.

RSVP NLT 22 May 2021 to a committee member:

Jeff Osberg 757-633-4620

Jerry Phelps 256-694-4376

Dennis Atkins 301-326-8762

Ralph Miller 256-652-2829

Tournament is limited to first 72 players to sign up. Deadline 22 May 2021

\$240 per team or \$60 for individual. Organization: _____

Player 1 Name _____ Phone: _____

Player 2 Name _____ Phone: _____

Player 3 Name _____ Phone: _____

Player 4 Name _____ Phone: _____

If you do not have a team we may be able to place you on one.

Payments may be mailed to American Legion Post 237, Attn: Golf Tournament
At P.O. Box 1176, Huntsville, AL 35807

This will be a Scramble format. Mulligans will be available at 2 for \$10 morning of tournament. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and other prizes for longest drive, most accurate drive, and closest to pin. This tournament is open to all who want to play.

Lunch is included as well as a goody bag for all players.

A shotgun start at 8:00AM

Lunch will begin around 12:30PM at Post 237. Prizes and raffle will begin at 1:30PM



TOP TEN REASONS THE EASTER BUNNY DELIVERS EGGS

By Tom Hartley

Those of you who remember David Letterman's show will remember his Top Ten List.

Reason # 10: When the Easter Bunny previously applied to deliver mail, his background investigation revealed that he had three DUI convictions.

Reason # 9: The Energizer rabbit got the good job.

Reason # 8: Pattie's Egg Company, for whom the Easter Bunny delivers eggs, has provided the Easter Bunny a free funeral plot in Bugs Bunnies' Rabbit Cemetery.

Reason # 7: When the Easter Bunny first delivered eggs to the Huntsville Nudist Colony, he knew he had the best job in the world.

Reason # 6: For every egg the Easter Bunny delivers, he receives a \$1.00 gambling chip to be used at the Gold Strike Casino in Tunica.

Reason # 5: If the Easter Bunny delivered enchiladas, he would have had to change his name to the Cinco de Mayo Bunny.

Reason # 4: The Easter Bunny originally delivered watermelons but got a lot of comments from angry parents complaining that watermelons were too hard to hide on Easter.

Reason # 3: The Easter Bunny discovered that when he previously delivered toys to children, it pissed off Santa Claus

Reason # 2: When Covid started one year ago the Easter Bunny lost his job putting holes in donuts and the only job he could find was delivering eggs.

The number one reason why the Easter Bunny delivers eggs is:

It is the Easter Bunnies' plan to eliminate the human race by cholesterol overdose



Jerry Creel

Post Chaplain and Bingo Chairman

Jerry Creel, passed away at age 88 on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. Jerry served as Post Chaplain and Bingo Chairman and in many different capacities at Post 237 and at the District and the State level. Jerry will be missed by all of his friends at Post 237.

Jerry is survived by his sister, Ellen Sullivan (Joe); sisters-in-law, Janiene Creel (Bill) and Betty Clark (Eddie); special niece, Becky Duren (Raymond); special nephew, Bill Carter (Susan); nine nephews; two nieces; five great nephews; six great-nieces; and special friends, Deborah Drake and Sandra Bridges.

A graveside service was held for Jerry at Campground Cemetery in Brownsboro, AL. The Post 237 Honor Guard presented Military Funeral Honors and Department Chaplain Duke Martin presided.

AUXILIARY RUMMAGE SALE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 9AM – 1PM
POST 237 BALLROOM**

**BOY'S JEANS, FRAMED PICTURES, DISHES
(SOME VINTAGE), COLLECTOR PINS, AND
MANY, MANY OTHER ITEMS. PROCEED TO
SUPPORT GIRL'S STATE.**

**THERE ARE A LIMITEDED NUMBER OF
TABLES FOR RENT TO LEGION, AUXILIARY,
AND S.A.L. MEMBERS.**

**CALL 256-539-3660 FOR MORE INFO
OR TO RESERVE A TABLE.**



Medical staff in Da Nang disinfect visitors arriving from South Korea, February 2020. Photo by VnExpress/Truc Lam.

