

ROLL CALL

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

Hello fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons,

I am just going to keep this month's Commander's Corner short and sweet. The month of November was another great month for your Legion Post. A lot of work was done, such as the repair work of the roof by C&K Roofing. They have adopted our roof and provided the material and done the work for free.

Planning of other projects is currently being work by our newly formed and appointed Building Committee. We are still asking for volunteers for several projects. The Communications Committee is looking for a couple of good Legionnaires, please contact 2nd Vice Commander Tom Paone if you are interested.

If you like Bingo, we will be looking for a volunteer to become the Bingo Chairman soon. 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.

From the Staff and Officers of Your American Legion, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of the Legion Family

Thank you all,

Commander Billy Heatherly

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Telephone Lines

Tom Paone, 2nd Vice Commander

Many of us still have home phones. They mostly sit idle except for the nagging calls from telemarketers. They interrupt at the most inopportune times bearing news of compromised computers and Social Security numbers or selling medical insurance and vehicle warranties.

For some of us the 'land line' serves as a lifeline to our past. It provides a link to relatives and old friends who have our home phone number tucked away in a weathered phone book under the first letter of our last name. Those calls have gotten fewer as time marches on.

The digital age with social media and cell phones that index hundreds of contacts has eliminated the need for a hard wired telephone. Yet many of us still pay 'Ma Bell' for the luxury of having that analog connection to the outside world.

This year has been particularly hard on many of the elderly members of our Legion family. The Coronavirus has kept us hunkered down in our homes afraid that contact with others in the community will have deadly consequences. We have many longtime members that have not visited the Post in 2020 and have lost contact with their old comrades.

Several months ago our First Vice Commander, CeVin Barnes, wrote an article urging each of us to perform a 'Buddy Check' with a handful of our Legion Family members. Last year Bud Pagakis lead a similar effort asking members to call and check on older members of our Post.

I tried it, and it was a surprisingly rewarding experience. All of the veteran that I talked with were cordial and pleased to hear from another Legionnaire and thanked me for taking the time to call.

You often hear that the Christmas Season is a time for giving. I recommend that you give yourself a gift. Slow down long enough to make contact with some of your old Legion buddies or get a 'Buddy Check' list from the Adjutant and ring a few home phones. The person on the other end of the line will be delighted that a friend is calling and that you are not trying to sell them a cable TV subscription.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:

https://www.theredstonerocket.com/eedition/page_7ecd5d3b-38e6-5685-9314-3de2f7e5cd21.html

AMERICAN LEGION

CLAYTON E. MONEYSMAKER POST 237

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CeVin Barnes	1st Vice Commander
Tom Paone	2nd Vice Commander
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John Carr	3 Year Trustee

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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

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Building Committee

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

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

Roof Repair

Heroes Week is the name that the Post 237 Golf Committee gave to the week of Veterans Day. On Sunday November 8th the Post had a very successful Golf Tournament. On November 11th VFW Post 5162 teamed with Post 237 to celebrate Veterans Day by hosting a Veterans Day Lunch. And the same week a special team of **heroes** arrived at our Post to repair our leaky roof.

C & K Roofing and Construction spent several days cleaning and prepping our roof. On Friday, C & K's crew of professional roofers sealed all of the seams and fasteners on the roof. They are also fabricating flashing for the problem areas and plan to repair the roof above the vestibule at the main entrance. **ABC Supply** donated some of the materials and C & K donated the balance of the material and all of the labor to repair the roof.

We are very grateful to C & K Roofing's owners Jim and Beth Gentry and their employees for their generosity. Jim is an Air Force veteran. He volunteered to adopt the Post's roof and follow up if we have further issues.

Television channels 48, 19, and 31 featured the roof repair on their news programs. Please take the time to provide a positive review for C& K Roofing on Google Maps and on home repair sites such as Angie's List and Home Advisor. Also, if you need a roof repair at your home or business please give C& K a call at: **256-326-4232**.



New Year's Eve Party



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
6:30PM TO 12:30AM**

KARAOKE WITH HOWIE!

**HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES
MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST!**

\$15 PER PERSON

- OR -

\$25 PER COUPLE

TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE BAR

COAT AND TUT FANN DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS AND VETERANS



**SPONSORED BY:
AMERICAN LEGION POST 237 BASEBALL**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
10AM UNTIL 2PM**

**DROP OFF SERVICEABLE MEN'S AND
WOMEN'S COATS AND ITEMS FROM THE TUT
FANN WISHLIST AT:
AMERICAN LEGION POST 237
2900 DRAKE AVE. SW
HUNTSVILLE, AL**

Please Drop Items for Tut Fann Veterans at the American Legion Post 237 Baseball Drive on Saturday, December 12th from 10AM until 2PM



Tut Fann Veterans Home Resident Wish List

"Serving Those Who Served"

Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home
2701 Meridian Street
Huntsville, AL 35811
256-852-5170

If you have questions regarding a donation, please contact:
Rae Kryc: Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
@ (256) 852-5710 ext. 2270 / rkryc@hmrvti.com

Donate Money to the Veterans Benevolent Fund

Veterans Benevolent Fund donations allow us to assist the residents in many different areas such as providing personal care items and various activities in house and outside the Home.

If you would like to financially support the veterans at Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home

Make checks payable to:

Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home

Attention: Activity Department

2701 Meridian Street, Huntsville, AL 35811

Donate Items

Miscellaneous: We do NOT accept used medical equipment, books/magazines, or home-baked goods

- Music Therapy: SanDisk Clip Jam mP3 players & over the head headphones (*not in ear headphones*)
CD's: Greatest Hits – Country, R&B, Jazz, Gospel, Big Band, 50's, 60's, 70's
- Audio Books: westerns, mysteries, women's
- Small CD players for veteran's rooms
- Handheld Electronic Games (Mega Screen Electronic Poker, Blackjack, Solitaire, Slot)
- Veteran Ball Caps (WWII, Korea, Vietnam; military branches; general veteran)
- Magazine/Newspaper subscriptions -*multiple subscriptions needed* (Outdoor Life, Time, National Geographic, Sports Illustrated, Motor Trend, Military History, Field & Stream, Reader's Digest Large Print, Birds & Blooms, Discover, Classic Car, Car & Driver, Popular Mechanics, Rolling Stone, In-Fisherman, Speedway Illustrated)
- New Art Supplies: watercolor paints, acrylic paints, watercolor paper, small canvases, paint brushes, foam paint brushes, small wood crafts/wood paintables, glue, glue sticks, military scrapbook paper/stickers

Let us do the shopping – Donate a gift card! VISAMC, Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree, iTunes,

Toiletries: **NO travel sizes**

- Body wash ('manly scents' – Axe, Old Spice, etc.)
- After shave (NON-ALCOHOL, no glass)
- Shampoo/Conditioner ('manly scents')
- Toothpaste/Mouthwash (NON-ALCOHOL)
- Lotion
- Lip Balm
- Rechargeable Electric Razors

Do NOT need:

Toothbrushes
Hairbrushes/combs
Tissues
Q-tips/ Cotton balls
Blankets/Afghans

Clothing: **NEW clothing items are accepted**

- Men's White Undershirts (primarily sizes L and XL; some M, 2XL, 3XL)
- Men's Belts – large sizes 36-50
- Men's House Shoes/Slippers – non-slip, not slip-on) – sizes 9-10, 11-12

Other Donation Ideas:

- Sponsor a 'Bingo for Bucks' game day – played every Thursday – ~\$70
- Have a meal delivered to the veterans
- Sponsor a holiday party or random party (provide food/snacks, drinks, goodies for the veterans)
- iPads, Kindle Fires for veterans' independent activities and to allow for communication with their families
- Always accepting full-size candy bars (used as Bingo prizes every Monday) and individually packaged snacks (bags of chips/crackers/cookies, Cracker Jack, mini cans of soda, beef jerky, pudding, applesauce)

“What A Life”: Mary Lou Barksdale-White

Months before the U.S. entered the “war to end all wars” (WW I), and years before the American Legion was formed (1920), Mary Lou Baggette was born on a farm near Pyriton, Alabama.

Mary Lou, now in her 104th year, has lived a long, productive life. In a recent interview, she reminisced on some of the many changes she had witnessed in her lifetime. One of which she recalled was the how the role of women in our society has changed. She owned and operated her own business, a beauty shop, in an age when most women were “stay -at-home-moms”.

