

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,

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. Despite the Covid Pandemic, we have done a lot of work that we all can be proud of. I expect no less for the upcoming months. Some points that I do need to reiterate. If you or someone in your family are feeling the effects of Covid, we ask that you stay at home to get better. And if there is anything we can do to assist you please contact us.

We need volunteers to help with the Officers of our Post. I need to appoint a 3 Year Trustee that would work closely with the other trustees for the inventories and security of the Post assets. I also need a volunteer to become the Bingo Chairman. If you wish to volunteer for these or any other functions of the Post, please let either my officers or myself know. 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 activities.

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, I would like to say Happy New Year to all of the Legion Family. May you all be healthy and safe.

Thank you all,

Commander Billy Heatherly

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY! DECEMBER 31ST 6:30PM – 12:30AM

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Football!

Enjoy the Championship Games at the Legion

Jan 1st - NCAAF Semifinals

Alabama / Notre Dame - 3PM

Clemson / Ohio State - 7PM

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Jan 11th – Championship

Semifinal winners – 7PM

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Feb 7th - Super Bowl LV

6:30PM - tentative

Virtual Tour of the National Museum of the United States Army

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wo-yEf4HF-s>

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:

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

AMERICAN LEGION CLAYTON E. MONEYSMAKER POST 237

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

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

Building Committee Workday

On Saturday December 19th, the Building Committee hosted a Workday at the Post. Mail chutes and a replacement TV were installed. Silicone caulk was applied around the outside base of the siding to seal out moisture and rain. And several other maintenance items were performed. Thanks to all the volunteers who came to help. Present were Rudy Cowe, Rick Bragg, Mary McCoy, Juan Hernandez, Roy Llamas, Martha Hall, Tom Paone, Bill Gordon, Gene Roberts, Cody Kliner, Billy Collier, and Glen Miller.



*Photos by Bill Gordon
Post 237 Photographer*

Laptops and Footballs for Gold Star Kids

On December 22nd at Post 237 the Lettermen of the USA presented laptops and footballs to 20 Gold Star children. The Post served lunch which was prepared by Channa and Carl and was funded by the Semper Fi Foundation.

Darryl Fuhrman and Desmond Holoman, former University of Alabama football players, and Alabama Secretary of State, John Merrill spoke at the event. If you are interested in helping Lettermen of the USA in their mission of supporting veterans and their families visit their website at: <https://www.lotusa.org/>



Photos by John Carson, Communications Committee Chairman

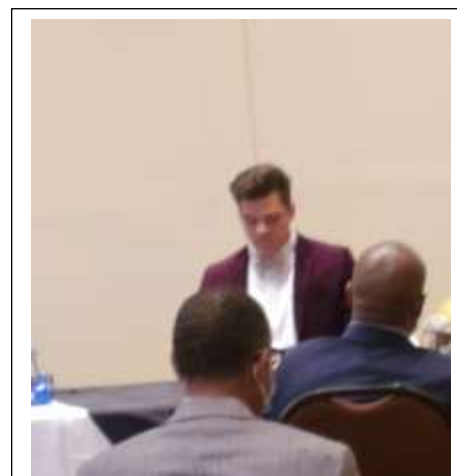
Post 237 Baseball Team's Coat and Tut Fann Drive for the Homeless and Veterans

On Saturday, December 12th the Post 237 American Legion Baseball Team collected serviceable coats for donation to Manna House for the homeless and items from the Residents Wish List for donation to veterans at Tut Fann Veterans Home.

Coach Rick Bragg and his ball players braved a driving rain and met donors as they drove up. Then sorted the items, loaded a pickup truck full of coats for Manna House and delivered the Wish List items to Tut Fann. Thanks to all who participated and to all who donated. Manna House had given away their last coat a few days before this timely drive.



Jackson West former Post 237 baseball player accepted a football scholarship to Florida State University. →





FORTY AND EIGHT FLAG PRESERVATION PROJECT

By K. Carpenter, Post Historian

The Tennessee Valley Voiture 1012 of the Forty and Eight (of La Societe des Quarante Homes et Huit Chavaux, / The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses) has launched a fund raising project to preserve their rare 5'x 6' wool voiture flag. This handsome 1948 vintage flag was recovered, after forty years, by Grand Chef de Gare (commander) John Schnatz and others from the Voiture storage unit at the Post annex.