56 American Experts Arrive in Vietnam on Special Flight

Contributed by Robert 'Spider' Parks
POW/MIA Liaison

The group landed at Da Nang International Airport on Hawaii Airlines flight A33 via Incheon International Airport in South Korea. The experts, deployed to locate the remains of MIA (missing in action) U.S. soldiers, were allowed to enter Vietnam for humanitarian purposes by Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc, *Nhan Dan Online* reported. All were transferred to a hotel in Son Tra District for 14-day quarantine and had their samples taken for coronavirus testing as per Health Ministry protocols.

The search for missing U.S. soldiers from the Vietnam War, which ended in 1975, has been an ongoing humanitarian activity overseen by Vietnam since 1988. Scores of soldiers' remains have been repatriated since 1973.

An estimated 1,200 Americans are still unaccounted for. Vietnam has suspended all inbound international commercial flights since March 2020, though the government has been operating repatriation flights to bring home Vietnamese citizens stuck abroad amid the pandemic, and has allowed special flights to carry foreign experts and investors to the country.

The government has limited inbound flights in light of new variants of the novel coronavirus spreading fast in many countries. Only special cases approved by the government can enter the country.

Vietnam has recorded 791 Covid-19 cases in 13 localities since the new community outbreak started on Jan. 28.

Events
March 2021


Upcoming Events:
Priority Soldier Rack 22: Saturday, March 27, 2021 in Helena, AL



Vietnam War Commemoration: March 29, 2021 @ Hoover Vet Center.

SafeShelby Wellness Trail: Saturday, May 1, 2021 @ Veterans Park in Alabama.

American Legion Post 22: Craft Fair and Car Show: Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Birmingham VA Outreach Newsletter



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Birmingham VA Medical Center

Contact Us

John Pisoni, LICSW
Outreach Coordinator
700 South 19th Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Cell: (205) 887-5835
Fax: (205) 833-3797

Email: john.pisoni@va.gov
Website:
<http://www.birmingham.va.gov>

Program Spotlight Social Work

About the Program
Social Work at the Birmingham, Alabama VA Health Care Center is an integral part of health care. We help Veterans and their families with problems associated with the stress of an illness. Social workers help veterans find resources to meet their needs within the VA system and in their community such as —

- home health services
- legal services
- transportation
- continuity living

Services Offered
Social work offers counseling —

- to veterans with drug, alcohol, and emotional problems
- to help veterans and their families understand and adjust to an illness or disability
- to veterans and family members who want to prepare advance directives, and durable powers of attorney for health care or finances
- to help veterans and their families cope with bereavement losses
- to family members about legal issues such as commitment and guardianship

Counseling is conducted through —

- one-on-one discussions
- family conferences
- group classes

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. -Helen Keller

VA Newsletter Contributed by Michael Kinney

COVID Resources – Vaccination

On February 8th, 2021 Huntsville Hospital began distributing COVID-19 vaccinations to the next category of patients. This includes all people 65 years of age and older, teachers, essential workers, and healthcare workers. If you believe you qualify for this group, you may sign up at:

<https://www.huntsvillehospital.org/covid-19-vaccination> to be contacted for a vaccination appointment.

Madison County residents age 65 and over can get the coronavirus vaccine at the Madison County Health Department at 301 Max Luther St. Huntsville, AL.

Call 1-855-566-5333. More info at:
<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/madison/>

If you receive your medical care from Fox Army Health Center check your eligibility at and make an appointment:

<https://www.facebook.com/Fox-Army-Health-Center-260595728505/>

The big question on the mind of many TRICARE beneficiaries is, "When can I get the COVID-19 vaccine?" The Department of Defense (DoD) is offering the COVID-19 vaccine to service members, retirees, and their families through different phases of the schema. Please see the link for additional details.

https://tricare.mil/CoveredServices/BenefitUpdates/Archives/02_10_2021_When_Can_I_Get_COVID19_Vaccine

If you received your medical care from the VA you can call 877-222-8387 or B'ham 866-487-4234. Use the link to register on-line for your VA COVID shot.

