

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

Season's greetings fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself, my outstanding board of officers and the great employees of the post.

There will not be a membership meeting in the month of December however; we will have our regular joint session and our holiday meal on the normal meeting night.

I would also like to thank everyone including; the American Legion, the Patriot Guard Riders, the CVMA, the Sergeant Major's Association, The Special Forces Association, The Huntsville Fire Department, and the Madison County Sheriff's Department that showed up at Berryhill Funeral Home to give a Hero's welcome home to our own CSM Robert "Spider" Parks.

Commander Jerry Phelps



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District 12 Meeting and Lunch

District 12 officers will meet at Post 237 on Sunday December 4th at 2PM. Lunch will be served at 1PM.

Shop With a Hero

Shop With a Hero is looking for veterans, active duty military, first responders, fire and police officers and teachers to volunteer to shop with an at risk kids on December 10th at the Hazel Green Walmart. This is an opportunity to share some time and mentor a youngster as you assist them in picking out Christmas gifts. Gift cards are provided. If you are interested please see the flyer below or go to: www.shopwithahero.info



The flyer features a red ribbon graphic with a white tag that says "Shop with a Hero". Below the ribbon, the text reads "DECEMBER 10 SIGN UP TODAY" in large red letters, followed by "WWW.SHOPWITHAHERO.INFO". The bottom section contains a paragraph of text and an image of several wrapped Christmas gifts.

Shop With a Hero will be partnering with Walmart and several local businesses to provide Christmas to "at risk" children in our Huntsville/Madison County school systems. We are looking for "Heroes" to invest their time in this incredible opportunity! Your presence will not only display a lot of love, but will offer hope to those in difficult situations. This year we will honor as "Heroes" all military personnel (active and veterans) Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, MedFlight, HEMS, Doctors, Nurses, Educators and School Administrators.

On December 10, 2022, each Hero will be paired with a child and given a \$100 gift card to shop in one of our local stores. The Hero will help the child purchase presents for their family and themselves. This is our opportunity to give back to our community and bring a little more joy into this Christmas Season. Will you be a Hero for a child in need?

December Closures

The Post will be closed at 6PM on December 24th and all day on Christmas Day.

The Post will also close for the Employee and Officer's Christmas Party at 6PM on Tuesday, December 13th.

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:

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

CLAYTON E. MONEYSMAKER AMERICAN LEGION POST 237

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



Spider

As we go through life, if we're lucky, we will have the opportunity to encounter someone who because of their deeds, actions and personal traits will inspire you to feel very fortunate and honored to have known them. To the members of Clayton E. MoneyMaker American Legion Post 237, the Special Forces community, and countless others, such a person is Robert "Spider" Parks.

Spider was born March 3, 1941, as a Comanche Native American and as a young boy he lived on an Indian reservation in New Mexico. He and his family then moved to Dallas, Texas when he was eight. He later joined the Marines and was soon discharged when it was discovered he was too young. He later decided the US Army was how he wanted to serve his country and entered Army active duty in 1958. In 1960, Spider became Special Forces qualified and shortly thereafter was awarded his Green Beret.

While on active duty he would return to Dallas to visit his family. He was in Dallas on November 22, 1963, when President Kennedy was assassinated. Spider was an avid poker player. About one week prior to the assassination, he played poker with Jack Ruby at Ruby's nightclub prior to Ruby murdering Lee Harvey Oswald. Beginning in 1967,

Spider began temporary duty assignments in Vietnam followed by a one-year tour there from 1968-1969. During this tour, in addition to his numerous combat operations in Vietnam, Spider also participated in classified Special Forces operations in Laos and Cambodia while working with the highly classified unit, MAC-V SOG (Military Assistance Command, Vietnam-Studies and Observations Group) that he could not talk about for thirty years. He was assigned to Forward Operating Base (FOB-1) in Phu Bai which later merged with FOB-4. He once stated that members of SOG were all triple volunteers. They volunteered for Airborne training, Special Forces training, and assignment to MAC-V SOG. →

Spider's former recon experience earned him an assignment with RT (Recon Team) Idaho. After being assigned to this unit for months, he was informed he would be promoted to Sergeant First Class and would be reassigned to another base to take over his own Recon Team. So that Spider could prepare for his new assignment, he was replaced by another Special Forces soldier. A few days later, RT-Idaho, minus Spider, boarded helicopters for an infiltration mission into the A Shau Valley. After their insertion, RT-Idaho could not be contacted. A CSAR (Combat Search and Rescue) mission known as Bright Light was launched and Spider received permission to go on a chase flight after a Strike team landed in the area where RT-Idaho was inserted. Spider aided in getting the Strike Team's heavily wounded back to the FOB without ever seeing a trace of RT-Idaho. The whereabouts of Spider's former RT-Idaho teammate, SFC Glen Lane, and the man who replaced Spider on the team, SSG Bob Owens, would forever haunt Spider's memory.

