

# ROLL CALL

## Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237



## Alabama's Largest American Legion Post

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

Hello fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons,

Just going to keep this month's corner short and sweet. The month of November was another great month for your Legion Post, and I do hope that everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Day holiday. Remember to acknowledge and hold reverent the sacrifices made on December 7<sup>th</sup>, "A Day that will live in infamy." Be sure to check with your fellow Veterans and their families as the Christmas Holiday season fast approaches.

As this year comes to a close, and a new one is ready to begin, we are still asking for volunteers for several projects in need. The Club is still going full swing, so please come on in and partake of some fellowship with your Legion friends. 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!

*Commander Billy Heatherly*

### **Christmas Day and December Meetings**

The Post Cantina will be closed on Christmas day. There will not be a December Executive board nor a December Membership Meeting. Christmas Dinner will be served at 6PM on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>.

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## New Telephone Service

Post 237 has changed out our primary telephone service to Ooma, a Voice Over IP phone service provider. Ooma provides advanced features unavailable from our previous telephone vendor and lowers our monthly telephone costs.

Our main number (256)883-9911 and finance office number (256)489-9668 have been ported to Ooma. We have also added (256)397-3659 and (256)397-3661 direct numbers to the Adjutant/Commander's office and Club Manager's Office. Voice mail is available at all numbers.

When dialing the main number a Virtual Receptionist presents menu options for transfer to the adjutant, finance office, or club manager/bartender. It also provides info on Bingo, Club Hours, and Membership.

Please try out the new phone service and let us know what you think.

## Veteran Service Officer

Nick Jones, Post 237 and District 12 Veteran Service Officer, is available by phone at 256-361-3702 from 10am to 5pm Monday thru Friday. Or by email at: [serviceofc@legion237.com](mailto:serviceofc@legion237.com)

## Discounts! Discounts! Discounts!

Thanks to Michele Kinney for researching and authoring several lists of discounts.  
2021 Military Discounts at:

<http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=154>

2021 Senior Discounts at:

<http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=155>

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:

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

## AMERICAN LEGION CLAYTON E. MONEYMAKER POST 237

### OFFICERS

Billy Heatherly	Commander
Michael Kinney	1st Vice Commander
Tom Paone	2nd Vice Commander
Jerry Phelps	3rd Vice Commander
Mary McCoy	Adjutant
Bud Pagakis	Finance Officer
Dennis Atkins	Chaplain
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Ken Carpenter	Historian
Cody Klinner	Sergeant-At-Arms
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Robert Barnett	2 Year Trustee
John Lawyer	3 Year Trustee
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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 Perez	Club Manager

### Executive Committee

Billy Heatherly, Tom Paone, Jerry Phelps, Mary McCoy, Bud Pagakis, Nicholas Jones, Ken Carpenter, Rudy Cowe, Dennis Atkins, Cody Klinner, Michael Kinney, John Lawyer, and Robert Barnett.

### House Committee

Jerry Phelps, Ryan King, Ralph Miller, Billy Heatherly, Channa Perez, Bob Wasniewski, Ed Wilson, John Schantz, Steve Bowling, Ken Reisenweber, Joyce Hampton

### Finance Committee

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

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

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

## The RoundUp App

As a Veteran's Service Organization our American Legion Post 237 has an obligation to provide first-class services to our North Alabama Veterans. To create a first-class service organization our Post needs a consistent revenue stream that will fund the necessary budget items for our Veterans and enable us to support our charitable programs.

Our Post Finance Office has investigated and vetted one resource to put our Post on a track to self sufficient funding. The RoundUp App is an easy way for our members and supporters to help fund our Post and service budget. The RoundUp app can be downloaded on your PC, phone or tablet. There are no initial costs to use the RoundUp app.

The RoundUp program will round up each purchase on a linked card to the next dollar for the purchases you make within the month. For example if you spend \$10.25 at the hardware store, the app will round up that purchase by 75 cents to \$11. At the end of the month the app will deposit all of your round ups into our Post account less a 1% service fee.

The RoundUp App will work on any valid credit or debit card on all purchases made with that card. A normal credit card user will end up making between \$10 and \$20 in donation to the Post every month. If we have only 200 members contributing \$10 per month with this program, we will net \$1,800 per month after deducting the 1% RoundUp service fee. Users can establish donation limits on the app, make one-time donations and easily send a link to friends and family who may want to help us.