This grand artifact bears the emblem of the American Legion as well as the emblem of the 40 & 8. The cost of its preservation and framing is approximately \$1,100. It is to be mounted in the Post ballroom, and will prove a handsome and valuable addition to the Post's mounted archives collection.

A voiture (French for boxcar) is the title of a local 40 & 8 post or chapter, which derives its name from the type of 19th century French rail car, holding forty men or eight horses, used to transport French, American and other Allied soldiers to the battle front in the Great War (WW I). Its logo is taken from the 40 & 8 logo painted on the rail car. The national Forty & Eight organization was founded in 1921 as an honor society for certain American Legion members. It became independent of the American Legion in 1959. Membership is by invitation, and open to all honorably discharged veterans and all military personnel currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Voiture 1012 membership is about forty members or Voyageurs (passengers), which meet at Post 237 on first Tuesday of the month. Voiture 1012 has an extensive collection of documents and artifacts dating from the 1920s.

On outstanding beautifully restored example of a 40 & 8 car is found at Huntsville's U.S. Veteran's Memorial Museum on Airport Rd. This 1879 "Merci" car is one of forty-nine such cars filled with gifts sent by the people of France in 1949 to each of the forty-eight states plus one shared by Hawaii and the District of Columbia, in gratitude for the American Friendship Trains of wheat and various needed items sent to the destitute people of war torn France beginning in 1947. →

Alabama's Merci car arrived in Montgomery in Feb., 1949, and was presented in a grand parade which included the Voiture 1012 "40 & 8 train". Gov. Folsom gave the car to Huntsville Post 37 (237), and it was later transferred to Voiture 1012. This car was rescued from oblivion and restored by various individuals and organizations including the Voiture 1012, Post 237, and the U.S. Army (Redstone). It was rededicated by the Grand Voiture Du Alabama, at the Huntsville Depot in 1988. A detailed rededication program and history of this car was authored by Voiture du Alabama Historian, past- Post 237 Commander, and Madison County Commissioner James Record. In 1999 the car was again restored and given to the Veteran's Memorial Museum.

Sources: Grand Chef de Gare John Schnatz. 2020. "Forty and Eight", Wikipedia. 3 Dec., 2020
Record, James. "Memorial Book, Grand Voiture, 40 & 8 DU Alabama". 1988.

https://www.al.com/living/2013/07/a_wedding_dresses_in_a_boxcar_al.htm

Photographs: K. Carpenter, Wikipedia 3, Dec., 2020, U.S. Veteran's Museum, H'ville





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.



Finance Officer Report

Bud Pagakis

It's that time of year where we count our many blessings and resolve to do better as we tackle the new year head-on. From a financial point of view our organization is doing better than many. We have managed to maintain our reserves at a reasonable level and continue our debt free status. Our officers and volunteers have been good and faithful stewards. 2021 is going to be a very challenging year and I encourage each member to utilize our facilities and services. I especially would like to encourage our members stop by and have lunch, bring a friend and enjoy the company of your brothers and sisters.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2021 Madison County High School Oratorical Contest January 23rd, 10AM at Madison City Hall

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

GREAT-GRANDDAD'S TALE

With Christmas dinner over
In the house at the edge of the wood
We were all stuffed like Santa Claus
And feeling mighty good.

Great-Granddad rose from his chair
And went to the window sill
Said I'll tell you all a story
If you promise to be still.

And all of the little ones
Gathered round his chair
As Great-Granddad lit his pipe
And took on an important air.

The grownups took their places
All around the room
As Grandmama hung up her towel
And put away her broom.

She doused the lights one by one
And lit the Christmas tree
Then took the rocker next to his
And put a child upon her knee.

When all was still and silent
The old man began his yarn
About the night in Nineteen-Nine
Out behind the barn.

"'Twas a cold, cold night in December
A clear and snowless night
I had just put away old Bessie
And locked the barn up tight.

"When my brother came a runnin'
And shoutin' out my name
He bolted down the path
And over the fence he came.

"What in tarnation...?"
I said as he went by
But he just kept on runnin'
And pointin' to the sky.

"And then I looked up and saw it
And I froze right to the spot
There was a ball of fire comin'
And looking mighty hot!

"He had heard all about it
Down at the General Store
They say it comes every seventy-six
And never less or more.