<https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed/form> Just received, the Birmingham VA is scheduling Covid-19 vaccinations to 55 and above. Call 205-558-7099.

Vaccination Locations, County Health Departments

Limestone County, Walk-in

20731 Clyde Mabry Dr., Athens AL 35611
Hours: 8:15 - 3 Lunch 11:30 - 12:30
(256) 232-3200
For appointment: 855-566-5333

Madison County, Walk-in

301 Max Luther Drive, Huntsville, AL 35811
Hours: 8:15 - 3 Lunch 11:30 - 12:30
For appointment: 855-566-5333
(256) 539-3711

Morgan County, Walk-in

821 HWY 31 South Decatur, AL 35603
Hours: 8:15 - 3 Lunch 11:30 - 12:30

Lawrence County, Walk-in

13299 Hwy 157 Moulton, AL 35650
Hours: 8:15 - 3 Lunch 11:30 - 12:30

Cullman County, Walk-In

601 Logan Ave.SW, Cullman, AL 35055
Hours: 8:15 - 3 Lunch 11:30 - 12:30

Covid Resources - Testing

Huntsville Hospital Fever & Flu Clinic

120 Governors Drive
Huntsville, AL 35801
Facebook: [facebook.com/HuntsvilleHospitalFan](https://www.facebook.com/HuntsvilleHospitalFan)

Thrive Alabama

600 St. Clair Ave
Huntsville AL 35801
Mon and Wed, drive-up testing on the back side of First Baptist Church on Governors Drive Dr. The testing area is accessed on St. Clair Avenue.
Facebook: [facebook.com/ThriveAlabama](https://www.facebook.com/ThriveAlabama)

American Family Care Clinic – Hampton Cove

410 Sutton Road
Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763

American Family Care Clinic – Huntsville

8151 Whitesburg Drive
Huntsville, AL 35801

American Family Care Clinic – Madison

7559 Highway 72 West
Madison, AL 35758

CarePlus

11100 S. Memorial Parkway
Huntsville, AL 35803

Madison Core Labs (Madison location)

120 West Dublin Drive, Suite 105
Madison, AL 35758

Madison Core Labs (Huntsville location)

2705 Artie St SW, Suite 30
Building 400
Huntsville, AL 35805

Madison Medical Associates Fever & Flu Clinic

3809 Sullivan Street
Madison, AL 35758

QC Wellness Pharmacy and QuickCare

7500 Highway 72 West
Madison, AL 35758

QuickCare Urgent Care

202 Governors Drive
Huntsville, AL 35801

Synergy Wellness

4950 N Memorial Pkwy, Suite B
Huntsville, AL 35810
Phone: (256) 759-9167

Urgent Care for Children – Madison

8490 Highway 72 West, Suite 100
Madison, AL 35758

Happi Health

2597 Sparkman Drive
Huntsville, AL 35810



ATTENTION! HAM RADIO ENTHUSIASTS

If you are interested in Ham Radio and would like to help organize a local chapter of The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) please contact Tim Williams at:

Tim Williams
Call Sign; K4AEE
Ham Radio email address: k4aee@gmx.com
Non-Ham personal email:
timmypw65@yahoo.com

Info on TALARC is available at:
<https://www.legion.org/hamradio/about>

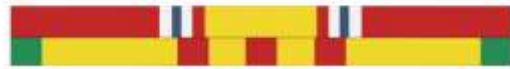
The American Legion Amateur Radio Club

CQ, CQ....This is Kilo 4 Alpha Echo Echo and we are looking for some veterans to join and/or train to join our TALARC Amateur Radio Club Chapter at Post 237. I know with the current climate that a meeting will be difficult but, with the new case numbers here in Madison County going down I want start discussing a first meeting and after looking at the Post Newsletter calendar I am thinking that the third Saturdays of the month in either the mid-morning or the early afternoon (1000 to 1400 hrs) and I would like to schedule for March 2021. This gives us about 7 weeks to discuss scheduling so, please contact me at my radio station email account k4aee@gmx.com and I will discuss with the Post leadership about getting a Facebook group that we can use to communicate with till we can get our meeting scheduled. Please feel free to contact me at k4aee@gmx.com.

