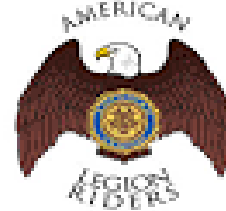


# ROLL CALL

## Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237



## Alabama's Largest American Legion Post

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### **Jerry Phelps** Post 237 Commander **Commander's Corner**

Greetings fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL:

Spring is upon us, so I would like to take this time to say that I hope everyone has a great Easter surrounded by friends and family.

During the April membership meeting, nominations will be made for the offices of the Post that are up for election in May. If you haven't already done so, please get your names in to our nominating committee.

The school year is ending soon and our members and officers have been making the rounds to all of the city and county high-schools to present American Legion certificates and medals to the ROTC students.

One final note, one of our young men that participated in the Boys State Program and was elected Governor, has won our County Oratorical competition. He has also won the 12<sup>th</sup> District competition, as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> Division competition. He will participate in the Department competition on March 30<sup>th</sup>. If he wins at the state level, he will represent the Department of Alabama in The American Legion National Oratorical Competition to be held at Hillsdale College in May. We wish him the best of luck !!!

*Jerry Phelps, Post Commander*

### **VSO Open House**

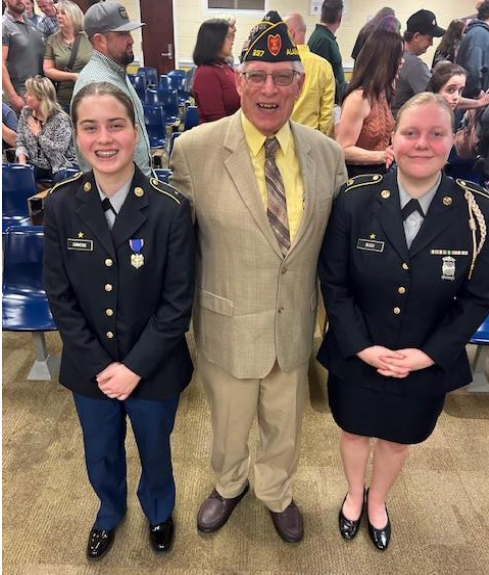
**27 April 2024 Noon – 3PM**

Veteran Service Officers at American Legion Post 237 and District 12 are hosting a Veterans Open House on April 27<sup>th</sup> from noon until 3PM in the ballroom at Post 237

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Chaplain Bill Pond with Buckhorn High School JROTC Cadets Alaina Simmons, Military Excellence Awardee, and Kaycie Bush, Scholastic Excellence Awardee.

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**The Post 237 Finance Committee will meet at 6PM on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>.**



**From the Adjutant's Desk**

First, I want to say thank you for all members who have paid their 2024 dues. Our dues year is 1 July to 30 June each year. There is a grace period of 1 July to 31 December to pay annual dues. National will print membership cards on April 13, 2024. Please have all of your membership dues in by that date so that continuous years are correct and do not start over at 1 year membership.

Door Key cards are disabled 31 January each year when dues are not paid. American Legion State and National insurance plans expire if dues are not paid.

Thank you and please come out and support the April 13<sup>th</sup> fundraiser for a very important social quarters employee with a Pulled Pork and Chicken Leg Quarter meal from 11 am until 3 pm. Call 256-883-9911 and reserve your plates.

**CLAYTON E. MONEYMAKER AMERICAN LEGION POST 237**

**OFFICERS**

Billy Heatherly	Past Commander
Jerry Phelps	Commander
David Ladner	1st Vice Commander
Tom Paone	2nd Vice Commander
Bob Wasniewski	3rd Vice Commander
Mary McCoy	Adjutant
Jack La Fountain	Finance Officer
Bill Pond	Chaplain
Ken Vining	Service Officer
Ken Carpenter	Historian
Cody Klinner	Sergeant-At-Arms
Billy Heatherly	Judge Advocate
Ken Reisenweber	1 Year Trustee
Robert Barnett	2 Year Trustee
Don Pinkerton	3 Year Trustee
Earl Hokanson	Honor Guard Cdr.
Tom Hartley	ROTC Liaison
Steve Bowling	S.A.L. Commander
Buddy Miller	S.A.L. Adjutant
Steve Bowling	ALR Director
Sherry Schroen	Auxiliary President
Anna Marie Wasniewski	Club Manager

**Executive Committee**

Jerry Phelps, Billy Heatherly, David Ladner, Tom Paone, Mary McCoy, Ken Carpenter, Cody Klinner, Bill Pond, Bob Wasniewski, Don Pinkerton, Robert Barnett, Ken Reisenweber, Jack La Fountain, Ken Vining.