"It's Halley's Comet up there
A hangin' in the sky
They say it's comin' mighty close
You can touch it if you try."

"Well, the fireball was closin' in
With a tail a mile long
I climbed the barn up to the roof
Though I knew that it was wrong.

"His head was mighty hot
And his tail a path of ice
And I jumped aboard that comet
That few would ever see twice.

"Yes, sir, I mounted that tail
A hangin' on for my dear life
And I dug in with a pick—
My good ol' huntin' knife.

"That comet was a raging bull
But I rode him just the same
We left the Earth far behind
And to the Moon we came.

"I wanted to stop and use my knife
To cut a hunk of cheese
But that comet wasn't hungry
And we flew by like the breeze.

"We flew by Mars and Jupiter
And then past Saturn too
That comet kept right on goin'
Trying to shake you-know-who!

"And then I started thinkin'
I'd better be headin' back
Before that loco comet
Jumped right off its track!

"I jumped off on an asteroid
That was driftin' lazy by
And then I caught another one
That was hangin' in the sky.

"One by one I made my way
Back to good ol' Earth
And rode down on a meteor
And jumped for all my worth.

"I aimed myself best as I could
Hoping my landing would be soft
And crashed down through the roof
Into my very own hay loft!"

The children started laughing
When the old man finished his yarn
About the night in Nineteen-Nine
Out behind the barn.

Great-Granddad just stood and smiled
And pointed to the sky
And out the window we could see
Old Halley's going by.

Then out the door he hurried
Though we told him come inside
"I can't!" he said as he jumped up
And took old Halley's for a ride!

JOHN EVAN CARSON
1985

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCH

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11AM -1:30PM

Specials: Tue – Spaghetti, Wed - Stuffed Potato,

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 \$5.00 AT 6 PM AND MEETING AT 7 PM

POOL TOURNAMENT

SOCIAL QUARTERS

THURSDAYS 7:00 PM

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

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 968 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.

Largest Honor Guard Detail

John Carson, Honor Guard Photographer

Attached are photos of the **largest number of Honor Guard members** assembled for a veteran's funeral service in the history of our Post 237 and I dare say Post 229. The combined teams from both posts totaled 13 members present with 10 on the firing squad (Largest we have seen.) Earl Hokanson, myself as photographer and Randy from 229 playing taps. The service was held in Harvest, Alabama at 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 5th, 2020.

Members of the Patriot Guard were also in attendance and the flag was folded and presented by two Honor Guards from the United States Army.

It was a great send off for the veteran and his family.



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



**Post 237 Honor Guard Services
K. Carpenter Post Historian**

The Honor Guards of Post 237 and Post 229 (Madison) have combined their units to enhance the Honor Guard services to our veteran's community.

Post 237 Honor Guard Members: Earl Hokanson (Commander), John Carson (Photographer), Ted Carson, Greg Barnett, Cody Kliner, Jon Lawler, Alan Murphy, Robt. "Spider" Parks, Teng Ooi, Jerry Rains, Gene Roberts, Bill Smart, Quan Trang.

Post 229 Members: Andy Caudle, Jean Downs, Randy Gray (Bugler), Walt Gunn, John Hutchins, Bob Kirby, Danny Marr, Tom McKinney, Ken Watts, Tom Whitten

Post 237 Honor Guard Services

Name, Date of Funeral, Age, Branch of Service, Obituary notes, Date of Birth, Date of Death, Funeral Home, Church, Place of Internment or Memorial.

September, 2020

Hughes, Thomas E. 4 Sep., 2020, Age 90, U.S. Army Ret., MSGT (World War II, Korean War), 6 Oct., 1929 – 31, Aug., 2020., Berryhill Funeral Home, Huntsville Memory Gardens

Drown, Charles Edward, 9 Sept. 2020, Age 80, U.S. Air Force, (Post 229 member), 5 Sep., 1939 – 3 Sept., 2020, Valhalla Funeral Home, Faith Memorial Park.

Richard, Ryan, 12 Sept., 2020, Age 32, U.S. Army (E-4). Memorial Service, Big Spring Park, Huntsville.

Wasdyke, James W., 18 Sept., 2020, Age 77, U.S. Army Ret. (SFC, 1960 – 1980, Vietnam, Dept of Defense), 13 Oct., 1942 – 13 Sept., 2020, Legacy Funeral Home, Huntsville Memory Gardens.

