

ROLL CALL

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Jerry Phelps Post 237 Commander Commander's Corner

Happy New Year to my fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Son's of the American Legion.

Ready or not, a new year is upon us. It is hard to believe but these last 6 months have flown by so fast. We have had so many moving parts going on and we have been so busy with improvements at the Post that neither I, my officers, the Post staff nor our volunteers have had much of a chance to catch our breath. It has always been something from, our Backpacks for Veterans Drive, the WZYP Bikes for Babies campaign, the Veterans Day Float, the dinners, the Yard sale to benefit the Auxiliary's Girl's State Scholarship Program, to the renovations at the post and the Annex.

You can tell that you are having a great year when you have people coming in on a Sunday and having to turn around and leave because there is nowhere to sit and when you must turn around and order another dumpster to handle all of the overflow of waste.

Yes, it is growing pains that we haven't had in so long that we are learning how to navigate these waters. However, we will get through these, and we will make mistakes, but in the long run that is how we learn to make our Post one of the best Posts in the state, even though we are already largest Posts in the state of Alabama.

Best Regards,

Jerry Phelps, Post Commander

Social Quarters Bar Shutdown

On Tuesday, January 2nd and next few days the bar in the social quarters will be closed for some additional work on the epoxy flooring. Cocktail service will be conducted at the bar in the ballroom. Entry to the building will be from the ballroom door. Smoking and vaping is prohibited in the ballroom. The area in the back of the social quarters around the pool tables will be open and smoking is permitted in that area and outside the ballroom. No trivia or poker, karaoke will be in the ballroom. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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Camera System Installation

In the next few weeks we will be installing a new camera system at the Post and moving the old system and cabling to the Annex.

If you have experience running cables and would be interested in helping with this project please email Tom Paone at vicecdr2@legion237.com. We can use all the help we can get!



From the Adjutant's Desk

To our members who have children and grandchildren: check out the amazing scholarship opportunities offered by the American Legion, on the local, State, and National level by logging onto the American Legion web sites.

Also, remember high school juniors and seniors can apply to enter the Oratorical Contests and Boys and Girls State. Our own American Legion Riders raise money for the American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation which funds the Temporary Financial Assistance program and training and accreditation costs for American Legion service officers. Post 237 has the Wargo Scholarship Fund.

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:

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

CLAYTON E. MONEYMAKER AMERICAN LEGION POST 237

OFFICERS

Billy Heatherly	Past Commander
Jerry Phelps	Commander
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Tom Paone	2nd Vice Commander
Bob Wasniewski	3rd Vice Commander
Mary McCoy	Adjutant
Jack La Fountain	Finance Officer
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Don Pinkerton	3 Year Trustee
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Tom Hartley	ROTC Liaison
Steve Bowling	S.A.L. Commander
Buddy Miller	S.A.L. Adjutant
Steve Bowling	ALR Director
Sherry Schroen	Auxiliary President
Anna Marie Wasniewski	Club Manager

Executive Committee

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



Chaplain's Corner

Bill Pond
Post 237
Chaplain

Any member of the Post who is going in the hospital for 2 or 3 days, please contact the Chaplain at 931-209-7694 or email at:

billpond6@gmail.com

Matt 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life as ransom for many.

II Cor 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 73: 23-24 Never the less I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

A Reflection: As we reflect on the year 2023, we have seen many good and positive things happen. We had two wonderful miracles this past year. Our Honor Guard participated in 108 funerals. Many of our Post members were hospitalized and recovered. The meaning of Christmas is about the birth of the Christ child who died for us as our sacrifice. Who rose from the grave over death. The Father gave his best – His Son. What a gift of salvation. The best gift to receive. We have hope and peace that only he can give.

God is our counselor. He guides us and He directs us. As a new year starts, may Jesus be a part of our daily lives. Let Him direct our paths each day. May 2024 be a year of blessings, thanksgiving and praise.

Bill Pond

2024 Baseball Caps and Jerseys

The 2024 baseball jerseys and caps are on sale at the bar in the Social Quarters and are pictured below. Proceeds from the sale will help fund our 2024 Post 237 American Legion Baseball Team. Baseball caps sell for \$25 and jerseys sell for \$40.



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.

American Legion Riders Meetings

The American Legion Riders will be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM. For more information you can contact Steve Bowling at stevebowling.sal@gmail.com



**American Legion Post 237 Bingo Annex
3806 Colonial Park Circle SW, Huntsville, AL**

Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

Doors Open at 4PM

Starts at 6PM

Sunday

Doors Open at 1PM

Starts at 3:30PM

Bingo supports many of our charitable programs. Legion Bingo, Sons of the American Legion Bingo, and Auxiliary Bingo fund our Boys and Girls State programs, American Legion Baseball, Veteran's Relief Fund, ROTC and JROTC support programs, scholarships and many other community and veteran related endeavors.