During his military career, he was assigned to the 1st, 5th, 7th, 10th, and 12th Special Forces Groups. Due to Spider's well developed and intimate knowledge of the environment in enemy territories where Special Forces teams were inserted, he was assigned as a Covey Rider. In this position he would fly in low flying aircraft telling the pilots which direction to take to locate Special Forces teams on the ground and due to his courage to remain on station in the face of enemy ground fire, warning teams on the ground of impending enemy threats, while directing other air assets to interdict the enemy, led to the survival of many Special Forces and indigenous team members. Because of his actions as a Covey Rider, he became known as the "Voice from Heaven" reassuring the teams on the ground "Don't worry. We'll get you out." Spider stated he was forever grateful for the efforts and sacrifices made by the aviators who supported him while he operated on the ground and those with whom he flew as a Covey Rider. He further stated that SOG personnel would have been fertilizer in Southeast Asia had it not been for the aviators that supported them.

Spider survived several close calls while in Vietnam. This included Bright Light missions south of Hanoi, an attack on FOB-4 in Da Nang which killed sixteen Green Berets, a near collision with an F-4 jet while flying as a Covey Rider, and a crash landing after taking ground fire, and flying into Khe San under 122mm rocket fire. About these experiences, Spider casually remarked, "I've led a charmed life."

Spider stated, "The most important part of my job is saving and supporting my troops." It was because of this warrior mentality, as demonstrated during combat operations, that Spider was awarded two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars for Valor and two Purple Hearts. (Spider - Continued on page 4)

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His additional awards included: Special Forces Tab, Humanitarian Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Master Parachute Badge, Free Fall Master Jump Wings-HALO, Combat Diver Badge, and Vietnam Parachutist Badge. As a Purple Heart recipient he incurred a traumatic brain injury and attributed his diabetes to exposure to Agent Orange. "I have a small shrapnel fragment in my head" he said, "which is still there."

Later in his military career he served in military operations in Panama and El Salvador with distinction. Brigadier General (Ret) Joe Stringham, while serving as the Commander of the U.S. Military Group in El Salvador, credits Spider as being an invaluable asset to him because of his demonstrated leadership and diplomacy. While serving in Panama, Spider became friends with Manuel Noriega and played poker with him when Noriega at that time was one of the CIAs most valued intelligence sources. Spider additionally was assigned to an Army organization to assist soldiers who were experiencing PTSD, alcohol, and drug problems. Spider received his Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees while serving in the Army. He is credited with over 5,000 parachute jumps to include multiple high altitude low opening (HALO) jumps from altitudes of 10,000-20,000 feet. Spider was multi-lingual which benefited him greatly in many of his Army assignments.

He retired from the Army in 1987, as a Command Sergeant Major with over thirty years of distinguished service. Following his retirement, he worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs continuing his desire to assist veterans who were experiencing PTSD, drug, and alcohol issues. Spider was heavily involved in volunteer work. He formed an organization called Warriors Get Away to help serve American servicemen and women who had visible and invisible injuries because of war. He established a safe house in the Philippines for intelligence operatives.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 237 and Post 229 Honor Guard for twenty years, providing final military honors at the funerals of fallen veterans. By his own admission, Spider had an obsession to locate and return the remains of missing in action military personnel in Southeast Asia. He did so at his own expense as an unofficial representative of the Special Forces Association and Special Operations Association.

He was especially driven to locate the remains of his Special Forces teammates, SFC Glen Lane and SSG Bob Owens. →

In September while in the Philippines preparing for another MIA mission, Spider fell and sustained a serious head injury. Following a valiant six-week fight, on October 30 he passed away.

Spider leaves behind his loving wife Lucy, three children, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was welcomed home on November 19 at Berryhill Funeral Home by Joe Fitzgerald, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for North Alabama, a US flag honor line comprised of members of the American Legion Post 237 and Post 229 Honor Guard, Patriot Guard Riders, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 28-2 and in attendance were many of Spider's friends.

