

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

Hello my fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary Members, and Sons of the American Legion

The new American Legion fiscal year is off to a strong start for the Post. As you may have noticed, the National Headquarters has already started sending out membership renewal reminders. Adjutant Mary McCoy and 1st Vice Commander Chris Perry have the new membership cards available for anyone who wants to renew early. Mary has been busy as a bee processing memberships. As of last week she has processed 334 memberships for a total of 25.83% of our yearly goal. As a reminder, anyone who renews before the General Membership is eligible for the free "Early Bird Dinner" in October. Let's get those memberships in.

The 3rd Vice Commander Bob Wasniewski and the House and Entertainment Committee are off to a strong start as well. The committee has discovered an accounting error in our software that erroneously left out the sales tax on purchases. The POS system has been reprogrammed to include those taxes which will be a huge savings for the Post.

The American Legion Baseball season has just wrapped up for the summer. Under the tutelage of our coach of almost 28 years, Coach Rick Bragg, these young men finished the season with a 25-8 record. Even though the season is over, Coach Bragg's job is never done. Now is the time when he begins to recruit new players for the 2023 season. →

We are looking for volunteers to help out around the Post. If you have spare time and wouldn't mind volunteering time to help with upgrades, please contact our 1 Year Trustee and Building Committee chairman Robert Barnett, or any of the other committee members.

We will have a special guest speaker at the next General Membership meeting. Her name is Terri Womack; she is a certified VSO from Still Serving Veterans. She will deliver a presentation on what is improving at the VA, as well as information on the Burn Pit Registry. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on August 15th.

Commander Jerry Phelps

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2023 Post Officers

Commander	Jerry Phelps
1st Vice Cdr	Chris Perry
2nd Vice Cdr	Tom Paone
3rd Vice Cdr	Bob Wasniewski
Historian	Ken Carpenter
Sgt At Arms	Cody Klinner
Chaplain	Ed Becher
3 Year Trustee	Ken Reisenweber
Past Commander	Billy Heatherly

The Finance Officer position is open. Ken Vining is acting as Interim Finance Officer and will continue as Assistant Finance Officer after a permanent Finance Officer is found. We also have an opening for Service Officer and Judge Advocate. If you are interested in any of these positions please call the Adjutant's Office at 256-397-3659 or email the Post Commander at commander@legion237.com.



Sons of the American Legion Meeting

The Sons of the American Legion will meet on Sunday, August 14th at 2PM.

Marine Corps League

The Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment 820 of the Marine Corps League meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon at American Legion Post 237. Please contact Ed Becher 269-221-2221 for more information.

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:

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

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OFFICERS

Billy Heatherly	Past Commander
Jerry Phelps	Commander
Chris Perry	1st Vice Commander
Tom Paone	2nd Vice Commander
Bob Wasniewski	3rd Vice Commander
Mary McCoy	Adjutant
Ken Vining	Asst. Finance Officer
Ed Becher	Chaplain
	Service Officer
Ken Carpenter	Historian
Cody Klinner	Sergeant-At-Arms
Robert Barnett	1 Year Trustee
John Lawyer	2 Year Trustee
Ken Reisenweber	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

Jerry Phelps, Billy Heatherly, Chris Perry, Tom Paone, Mary McCoy, Ken Vining, Ken Carpenter, Cody Klinner, Bob Wasniewski, John Lawyer, Robert Barnett, Ken Reisenweber.

House Committee

Bob Wasniewski, Ryan King, Ralph Miller, Billy Heatherly, Channa O'Keefe, Ed Wilson, Joe Norman, John Schantz, Steve Bowling, Ken Reisenweber, Joyce Hampton, Helen French

Finance Committee

Jerry Phelps, Ken Vining, Mary McCoy, Robert Barnett, John Lawyer, Ken Reisenweber, Bob Wasniewski

Building Committee

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

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

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



FROM THE 3RD VICE COMMANDER

Bob Wasniewski, Post 237 3rd Vice Commander

Hello, my fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary Members, and Sons of the American Legion. Let me start by saying thank you for entrusting me with the position of 3rd Vice Commander. I look forward to working with the new Executive Committee and the first time officers to make our Post home a place we can all be proud of as members.

I would like to congratulate our staff for successfully completing the ServSafe training on July 12th. All staff members at Post 237 are now certified, which hasn't been accomplished in a while. From what I've been told, passing the exam was no easy matter. They spent a great deal of their own time studying for, and taking this exam.



In the next couple of weeks, I will be conducting a review of all current operating procedures, inventories, and pricing. I will be seeking guidance and suggestions from the Executive Committee as well as all of you.

I would also like to remind everyone that the ballroom is available to rent for all members as well as the public. Utilizing this space as much as possible is one of my main objectives.



Post 237 Auxiliary Collection for Tut Fann Veteran's Home

**Donations Needed for Tut
Fann Veteran's Home**

* Little Debbie snacks, individually wrapped

* Crackers with peanut butter, individually wrapped

* Crackers with cheese, individually wrapped

* Mini Sodas

* Large Candy bars

Tut Fann is unable to accept home made goods. Donation bin is located in the meeting room at Post 237. Donations accepted until September 1, 2022.