Your personal credit information is not stored within the app and RoundUp has no access to that information. The app uses the financial transaction company Stripe to validate your information. Stripe is used by many of the larger e-commerce corporations.

Veterans can download the RoundUp app and easily setup an account. If you need assistance with download the app or establishing an account please contact the Finance Office. We will make ourselves available to help you set up your account.

If you have any questions or positive comments, please contact Ken or Bud at the Finance Office: [financeofc@legion237.com](mailto:financeofc@legion237.com)  
(256) 489-9668 or (256) 883-9911 ext 102

## 2022 American Legion Post 237 Baseball Roster

Coach Rick Braggs has announced the roster for the 2022 Post 237 American Legion Baseball Team. Games starts in June and there may be a few additions to the roster before the season begins. The following young men have made the team and representing our Post They will be working hard to improve their baseball skills and learn some valuable life lessons. Please come out and support the team once play begins.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
1	Nelson	Sparkman
2	Moffatt	Sparkman
3	Carpenter	Home
4	Bush	D.A.R.
5	Collins	Sparkman
7	Swearingen	Grissom
10	Clark	Ardmore
11	Ragucci	Hazel Green
12	Moore	Home
13	Kruza	Randolph
20	French	Scottsboro
21	Largen	D.A.R.
25	Peppers	Scottsboro
31	Crouch	Buckhorn
32	Friend	Westminster
44	Presnell	Sparkman
55	Chapman	Scottsboro



## Message from the Adjutant

**2021 Dues are payable by December 31, 2021.**

If you have paid dues online and have not received a 2022 Membership Card please call The Adjutant at 256-397-3659.

***Mary McCoy, Post 237 Adjutant***

## **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 85th 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 22, 2022 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, 2022.

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.

The contest for Madison County students has been arranged with the cooperation of local school officials. Contact your Career/College Counselor for more information.

Madison County high-schoolers who are interested in entering the competition will find complete rules and contest information at [www.legion.org/oratorical](http://www.legion.org/oratorical). Students wishing to compete in the Madison County Contest must submit a contest application no later than January 8, 2022 to the oratorical committee at: [oratorical@americanlegionpost229.org](mailto:oratorical@americanlegionpost229.org).

**If you wish to help with the 2022 Madison County Oratorical Contest please contact Tom Paone at 256-656-4952 or by email at [vicecdr2@legion237.com](mailto:vicecdr2@legion237.com)**

## **A Soldier's Christmas**

T'was 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.  
I looked all about a strange sight I did see,  
no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.  
No stockings by the mantel, just boots filled with sand;  
on the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.  
With medals and badges, awards of all kind,  
a sober thought came through my mind.  
For this house was different, it was dark and dreary.  
I found the home of a soldier, at once I could see clearly.  
The soldier lay sleeping, alone, curled up on the floor,  
in this one-bedroom home. Not how I pictured a US soldier.  
Was this the hero of whom I'd just read,  
curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?  
I realized the families that I saw this night,  
owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.  
Soon around the world, the children would play,  
and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.  
They all enjoyed freedom, each month of the year,  
because of the soldiers like the one lying here.  
I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,  
on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.  
The very thought brought a tear to my eye;  
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.  
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,  
"Santa, don't cry. This life is my choice.  
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more;  
my life is my God, my country, my Corps."  
The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep;  
I couldn't control it. I continued to weep.  
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still,  
and we both shivered from the cold night's chill.  
I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark night,  
this guardian of honor, so willing to fight.  
Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,  
whispered, "Carry on Santa, It's Christmas day, all is secure."  
One look at my watch and I knew he was right,  
"Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

***Contributed by Tom Hartley***





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### LUNCH

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11AM -1:30PM

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 8PM-12 AM KARAOKE WITH CAROL

FRI 7-11PM KARAOKE WITH PAUL

### TRIVIA

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY 7-9 PM WITH LISA AND ZACK

### BINGO

POST 237 ANNEX

MON, WED, THU AND SAT 6 PM

### MEMBERSHIP DINNER AND MEETING

BALLROOM

3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY DINNER AT 6PM, MEETING AT 7 PM

### POOL TOURNAMENT

SOCIAL QUARTERS

ALTERNATING THURSDAYS 7:00 PM

## 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	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 or 256-397-3659 to make an appointment.

