

ROLL CALL

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

Hello fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons,

The month of August is upon us. The election of officers is done and they are now into place. I would like to thank those who stayed on board and congratulate those that are new to the fold

The Post and Cantina are now open for business with NEW business hours. It is our hope that you come in and partake of the comradery of the Post home and enjoy what it has to offer. The reason for the new business hours is a mandate that the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board set forth to try to curb the COVID-19 pandemic. Look in this newsletter for the new closing times that will start on 1 August, 2020. If you have any suggestions on how we may better serve you, please let us know. We have a new 3rd Vice that is willing and eager to help

We continue to seek new volunteers. We have a multitude of projects and things that we need help with. If you wish to help out, please contact my club staff, officers or myself. Volunteers will not go unrecognized for their efforts.

We hope that all of you in the Legion family and your families are staying safe and well. As the COVID-19 pandemic still continues, we do hope that all are still maintaining social distancing.

I would like to take the time to thank all the membership for your continued support of the officers and staff of your American Legion.

Thank you all. - *Commander Billy Heatherly*

Social Quarters Closing Time

Due to the Coronavirus, the ABC Board has issued a directive effective August 1st that prohibits liquor sales in bars after 11PM and bars must close before 11:30PM. Therefore the Cantina will close at 11PM until further notice.

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CAN YOU HEAR ME RUNNING?

John E. Carson
Chairman, Communications Committee

Boots on deck! Move it! Move it! Move it! From the American Revolution (1775-1783) with 217,000 total US Service members, 4,435 Battle Deaths and 6,188 wounded to the War of 1812 (1812-1815) to WW1 (1917-1918) with total US service members worldwide of 4,734,991 and 116,516 US deaths, WW2 (1941-1945) Total US service members worldwide of 16,112,566 to Korea, Vietnam, Desert Shield, Afghanistan and the Global War on Terror our country's founders and patriots have never run from a battle. (Quoted numbers are from the Department of Veteran Affairs.)

My mother, God rest her soul, used to tell me that hindsight was always 20/20. But optometrists will tell you that 20/20 is not perfect vision. In this year of 2020, this country has seen things we have never imagined we would ever see. A Pandemic touted and compared to the Spanish Flu of 1918, a depression and unemployment to rival the Great Depression, weather disasters on the scale of the Dustbowl Days and attacks on our nation's institutions and history and even on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights that have affected every one of our citizens.

The tearing down of statues, and "sanitizing" of our history, better learned from than forgotten, smack of Hitler and Nazism. Leave our history and our choice of how to perceive it to us and our children and grandchildren to decide how to interpret it. This country was founded on liberty; the freedom to decide what we think and how to live- not dictating how we should think by any one small group of elites.

Hindsight may be 20/20, true, but that vision is based on the ideals we have upheld, the same ideals this country was founded on. Have we always been perfect? Whoever claimed we were? But the blood, sweat and tears that built the greatest country the world has ever seen were not shed in vain and our country's detractors have never once shown the world a better way.

As a member of the American Legion I can tell you that Mike and the Mechanics song Silent Running, released in 1985, was ahead of its time. It is time to take back our country and stand tall once again. Even at a time when so many of us are facing health and family crisis like never before, if you hear me running it will be with my First and Second Amendment Rights held out before me-and I won't be running *from* the fight, I'll be running *toward* it.



AMERICAN LEGION CLAYTON E. MONEYMAKER POST 237

OFFICERS

Billy Heatherly	Commander
CeVin Barnes	1st Vice Commander
Tom Paone	2nd Vice Commander
Roy Llamas	3rd Vice Commander
Mary McCoy	Adjutant
Bud Pagakis	Finance Officer
Jerry Creel	Chaplain
Nicholas Jones	Service Officer
Ken Carpenter	Historian
Douglas Gregory	Sergeant-At-Arms
Dennis Atkins	1 Year Trustee
Rudy Cowe	2 Year Trustee
John Carr	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, Roy Llamas, Mary McCoy, Bud Pagakis, Jerry Creel, Nicholas Jones, Ken Carpenter, Douglas Gregory, Rudy Cowe, Dennis Atkins, and John Carr.