**House Committee**

Bob and Anna Marie Wasniewski, Ralph Miller, Billy Heatherly, Mark Utter, Joe Norman, John Schantz, Steve Bowling, Ken Reisenweber, Joyce Hampton, Helen French, and Howard Krueger.

**Finance Committee**

Jack La Fountain, Bud Pagakis, Jerry Phelps, Mary McCoy, Robert Barnett, Don Pinkerton, Ken Reisenweber, Bob Wasniewski

**Building Committee**

Robert Barnett, Don Pinkerton, Ken Reisenweber, Sherry Schroen, Thad Paone, Rick Jerrell

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



## Chaplain's Corner

**Bill Pond  
Post 237  
Chaplain**

Any member of the Post who is going in the hospital for 2 or 3 days, please contact the Chaplain at 931-209-7694 or email at: [billpond6@gmail.com](mailto:billpond6@gmail.com)

**Psalm 147:11** The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those what hope in his mercy.

**Psalm 145:17** The Lord is righteous in all his ways and holy in all his works.

**Psalm 143:10** Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God; thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

### What is the Real Meaning of Easter?

Easter celebrates the defeat of death and the hope of salvation.

Easter includes Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his cleaning of the Temple, his anointing the Last Supper, his agony, his arrest, his trials before the Sanhedrin and Pilate, his Crucifixion and death and his burial.

I pray that your Easter will bring you hope. The hope and joy of our risen Savior. Easter Sunday is the most important day of the year for Christians. Without the resurrection, our faith would be in vain. When Jesus died and miraculously rose again, he brought us life-changing power through hope, love and forgiveness. **That's the real meaning of Easter.**

Through Jesus we have reconciliation with God and fellowship with him.

*Bill Pond*

## American Legion Post 237 Baseball

Coach Bragg is putting together Post 237's U19 American Legion Baseball Team for 2024. If you know a high school junior or senior or college freshman player who would be interested in playing competitive baseball, have them contact Coach Bragg at 256-651-9476 or [rhbragg22@outlook.com](mailto:rhbragg22@outlook.com).

The season schedule is far from being complete, however, the team has scheduled to compete in the following tournaments:

June 7-9	Alabama vs. Mississippi Bash	Birmingham, AL
June 21-23	Troy University Showcase	Troy, AL
June 28-30	Smokies Stadium	Kodak, TN
July 12-14	Hosting Josh Morris Inv.	Huntsville, AL
July 28-30	State Tournament	Tuscaloosa, AL

The 2024 baseball jerseys and caps are on sale at the bar in the Social Quarters and are pictured below. Proceeds from the sale will help fund our 2024 Post 237 American Legion Baseball Team. Baseball caps sell for \$25 and jerseys sell for \$40.



Above: Auxiliary President Sherry Schroen cuts the American Legion Birthday cake at the March Membership Meeting.

# It's Election Time!



The American Legion Post 237 Legionnaire officer's election will be conducted from noon to 6:00 pm on May 20, 2024, in the Post ballroom. Post 237 Legionnaire members are encouraged to vote.

Nominations of Post 237 members in good standing are being accepted for the following officer positions:

- Commander
- First Vice Commander
- Second Vice Commander
- Third Vice Commander
- Chaplain
- Historian
- Sergeant-At-Arms
- Three Year Trustee

If you are interested in submitting your name as a nominee for one of these officer positions, please do so by one of the following methods:

1. Come to Post 237 and put your name on the officer nominee sign-up list located on the wall between the offices of the Adjutant and Finance Officer. Print your name to the right of the office to which you are seeking nomination.

or

2. Telephone Adjutant Mary McCoy at (256) 397-3659 and provide her with your first and last name and the office to which you would like to be a nominee.

Nominations will be accepted until 7:00 pm on April 15.

You are encouraged to help Post 237 continue to achieve its goals by becoming an officer.