Come and join us for a fun outing at the Annex and help keep our programs strong. There is a isolated smoking section and the public is invited. Who knows, you might win a big jackpot!



FROM THE 3RD VICE COMMANDER



Bob Wasniewski, Post 237 3rd Vice Commander

Hello, my fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary Members, and Sons of the American Legion. Since the holidays are over for another year, we will be returning to our normal operating schedule in January. I wanted to let you know about some of the upcoming events.

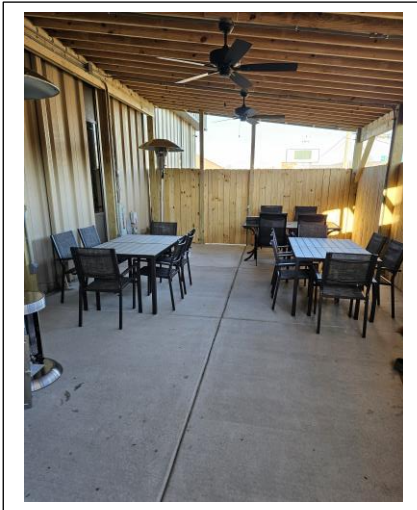
New Years Eve Party: Tickets are still available for the New Years Eve Party. See the Club Manager or Bartender on duty to purchase a ticket. There will be karaoke with Howie and other activities to celebrate the New Year. Our new cook, M.J., will be using the Honor Guard van to run a shuttle service to and from the Post. There will be no charge for the ride but tips for M.J. would be appreciated. Call the Club Manager or the bartender on duty to schedule a ride.

New Years Day – The Post will be open. The Canteen will be open during our normal operating hours. The kitchen will be closed on both Monday and Tuesday. There will be no trivia contest on Monday. At the conclusion of activities on Monday night, we will need volunteers to assist with moving chairs and tables out of the Canteen to prepare the space for the flooring repair.

Flooring Repair – The Canteen will have the front part of the bar closed off for flooring repair on January 2nd, 3rd, and the 4th. We will be conducting operations from the Ballroom on those days. As a reminder, the Ballroom is non-smoking. The back part of the Canteen, where the pool tables are located, will be open. This space is a designated smoking area.

Kitchen Hours: We are returning to the normal operating schedule. We will be opening the kitchen on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. A nighttime menu has been developed.

First Wednesday Steak Lunch: Scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2023. We will be selling ribeye steak, with a baked potato, salad, and a roll. Lunch will be served in the Ballroom during the normal hours of 11 AM until 1:30 PM.



Left: Picture of the new outdoor patio. Fans are hung, tables and chairs and heaters are ready to go!

Right: Commander Jerry Phelps and 3rd Vice Commander Bob Wasniewski assembling heaters for the new outdoor patio.

ENDING THE VIETNAM WAR

Newly elected President Richard M. Nixon declared in 1969 that he would continue the involvement in the Vietnam War in order to end the conflict and secure “peace with honor” for the United States and for its ally, South Vietnam. Unfortunately, Communist North Vietnam’s leaders, believing that time was on their side, steadfastly refused to negotiate seriously. Indeed, in March 1972, they attempted to bypass negotiations altogether with a full-scale invasion of the South. Called the Easter Offensive by the United States, the invasion at first appeared to succeed. By late summer, however, Nixon’s massive application of American air power blunted the offensive. At this point, the North Vietnamese began to negotiate in earnest. In early October, American and North Vietnamese representatives met in Paris. By October 11, they had hammered out a peace agreement. Its key elements were: all parties would initiate a cease-fire in place 24 hours after signing the agreement; U.S. forces and all foreign troops would withdraw from South Vietnam no later than 60 days after signing the agreement; American prisoners would be released simultaneously with the withdrawal of American and foreign forces; and a National Council of National Reconciliation would be created to organize and oversee free and democratic elections to determine the political future of the South.

The agreement represented a victory for the North Vietnamese but also it seemed to provide an honorable way out for the Americans. Nixon quickly approved the terms. On October 22, however, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu stopped the process in its tracks. Especially infuriating to him was the cease-fire in place. It left thousands of North Vietnamese soldiers in South Vietnam (estimates ranged from 140,000 to 300,000) well positioned to continue the war when the Americans departed. To gain Thieu’s support, the Americans reopened negotiations with the North Vietnamese based on his objections. This so offended the North Vietnamese that they too insisted on renegotiating several settled issues. By mid-December the talks had collapsed.