House Committee

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

Finance Committee

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

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

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

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:

https://www.theredstonerocket.com/eedition/page_782f9642-6706-5830-9efd-4ac8ec30ea3e.html

Remembering Past Post 237 Leaders and Members

By K. Carpenter, Post Historian 2020-2021

Paul Luther Bolden, Commander Post 237 1976 – 1977 Medal of Honor

Post 37 / 200 / 237 Commander, Paul Luther Bolden was born at Hobbs Island, Madison County in 1922. He joined the Army from **Madison, Alabama in October 1942**. On 23 December, 1944, Bolden was Serving as a Staff Sergeant (Co. I, 120 Inf. Regt., 39 Div.) at which time his heroic actions resulted in his being awarded the **Medal of Honor**. He held the rank of Master Sergeant at the time he left the Army. He returned to Madison Co. He died in 1979 (age 56), being buried at Moon Cemetery, Owens Cross Roads. He was also awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Belgium Croix de Guerre with palm. Eighteen miles of Rt. 53 from Huntsville to Ardmore is designated the “**Paul Luther Bolden Boulevard**” in his honor.

S/Sgt Bolden’s Medal of Honor award citation of his remarkable action is as follows:

He **voluntarily attacked** a formidable enemy strong point in Petit-Coo, Belgium, on **23 December 1944**, when **his company was pinned down** by extremely heavy automatic and small-arms fire coming from a house 200 yards to the front. Mortar and tank artillery shells pounded the unit, when **S/Sgt. Bolden and a comrade, on their own initiative**, moved forward into a hail of bullets to eliminate the ever-increasing fire from the German position. Crawling ahead to close with what they knew was a **powerfully armed, vastly superior force**, the pair reached the house and took up assault positions, **S/Sgt. Bolden under a window, his comrade across the street** where he could deliver covering fire. In rapid succession, **S/Sgt. Bolden hurled a fragmentation grenade and a white phosphorus grenade into the building**; and then, fully realizing that he faced tremendous odds, **rushed to the door, threw it open and fired into 35 SS troopers** who were trying to reorganize themselves after the havoc wrought by the grenades. →

Twenty Germans died under fire of his sub-machinegun before he was struck in the shoulder, chest, and stomach by part of a burst which killed his comrade across the street. He withdrew from the house, waiting for the surviving Germans to come out and surrender. When none appeared in the doorway, he summoned his ebbing strength, overcame the extreme pain he suffered and boldly walked back into the house, firing as he went. He had killed the remaining 15 enemy soldiers when his ammunition ran out. S/Sgt. Bolden’s heroic advance against great odds, his fearless assault, and his magnificent display of courage in reentering the building where he had been severely wounded cleared the path for his company and insured the success of its mission.



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

2nd Annual American Legion Post 237 CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

At the Membership Meeting on July 15, 2020 Commander Billy Heathery presented a \$5000 check to Keith Poole of Centurion Witness Ministries. The money was raised by the 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament. The funds will help support Centurion Ministries' mission of caring for Homeless Veterans and Veteran Suicide Prevention Programs in North Alabama.



Members of the Tournament Committee and supporting staff were also awarded Certificates of Appreciation by the Commander.

The Tournament Committee made up of Ralph Miller, Jerry Phelps, Channa O'Keefe, Carl Conley, and Jeff Osberg organized the tournament and solicited prizes and hole sponsorships. →

Prizes were provided by Simon's Jewlers, Nick's Ristorante, Publics, T's Golf, Valley Hill Country Club, Fox Run Golf Course. Several of the prizes were auctioned at the luncheon. Holes were sponsored by Simon's Jewlers, Nick's Ristorante, The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, DJ's Pizza Kitchen, SCI, Moose Lodge 1007, X Golf Huntsville, Jerry And Tonya Phelps, Ron and Angie Murphy, Ralph and Michelle Thornton Collins, Pancho and Channa Perez, Turner Beverages, VFW Post 5162, Women of the Moose Chapter 1255, Huntsville Games, Jack and Breezy Carney, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 237, and American Legion Post 237.