The Huntsville Fire Department provided a garrison size US flag hoisted high on a fire truck and The Huntsville Police Department provided an escort to Berryhill Funeral Home. Spider's visitation was November 27 at Berryhill Funeral Home and his funeral also at Berryhill Funeral Home was on November 28 followed by his interment at Huntsville Memory Gardens. There was a reception later at American Legion Post 237.

He was a member of the Special Forces Association (where he was a formidable force), Special Operations Association, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, and American Legion Post 237.

His hobbies were poker, playing the guitar, writing poetry, playing in a senior softball league, and walking. When you talk to Spider's Special Forces associates and his friends he is described as a warrior, diplomat, humanitarian, trustworthy, humble, always ready to help anyone and one of the nicest people they ever met.

FAREWELL COMRADE, YOU ARE GREATLY MISSED BY SO MANY



Contributed by Tom Hartley

My appreciation to the following veterans who assisted with the preparation of this article:

*Joe Stringham -US Army Brigadier General (Ret)
John Nolan-US Army Chief Warrant Officer 4 (Ret)
Bill Tillman-US Army Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)
Bill Walls-US Army Specialist 4
Ken Vining-US Army Major (Ret)*

The Enlightened Savage

The man who knows his capacity for violence as well as his desire for compassion. Framed from ferocity, his compassion is born of such. He chooses compassion over brutality.
The man who controls himself because he chooses to keep the Wolf at bay can be the strength of the Pack for those he loves.
The man who bears his heart outside knows the risk he takes.
He does not fear a piercing blow, he knows his skills keep him safe.
He has spent his time among the select, he sees through their eyes with his own.
His world has been shaped by many, travelled with only a few, influenced by his elders, ignored by the masses but loyal to a fault with and for his own.
His family is more than blood, just as blood is oftentimes not family.
Just as he has stood alongside giants, he is a giant among man who has molded his share.
Not counting his history, his skills, his desires and his knowledge are not his true strength.
He does not rely on what he learns; he knows, he feels, he experiences the things true.
He may live a life renown or an obscure existence.
He will be remembered by so many more than he knew.
He is a warrior, a man accustomed to extreme violence, tender care, fierce loyalty, rejection, defeat, success at great cost and sacrifice with no reward.
He has wrestled with crippling fear; then broken the back of his enemy with quick retribution.
First, mentor, instructor, operator, command, Top, Doctor, pupil of humanity, counselor, listener. Writer of story and song. A poet. Courageous, bold, fierce, stalwart; words spoken by many but earned by few.
Humbled by his life but encouraged to complete the mission; whatever, whenever, whoever was the mission.
He is friend, companion, counsel and wise for and to so many.
We served in the same but a different Army, or rather each Army a different in focus - Vietnam and the Cold War plus.
Spider never faltered nor missed an opportunity to serve even in a time when the term selfless service had become a buzz word. I will always see the tall, scrawny, wiry Sergeant First Class Warrior in his tiger stripe jungles.

But of all that...

He was foremost to me a mentor, counselor, friend and My Brother.

Mission Complete.

Rest well Sergeant Major.

Ken Vining,
MAJ USA (Ret)
Just a Pilot.



Buckets for Homeless Veterans



Post 237 is teaming with the Bearded Warriors and other veterans and community organizations to provide buckets full of goodies for homeless veterans in the North Alabama area.

Please bring your donations of cash or pouches of tuna or chicken to the Post by December 17th.



New Year's Eve Party



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

KARAOKE WITH JERIMY!

**CHAMPAGNE AND PARTY FAVORS
HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES
MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST!**

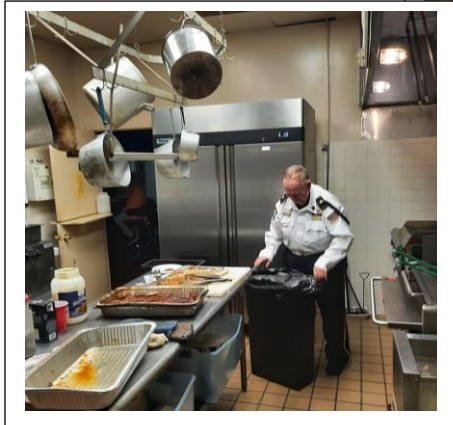
\$15 PER PERSON

- OR -

\$25 PER COUPLE

TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE BAR

Veterans Day Parade and Lunch



Madison County Oratorical Contest

The Madison County Oratorical Contest is scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2023 at Madison City Hall at 100 Hughes Road, Madison, AL at 10AM. Awards for the top three winners are \$500, \$300, and \$200. The winner at the county contest will compete at the District 12 competition on February 11th and the winner from that contest will compete at the Division 1 contest on February 18th.