Or email either: [adjutant237@legional.org](mailto:adjutant237@legional.org)  
or [adjutant@legion237.com](mailto:adjutant@legion237.com)

## Second Sunday Pot Luck

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



## Monday Night Trivia

Join us on Monday nights at 7PM for Trivia presented by Lisa and Zack Church! Have fun, exercise your brain and win Legion Bucks!



## American Legion Riders

The Post 237 Chapter of the American Legion Riders will be meeting at the Post on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6PM. If you are a motorcycle enthusiast please plan to join us. This month's meeting is at 6PM on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Mary McCoy, Post 237 Adjutant*



## 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.

## Backpack for Homeless Veterans Drive

*Contributed by Tom Paone*

After months of preparation the Post 237 Backpacks for Homeless Veterans team distributed over 100 backpacks to homeless veterans and other homeless camp residents on a cold November 20th morning. The backpacks were stuffed with toiletries, hand and foot warmers, gloves, stocking caps, socks, wash cloths, and several other items that were donated by members of the Legion, SALs, and Auxiliary. Our team also handed out blankets, propane bottles, and tarps that were purchased with over \$3000 in funds donated by Redstone Federal Credit Union, Redstone Harley Davidson, Simons Jewelers, NAVFOC, Post 237 Auxiliary, VFW Post 5162, the 40 and 8, Martha and Roy Hall, Tom and Pattie Hartley, Channa and Pancho Perez, John Szelich and Carolyn Decker, Christie and Tom Paone, and Bud Pagakis.

The Post 237 team of Channa and Pacho Perez, Jerry and Tanya Phelps and Christie and Tom Paone met up with the Bearded Warriors veterans organization who feed, wash clothes, and provide shower facilities at the Laundry Room II on Sparkman Dr. for homeless veterans and homeless camp resident on Saturday mornings. We handed out roughly half of our backpacks to homeless who had gathered there. Then we moved on to homeless camps off of Holmes Ave. and then on to the Cowboy Church gathering where homeless residents had gathered for lunch.

We handed out all of our backpacks and the items that the backpack drive had collected. Many of the recipients expressed their appreciation and we thank all of our donors and volunteers for making this drive a success.





## HUMOR IN UNIFORM

### Top Ten Signs You Won't Receive a Christmas Bonus

- 10: Co-workers refer to you as "the ghost of unemployment future"
9. The last time you saw your boss was when he testified against you at the embezzlement trial
8. On your office door, you find a lovely wreath of pink slips
7. You ask the boss's wife when her baby is due, and she says that she's not pregnant
6. In your most recent performance evaluation, the word "inexcusable" appears 78 times
5. You keep getting memos reminding you that it is against company policy to bring your pet hippopotamus to work
4. When your boss came over for Thanksgiving, he broke an arm and leg under an avalanche of stolen office supplies
3. Whenever you ask for a raise, your boss instead gives you a discount coupon for toilet paper
2. You attended the company Christmas party wearing nothing but mistletoe
1. The number one reason why you won't receive a Christmas bonus:

**It was determined that you were the one who put the boss's picture in all of the company restroom urinals**

*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)



### **Around the Post**

**A huge 'Thank You' goes out to Joe Norman, Ralph Miller, Carl Conley, Carolyn Decker, and Channa Perez for preparing and serving the Veterans Day lunch. Also, thanks to the CVMA 28-2 Auxiliary for provide desserts.**

### **Department Revitalization**

The Department Revitalization Exercise is open to all members of Post 237 and will be conducted at State Headquarters in Montgomery, AL on December 1-4. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. National American Legion Vice Commander and a MyLegion.org representative will conduct training. We will be reaching out to Post 1983 members and referring them to a physical Post. You do not have to attend all four days. See Adjutant for Hotel discounts in Montgomery.