EVERYONE WELCOME, PLEASE COME JOIN US.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

AUGUST 12, 2022 5:30 PM UNTIL 8:00 PM
AMERICAN LEGION POST 237
2900 DRAKE AVE. SW. HUNTSVILLE. AL



RIBEYE STEAK DINNER	\$22.00 *
GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST DINNER	\$15.00 *
FRIED OR SAUTEED SHRIMP DINNER	\$15.00 *
SURF AND TURF DINNER	\$28.00 *

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE SALAD, BAKED POTATO, ROLL AND TEA

* PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE 9% SALES TAX WE ARE
REQUIRED TO COLLECT ON FOOD AND DRINK ITEMS.

**BE ENTERTAINED BY THE SOUNDS OF A LIVE JAZZ
BAND FROM 5:30 UNTIL WHENEVER!**

The band is:

**Jeff and
Company**

**HONOR GUARD DONATIONS:
YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS FOR 2022
WILL SUPPORT YOUR POST 237 HONOR GUARD**

The Huntsville American Legion Clayton E. Moneymaker Post 237 and Post 229 Honor Guard provide military funeral services for area military veterans. From June 2021 through March, 2022, your Post Honor Guard, consisting of volunteers, has provided this service to more than ninety families. In addition, the Honor Guard performs flag ceremonies for various civic affairs, such as Memorial Day, and requested services.

This memorable service is provided to veteran's families at no charge, and receives no funding from outside the Post membership. The annual costs (transportation, vehicle maintenance and insurance, etc.) for the Honor Guard is approximately \$5,000 per year. Please assist your Honor Guard.

Tax deductible donations can be mailed to Alabama American Legion Post 237, P.O. Box 1176, Huntsville, AL 35807 or dropped off at the Post. Please note on the check or the envelope that the donation is intended for the Honor Guard.

Contributed by Ken Carpenter, Post 237 Historian

Honor Guard Call to Arms

The Post 237 Honor Guard has dwindled down to about half as many members as it once had. Over the past few years, deaths, members moving away, medical issues or just plain old age has taken its toll on the Honor Guard. The Honor Guard has been able to maintain operations without denying any request for services but at times, we have had a limited number of available members. In the past two years we have provided over 200 military funerals, averaging about two per week. We are on call seven days a week. Many of our members have full time jobs and can participate only on the weekends, leaving the full-time retirees to fend for the weekdays. We combine efforts with the Post 229 Honor Guard to fulfill the funeral requests and maintain a perfect record. Our goal is to have enough members to rotate so that no one person must do all the funerals. We need your help to make this happen.

If you feel duty bound to pay your respects to veterans in their passing, join the Honor Guard. The Honor Guard will issue you a summer and winter uniform with all accessories. All you have to provide is your American legion cap and a pair of black shoes. Transportation from Post 237 to the assignment and back is provided by the Post 237 van. The rifle salute uses M1 Garand rifles of WWII vintage that have been restored.

To join the Honor Guard, contact Earl Hokanson the Honor Guard Commander at 256-527-4009.





Alabama American Legion Baseball serving veterans and families since 1928 is raising funds to supply a disabled veteran with an all terrain mobility wheelchair as part of the 2022 Mid-South Regional Baseball Tournament 2-7 August 2022 in Pelham, AL.

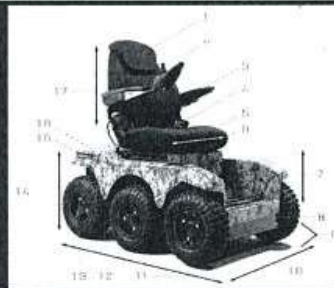
The funds raised will be used to supply the 6x6 Freedom Chair and defray costs for hosting the nearly 200 players and coaches from KS, MO, AR, OK, LA, MS and AL.

DISABLED VETERAN FUNDRAISER

PayPal QR code



Any credit card QR code



Alabama American Legion Baseball is a non-profit veterans' organization.
Donations can be made by using the QR codes or check payable to:
American Legion Dept of AL Youth Baseball Association
120 North Jackson Street Montgomery, AL 36104



Veterans Evaluation Services Mobile Unit Visit



Veterans Evaluation Services, a contractor to the VA, will be onsite at Post 237 with their mobile clinic unit on Thursday, August 25th. They will provide eye exams for patients who have previously been scheduled by the VA for evaluations. They will use our ballroom as a waiting area and our restroom facilities for the patients as well.

This is an opportunity for our Post to serve these veteran patients. We will welcome these veterans and their family members and have beverages and snacks available while they wait. We plan to showcase our facilities. This is another example of the American Legion and Post 237's commitment to veterans in the North Alabama area.

Note: The eye exams will be provided to VA patients that have been previously scheduled by the Veterans Administration. Walk-ins will not be seen.

2022 Members Survey

We really want to know what you are thinking. If you have not had the opportunity to fill out the 2022 Post 237 Members Survey you can get a printed copy and leave it at the Adjutant's Office or you can complete it online at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdsmM_mLT7s4x08mfJgOTxd_qFPaCNQe3m_y2zAbbrMhAvK9w/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_for_m_link



From the Adjutant's Desk

2023 dues payments are coming in at a very high number of renewals. Please be patient if you are looking for your 2023 membership card or a check to clear your bank account. Call me at 256-397-3659 to verify your payment has been received.