Mary Lou married three times. First, to Johnny Martin, the father of her two children son James (now deceased) and daughter Lynn. Her second husband was Tom Barksdale, to whom she was married 32 years and finally, she wed the “love of her life, Loren White”. →

After being widowed a number of years, Mary Lou Barksdale, and her close friend, Lillian McDuffey met Loren White while on a trip to Biloxi, Miss. Upon her return to Huntsville, Mary Lou told friends, she had met “someone, a younger man”. With fear and trembling friends held their breathe, until 89 year old Mary Lou revealed that Loren was only 2 years her junior!!

Mary Lou Barksdale White has been an **American Legion Auxiliary member for over seventy years**. During that time, she has held every elected office in the local Auxiliary in addition to holding offices on the Department (state) level. **What a life!**

Pictured below at the recent Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion (Alabama) Post 237 Centennial Celebration is Mary Lou with Department Alabama Auxiliary President Kathy Phillips (L) and Unit 237 Auxiliary President Sherry Schroen.

Contributed by Shirley Mohler – Auxiliary First Vice. Picture by Bill Gordon, Post 237 Photographer



Heroes Week Golf Tournament Committee

Post 237 American Legion Members,

I want to pass on the Golf Committee's gratitude for all the support provided by every single person involved in helping this event to be a great success. A very special note of thanks to our committee members and they are Jerry Phelps, Jeff Osberg, Ralph Miller, Don Kimminau, Coach Rick Bragg and Dennis Atkins. Our tournament took place on November 8, 2020 and began with beautiful weather. God wanted this to be great too.

We had 19 teams show up and each was able to play and compete for some awesome place-prizes. We held lunch afterwards and before I go on let me thank the club manager Channa Perez who purchased all the food supplies and Carl who made the beans and potato salad which was terrific. Joe Norman prepared the Barbeque and as always Joe prepared an awesome meal, so thank you Joe. Also, a special thanks to Tonya Phelps, Cassie Powers and Janice and Marty Foster for assisting with the food service and handing out raffle tickets. Additionally, Coach Bragg helped us with four outstanding young baseball players who unloaded bags from cars and loaded onto golf carts, they were Chris Fuqua, Pearson Meadows, Austin McDonald and John Michael Schmitz, thank you gentlemen for your help.

Following our lunch Jeff Osberg headed an auction to raise money where we sold off a lot of the donated items from our sponsors. Our auction raised \$2200 and the sale of mulligans raised \$610. The tournament raised \$14,300 in total.

Dennis Atkins, Golf Committee Chairman



Individual Golf Tournament Sponsors and Dedications

\$100 In Memory/Honor of Sponsors:

Ross Ratcliffe- In Memory of Capt Donald R. Ratcliffe, USMC
Jeff Leopard- In Memory SFC Bill Sanderson, USA 20th SFG, ALNG
Wade Preston- In Memory of Charles "Charlie" Sneed, USAF
Lauren Van Cleave- In Memory of SFT James F. Van Cleave, USA
Dennis W. Atkins- In Memory of EM2 Billy J. Atkins, USCG
Providence Dental- Dr. Sewah Persaud- In Memory of Richard Clay
Billy D. Atkins- In Memory of Charles C. Monroe, USMC WWII
Sue Blanton- In Memory of Paul J. Williams, USA WWII
Sue Blanton- In Honor of Tom J. Blanton, USA
Dorothy Atkins- In Honor of Dennis W. Atkins
Ralph Miller- In Honor of Ralph Miller, USA
Martha Hall- In Honor of Roy Hall CSM, Retired, USA

\$250 Red Hole Sponsors:

Madison Golf Center
Dr. Joseph Pettus In Memory of Michael Lucas
Twin Peaks

\$500 White Hole Sponsors:

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 237
SCI
University Kia
Bud Pagakis - In Memory of William O. Diamond, KIA Vietnam, 1967
Dennis W. Atkins- In Memory of Clarence "Bob" Smaltz USN, WWII
Tom & Christie Paone, Caroline Decker and John Szelich - In Honor of Our Military Family Members
Bo Thomas, Thomas HVAC
Don Kimminau and Thompson Gray
Mary Bonilla - In Memory of Maj Thurman B. Self USMC, WWII