Channa piloted the refreshment cart and Carl Conley cooked a tasty lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs and homemade potato salad and baked beans.

A total of \$5000 was raised for Centurion Witness Ministries, a veteran run charity that is actively involved with homeless veterans and suicide prevention programs for veterans. ❖

Contributed by Tom Paone

A Century of Service



In 2020, Post 237 celebrates our Centennial. We can trace our roots to June 1920, when the Post was activated as the Peter Crump Post. ❖



American Legion Post 237 Baseball

The national American Legion Baseball season and championship series have been cancelled for 2020. However, the American Legion Department of Alabama has scheduled a 2020 season. Approximately 30 teams played this summer.

Home games for Post 237 were played at New Hope High School baseball field. 2020 baseball caps are on sale in the Social Quarters for \$10.

Thanks to Coach Rick Bragg and his staff for giving these youngsters an opportunity to play.



BINGO AT THE ANNEX

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

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

**All Games are Non-Smoking
And You Must Wear a Mask**



ATTENTION MUSICIANS!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FORMING A DANCE BAND FOR EVENING ENTERTAINMENT IN THE BALLROOM, SEE MARY MCCOY IN THE ADJUTANT'S OFFICE OR SEND AN EMAIL TO: MARY MCCOY AT: adjutant237@legional.org



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>

Second Sunday Pot Luck

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



Lunch at the Legion

Monday through Friday

11:00AM to 1:30PM

Specials:

Steak - Wednesday

Taco Salad - Every Other Thursday

Fish -Friday

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!**



Smoke Free Lunch!

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

Membership Update

Our Membership for 2020 was 1277. Our 2021 Membership is 224. 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



Roy Llamas

Post 237 3rd Vice Commander

To my fellow Legionnaires.
Please allow me to introduce myself, albeit informally. I hope this letter finds you all in the best spirits during these uncertain times.

My name is Roy I. Llamas and I am privileged to serve as your 3rd Vice Commander (Post 237). As a younger, fitter man I served in the U.S Marine Corps before eventually settling here in Huntsville via Detroit and San Diego. I am active in the local PM community, earned my Project Management Professional Certificate (PMP) and served as the President of the local PMI Chapter. I am a lifelong student and enjoy volunteering. However, my passion is supporting veterans and veterans' causes.

It is my hope that through our good works in the cantina and the facility at 2900 Drake Ave, we can swell our coffers enough to be of service to needy veterans in our community, especially to our own Legionnaires. With over 1,200 members, the amount of good we should be able to do is tremendous however we are struggling. Whether it is because of COVID concerns or paradigms concerning the Legion's cantina, our volume is not yet healthy. My goals, with your help, are to increase opportunities for engagement with our members, introduce technology (electronic surveys) to reduce risks for new initiatives, and to increase participation and sales.

In order to meet these goals we must evaluate the services we offer and the prices at which we offer them. We need you to support your local Legion and I need you to tell me what keeps you here/keeps you away (be on the lookout for these surveys). Clear your calendars and please do come out after work on a *smoke-free* August 25th to meet your officers, renew your membership, and stuff the suggestion box.

Unfortunately, we must end alcohol sales each evening NLT 2300 in accordance with the new state directive. That means come out before 11:00 pm and support the Legion, we need you. I look forward to meeting you all in person and I'll see you on August 25th or sooner if you are really lucky.

Best,

Roy

Smoke-Free Meet and Greet

Please come out and meet your 2021 Officers in the Cantina on Tuesday, August 25th from 5PM until 8PM. This event will be smoke-free. Take this opportunity to pay your 2021 dues and learn about the programs that your Legion Post has to offer.