**BINGO AT THE ANNEX**  
**3806 COLONIAL PARK CIR**  
**SW**  
**HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805**

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



## Flag Placement at Huntsville Memory Gardens

On Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> Three Year Trustee Robert Barnett organized the placement of American flags on veteran's graves at Huntsville Memory Gardens. Several groups participated in the event including a platoon of Young Marines and members of the Boy Scouts, VFW, and several American Legion Posts and District 12 Commander Larry Vannoy.

Representing Post 237 were Michael and Michele Kinney and Tom and Christie Paone.



## CVMA Award to Post 237

At the November 15<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting Post 237 Commander Billy Heatherly was presented a certificate of appreciation by CVMA Chapter 28-2 Commander Patrick Reese and Executive Officer Glen Vela in recognition of the partnership that we share in support of veterans in North Alabama.

## The American Legion Amateur Radio Club Update

TALARC will not meet in December due to the Christmas Holiday. We will meet again on the third Saturday of January at 1400hrs in the Ballroom and the meeting will be open to suggestions for planning events for the 2022 year. Topics can range from Fundraising to ARRL Field Day activities.



## History of each of the Service Songs

**Citation:** <https://militarysalute.proboards.com>

Each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces maintains its own military marching band to inspire troops and preserve tradition. Though they now serve ceremonial functions, these bands were once an integral element on the battlefield. To increase the morale and courage of the men, bands would march in front of formations as they entered battle. Yet, as the number of musicians dwindled, commanders delegated marching bands to the rear of the formation, behind the combat-ready troops. Today, bands are no longer involved in armed conflict, but continue to inspire troops through song or hymn that represent the individual histories and traditions of America's Armed Forces.

### U.S. Air Force

In 1938, the Army Air Corps decided they needed an official song. Liberty Magazine sponsored a contest whereby 757 scores were submitted. Of those, one written by Robert Crawford was selected by a committee of Air Corps wives and officially introduced at the Cleveland Air Races in 1939. Crawford himself sang it in its first public performance. When the Army Air Corps became a separate branch of the military in 1947, Crawford's march changed names from "The Army Air Corps" to "The U.S. Air Force".

Since that time, the first line of "Nothing'll Stop the U.S. Air Force" became a motto and tradition. On July 30, 1971, the original first page submitted by Robert Crawford in 1939 was carried into space in the Apollo 15 "Falcon" and broadcast to the world by Major Alfred W. Worden, who had a tape recorder aboard the "Endeavor" command module. The all-Air Force crew arranged to take the sheet music with them as a tribute to Crawford and the U.S. Air Force.

### U.S. Army - "The Army Goes Rolling Along"

Before "The Caisson Song" was adopted as the official tune of the U.S. Army, it was the proud anthem of the U.S. Field Artillery Corps. During a long march in the Philippines, Lieutenant Edmund L. Gruber overheard an officer roar "Come on! Keep 'em Rolling!" Gruber, whose relative, Franz, composed the Christmas Song "Silent Night", was suddenly inspired and that night wrote the now-famous melody. Fellow soldiers helped with the lyrics and in almost no time, all six regiments of the U.S. Field Artillery had adopted "The Caisson Song" as a popular marching tune.

During the last days of World War I, senior artillery leaders wanted to make "The Caisson Song" official, and mistaking the piece as composed during the Civil War, allowed bandmaster John Phillip Sousa to incorporate most of the song into his own composition "The U.S. Field Artillery March". The song became a chart-topper during World War I, selling 750,000 copies. Discovering Gruber actually wrote the melody, an embarrassed but innocent Sousa made certain Gruber received his royalties. In 1948, the Army held a nationwide contest to find an official song. After four years of unsuccessful results and nearly 800 submitted scores, the Adjunct General's office decided to recycle "The Caisson Song". H.W. Arberg arranged the U.S. Army song, naming it "The Army Goes Rolling Along". The Army copyrighted the song in 1956.

### U.S. Coast Guard - "Semper Paratus"

The Coast Guard's motto of Semper Paratus or "Always Ready" was officially recognized in 1910, and thenceforth appeared on the ensign. However, no one really knows how Semper Paratus was chosen as the Coast Guard's phrase and watchword prior to its formal acceptance.