*Submitted by: Post 237 Nominating Committee*

# **Auxiliary Craft Fair**

**Saturday April 20, 2024  
10AM until 3PM**

**American Legion Post 237  
2900 Drake Ave. SW, HSV**



**Vendors Welcome!**

**Display and sell your crafts. \$20 per table.  
To reserve a table call:  
Tanya Phelps 256-783-5903  
Setup at 8:30AM.**

**Come and support your Auxiliary!**

The logo for the American Legion Auxiliary. It features a stylized American flag with three horizontal stripes above the word "AMERICAN" in blue. Below "AMERICAN" is the word "LEGION" in a larger, bold, blue font. Underneath "LEGION" is a horizontal line, and below that is the word "AUXILIARY" in a red font.

# FROM THE 3<sup>RD</sup> VICE COMMANDER



*Bob Wasniewski, Post 237 3rd Vice Commander*

Hello, my fellow Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, and Auxiliary Members. I wanted to let you know about some of the upcoming events in March.

**Canteen Renovations:** We continue to repair and improve the Canteen. Several projects are scheduled to be completed soon.

**Nighttime Kitchen Hours:** We have returned to the normal operating schedule. We will be opening the kitchen on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. A nighttime menu has been developed.

**First Wednesday Steak Lunch:** Scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024. We will be selling ribeye steak, with a baked potato, salad, and a roll. Lunch will be served in the Canteen during the normal hours of 11 AM until 1:30 PM.

**Sunday Fun Day:** Bar Bingo and karaoke with Howie each Sunday. The doors open at 12 PM. Bar Bingo starts around 12: 15 PM. Stop in and join in the fun!

**Bunko Party in the Ballroom:** A Bunko Party is held in the Ballroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. This month Bunko will be held on April 16th.



Post 237 ROTC Liaison Officer Tom Hartley presents the American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award to Columbia High School JROTC Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Jessica La.



Post 237 ROTC Liaison Officer Tom Hartley presents the American Legion Military Excellence Award to Columbia High School JROTC Cadet Major Alyssa Howell.



## **History of Women in the U.S. Military: Over 250 Years of Service**

From the battlefields of the American Revolution to the deserts of Kuwait and beyond, women have been serving in the military in one form or another. They had to overcome decades of obstacles to get where they are today.

Here is a look at the history of women in the military and how their roles have changed over the years:

**Revolutionary War**---As colonial militias armed themselves and joined George Washington's Continental Army, many of these soldier's wives, sisters, daughters and mothers went with them. They boosted morale as well as mended clothes, tended to wounds, foraged for food, cooked and cleaned both laundry and cannons. Some women found ways to join the fight for independence. Margaret Corbin, disguised herself as a man and traveled with her husband to the front lines of the Battle of Fort Mifflin, where she helped him load his cannon. When her husband was shot by enemy fire, Corbin carried on fighting, even after being shot three times. She was given a military pension acknowledging her efforts and after her death was buried with full military honors at West Point.

Women's roles in the military became even more crucial during the Civil War.

**Civil War**---Nearly 20,000 women lent their skills and efforts in everything from growing crops to feeding Union troops in their camps. Other tasks included sewing, laundering uniforms and blankets and organizing donations through fundraising campaigns. Notably, women began to serve as nurses on a much larger and more official scale. Legendary nurse and founder of the Red Cross, Clara Barton, received a special military pass that permitted her to travel directly onto the battlefield, where she drove her medical wagons straight into the battles to tend to wounded soldiers. Fellow trailblazer, Dorothea Dix, was appointed Superintendent of the United States Army Nurses for the Union Army. Historians estimate about 1,000 women disguised themselves as men and fought on both sides of the Civil War.

**World War I**---The 20<sup>th</sup> Century changed everything for women in the military. The U.S. Army Nurse Corps formally established in 1901, by 1917, only had 403 nurses in its active-duty ranks. By June 1918, there were more than 3,000 American nurses deployed to British-operated hospitals in France. They often worked in dangerous conditions near the front lines. WWI is notable because it was the first time women, who did not yet have the right to vote, were allowed to openly serve in the U.S. military. As large numbers of men were sent to fight overseas, stateside replacements were needed to replace them. The Navy found a way to allow women to serve in non-commissioned and non-combat roles. The Navy enlisted its first "Yeomanettes".

Around 12,000 women served in the rank of yeoman, mostly working clerical duties as well as telephone and radio operators and translators. The U.S. Army Signal Corps enlisted women to work as telephone and switchboard operators. These women, nicknamed the "Hello Girls" often worked close to the front lines.

**World War II**---World War II created an unprecedented need for service members---the majority of those being men who served on the front lines. The U.S. military was left with many non-combat roles that needed to be filled. So, women stepped up too, and for the first time in history, all branches of the military enlisted women in their ranks.