Communications Committee

The Post 237 Communications Committee is tasked with improving communications with our membership, amongst our Legion Family, and with our community.

Our Chairman is John Carson and our members are: CeVin Barnes, and Tom Paone.

The Roll Call Newsletter is our first project. We are distributing the Newsletter via email. If you did not receive it in your email please send an email to newsletter@legion237.com with your name and your affiliation with the Legion, S.A.L., or Auxiliary.

Past and current newsletters are archived on our website at: <http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=126>

We are also working to enhance our website, so please visit us at: www.legion237.com

On October 16' 2019, Katie Skelley from the Redstone Rocket interviewed several Post 237 officers and committee members. The article ran in the October 30th Special Veterans Edition of the Redstone Rocket. You can find the article at: https://www.theredstonerocket.com/special/page_6afb6857-9b3d-5c6b-b247-8217aca3cf7d.html

Post 237 was also mentioned by Cathey Carney in her Heard on the Street feature in the November and December 2019 issues of Old Huntsville Magazine. Old Huntsville Magazine will be writing a future article on the history of Post 237 and Michael Kinney's Article about Desmond Doss will also be featured.

The Senior Center will publish an upcoming article in their SeniorLife Magazine featuring Post 237 and the shadow box that the wood shop built for retiring Mike Vaccaro's bugle.

We appreciate your feedback on the Newsletter and we would be thankful for any suggestions for improving communications throughout the Post and with the Huntsville-Madison County-Redstone Arsenal community. Please email your thoughts and items to include in upcoming issues to: newsletter@legion237.com



Building Fund Thermometer



From The Finance Office:

*Bud Pagakis,
Finance Officer*

Email:
financeofc@legion237.com

Finance Committee Meeting 7/7/20

The Finance Committee held its first meeting of the new fiscal year. Those in attendance were: Bud Pagakis, Finance Officer; Mary McCoy, Adjutant; Dennis Atkins, Trustee; Rudy Cowe, Trustee; and Roy Lamas, 3rd Vice Commander.

Our meeting was called to order at 11:00 hours on July 7th by Bud Pagakis. The financial condition of the post was discussed in length and agreed upon that overall, we are on a strong financial footing. Our latest set of financials will be posted later this week.

In FY2020, which ended on June 30th, the finance committee was able to achieve their goal of reducing costs for mandatory insurance coverages without reducing protection - coverages. The cost reductions resulted in between 10 and 15 percent (\$2,500. - \$3,000.) savings. Dennis Atkins and Ken Reisenweber were the primary drivers of this effort.

Additionally, our post was brought into the twenty first century by automating our inventory control system. With the introduction of a new scanner, laptop, and inventory control program, what took a week now takes a few hours. Thank you Dennis!

For FY2021 your Finance Committee is going to look into **two areas** for improvement:

1. Fund Raising to offset our post Occupancy Expenses. The utilities, waste removal, cable, telephone, internet, insurances, etc. account for about \$60,000. in annual expenses. These type expenses are listed in our bookkeeping ledgers as "Occupancy Expenses". The Finance Committee will be presenting the idea of hosting a Golf Tournament twice a year, Memorial Day and Veterans Day timeframe. Dennis Atkins will serve as overall chairman. It is our goal that two tournaments, properly worked can net the post enough money to offset most of the Occupancy Expenses.
2. Social Quarters financial improvement. The incoming 3rd Vice Commander has a sound understanding of the financial position of the Social Quarters. He, along with other club members have several ideas on how to improve the club's bottom line. Roy Llamas will be discussing some of those ideas in the upcoming Executive Board meeting.



**Post 237 Centennial
Celebration
Saturday, September 5
12PM to 4 PM
In the Ballroom**

Fun for the whole family

Featuring:

Food and drinks

Music

Raffles

Honor Guard

Guest Speakers and more...