Whatever the case, in 1922 Captain Francis S. Van Boskerck was inspired to write an official U.S. Coast Guard song that would rival "Anchors Aweigh" or "The Caisson Song". While in the cabin of his cutter Yamacraw, which was stationed in Savannah, Ga., Boskerck put pen to paper and the lyrics for "Semper Paratus" were born.

Five years later, while stationed in the Aleutian Islands, Boskerck composed the accompanying music on a dilapidated old piano in Unalaska, Alaska. The geographically diverse origins of this piece are fittingly illustrated in the song's first line "From Aztec shore to Arctic Zone, To Europe and Far East". "Semper Paratus" remains the proud standard and song of the United States Coast Guard.

### U.S. Marine Corps - "The Marines' Hymn"

An unlikely venue hosted the debut of a tune many now associate with the Marines' Hymn. In the city of Paris, France, Jacques Offenbach (1819-1880) wrote and conducted opera and opera-bouffe (comic and farcical opera). Most believe the melody of the Marines' Hymn was, in fact, taken from an aria in "Genevieve de Brabant" composed by Offenbach. This tune was morphed to fit the now famous lines "From the Halls of Montezuma, To the Shores of Tripoli".

According to tradition, an officer wrote the first verse of the Hymn on duty in the Mexican War (1846-1848). Meant to highlight the various campaigns of the Marines, the unknown author edited the words from the Marines' colors and added them to Offenbach's melody. Continuing the custom, every campaign the Marines participate in gives birth to a new, unofficial verse. Copyright ownership of the Marines' Hymn was vested to the U.S. Marine Corps in 1991, although its first use as the Marines' official anthem was in 1929.

### U.S. Navy - "Anchors Aweigh"

In an attempt to write a catchy tune to rally the Naval Academy's football team, "Anchors Aweigh" was born. Lieutenant Charles A. Zimmerman, the U.S. Navy bandmaster from 1887 to 1916, started the practice of composing a march for each graduating class. However, none of these tunes really caught on. In 1906, Zimmerman was approached by Midshipman Alfred Hart Miles to write a "piece of music that would be inspiring, one with swing to it so it could be used as a football marching song, and one that would live forever".

Together, Zimmerman and Hart composed the tune and lyrics that became "Anchors Aweigh", dedicated to the class of 1907. The new fight song indeed propelled Navy to a win that year over Army. The march was subsequently adopted as the official Navy song and continues to inspire classes of Naval Academy Midshipmen.

*Contributed by Tom Paone*



### Recognition for Operation Gratitude

At the November 15<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting District 12 Vice Commander CeVin Barnes presented certificates of appreciation to Post 237 family members Mary McCoy, LaSha Barnes, and Tom Paone and Operation Gratitude's Laura Ybarra. Commander Barnes also recognized the Senior Center's Cathie Mayne, Kathryn Kestner, Wilma Jarman-Fields and Wanda Garman for their efforts in support of Operation Gratitude's Care Packages for Senior Veterans.



## Veterans Day Celebration

On November 11<sup>th</sup> Post 237 participated in the Veterans Day parade in downtown Huntsville. The Post 237 entry included a float, the Honor Guard van, and motorcycles from the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 28-2. Following the parade, lunch was served in the ballroom. Lunch was sponsored by American Legion Posts 237 and 229, and American Legion District 12 and CVMA 28-2.

The BBQ, chicken, and ribs were expertly prepared by Joe Norman and Ralph Miller and the fixings were prepared by Carl Conley, servers were Carolyn Decker and Channa Perez. Channa and Carolyn and Christie and Tom Paone built the Post 137 float. The cantina and the ballroom were packed with veterans and family members commemorating their service.

Uncle Sam made an appearance, singing and tap dancing to "It's a Grand Old Flag". And 104 year old WWII and Army veteran PVT Major Wooten joined us for lunch.





~ Post 237 December 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	2 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	3 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	4 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
			5 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	6 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-7p Bldg Committee 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	7 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	8 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch
12 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner	13 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	14 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg.	15 11a-12p Comm Cmte Mtg 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	16 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	17 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	18 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
19 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	20 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-7p Christmas Dinner 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	21 Winter Solstice 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6p-7p AL Riders Mtg	22 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	23 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-8p AL 351 Mtg. 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	24 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	25 Christmas Post Closed For Christmas
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