\$1000 Blue Sponsor

Marcia Moneymaker Campbell - In Memory of SSGT Clayton E. Moneymaker, USA WWII

Other Cash Donors

Tom and Pattie Hartley
Rueben and Jessica Neal
Marvin Smith
Osborne's Jewelers
Billiards and Barstools
Mike Gentle and Madison Public Works



**Thanks to All of Our
Generous Golf
Tournament Sponsors!**

**Marcia Moneymaker Campbell
Bud Pagakis
Dennis W. Atkins
Tom and Christie Paone, Carolyn Decker and John Szelich
Mary Bonilla**

- Prize Sponsors**
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| Rocket Harley Davidson | Ulta Beauty Supply | Chuy's Tex-Mex |
| Valley Hills Country Club | X-Golf | City Café Diner |
| Gunters Landing Golf Course | Bigfoot's Little Donuts | Rocket City Trash Pandas |
| Colonial Golf Course | Hand and Stone Massage | Osborne's Jewelers |
| Sunset Landing Golf Course | Cunningham's Outdoors | Parkway Place Mall |
| Cherokee Ridge Golf Course | Hooters | Richard's Lighting |
| Twin Lakes Golf Course | Bad Daddy's Burger Bar | Lee's Magic Tunnel Carwash |
| Quail Creek Golf Course | Red Lobster | Apple Lane Farm |
| Goose Pond Colony Golf Course | Twin Peaks | Simon's Jewelers |
| Huntsville Country Club | Earth and Stone Pizzeria | WalMart |
| Southern Gayle's Golf Course | Las Trojas (Hazel Green) | The Brass Tap |
| Robert Trent Jones Golf Course | Fox Run Golf Course | Meridianville Pit BBQ |
| Logan's Roadhouse | Donato's Pizza (South Pky) | Cabela's |



Pictures by Bill Gordon – Post Photographer



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...CQ...Call All Ham's! Yeah, I know ya'll are tired of hearing that already but, it is a danger of the hobby. Well, we have gotten off to a good start and are hoping for more interest in the coming months. We have identified a few Ham's in the post who are interested getting this chapter started and a couple of members interested in taking the classes to prep for the Technician Class License test. I have been talking to the people in charge about the best time and day of the week to meet and though we haven't finalized anything yet it is looking like the third Saturday of the month and either late morning or early afternoon. So, be looking for an official announcement sometime after the first of the year.

Now, a little bit about the Technician Class License Prep Classes and the Testing. I am lining up other local hams to donate their time to help teach the classes and a couple more VE's (Volunteer Examiners) to be able to have a testing session. The classes are not going to be an Engineering level class by any means. The class curriculum is geared to give the student the basic tools and understanding needed to pass the Technician Class test which consists of a very basic knowledge of the FCC Part 97 rules and basic electronics. We are going to open the classes up to the Huntsville community and I have already reached out a local BSA Troop and offered to help them with getting any of them in and helping them obtain their Amateur Radio Merit Badge. After the classes are over we will be hosting the FCC Testing session and I am looking for as many ARRL (American Amateur Radio Relay League) VE's as we can identify to help with the session because the FCC Part 97 Rules specify we are required to open the testing session to the public. →

The testing session will require a minimal fee usually about \$15 but, I am looking way to eliminate that fee for post members.

Ham Radio is a great hobby for adult but is also a great hobby to share with the younger members of your family as in my family we have three living generations of Ham Radio Operators. Don't think you are too old or too young because my son was licensed when he was 10 years old and it made his grandfather very proud!

73's
K4AEE

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!



Second Sunday Pot Luck

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



The Adjutant's Printer

In 2017 American Legion Post 237 leased a printer from XMC Inc. With the challenges presented by the Coronavirus the lease payments became a financial burden for the Post.

After presenting our case to the President of XMC Inc., Sean Seward, XMC offered to buy out the remainder of our lease and allow us to continue to use the printer for a minimal maintenance payment and a per copy fee, saving us close to \$2000 per year.

We are grateful for XMC's charitable offer. They are a company with a heart. This allows us to spend our funds on programs that benefit veterans and our community.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

American Legion Invites High School Students To Compete In Speech Contest

High school students of Madison County, AL have been invited by The American Legion Posts in the county to compete in the 84th Annual American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program.