Motorcycle Riders; the American Legion Riders Annual Legacy Run is August 21 – 26th. Contact Steve Bowling, 256-603-8043 for details. Also check out the article in The American Legion July 2022 magazine issue.

I will be attending the first leg of the Legacy Run from Mobile, Alabama to Tupelo, Mississippi. I will also attend the American Legion Annual Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from August 24 – 30, 2022.

Mary McCoy, Post 237 Adjutant



TEXAS HOLDEM FUNDRAISER

Come and play in the weekly Texas Holdem fundraiser which is played 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!!



**American Legion Post 237
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Sunday, 2 October 2022**

\$240 Team Registration (4 Players)

\$60 Individual Registration

Deadline 23 September 2022

\$250 Red Sponsorship

\$500 WHITE Sponsorship

\$1000 Blue Sponsorship

\$500 Lunch Sponsorship

Donate Merchandise or Gift Cards!

Download Entry Form and Sponsor Forms at:

<http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=146>

Mail Payment and completed forms to:

American Legion Post 237

Attn: Golf Tournament

P.O. Box 1176

Huntsville, AL 35807

Email questions to any member of the Golf Committee.

Colonial Golf Course

400 Colonial Drive

Meridianville, AL

Times:

7:00 – Registration

8:00 – Shotgun Start

2:00 – Lunch at Post 237

2:30 – Prizes and Raffle

Prizes for: Tournament Placing
Longest Putt Made
Most Accurate Drive
Longest Drive
Closest to the Pin

Golf Committee:

Chris Perry 256-417-3664; chris@colemarieaustin.com

Channa Perez 256-683-9827; okeefechanna@gmail.com

Jeff Osberg 757-633-4620; ossie624@yahoo.com

Denis Atkins 301-326-8762; datkins2591@gmail.com

All proceeds will be used to support American Legion Post 237 Veteran's Support Programs.

Four Person Scramble

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCH

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11 AM -1:30 PM

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

KARAOKE

SOCIAL QUARTERS

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

SAT 8 PM - 12 AM KARAOKE WITH MIKEY MIKE

FRI 7 – 11 PM KARAOKE WITH HEATH

TRIVIA

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY 7-9 PM WITH LISA AND ZACK

BINGO

POST 237 ANNEX

SUN 3:30 PM WED, THU AND SAT 6 PM

MEMBERSHIP DINNER AND MEETING

BALLROOM

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

POOL TOURNAMENT

SOCIAL QUARTERS

ALTERNATING THURSDAYS 7 PM

TEXAS HOLDEM FUNDRAISER

SOCIAL QUARTERS

TUESDAY 6 PM

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
Church! Have fun, exercise your
brain and win Legion Bucks!



Social Quarters Hours of Operation

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

Adjutant's Office Hours

Monday	11:00AM – 5:00PM
Tuesday	11:00AM – 5:00PM
Wednesday	11:00AM – 5:00PM
Thursday	11:00AM – 5:00PM
Friday	11:00AM – 5:00PM

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

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



Lunch at the Legion

Monday through Friday

11:00AM to 1:30PM

Specials:

Philly Cheese Steak – Wednesday

Taco Salad – Thursday

Fish -Friday

Smoke Free Lunch!

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



HUMOR IN UNIFORM



Courtesy of Mary McCoy

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



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

- Sun., 3:30 PM – Auxiliary Post 176**
- Wed., 6PM – Auxiliary Post 237**
- Thur., 6PM – SAL Squadron 237**
- Sat., 6PM – Legion Post 237**

Around the Post

At the July 18th Membership Meeting, Commander Jerry Phelps awarded Legionnaire Ed Wilson with a plaque and certificate recognizing his 40+ years of service to Post 237. Ed volunteers to check the Post before it closes at night and escorts the bartenders to their vehicles after the club closes. Commander Phelps designated Ed as the Post's Head of Security. Thank you Ed for your dedication and service!



~ Post 237 August 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-7p Bldg Committee 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	2 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Texas Holdem 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	3 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p AUX237 Bingo	4 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p SAL237 Bingo 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	5 11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Heath	6 6p-8p AL237 Bingo 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
7 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-5:30p AUX176 Bingo	8 11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	9 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg. 6p-8p Texas Holdem	10 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p AUX237 Bingo 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting	11 11a-1:30p Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 6p-8p SAL237 Bingo 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	12 11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Heath 5:30-8p Friday Night Dinner with Jazz Band	13 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 12p-1p Marine Corp Mtg 6p-8p AL237 Bingo 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
14 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner 3:30p-5:30p AUX176 Bingo	15 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Mbrs. Dinner and Meeting 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	16 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Texas Holdem	17 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p AUX237 Bingo	18 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-7p Comm Cmte Mtg 6p-8p SAL237 Bingo 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	19 11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Heath	20 6p-8p AL237 Bingo 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
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Details on Calendar items are available by clicking on the item at:

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

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