

ROLL CALL

Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237



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

Hello fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons,

The month of January is upon us, a New Year awaits. It is time to reflect on the past year and to see what we can do to make this upcoming year better. We have done a lot of work that we all can be proud of. I expect no less for the upcoming months. Here are a couple of points that I need to reiterate. If you or someone you know in our Legion family are feeling the effects of COVID we ask that you stay at home to get better. If there is anything we might could do to assist, please contact us. We still need volunteer help for functions of the Post, please let either my officers or myself know if you can help. 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 all of us at your American Legion, I would like to say Happy New Year to all of the Legion Family. May you all be healthy and safe.

Commander Billy Heatherly

American Legion Riders

The American Legion Riders meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6PM. Come join us for food and planning for future rides.

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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

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
Nicholas Jones	Service Officer
Ken Carpenter	Historian
Cody Klinner	Sergeant-At-Arms
Rudy Cowe	1 Year Trustee
Robert Barnett	2 Year Trustee
John Lawyer	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 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.

Building Committee

Rudy Cowe, Robert Barnett, John Lawyer, Ed Becher, Sherry Schroen, Barbara Cowe, 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.

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
(256) 489-9668 or (256) 883-9911 ext 102

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

Building Committee Raffle

The Post 237 Building Committee is raffling a tools basket to help fund several projects at the Post. The basket includes a variety of hand tools, a \$100 bill (donated by the Post 237 SAL Squadron), and a \$25 Lowes gift card (donated by the Auxiliary). Tickets can be purchased in the following increments:

1 ticket for \$1
6 tickets for \$5
12 tickets for \$10
24 tickets for \$20

The Building Committee plans to draw for the basket on New Year's Eve. If you have questions or would like to purchase tickets you can call Sherry Schroen at 256-617-0353.



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. 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.

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

MILITARY TRIVIA

- The U.S. Army is older than the Country. The measure to create a unified Continental Army, to be led by George Washington, was passed by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1775. So, technically, the United States has had an army for a year longer than it's been a country.
- The Army pioneered modern guerrilla warfare. General Francis "Swamp Fox" Marion pioneered modern guerrilla warfare during the Revolutionary War. He traveled along swamp paths and led his men in surprise attacks against unsuspecting British troops. Then, they would withdraw just as unexpectedly as they popped up.
- A "roof stomp" is an Air Force tradition where airmen welcome new commanders or celebrate special occasions by banging on the commander's roof, windows, and doors.
- Marines often pin their next promotable rank onto their uniforms as a motivator.
- The 45th Infantry Division used a swastika from 1924 to 1939 as their sleeve insignia to honor their numerous Native American members, for whom it was a symbol of good luck. After the symbol was also used by the Nazis, the 45th abandoned the symbol and settled on using the Thunderbird as their insignia thereafter,
- Anthony Christy has been the oldest active serving Coast Guard member. The keeper of the Christiana Lighthouse in Delaware died on duty in September 1862 at the age of 105.
- The Marines' first land battle on foreign soil was in Libya. During this battle, 600 Marines stormed the city of Derna to rescue the crew of the USS Philadelphia from pirates.
- The first submarine was used by the Army in the Revolutionary War. The first documented submersible vehicle used in combat was the Turtle, which was operated with hand controls and foot pedals. The Turtle was used in a failed attempt to sink a British ship that was moored off Governors Island in New York City.
- Coca-Cola had engineers in the Army in World War II. Coca-Cola president Robert Woodruff said that any servicemen in World War II should be able to get a bottle of Coke for a nickel, anywhere in the world, so Coca-Cola created the Technical Observer program to make it happen. There were 148 Technical Observers, who supervised the shipment and operation of 64 bottling plants, Technical Observers had an Army officer's rank and pay, as well as uniforms with a special patch to identify them. They distributed more than 5 billion bottles of Coke to soldiers.
- Fewer than 100 people have received the title of Honorary Marine. Some of them are: Brigadier General Bob Hope, Master Sergeant Bugs Bunny, Corporal Jim Nabors, star of Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.
- The license plate of the Commandant of the Marine Corps reads "1775"
- Walt Disney created a special logo for the Coast Guard's Corsair Fleet during World War II featuring Donald Duck.
- Women have held many roles in the U.S military since its inception. George Washington employed a woman spy, Agent 355, during the Revolutionary War. Her true identity is still unknown. The first black woman to enlist in the U.S. Army was Cathay Williams, under the pseudonym William Cathay in 1866.
- The U.S. military has deployed 2,700 military working dogs worldwide to 600 war zones. During the period from 2005 to 2010 in Iraq and Afghanistan these dogs found 12,500 pounds of explosives. It is estimated that each dog is responsible for saving anywhere from 150-1,800 lives.
- Non-lubricated condoms are standard issue in Parachute Pack Survival Kits for military personnel. In addition to its intended purpose, these condoms also work as an emergency water canteen capable of holding a liter of water.
- "Rangers lead the way" was adopted as the Army Rangers slogan during an exchange on Omaha Beach during the Normandy invasion. General Norman Cota said to Major Max Schneider, "If you're Rangers, lead the way."

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

3RD MONDAY DINNER AT 6PM, MEETING AT 7 PM

POOL TOURNAMENT

SOCIAL QUARTERS

ALTERNATING THURSDAYS 7:00 PM

Second Sunday Pot Luck (cancelled for January)

Join us on the second Sunday of the February 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!



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
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

Staff Sergeant Mary Smith goes into a Bass Pro Shop store to buy a rod and reel for her son's birthday present. She doesn't know which one to get so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter. A Bass Pro Shop clerk is standing there wearing dark sunglasses. She says, "Excuse me, sir. Can you tell me anything about this rod and reel."