- **ARMY:** The Army formed the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAACS), which was later renamed and restructured to form the active duty Women's Army Corps (WACS). The branch also formed the Army's Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASPS).
- **NAVY:** The Navy formed the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES).
- **MARINE CORPS:** The Marines enlisted women in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve.
- **COAST GUARD:** The Coast Guard formed the Women's Reserve (SPARS) which stood for the Coast Guard motto, Semper Paratus – "Always Ready."

In total, nearly 350,000 American women served in uniform during World War II. In addition to working clerical jobs, they drove vehicles, repaired airplanes, worked in laboratories and cryptology, served as radio and telephone operators, rigged parachutes, test flew airplanes and even trained their male counterparts in air combat tactics. 57,000 served in the Army Nurse Corps and 11,000 in the Navy Nurse Corps. Army Colonel Ruby Bradley, a nurse in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps was kept prisoner at an internment camp in the Philippines for 37 months, during which she assisted in performing 230 major surgeries and delivered 13 babies. In total, 432 women were killed in the line of service and 88 were taken POWs.

In 1948, President Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act into law, officially allowing women to serve as permanent members of all branches of the Armed Forces.

**Korean War**---After the Korean War broke out, 120,000 women would go on to serve from 1950-1953. Although they could not serve in combat, they undertook new roles such as military police officers and engineers. Military nurses would also continue to play a critical role working in Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals (MASH) supporting fully functioning hospitals in combat zones.

**Vietnam War**---Approximately 11,000 women were stationed in Vietnam during the nearly 20-year war, and 90% of them were nurses in the Army, Navy and Air Force. Notably, most volunteered to go. During this war, other female service members worked as air traffic controllers, intelligence officers and clerks – both at home and in Vietnam. In 1967, President Lyndon Johnson opened promotions for women to general and flag ranks in 1972 and women were allowed to command units that included men. After the Vietnam War concluded in 1973, the Pentagon announced that pregnant women could remain in the military when they were previously automatically discharged.

**The 80s, 90s and Today**---At the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup>, there were a lot of "firsts" for women in the military: the first female to become a Navy fighter pilot; the first female four-star general in the Army; and the first female rescue swimmer in the Coast Guard, among others. There was even the first Silver Star awarded to a female soldier since World War II. Army Sergeant Leigh Ann Hester was awarded the military medal in recognition of her brave actions during an enemy ambush on her supply convoy in Iraq in 2005. She is also the first woman to ever receive the Silver Star for direct combat action.

Marine Colonel Amy Ebitz stated, "Military service allows women, alongside their male counterparts, to learn skills and to experience places and things they otherwise may have not. That experience coupled with veterans' preference for many follow-on occupations, is priceless. In combat, my female Marines, alongside their brothers, manned machine guns and fought bravely. No one by their side questioned their role."

*Contributed by Tom Hartley*



## **VSO Open House**

### **April 27, 2024 Noon-3PM**

Post 237 is requesting all District 12 Commanders, VSOs, and members to pass the word to their Post members about this Veterans Open House. Veterans do not need to wait for the Open House to begin their claim process. Please contact a local VSO at your convenience.

There are over 78,000 veterans in the North Alabama area. American Legion Post 237 will host an Open House on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from noon till 3 pm. We are reaching out to North Alabama veterans organizations and the community that serves veteran's e.g. AL State VA office, VFW, the local NCO network at Redstone Arsenal, Still Serving Veterans, the local Sergeants Major Association, etc. This event is open to all veterans and soon to be veterans. We also plan to invite local TV and radio stations to cover the event.

As local Veteran Service Officers we are restricted to directing veterans to the resources of accredited organizations who can help the veteran or dependent file their claim e.g. VA, AL State VA office, Still Serving Veterans, etc.

This is not a recruiting event for the American Legion. We are asking for your help getting the word out to as many veterans in our communities as possible to attend this Open House and its activities.

We encourage any active duty personnel within their ETS window, or those looking for post service information, to attend and take advantage of the attending organizations and begin their post service journey.

We will also be available to assist widows, widowers, and dependent children of veterans with dependent claims and direct them to the local resources available to them.

Thank you for your assistance,

*Ken Vining*

Veteran Service Officer,  
American Legion Post 237  
Huntsville, AL

**The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:**

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

### **Marine Corps League**

Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment #820 Marine Corps League meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Tim's Cajun Kitchen at 114 Jordan Ln NW, Huntsville. Social at 5:30pm - Meeting at 6pm. Contact Ed Becher @ 269-221-2221 for more

### **2024 Boys State**

Boys State is a unique summer program designed to train our youth in the ideals and objectives of American government through hands on experience and participation in a model state government.