**Come join us to celebrate the
Post and Auxiliary 100th
Anniversary!**



Honor Guard News

LANKFORD'S LEGACY

The Honor Guard of Post 237 was created by Honor Guard Commander Jerry Lankford. His Thirty years of service and dedication resulted in the recruitment of most of the current roster of Honor Guard members. His willingness to serve the community at both family and civic events kept the ever-changing volunteer members busy almost any day of the week. And often, every day of the week.

He inspired a core group of long-term members that number their service on the Guard in years rather than months. Self-funded and surviving on donations from grateful families and sometimes organizations, the Honor Guard served as the public face of both the American Legion and Post 237 in Huntsville, Alabama, the largest American Legion Post in the state.

From flag raisings at new businesses to working with the Scouts, to flag disposals and the posting of colors at City Hall and other events, it was the American Legion that was called on for the services of the Honor Guard.

At funerals and memorials, it was not just the veteran that was honored, but the family as well. And the Honor Guard did not just affect that immediate family but the other families in attendance as well.

Close to the end of a long and painful battle with cancer, a proclamation issued by Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle was presented to Jerry and brought tears to his eyes. It is now framed and hanging proudly for his family to remember him by.

Though Jerry Lankford may not be physically here, his work continues. Current Honor Guard Commander Earl Hokanson has been working with and training the newly created Honor Guard of Post 229 in Madison. Thanks to their participation and assistance, we have been able to provide a full squad for veteran funerals and Memorials—something that means a lot to the families we serve.

Another advantage provided by the members of Post 229 is the opportunity they provide for civic events and media attention—for the American Legion as well as both of our posts. Sharp, committed and professional, the Honor Guard of Post 229 is helping to move the Legion back to its rightful place as the “Go To” organization for veteran and civic events. Something we have lost over the last few years. →

As the public face of the American Legion, the importance of a sharp and professional Honor Guard is of prime importance. And we plan to keep the vision Jerry Lankford worked so long and hard to establish and have it carry us into the future.

❖
Contributed by John Carson



Please contact Honor Guard Commander Earl Hokanson at hongrdcdr@legion237.com if you are interested in joining the Honor Guard.



Post 237 Commander Billy Heatherly presents a \$250 donation from the family of Max L. Howard to Earl Hokanson, Honor Guard Commander, in appreciation for the funeral service conducted by the Honor Guard.

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

Jul – Glock 19
Aug – Springfield Hellcat
Sep – Beretta Outlander 12 Guage
Oct – Sig Sauer P365
Nov – Ruger 10/22
Dec – Mossberg 270
Jan – CZ Drake O/U 12 Guage
Feb – Smith & Wesson M&P 2.0 9mm
Mar – Ruger American 308
Apr – Mossberg 835 Camo
May – Henry Big Boy 44 Magm
Jun – Springfield 1911 Range Officer Operator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCH

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11AM -1:30PM

Wednesday Steak Special - Friday Fish Special

KARAOKE

SOCIAL QUARTERS

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

FRIDAY 7-11 PM

SATURDAY 8PM-12 AM WITH CAROL

TRIVIA

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY 7-9 PM WITH LISA AND ZACK

BINGO

POST 237 ANNEX

MON, WED, THU AND SAT 6 PM

COMMANDER'S BREAKFAST

BALLROOM

2ND SATURDAY 9-10 AM \$5.00 INCLUDING DRINK!

MEMBERSHIP DINNER AND MEETING

BALLROOM

3RD MONDAY DINNER \$5.00 AT 6 PM AND MEETING AT 7 PM

POOL TOURNAMENT

SOCIAL QUARTERS

THURSDAYS 7:00 PM



Around the Post

The finance committee was able to achieve their goal of reducing costs for mandatory insurance coverages without reducing protection - coverages. The cost reductions resulted in between 10 and 15 percent (\$2,500.00 - \$3,000.00) savings. Dennis Atkins and Ken Reisenweber were the primary drivers of this effort.