Topics that will need to discuss are the basic organizational offices, License Testing, Chapter logistics and Community Service.
73's
K4AEE



Birmingham Vet Center
400 Emery Drive, Suite 200
Hoover, AL 35244



WELCOME HOME

Vietnam War Commemoration
(Drive Thru Event)

Monday, March 29, 2021
12:00pm-2:00pm
Pinning Ceremony
Prepackaged Refreshments

Location: The Birmingham Vet Center
Call 205-212-3122 for details

Second Sunday Pot Luck

Join us at the second Sunday of the Month for a Pot Luck. Bring a dish to share.



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!



Attention: Operation Desert Storm Veterans

The 30th Anniversary of Desert Storm is this year. We are looking for Operation Desert Storm (ODS) veterans for whom we can write feature stories. At the same time, RSA Garrison PAO is looking for photos, video and stories on ODS vets.

Please contact:

Lisa M. Hunter

Director, Public and Congressional Affairs U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command

Email: Lisa.m.hunter4.civ@mail.mil

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCH

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11AM -1:30PM

Specials: Tue – Spaghetti, Wed - Stuffed Potato,

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 CAROL

FRI 7-11PM KARAOKE WITH PAUL

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 MEETING AT 7 PM

POOL TOURNAMENT

SOCIAL QUARTERS

THURSDAYS 7:00 PM

Social Quarters Hours of Operation

Please observe posted COVID protocols.

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	10:00AM – 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 to make an appointment.

Email: adjutant237@legional.org

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 April 15, 2021.

Additional information and the application form 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

Handicap Equipment Available

The Post has an excess of handicap equipment available for anyone in need. In stock we have crutches, canes, walkers, porta potties, and wheel chairs (non-powered).

Please contact Rudy Cowe at: rudolphcowe@yahoo.com or 256-426-6540 to arrange to pick up an item.

Searching for a Judge Advocate

The Post is searching for a Staff Judge Advocate. If you are a practicing or retired attorney-at-law and would be interested in assisting Post 237 in legal matters. Please contact Mary McCoy, Adjutant.

Phone: 256-883-9911

Email: adjutant@legion237.com



Lunch at the Legion

Monday through Friday

11:00AM to 1:30PM

Specials:

Spaghetti - Tuesday

Stuffed Potato – Wednesday

Taco Salad – Every Other 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.

Recruiting New Members

If you know of any qualified Veterans or Active Duty Service Members, talk with them about the benefits of joining the American Legion, and let them know some of the services that we provide for our community and our Veterans. Explain to the Veterans why they should join Post 237.

New Members Recruiters will receive a special recognition from the 1st Vice Commander.

The image shows two forms from The American Legion. The top form is a membership application with fields for Name, Address, Phone, and various checkboxes for membership types and dues status. The bottom form is a 'Receipt of Dues' form with fields for From, To, Recipient's Name, Signature, and Phone #.

Searching for a Media Specialist

The Communications Committee is looking for a Media Specialist who would like to interface with radio, TV and print media. Please contact Tom Paone at vicecdr2@legion237.com if you are interested.



Joyce LeDuc-Hampton

An Extraordinary Auxiliary Member

Joyce LeDuc-Hampton joined American Legion Auxiliary Unit 237 in 1990 under her father, Alfred J. LeDuc, a WWII veteran and member of Post 237. She began by volunteering to help with the programs and projects the Auxiliary had going on at that time. She has held many program chairmanships during her membership years. In 1992 she was nominated and won the Department of Alabama Auxiliary Member of the Year for her efforts and was recognized at the National Convention in Philadelphia that year.

She began to work bingo for the Auxiliary about that time and eventually became the Bingo Chairman and still holds that position.

During her years of membership, she has served the Unit as Historian, Second Vice President, First Vice President and three terms as the Unit President. She has also held the position of District 12 President for three terms. Joyce began her journey in the Department as Historian, Second Vice President, First Vice President and served as the Department President for the 2004-2005 year. Since 2005 she has been a volunteer bookkeeper at the Department level going to Montgomery twice a month to keep the records up to date until last year. She currently serves as Treasurer for the Unit which she has done for several years.