POW – KIA Recognition Day, 19 Sept., 2020, Huntsville – Madison Co. Veterans Park

Wisener, Larue, 21 Sept., 2020, Age 72, U.S. Army Ret. (CWO), Dept. of Defense, 41 yrs., Died 16 Sept., 2020, Berryhill Funeral Home, Holly Pond Cemetery.

Lawter, John R., 22 Sept., 2020, Age 80, U.S. Army, Dept. of the Army (IMCOM) 37 yrs.. 13 Oct, 1939 – 18 Sep., 2020, Legacy Funeral Home, Huntsville memory Gardens

Owens, James, Sr., 30 Sept., 2020, Age 75, U.S. Army (SSG E-6, 1963 – 1983), 21 June, 1945 – 24 Sept., 2020, Valhalla Funeral Home, Valhalla Memory Gardens

October, 2020

Gillespie, Larry D., 4 Oct., 2020, Age 72, U. S. Army, National Guard, (SSG, Vietnam – two tours, Operation Desert Storm, 109th Medivac, Huntsville Police Dept. two Police Officer of the Year awards), 1 July, 1948 – 4 July, 2020, Memorial at Huntsville Veterans' Museum, Arlington National Cemetery.

Black, Fay Colman, 8 Oct., 2020, U.S. Army, Age 84, 24 July, 1936 – 3 Oct., 2020, Valhalla Funeral Home, Faith Memorial Park.

Fitchard, Harold L., 9 Oct., 2020, Age 70, U.S. Army (Post 351 Member) 18 Jan., 1950 – 2020, Ditto Landing.

Tynes, Robert M., 10 Oct., 2020, **Age 100**, U.S. Army (1941-1965, CCC 1939 Ms., WWII, Europe, Pacific, Korean War, CW3), 7 Apr., 1920 – 20 Sept., 2020, Vahalla Funeral Home, Valhall Memory Garden.

Gibson, Billy, 11 Oct., 2020, Age 99, U.S. Marine Corps (World War II, Pacific Theater, NASA), 1 Nov., 1920 – 6 Oct., 2020, Valhalla Funeral Home, Valhalla Memory Garden.

Voss, Michael, 11 Oct., 2020, Age 77, U.S. Army (MSGT), 8 May, 1943 – 15 Aug., 2020, Memorial Service, Winchester Rd. Baptist Church

Fleming, George, 16 Oct., 2020, Age 90, U.S. Army, 1 Dec., 1929 – 9 Oct., 2020, Berryhill Funeral Home, Maple Hill Cemetery

McMeans, Grady, 18 Oct., 2020, Age 83, U.S. Navy (1955-1960, *USS Savage*, NASA), Age 83, 19 Feb., 1937 – 14 Oct., 2020, Laughlin Funeral Home, Huntsville Memory Gardens.

Stewart, Dennis, 20 Oct., 2020, Age 72, U.S. Army, 2 Feb., 1948 – 24 Oct., 2020, Legacy Funeral Home, Huntsville Memory Garden.

Morales, Carlos "Moe", 31 Oct., 2020, Age 74, U.S. Marine Corps. (1964-1968, Cpl. **Silver Star**, Bronze Star, Purple Heart), 22 Feb., 1946 – 25 Oct., 2020, Memorial at Post 237.

November 2020

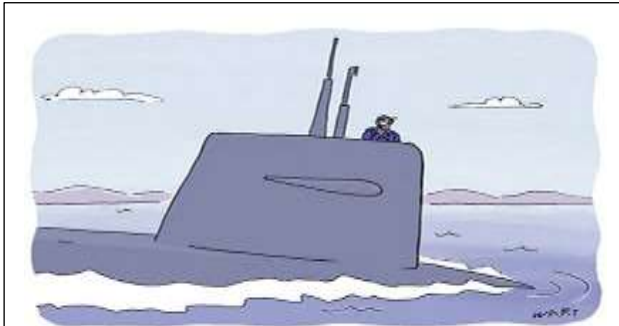
Rufus, Pat Jobe, 1 Nov., 2020, Age 84, U.S. Navy (1956-1976), 2 Jun., 1936 – 20 Oct., 2020, Paint Rock Cemetery