The Oratorical Contest presents our county high school students with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership skills, the history of the nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

The subject in the prepared oration portion of the contest must be about some phase of the Constitution of the United States, emphasizing the duties and obligations of a citizen to the United States government. The contest will also include an assigned subject allowing the contestants to briefly speak on a specific Constitutional matter.

The first level of competition will start at 10:00 AM, January 23, 2021 at Madison City Hall, 100 Hughes Road, Madison, Alabama 35758. Contestants must arrive by 9:30 for briefing. The winner of the Madison County competition will be eligible to advance in the contest to the District, Division, and State of Alabama levels of competition.

There will be monetary awards presented at each level of competition for the first three places. The winner at each level will progress to the next level. The State of Alabama winner will be awarded scholarships of \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000 for the top three places, respectively. The winner of the Alabama competition will advance to the National finals which will be held in Indianapolis in April, 2021.

At the National level, there will be three levels of competition: Round 1, Round 2 and Final. Each state winner who competes in the first round of the national contest will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Participants in the second round who do not advance to the national final round will receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The top three youth orators who have won all previous elimination rounds of the contest will receive college scholarships of \$25,000, \$22,500, and \$20,000, respectively.

The American Legion will pay travel and lodging expenses of state winners at the national contest.

High school students in Madison County who are interested in entering the competition will find complete rules and contest information at www.legion.org/oratorical. The contest for Madison County students has been arranged with the cooperation of local school officials. Contact your Career/College Counselor for more information. Additional information can be found at: www.legion237.com/index.php?id=152

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

(A Marine version)

By James M. Schmidt (1987)

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one-bedroom house made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney, with presents to give
and to see just who in this home did live.

As I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand.
On the wall hung pictures of a far distant land.

With medals and badges, awards of all kind,
a sobering thought soon came to my mind.
For this house was different, unlike any I'd seen.
This was the home of a U.S. Marine.

I'd heard stories about them, I had to see more,
so I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.
And there he lay sleeping, silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor in his one-bedroom home.

He seemed so gentle, his face so serene,
Not how I pictured a U.S. Marine.
Was this the hero, of whom I'd just read?
Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?

His head was clean-shaven, his weathered face tan.
I soon understood, this was more than a man.
For I realized the families that I saw that night,
owed their lives to these men, who were willing to fight.

Soon around the Nation, the children would play,
And grown-ups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom, each month and all year,
because of Marines like this one lying here.

Contributed by Michael Kinney



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.

The Communications Committee meets at the Post at 11am on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

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.

Membership Update

Our Membership for 2020 was 1277. Our current 2021 paid Membership is 944 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

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.

OCTOBER SIGHS

The month of October has kept the Post 237 Honor Guard very busy. And considering what our main function is that is not something to celebrate. Yet on October 4th of 2020, the Honor Guard was asked to render military honors at the U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum at 2060 Airport Road in Huntsville for the Celebration of Life for Larry D. Gillespie July 1, 1948 -July 4, 2020.

Larry was a retired Huntsville City police officer and retired National Guardsman. He served two tours in Vietnam and also served in Operation Desert Storm with the 109th Medivac unit.

Some of his accolades include the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation medal, Good Conduct medal, Vietnam Campaign medal, Southwest Asia Service medal, and the Meritorious Service award from the City of Huntsville along with two Police Officer of the Year awards.

He will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery. Present at the large gathering was the Huntsville Police Honor Guard who posted and rendered the colors. On October 10th, the Honor Guard provided a gun salute at Valhalla Funeral Home for Robert M. Tynes who died at the age of 100. Mr. Tynes began his government service in the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1939. He was discharged from the CCC and enlisted in the Army in 1941. Robert served in the European and Pacific Theatres ending the war as a Master Sergeant. He was appointed Warrant Officer during the Korean war and served during the Cuban Missile crisis. After more than 20 years he retired from the military as CWO3. He had earned many medals and awards. After his military retirement, Mr. Tynes worked for several NASA contractors and assisted in the development of the Moon Rover.