The 2024 Alabama Boys State Convention will be held at Troy University, Troy, Alabama, May 26 through June 1, 2024.

The Madison County Boys State Orientation will be held at the Post 237 Annex at 3806 Colonial Park Circle SW, Huntsville, AL 35805 on May 16, 2024 at 6PM.

On February 6<sup>th</sup> registration packets were emailed to principals, counselors, and ROTC POCs at all high schools and to home school administrators in Madison County.

Post 237 will offer sponsorships to students in need of financial assistance. .

We will also provide round trip bus transportation for delegates to the Boys State Convention. Legionnaire Gordon Benton is assisting us in exploring more cost effective options for bus transportation this year.

Male students enrolled in high school or home school are eligible at the conclusion of their junior year. Students must have the approval of their school administration.

Along with the educational, leadership, and social benefits that Boys State offers, there is a long list of college scholarships available to participants.

For more information, or if you would like to assist with our Boys State outreach, please contact Tom Paone at [vicecdr2@legion237.com](mailto:vicecdr2@legion237.com) or 256-656-4952.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### LUNCH IN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11 AM -1:30 PM

Specials: Wed – Philly Cheese Steak, 1<sup>st</sup> Wed – Steak

Thu – Taco Salad, Fri – Fish

### Evening Kitchen Service

Wednesday – Saturday 6:00PM-8:00PM

### KARAOKE IN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS

WED 7-11PM KARAOKE WITH CAROL

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

SAT 8 PM - 12 AM KARAOKE WITH JERIMY

FRI 7 – 11 PM KARAOKE WITH JERIMY

### TRIVIA IN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY 7-9 PM WITH LISA AND ZACK

### BINGO AT THE POST 237 ANNEX

SUN 3:30 PM MON, WED AND SAT AT 6 PM

### MEMBERSHIP DINNER AND MEETING IN THE BALLROOM

3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY DINNER AT 6 PM (\$7.00) , MEETING AT 7 PM

### POOL LEAGUE

SOCIAL QUARTERS - ALTERNATING THURSDAYS 7 PM

### TEXAS HOLDEM FUNDRAISER

SOCIAL QUARTERS - TUESDAY 6 PM

### BAR BINGO

SOCIAL QUARTERS - SUNDAY 12-2PM

### BUNKO PARTY

BALLROOM - 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY 6:30PM

HAIRCUTS WITH ALYSE – FIRST SATURDAY – NOON – 3PM

## First Wednesday Steak Lunch

Join us for lunch: ribeye steak, baked potato, roll and salad on the first Wednesday of each month. 11-1:30



## Second Sunday Pot Luck

Join us on the second Sunday of the month from 3 PM to 7 PM 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! 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 – 1:00AM
Saturday	11:00AM – 1:00AM
Sunday	12:00PM – 8:00PM

### Adjutant's Office Hours

Monday through Friday 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Call 256-397-3659 to make an appointment.

Email at [adjutant@legion237.com](mailto:adjutant@legion237.com)

### Commander's Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday 4PM until 6PM

Email at [commander@legion237.com](mailto:commander@legion237.com)

## Lunch at the Legion



Monday through Friday and  
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



### GONE FISHING

One day, the rain was pouring down like crazy, and a big puddle formed in front of a bar just outside of Camp Lejeune. An old Marine Sergeant was standing near the edge of the puddle with his fishing line in the puddle. A Marine Captain saw this and decided to approach the man to see what he was doing.

The Captain asked the old man, "What are you doing old timer."

The old Marine replied, "Fishing."

This poor fool thought the Captain. The Captain felt very sorry for the man and invited him into the bar for a beer. While drinking their beers, the smart-ass Captain decided to ask the man, "How many did you end up catching today?"

"You're the eighth" the old Marine answered.

*Contributed by Tom Hartley*

**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](mailto:newsletter@legion237.com)

### **Texas Hold'em Fundraiser**



**Come and play in the weekly Texas Hold'em fundraiser every Tuesday at 6 PM in the bar.**

**Funds raised will benefit charitable and Legion projects throughout the year.**

**Come on down and join in the fun!**



### **Around the Post**

Alyse Sena, one of our Legionnaires and an accomplished hair stylist, has volunteered to provide free haircuts on the first Saturday of each month from noon until 3PM at American Legion Post 237. So, whether you need a little trim or a full-fledged haircut come by on April 6th and Alyse will fix you up!