As support to the Post, she has worked in the club office, served as waitress for Friday night dinners, served as part-time bartender, and volunteers whenever asked to support the Post when needed. The Post honored her with a lifetime membership for all she has done in the many years as a member.

Joyce met her husband, Franklin Hampton, at the Post and they were married in the ballroom. They attended many meetings, conferences and conventions for the American Legion at Department and National levels. Her husband passed away as a 54 year member of the American Legion.

During all this time, Joyce has worked full time for Redstone Arsenal. She retired in 2005 and has continued to work full time for defense contractors for the last 16 years. No matter how busy she is, she always finds time to take on just one more thing to do.

Buddy Check: NOW MORE THAN EVER

With the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic that is affecting us all, the Buddy Check program is perhaps more important now than ever before. The idea is to connect with veterans who may need assistance but don't know where to go or who to ask.

It's not enough to simply pick up the phone and call the veterans you know. We need to check on ALL VETERANS in each of our communities to be sure they are safe, feeling OK and have access to health care and services. If we hear of someone in need, we can offer someone a ride, deliver groceries or supplies and, in short, be there for them.

The important part is to let the veterans in our community know we care and can provide assistance. It's what we do for our battle buddies.

HOW THE BUDDY CHECK IS ORGANIZED?

1. Gather up a team to call members, former members and all veterans in your area. If each member in a team of 10 calls just 10 people, 100 veterans can be reached in one rotation from the comfort of your home.
2. Divide up the call list among your team members. Some may have personal connections with the member or veteran and should make that particular Buddy Check.
3. Make a list of local resources and phone numbers of services such as pharmacies with drive through windows, restaurants that are now providing order ahead takeout and meal delivery vendors that may be in your area, such as DoorDash, Grubhub and Uber Eats. Be prepared to educate people on how they can place orders online or by calling. Having these resources prepared ahead of time will be helpful when your team is making calls.
4. Start calling to see how our veterans are doing. Ask if they need anything. Let them know of the new events going on at the post. Add them to social media and the newsletter email distro.
5. Use the spreadsheet to record your calls and identify those who may need a follow up or additional assistance.
6. Leave contact information in case the call doesn't get answered so you can be reached in the future.

For those that are interested in the Buddy Check program please feel free to contact me via email @ vicecdr1@legion237.com or text 804-312-4657



For God and Country,
Ce'Vin V. Barnes
1ST Vice Commander



Spotlight on Mary McCoy

Contributed by CeVin Barnes, First Vice Commander

While August 26, 2020, marked the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote, the anniversary recognition continues through August 26, 2021.

On March 16, 1987, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation dedicating March as Women's History Month.

"From earliest times, women have helped shape our nation," the proclamation reads.

"Women have fought for moral and social reform and have taken part in and led many great social and political movements of our land. Women have founded many of our philanthropic, cultural, educational and charitable institutions. Women have served our nation with valor and distinction during wartime, nursing the wounded, piloting airplanes, performing vital jobs in defense plants," it states.

"Those achievements span the wide range of human endeavor. They have not been attained without the quiet courage and sacrifice of millions of women, some famed, most not," it continues.

It is with great pleasure to Spotlight Mrs. Mary McCoy, Post 237 Adjutant for the 2021 Women History month.

Mary commenced the duties as the Post Adjutant July 1, 2019. In March 2020 at the start of the global pandemic. COVID -19 Restrictions generated a shift in how we operate our post. Mary contributed to sustaining the post operations, membership operations and the financial operations flawlessly.

Mrs. McCoy participated in the Buddy Check program, served on the Post Centennial Celebration committee, participated the 2021 Revitalization Event hosted by the State Membership Office, served on the National Commander Visitation committee, properly managed the Post Financial Portfolio and served as the lifeline of Post 237.