If you are interested in assisting with the contests or know a possible contestant please contact Tom Paone via email at vicecdr2@legion237.com or cell number 256-656-4952

Post 237 Service Officer

Nick Jones is the Post 237 Service Officer. If you would like to contact him his cell phone number is: 256-361-3702. Nick's email address is: nick.jones4919@gmail.com

Sign Repair and Lighting Liquor and Wine Baskets and Beer Cooler Raffle

Martha Hall and Christie Paone organized a raffle to help pay for the repair cost of the backlit sign and installation of security lighting at the rear of the Post home. Several members donated bottles to the effort. Our bartenders enthusiastically promoted the sales of the raffle tickets. Thanks to the great team effort we collected \$845 on the raffle.

Tickets were drawn at the Veterans Day Lunch and the winners were Joe and Jennine Norman and Bobby Brown.



Texas Holdem Fundraiser

Come and play in the weekly Texas Holdem fundraiser every Tuesday at 6 PM in the bar. Cash prizes for the three top players.

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

Come on down and join in the fun!

During the Holiday Season we are collecting Toys For Tots donations in lieu of add-on and re-buys.



From the Adjutant's Desk

December 31st 2022 is the deadline to renew your 2023 Dues and remain an Active Member of the American Legion. Thanks to all who have paid 2023 Dues.

If you have not received your 2023 Membership Card within two weeks of paying the dues, please call me at 256-397-3659 or 256-883-9911.

The December General Membership Meeting is Monday the 19th at 6:00 p.m. featuring a special complimentary Christmas Meal to paid up members.

Mary McCoy, Post 237 Adjutant

Marine Corps League

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

Wreaths for Veterans

The Wreaths for Veterans organization is looking for donations and volunteers to assist with preparing wreaths to decorate veteran's graves for the holiday season. They are located at 714 Bob Wallace Ave. in the large gray building behind the Huntsville City Schools Annex. Their schedule is as follows:

Preparation of wreaths at the warehouse:

Mon, Oct 31 thru Fri, Nov 4 0930 - 1500

Placement of Wreaths:

Tues, Nov 15 at Valhalla at 0930

Wed, Nov 16 at Maple Hill at 0930

Retrieval of Wreaths:

Tues, Jan 10, 2023 at Valhalla at 0930

Wed, Jan 11, 2023 at Maple Hill at 0930

POC: Jennifer Hames (256)527-8944

The Auxiliary is Selling Christmas Honor Bulbs



The Auxiliary is selling Christmas Honor Bulbs. Below is a copy of the registration form. Additional information is as follows:

\$2.00 a Ball and the Veterans are Red and Blue. Red for alive and Blue for Deceased. The other colors are for anyone else you want to honor.

Sherry Schroen will be around the Legion as much as possible and Peggy, Juanita, and Joyce can all collect money and will have registrations as well.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 2022 CHRISTMAS HONOR BALLS

Price is \$2.00 per Christmas Ball

NAME OF PERSON WRITTEN ON BALL _____

REASON FOR THE HONOR _____

EXCEPTIONAL PERSON, HONORED VETERAN

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSON _____

YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER _____

PERMISSION TO PUT THE BALL ON THE AMERICAN LEGION CHRISTMAS TREE



Toys for Tots

The Poker players have been collecting Toys for Tots toys that will be distributed to needy youngsters by the Marine Corp Reserve this Christmas. We have placed collection boxes at the Post. Please drop a new and unwrapped toy in one of the boxes before December 10th .

**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.



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 JEREMY

FRI 7 – 11 PM KARAOKE WITH EJ

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

Commander's Office Hours Monday and Tuesday 4PM until 6PM

Second Sunday Pot Luck

Join us on the second Sunday of the month from 3 PM to 7 PM for a Pot Luck. Bring a dish to share and enjoy Karaoke with Howie!