He says, "Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes." She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway.

He says, "That's a six-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and a 10 pound test line. It's a good all-around combination; and it's on sale this week for only \$20.00.

She says, "It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it." As she opens her purse, her credit card drops to the floor.

"Oh, that sounds like a Master Card," the clerk says. She bends down to pick it up and accidentally farts. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was her who farted. Being blind, he wouldn't know that she was the only person around.

The clerk rings up the sale and says, "That'll be \$34.50 please."

The woman is totally confused by this and asks, "Didn't you tell me the rod and reel were on sale for \$20.00. How did you get \$34.50?"

The clerk replies, "Yes, ma'am. The rod and reel are \$20.00, but the duck call is \$11.00 and the catfish bait is \$3.50."

Contributed by Tom Hartley



Around the Post

On December 20th Carl Conley and Channa Perez prepared a delicious Christmas Dinner for members of the Post. Christie Paone helped Channa serve the meal. The Auxiliary provided tasty desserts. Over 50 meals were served. Thanks to all who were involved in making this event a huge success.



BINGO AT THE ANNEX

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

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

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

Department of Alabama Kentucky Tornado Relief

The American Legion Department of Alabama organized a state-wide emergency relief effort to benefit the victims of the devastating tornados that ripped through the state of Kentucky. The Department asked that Posts throughout Alabama to collect winter coats, winter wear, toys, debris removal supplies, tarps, plastic tubs, etc. for immediate transport to the stricken areas.

In Madison County the ballroom at Post 237 became the focal point for collection of goods and moneys for the Department's relief effort. Emails soliciting help and donations were sent out to all Post 237 Family Members and to the TV stations in Huntsville. Facebook notifications from Post members and the Huntsville Havoc hit social media and the Havoc announced the collection at their hockey games. WAAY interviewed our Second Vice Commander and featured it on their news programs.

The response was overwhelming. Volunteers from our post including Jerry and Tanya Phelps, John Szelich and Carolyn Decker, John Lawyer and Debbie Hepburn, Tom and Christie Paone, and Mary McCoy jumped in and manned the collection point from Wednesday through Saturday, categorized the items and packed them in approximately 70 large boxes that were donated by SCI and Home Depot.

Post 351's Malcolm Brasher and Robert Douglas helped in the effort. District 12 and Post 229 Commander Larry Vannoy provided logistics and support. Jerry Phelps solicited donations of shovels, rakes, work gloves and plastic tubs from Home Depot and North Parkway Lowes. Christie Paone and Tanya Phelps purchased children's coats, gloves, socks, and underwear at Walmart on Drake Ave. and the Parkway, the store manager donated a \$100 gift card to help cover the cost of those items.

Over \$1350 in cash and checks were donated to the relief effort. Generous donations were received from Terry and Kathleen Cagle, Jean and Anthony Weikert, James and Julie Algje, Jeffrey and Elizabeth Cuneo, Ralph Miller, John Victor, and several anonymous donors.

On December 21st The Department of Alabama sent a truck and the covered disaster relief trailer from Fultondale, AL to collect our items and deliver them to the American Legion command center in Mayfield, Kentucky. Robert Barnett, John Szelich, Channa Perez, and Ken Carpenter helped load the boxes for shipment.

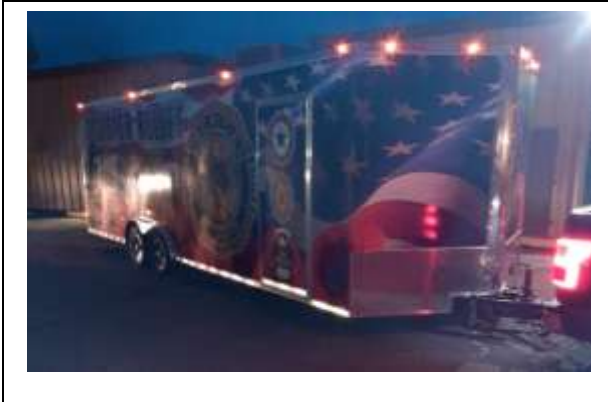
Our hope is that these items will provide some comfort to our Kentucky neighbors during this Christmas Season.

Contributed by Tom Paone



Note found in a jar of rolled coins and cash. A \$600 donation from an anonymous donor.

Pictures from the Kentucky Tornado Relief effort



Auxiliary Update

American Legion Post 237 Ladies Auxiliary supplied the desserts and served the District 12 meal in Decatur on December 5, 2021.

The Ladies Auxiliary decorated the Christmas tree and tables in the Post 237 main ballroom. They also provided desserts for the Post 237 Christmas Dinner on December 20, 2021.



~ Post 237 January 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					31 New Years Eve Party 6pm-1am	1 New Year's Day 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
2 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	3 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-7p Bldg Committee 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	4 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	5 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	6 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	7 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	8 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 12p-1p Marine Corp Mtg 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
9 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner	10 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	11 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg.	12 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting	13 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie 6p Oratorical Judges Training	14 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	15 2p-3p TALARC Meeting 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
16 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	17 Martin Luther King 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-8p Mbrs. Dinner and Meeting 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	18 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6p American Legion Riders Meeting	19 11a-12p Comm Cmte Mtg 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	20 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	21 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	22 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol 9:30a Oratorical Contest
23 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	24 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	25 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p County Meeting	26 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	27 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-8p AL 351 Mtg. 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	28 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	29 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
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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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