Diplomacy had failed and a greatly frustrated Nixon concluded that only force could persuade Hanoi that negotiating with the United States was preferable to continuing the war. The President ordered his military commanders to mine Haiphong Harbor and to initiate a sustained air campaign in the Hanoi-Haiphong region. Beginning on December 18 and continuing for 11 days, American bombing attacked all significant military targets in the region. Even though the targets were military, the aim was psychological--to shock the North Vietnamese back to the negotiations in a frame of mind to end the war. →

On December 26, the North Vietnamese signaled their willingness to be agreeable and to meet in early January. After 3 more days of bombing, Nixon ended the air campaign. Nixon also believed that the bombing would remind the South Vietnamese that American air power was the most powerful weapon against the North Vietnamese, and that its continued availability was contingent upon South Vietnamese support of the agreement.

Nixon’s plan worked and in early January 1973, the Americans and North Vietnamese ironed out the last details of the settlement. All parties to the conflict, including South Vietnam, signed the final agreement in Paris on January 27. As it turned out, only America honored the cease-fire. The North wanted to destroy South Vietnam while the South wanted to defeat the Northern forces. The inevitable solution, therefore, was to fight until one side won. Military operations on the ground, not words on paper, would determine South Vietnam’s future. Additionally, within 24 hours of the cease-fire coming into effect, the return of the almost 600 American prisoners began, as did the redeployment home of the remaining American troops in South Vietnam. The January accords, titled the “Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam” neither ended the war (except for the United States) nor restored the peace. A little over 2 years later, 30 North Vietnamese divisions conquered the South and restored peace in Vietnam. By that time, the Paris Accord seemed memorable only as the vehicle on which the United States left Southeast Asia.

Contributed by Tom Hartley





AMERICAN LEGION

POST 237

HONOR GUARD



A CALL TO ARMS TO SUPPORT THE POST 237 HONOR GUARD

The Post 237 Honor Guard is asking for your assistance to help replace its old, unreliable van used to transport Honor Guard members to and from veteran's funeral sites and the additional support it provides to community-requested patriotism events.

Please read the following and hopefully you will see that your tax-free donation to the Honor Guard is vitally important to allow your Post's Honor Guard to continue the invaluable support it provides to deceased veterans and their families.

HONOR GUARD MISSION: To provide military funeral honors for deceased veterans who have served honorably in the United States military.

SERVICE AREA: The Honor Guard services Northern Alabama and Southcentral Tennessee. To date in 2023, the Honor Guard has supported 91 funerals traveling 1,926 miles to do so. As the funeral services provided by the Honor Guard become more widely publicized, the number of funerals and mileage driven to support them will significantly increase.

OPERATING EXPENSES: The annual cost of outfitting Honor Guard members with uniforms, procuring needed equipment, weapons and van maintenance is \$7,312.50. **The Honor Guard's operating expenses are paid for ONLY from donations from individuals and organizations.**

DONATIONS: Donations are the life blood of the Honor Guard. They are even more vitally important now. While we remain committed to providing these funeral services, reliable transportation has become a major issue. Our current van is 22 years old with 180,000 miles on it and is in need of immediate replacement. Even as unpaid volunteers, many Honor Guard members provide their own transportation to guarantee their arrival at funeral sites. Your help is needed to allow us to continue fulfilling our mission. The current condition of the van is such that its unreliability may cause the inability to support future funerals which would be terrible.

The cost of a 12 passenger Honor Guard van is about \$48,000. It is desperately needed now to allow the continuation of the Honor Guard's mission to pay well deserved final respects to its men and women veterans.

The American Legion Post 237 Honor Guard is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. On behalf of the Honor Guard, I humbly ask you, with your strong military spirit, to see fit to provide a monetary donation. **Any amount you provide will be greatly appreciated.**

Tax free donations to the American Legion Post 237 Honor Guard can be made by:

- Mailing a donation to: Post 237 Honor Guard, PO Box 1176, Huntsville, AL 35807
- Bringing your donation to Post 237 located at 2900 Drake Avenue in Huntsville

Post 237's Honor Guard's dedicated efforts to provide patriotic support to deceased military veterans and their families can be best verbalized in the following quote:

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."

President Harry S. Truman

Americanism

“Americanism: attachment or allegiance to the traditions, interests or ideals of the U.S.”