Monday Night Trivia

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



Social Quarters Hours of Operation

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

Hamburger and Hot Dog Baskets –
Saturday 11:00AM to 3:00PM

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



An Army General, a Marine General and a Navy Admiral are all sitting around discussing whose service is better and whose troops are braver. The Admiral announces to the group, "My SEALs are the best in the world and to prove it I'll have one do the impossible" as he reaches for the phone. Well, the other two Generals not to be outdone call for their best Army Special Forces Green Beret soldier and Force Recon Marine. When all three service representatives have arrived, the Admiral states, "Since it was my idea, I'm first and turning to the SEAL, he says, "I want you to go down that cliff, swim across those 10 miles of shark infested waters, climb up that sheer cliff and return with 2 bird eggs...unbroken of course." The SEAL (being highly trained that he is) turns and runs toward the cliff. After performing a triple somersault into the water, the SEAL swims across the 10 miles (all the way beating off sharks with his bare hands) and reaching the far cliff, he began climbing. At the top of the cliff, he grabs two eggs and starts back down (all the time, fighting off large, mean birds. Upon reaching the sea he swims back across (once again fighting off sharks) and climbs back up the first cliff. He then runs over to the Admiral and hands him 2 unbroken eggs.

The Marine General says, "that was nothing" and turning to the Force Recon Marine he says, "I want you to go down that cliff, swim across those shark infested waters, climb that other cliff, then move across the 4 miles of unmapped jungle and bring me back 2 unbroken eggs from on top of the 10,000-foot mountain on the other side of the jungle." And with that the Force Recon Marine moved out. Traveling down the cliff, swimming across the sea fighting off the sharks, climbing the far cliff, moving through the jungle, climbing the mountain, getting 2 eggs and heads back through the jungle fighting off lions, tigers, large, mean birds and poisonous snakes. He climbs back down the far cliff, swims across the shark infested waters, climbs back up the first cliff. Finally reaching the Marine General, the Marine hands him 2 unbroken eggs.

The Army General then says, "Very nice gentlemen, but here's true bravery" and turning to the Special Forces Green Beret soldier, he says, "I want you to go down that cliff, across the shark infested waters, climb up the far cliff, go through the 4 miles of unmapped jungle, over the mountain and bring me back the skin of a tiger from the other side." The Green Beret looks at the General, then the cliff, then the shark infested waters, then the far cliff and jungle and mountain, and again back at the General, and says, "F*** YOU SIR!" renders a proper salute and walks away. The General turns toward the other General and Admiral (both with their jaws wide open) and says, now gentlemen, that's bravery. **Contributed by Tom Hartley**



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

A ton of work went into the Veterans Day activities. Chef Carl Conley prepared the potato salad and baked beans along with staging the meat and doing the kitchen clean up. Joe Norman took a day of leave on Thursday in order to pre-grill the ribs and prep them for Friday morning. Joe also grilled the chicken on Friday.

Channa Perez and her husband Pancho assisted with all of the kitchen duties as well as the building of the float and providing their truck for the parade. Jodie lent his trailer to the Post for the float and Gene Roberts drove the Honor Guard van.

Channa also served the Veterans Day lunches. Martha Hall sold raffle tickets and along with Bob and Anna Marie Wasniewski and Jacob and Tom Paone helped out serving and keeping the lunch line flowing.

Deena Cooper made a patriotic Veterans Day cake. The CVMA contribute \$500 towards the lunch costs. Jerry Phelps welcomed the more than 100 veterans and their families and Dennis Adkins delivered an invocation before the meal. Tom Hartley was on station to talk with the media.

Please join us in thanking all of these folks for their dedication and their contributions!

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

~ Post 237 December 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p SAL237 Bingo 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Heath	6p-8p AL237 Bingo 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-5:30p AUX176 Bingo 1p District 12 Lunch and Meeting	11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-7p Bldg Committee 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Texas Holdem 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p AUX237 Bingo	11a-1:30p Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 6p-8p SAL237 Bingo 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with EJ	10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 12p-1p Marine Corp Mtg 6p-8p AL237 Bingo 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner 3:30p-5:30p AUX176 Bingo	11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg. 6p Employee Xmas Party	11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p AUX237 Bingo 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting	11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-7p Comm & Americanism Cmte Mtg 6p-8p SAL237 Bingo 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with EJ	6p-8p AL237 Bingo 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy
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2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-5:30p AUX176 Bingo	11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-7p Mbrs.Xmas Dinner 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Texas Holdem	11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p AUX237 Bingo	11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p SAL237 Bingo 7p-8p AL 351 Mtg. 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with EJ	6p-8p AL237 Bingo 6p Post is Closing
25 Christmas Post is CLOSED Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29	30	31
	11a-12p County Meeting 11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Texas Holdem	11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p AUX237 Bingo	11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p SAL237 Bingo 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with EJ	6p-8p AL237 Bingo 6p-12a New Years Eve Party

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