Mary spearheaded 1983 Post transfers resulting in 225 Members transferred to Post 237. Her astute efforts are contributing to the Post's current membership of 1,217 (87% in compliance with the 2021 membership fiscal year goal).

Ms Mary is an energetic and forward leaning leader who is committed to the mission at hand. She strives for improvement and welcomes innovation in her operations. Mary, Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the post's mission throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.



HUMOR IN UNIFORM



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



Around the Post

This month we begin our capital campaign to raise enough money to cover the costs associated with paying our Post's Occupancy Expenses. Our Occupancy Expenses are costs like utilities, garbage pickup, phone and internet service, insurances, etc. Those expenses are estimated to be around \$85,000.00 this year.

Our Post has always been very generous, and we are counting on your continued support. This year we have two primary fund-raising events. Those events are golf tournaments during Memorial Day Week and Veterans Day Week. Whether you play golf or not, your help is needed in making these fund raisers successful.

Please contact Dennis Atkins, Call: 301-326-8762, Email: datkins50@yahoo.com or Jerry Phelps, Call: 256-694-4376, Email: jerry.phelps67@yahoo.com for more information on how you can help.

Bud Pagakis
Finance Officer, American Legion Post 237
Phone: 256-489-9668



BINGO AT THE ANNEX

**3806 COLONIAL PARK CIR SW
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY AND SATURDAY
6:00PM**

Post Elections

The annual election of Post Officers is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021, from 12 noon until 6 PM. Results will be announced at the May Membership Meeting at 7PM. Installation of officers will occur at the June Membership meeting on Monday June 21, 2021.

The following offices are up for election: Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant-At-Arms, and Three Year Trustee.

These officers, when elected, will also be members of the Post Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Roy Hall is soliciting names of Post 237 Legionnaires who are interested in serving as Post Officers starting at the June 2021 membership meeting until June 2022. Nominations are presented at the April Membership Meeting.

The post 237 By-Laws detail the duties of each of the officers. The By-Laws document is available for at: <http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=147>

A brief overview of each position follows:

Commander: Presides over the Post meetings, supervises the business affairs of the Post and serves as Chief Executive Officer, provides an annual report and list of newly installed officers to the State. Chairs the Executive Committee.

1st Vice Commander: In the absence of the Commander assume his duties. The 1st Vice Commander is responsible for the Post membership drive.

2nd Vice Commander: In the absence of the Commander and the 1st Vice Commander, assume their duties. Is responsible for the Americanism programs i.e. Oratorical Contest, Boys State, ROTC, etc.

3rd Vice Commander: In the absence of the Commander and the 1st and 2nd Vice Commander, assume their duties. Chairs the House Committee and supervises the Club Management.

Chaplain: Promotes the spiritual welfare of the Post. Offers divine non-sectarian services at Post events. Chairs the Visiting Committee.

Historian: In charge of records and incidents of the Post and its members.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Preserves order at meetings, serves as Post color bearer.

Three Year Trustee: Serves for three years. Along with the One Year and Two Year Trustees assist with Post budget, enforce Post financial policy, conducts an annual Post inventory and are custodians of Post property. One Year trustee chairs the Building Committee.

If you would like to be nominated for or need additional information regarding any of these positions please contact Roy Hall.

ROTC Update

Post 237 supports seven Madison County and Huntsville high school Junior ROTC programs and the Alabama A&M College ROTC program. Annually we award the American Legion Scholastic Excellence and Military Excellence medals and certificates to two outstanding cadets in each program.

Presentations are made at each school's year-end ROTC awards ceremonies. This year, due to COVID19 protocol, some schools are restricting their awards ceremonies to students, faculty and parents only. In those cases we will mail or hand deliver the awards to ROTC Commanders so that they can ensure that the deserving cadets receive their awards. For the remaining schools we will present the awards in person. If you are interested in presenting the awards at an ROTC banquet please contact John Murphy at ROTC@legion237.com or Tom Paone at vicecdr2@legion237.com

Retired LTC John Murphy serves as the Post 237 ROTC Liaison Officer. John coordinates activities and promotes Post 237 Americanism programs with JROTC/ROTC Battalions. During his military career, LTC Murphy served as Professor of Military Science at Princeton University and participated in ROTC activities and exercises involving ROTC programs throughout the eastern US. For additional details email: rotc@legion237.com

Boys State Update

The Department of Alabama has announced the 2021 Boys State convention will be held at the University of Alabama Tuscaloosa Campus from July 11, 2021 through July 17, 2021. Outstanding students who are nominated by their schools and are rising seniors this year are invited to attend. Also, current seniors who registered for the cancelled 2020 session are also eligible to attend the 2021 session.