Flag Raising: Crestwood Hospital 2nd Annual Veteran's Day Celebration

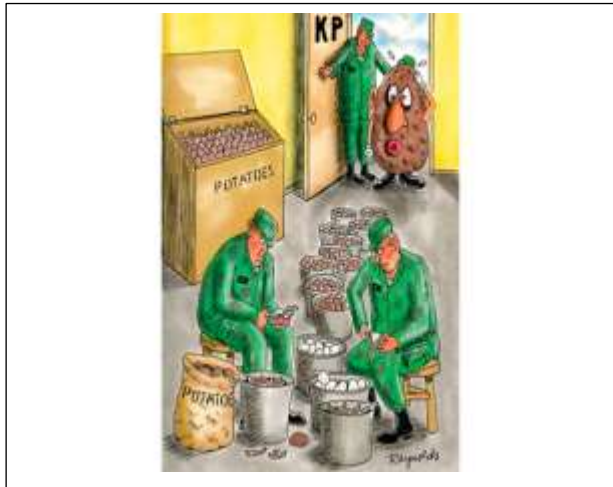
Gurley, Robert E. Sr., 12 Nov., 2020, Age 94, U. S. Army (WWII, Pacific Theater, Occupation of Japan, active leader in area Freemason bodies including Cahaba Shrine), 3 Dec., 1926 – 7 Nov., 2020, Valhalla Funeral Home, Valhalla Memory Gardens.



HUMOR IN UNIFORM



"Hey, it's been great talking to you, Mom, but I really have to go."



"How about if I just follow you on Twitter instead?"



Around the Post

The Building Committee

The Building Committee under the leadership of 2 Year Trustee Rudy Cowe has been very busy for the last few months. They sponsored a Work Day on December 19th and coordinated the roof repair with C&K Roofing and the bar air conditioner replacement with Carlton's Heat and Air.

On December 15th the Post was hit with a utility outage that burnt out the compressor in the beer cooler, fried light fixtures in the kitchen and the ballroom and the destroyed one of the TVs in the bar area. The building committee members stepped in to help get all of these items fixed or replaced. Committee members are: **Rudy Cowe, Dennis Atkins, John Carr, Juan G. Hernandez, Justin White, Ted Carson, Robert Barnett, and Barbara Cowe.**



BINGO AT THE ANNEX

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

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

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

12 Gun Raffle

The American Legion Department of Alabama is conducting a 12 Gun Raffle to benefit both our local Post and the Alabama Veterans Retreat and the Alabama War Memorial. Drawings will occur monthly and your ticket will remain in the drawing for the entire year unless you win one of the guns. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at the Post 237 Adjutant's Office or online at the Department of Alabama Website (be sure to specify Post 237 when purchasing tickets online). The website for online ticket purchase is: https://www.legional.org/store/p30/12_Gun_Raffle_Ticket.html

Raffle details are included below.

The American Legion Department of Alabama 12 gun Raffle

Rules for the 2020-2021 Gun Raffle

Fundraiser is sponsored by The American Legion Department of Alabama (hereinafter Legion)

Persons under the age of 18 may not purchase a ticket

All Federal and Alabama firearm regulations must be met before you receive a firearm

Tickets are non-transferable

No refunds

Tickets are \$25. The purchase of one ticket required to enter drawing

Winning tickets will be announced the 1st Monday of every month beginning in July.

Winners will be notified by contact information provided. Also winning ticket number will be placed on www.LegionAL.org

Each entry has an equal chance to win. All unsold tickets become property of the Legion.

Prizes and dates awarded are printed on the back of rules and ticket sheet.

Cash, checks, and debit cards are acceptable for the purchase of tickets.

Drawings will be held at The American Legion Department of Alabama HQ.

The winning ticket for each prize month receives the firearm for that month.

No prize will be awarded until ticket number and money is account for by the Legion

The name and address on the ticket must be the same as the required ID.

Winners will have sixty (60) days from date of notification to claim prize.

Unclaimed prizes will be awarded to the next alternate.

Tickets with incomplete, inaccurate, illegible, falsified, or forged information will be disqualified.

The Legion reserves the right to modify any raffle prize if needed, based on manufactures available inventory

Winners must contact 29 Tactical to arrange pickup details (Information on back)

*All Proceeds will be
split 50/50
For
The Alabama War
Memorial
And
The Veterans'
Retreat*



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*ALL TICKETS ARE DONATIONS

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