### **American Legion Riders Update**

The American Legion Riders will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM at Post 237. For more information you can contact Steve Bowling at [stevebowling.sal@gmail.com](mailto:stevebowling.sal@gmail.com)

The Riders are selling poker chips for \$3 to benefit the Veterans and Children's Foundation. You can purchase them from a member or at the bar.

# 2024 High School Oratorical Contest

The Madison County Oratorical Contest was conducted on February 10, 2024. Winners were: Thomas Fleming (1<sup>st</sup> place \$500), Emily Dutton (2<sup>nd</sup> place \$300), Ausjua Wilson (3<sup>rd</sup> place \$200). Other contestants were: Vachan Karcki and Mary Katherine Fleming. Danny Marr served as emcee. From Post 237, Tom Hartley, Brad Mayo, and Jack Lafountain, served as judges, Tom and Thad Paone served as tabulators, and Jerry Phelps served as an escort.

The District 12 contest was conducted on March 2nd at 10 AM at Madison City Hall. Alan Chambers, Division 1 Commander, served as contest emcee. First place was awarded to Thomas Fleming, second place was Vivian Grace Moody, and third place was David Hooker. From Post 237, Jerry and Tanya Phelps served as timekeepers and Jack Lafountain and Tom Paone served as tabulators.

Thomas Fleming won the Division 1 contest on March 16<sup>th</sup> and will compete in the Department of Alabama Contest on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Prizes at the department level are \$2500, \$1500, and \$1000 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. The National contest is at Hillsdale College May 17<sup>th</sup> through May 19<sup>th</sup>. Prizes at the national level are \$25000, \$22500, and \$20000 for first through third places and \$2000 for each certified state winner.

Pictured below are the contestants and parents at the District 12 Oratorical Contest.



## 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.

Additional information and the application form are available on the Post 237 website: [www.legion237.com](http://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](mailto:wargo@legion237.com)

The deadline for Wargo Scholarship applications is April 30, 2024.



**American Legion Post 237 Bingo Annex  
3806 Colonial Park Circle SW, Huntsville, AL**

**Monday, Wednesday and Saturday**

**Doors Open at 4PM**

**Starts at 6PM**

**Sunday**

**Doors Open at 1PM**

**Starts at 3:30PM**

**Bingo supports many of our charitable programs. Legion Bingo, Sons of the American Legion Bingo, and Auxiliary Bingo fund our Boys and Girls State programs, American Legion Baseball, Veteran's Relief Fund, ROTC and JROTC support programs, scholarships and many other community and veteran related endeavors.**

**Come and join us for a fun outing at the Annex and help keep our programs strong. There is a isolated smoking section and the public is invited. Who knows, you might win a big jackpot!**



# Pictures from the Vietnam Veterans Pinning Ceremony March 30<sup>th</sup>, Redstone Arsenal



~ Post 237 April 2024 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	<b>2</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Texas Holdem 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	<b>3</b> 11a-1:30p 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed Steak Lunch 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke with Carol	<b>4</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	<b>5</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke with Jeremy	<b>6</b> 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 6p-8p Kitchen Open 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy 12p-3p Haircuts with Alyse
	<b>7</b> 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	<b>8</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack 6p-7p Finance Committee Meeting	<b>9</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg. 6p-8p Texas Holdem	<b>10</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke with Carol	<b>11</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	<b>12</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke with Jeremy
<b>14</b> 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	<b>15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Mbrs. Dinner and Meeting 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	<b>16</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Texas Holdem 6:30p-8p Bunko	<b>17</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5:30p-6:30p ALR Meeting 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke with Carol	<b>18</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-7p Comm & Americanism Cmte Mtg 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	<b>19</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke with Jeremy	<b>20</b> 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 6p-8p Kitchen Open 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy 10a-3p Auxiliary Craft Fair
<b>21</b> 12p-2p Bar Bingo 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	<b>22</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	<b>23</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Texas Holdem	<b>24</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke with Carol	<b>25</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	<b>26</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke with Jeremy	<b>27</b> 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 6p-8p Kitchen Open 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy 12p-3p VSO Open House
<b>28</b> 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	<b>29</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	<b>30</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Texas Holdem				

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