Registration for this year's rising seniors is open now! Application and liability forms and registration fee must be received at the American Legion Department of Alabama by June 30, 2021.

On June 29, 2021 Post 237 will host a joint 2020/2021 Madison County Boys State Orientation at the Post Annex. Also, the first 54 delegates who submit a request will be eligible for bus transportation.

Historically Bingo receipts have funded our Boys State scholarships and expenses. However because of Bingo closings and COVID restrictions, our funds are limited. If you, your business, or your employer would be interested in paying the Boys State registration fee for a deserving young man, providing the opportunity for them to attend this excellent leadership program, please contact Tom Paone at vicecdr2@legion237.com or phone at 256-656-4952.

Articles by Tom Paone, 2nd Vice Commander

12 Gun Raffle

The American Legion Department of Alabama is conducting a 12 Gun Raffle to benefit both our local Post and the Alabama Veterans Retreat and the Alabama War Memorial. Drawings will occur monthly and your ticket will remain in the drawing for the entire year unless you win one of the guns. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at the Post 237 Adjutant's Office or online at the Department of Alabama Website (be sure to specify Post 237 when purchasing tickets online). The website for online ticket purchase is:

https://www.legional.org/store/p30/12_Gun_Raffle_Ticket.html

Raffle details are included below.

The American Legion Department of Alabama 12 gun Raffle

Rules for the 2020-2021 Gun Raffle

Fundraiser is sponsored by The American Legion Department of Alabama (hereinafter Legion)

Persons under the age of 18 may not purchase a ticket

All Federal and Alabama firearm regulations must be met before you receive a firearm

Tickets are non-transferable

No refunds

Tickets are \$25. The purchase of one ticket required to enter drawing

Winning tickets will be announced the 1st Monday of every month beginning in July.

Winners will be notified by contact information provided. Also winning ticket number will be placed on www.LegionAL.org

Each entry has an equal chance to win. All unsold tickets become property of the Legion.

Prizes and dates awarded are printed on the back of rules and ticket sheet.

Cash, checks, and debit cards are acceptable for the purchase of tickets.

Drawings will be held at The American Legion Department of Alabama HQ.

The winning ticket for each prize month receives the firearm for that month.

No prize will be awarded until ticket number and money is account for by the Legion

The name and address on the ticket must be the same as the required ID.

Winners will have sixty (60) days from date of notification to claim prize.

Unclaimed prizes will be awarded to the next alternate.

Tickets with incomplete, inaccurate, illegible, falsified, or forged information will be disqualified.

The Legion reserves the right to modify any raffle prize if needed, based on manufactures available inventory

Winners must contact 29 Tactical to arrange pickup details (Information on back)

*All Proceeds will be
split 50/50
For
The Alabama War
Memorial
And
The Veterans'
Retreat*



The American Legion
Department of Alabama
P.O. Box 1069
Montgomery, AL 36101



*ALL TICKETS ARE DONATIONS

~ Post 237 April 2021 Calendar ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	2 Good Friday 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	3 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
	4 Easter 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	5 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-7p Bldg Committee 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	6 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting 6p Wargo scholarship mtg.	7 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	8 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	9 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul
11 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner	12 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	13 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg.	14 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting	15 Tax Day (Wargo Scholarship Due) 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	16 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	17 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
18 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	19 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-8p Membership Meeting 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	20 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch	21 11a-12p Comm Cmte Mtg 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	22 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-8p AL 351 Mtg. 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	23 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	24 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
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Details on Calendar items are available by clicking on the item at:

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