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Wargo Scholastic Scholarships Awarded

In 2002 Lewis and Essie Mae Wargo established a trust to provide scholarships for descendants of United States Military Veterans. The trust is managed by the Wargo Scholarship Committee which is made up of Post 237 Legionnaires and Auxiliary members.

In 2020 the committee was honored to award \$1000 scholarships to three outstanding students. The recipients were: Anders Kinney of UAH, Kyle O'Hear of UAH, and Alyssa Miller of Calhoun Community College.

For 2021 the Wargo Scholarship Committee will be chaired by Sherry Schroen. Committee members are Juanita McJunkins, Joyce Hampton, Billy Heatherly, Earl Hokanson, and Tom Paone.

Social Quarters Hours of Operation

**DUE TO COVID-19 MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
CLOSING TIMES ARE 11PM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Monday	10:00AM – 12:00AM
Tuesday	10:00AM – 12:00AM
Wednesday	10:00AM – 12:00AM
Thursday	10:00AM – 12:00AM
Friday	10:00AM – 2:00AM
Saturday	10:00AM – 2:00AM
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



HUMOR IN UNIFORM

Two Marines boarded a quick shuttle flight out of Dallas, headed for Houston. One sat in the window seat, the other sat in the middle seat. Just before take-off, an Army soldier got on and took the aisle seat next to the two Marines.

The Soldier kicked off his shoes, wiggled his toes and was settling in when the Marine in the window seat said, "I think I'll get up and get a coke." "No problem," said the Soldier, "I'll get it for you." While he was gone, the Marine picked up the Soldier's shoe and spit in it. When the Soldier returned with the coke, the Marine in the middle seat said, "That looks good, I think I'll have one too." Again, the Soldier obligingly went to fetch it and while he was gone, the Marine picked up the soldier's other shoe and spit in it.

The Soldier returned and they all sat back and enjoyed the rest of the short flight to Houston. As the plane was landing, the Soldier slipped his feet into his shoes and knew immediately what had happened. "How long must this go on?" the Soldier asked. "This fighting between our services? This hatred? This animosity? This spitting in shoes and peeing in cokes?"

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A soldier serving overseas far from home was annoyed and upset when his girl wrote to break off their engagement and ask for her photograph back.

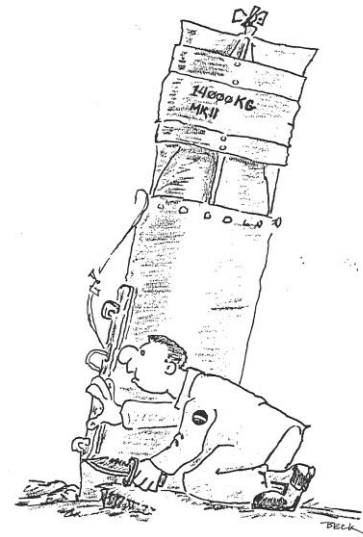
He went out and collected from his friends all the unwanted photographs of women that he could find, bundled them all together, and sent them back with a note saying, "I regret that I cannot remember which one you are. Please keep your photo and return the others."

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At a barracks, the commander calls the captain: "Take as many soldiers you need and start building additional toilets. The number of the people in need has increased!"

"I would suggest, sir, instead of building more toilets, maybe we should get a new cook!"

Contributed by Tom Paone



Forget the shovel, I can dig this sucker out with my "RAMBO" knife!

**EOD CARTOONS CONTRIBUTED BY:
CLARENCE GOLSON**



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

~ Post 237 August 2020 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8p-11p Karaoke w/Carol
2 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	3 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	4 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	5 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	6 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	7 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch	8 9a-10a Cmdrs. Breakfast 10a-11a AL Riders Mtg 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 12p-1p Marine Corp Mtg 8p-11p Karaoke w/Carol
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