With several more services following those, two members of the Honor Guard were present to post the colors on October 17th for the Centennial celebration of Post 237.

Sadly, the month ended with the October service for Moe Morales, a Marine and member of our post. The service was held on October 31st.

In the midst of celebration
Beneath the Autumn skies
Another leaf has flown
Into October's sighs.

John E. Carson

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

Honor Guard - Crestwood Flag Raising

This letter of gratitude for the Honor Guard presentation at Crestwood Medical Center was sent to Dr. Robert "Spider" Parks on 12 Nov. 2020.

Dear Mr. Parks,
Thank you so much for all that you do for our veterans. The flag raising ceremony at Crestwood Medical Center's 2nd Annual Veterans Day Celebration was executed with exceptional precision, stirring the hearts of those in attendance. Huntsville is fortunate to have Post 237 Honor Guard in our community for occasions such as these. Thank you for your service to our country. Thank you for the beautiful military honors; it was a wonderful tribute to those who have served.

Sincerely,
Pam Hudson, MD, Chief Executive Officer,
Crestwood Medical Center



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCH

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11AM -1:30PM

Specials: Tue – Spaghetti, Wed - Stuffed Potato,
Thu – Taco Salad, Fri - Fish

KARAOKE AND LIVE BAND

SOCIAL QUARTERS

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

SAT 8PM-12 AM KARAOKE WITH CAROL

FRI 7-10:30PM OCEAN DRIFT PLAYING IN THE BALLROOM

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 DINNER \$5.00 AT 6 PM AND MEETING AT 7 PM

POOL TOURNAMENT

SOCIAL QUARTERS

THURSDAYS 7:00 PM



Around the Post

Social Quarters Heating & A/C

The air conditioning unit in the social quarters area went out the week of November 23rd. This was the oldest unit at the Post. Carlton's Cooling and Heating came onsite and noted that the main fuses were blown again. They have replaced the same fuses several times in the past. Carlton's recommended that this unit be replaced. The A/C unit sits on the roof above the vestibule entrance to the bar. The roof was completely rotten and leaked badly into the vestibule.

Rude Cowe and Channa Perez worked together to coordinate C&K Roofing and Carlton's Cooling and Heating to remove the old unit and rebuild the roof over the vestibule. Carlton plans to lift the new unit onto the rebuilt roof and install it the week of November 30th.

Many thanks to C&K Roofing who donated the labor and materials to rebuild the roof and to Carlton's Cooling and Heating.

Social Quarters Hours of Operation

CLOSING TIMES ARE BACK TO NORMAL!

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



BINGO AT THE ANNEX

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

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



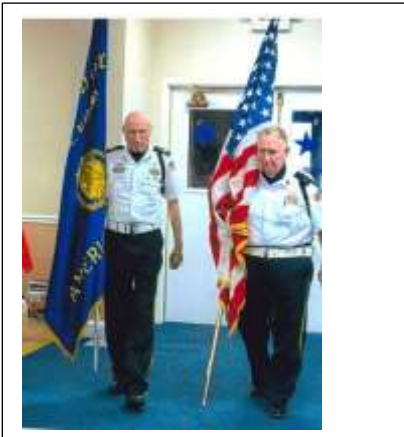
HUMOR IN UNIFORM






Golf
Tournament
Pics by:
Bill
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The cartoons are courtesy of the Readers Digest, To contribute a funny story to Humor in Uniform email to: newsletter@legion237.com

Veterans Day Lunch
Pictures by Bill Gordon - Post Photographer



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MonSun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	2 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	3 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	4 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	5 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
6 District 12 Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	7 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack 6p-7p Bldg. Committee Mtg.	8 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg.	9 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting	10 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	11 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	12 10a-11a AL Riders Mtg 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 12p-1p Marine Corp Mtg 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
13 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner	14 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	15 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch	16 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch 11a-12p Comm Cmte Mtg 6p-8p Employee Christmas Party	17 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	18 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	19 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
20 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	21 Winter Solstice 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p- Membership Dinner 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	22 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p County Meeting	23 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	24 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 6p-12a Christmas Eve Closing	25 Christmas Christmas Day - Post Closed 	26 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
27 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	28 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	29 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch	30 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	31 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 6:30p-12a New Years Party		

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

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