Merriam-Webster Dictionary

The American Legion preamble declares that the organization stands for one hundred percent Americanism. More than ever before, people have differing opinions about just what constitutes Americanism. Looking up the definition in the dictionary helped clear up some things about why that is true. It also explains why new twists on Americanism are not just off base, they do not fit the meaning of the word. As defined, there are three elements to Americanism: traditions, interests, and ideals.

Traditions and interests tend to change over time. For the first one hundred fifty years or so of our history the majority of Americans did not see policing human rights, dictating social practices, or undermining the chosen forms of other governments as our business or in our best interests. Likewise, it is true that a National Day of Prayer was once a tradition in this country. The times, they are always a changin'. It is the unwritten duty of young people to challenge the traditions and interests of their elders. The corollary is that the number of people who later in life admit to being naïve and downright stupid as youths is a persistent theme. Change may be constant, but that is not the same as it always being in our best interests.

What is not subjective are the ideals of Americanism upon which this country was founded. Namely that by virtue of being human we are of equal worth to the Creator who endowed us with rights of which no one can justly deprive us. The cornerstone being the ideal that no man may rightly rule another man without his consent.

Those ideals were written down *before* there was a country. We have the guiding ideals preserved for us in our Declaration of Independence. It is *the* founding document written by those who fought to secure those ideals.

Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are the ideals everyone knows. They are not the sole ideals listed. Critics who claim the document is too dated point to the complaints lodged against King George. They say we're free now, those complaints, which make up the bulk of the Declaration, no longer matter?

The complaints are calls for an independent judiciary, the right to a trial, a writ of *habeas corpus*, banning the confiscation of weapons, and a free press. Their object is to avoid the consolidation of the power of government in the hands of one person. Those things still matter to Americans and the freedoms they bring are crucial to the just application of the founding ideals. The manner in which we serve the ideal and the degree to which we can achieve it may be questioned. Ideals are always much easier to state than to achieve. That does not negate their truth or subtract from their value.

The ideals of our independence are the heart of true Americanism. To abandon our ideals is to cease to be American. There is one last binding ideal of note. The founders willingly placed their reputations, their property, and their lives in one another's hands with a pledge of fidelity based upon their sacred honor. It is in our best interest to seize upon that tradition and pledge anew to defend our American ideals. By: **Jack LaFountain, Post 237 Finance Officer**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCH IN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY, SATURDAY 11 AM -1:30 PM

Specials: Wed – Philly Cheese Steak, 1st Wed – Steak

Thu – Taco Salad, Fri – Fish

Sat – Football Specials – Burgers, dogs and wings

Evening Kitchen Service

Wednesday – Saturday 5:30PM-8:00PM

KARAOKE IN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS

WED 7-11PM KARAOKE WITH CAROL

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

SAT 8 PM - 12 AM KARAOKE WITH JERIMY

FRI 7 – 11 PM KARAOKE WITH JERIMY

TRIVIA IN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY 7-9 PM WITH LISA AND ZACK

BINGO AT THE POST 237 ANNEX

SUN 3:30 PM MON, WED AND SAT AT 6 PM

MEMBERSHIP DINNER AND MEETING IN THE 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

BAR BINGO

SOCIAL QUARTERS - SUNDAY 12-2PM

First Wednesday Steak Lunch

Join us for lunch; ribeye steak, baked potato, roll and salad on the first Wednesday of each month. 11-1:30



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 – 1:00AM
Saturday	11:00AM – 1:00AM
Sunday	12:00PM – 8:00PM

Adjutant's Office Hours

Monday through Friday 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Call 256-397-3659 to make an appointment.
Email at adjutant@legion237.com

Commander's Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday 4PM until 6PM
Email at commander@legion237.com



Lunch at the Legion
Monday through Friday and
Saturdays in Football Season
11:00AM to 1:30PM

Specials:
Philly Cheese Steak – Wednesday
Taco Salad – Thursday
Fish – Friday
Burgers, Dogs, Wings - Saturday

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



WHO'S BEST?

An Army Catholic priest, an Air Force Baptist minister and a Navy Jewish rabbi want to see who's best at their jobs. So they each go into the woods, find a bear and attempt to convert it. Later that day they get together. The Army Priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the Catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his First Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," says the Air Force Minister, "and preached God's holy word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

They both look down at the Navy rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back, he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

Contributed by Tom Hartley

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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



Around the Post

The 2023 Backpacks for Homeless Veterans project has concluded. The Post collected items and filled over 100 backpacks with essential cold weather and personal hygiene supplies to help our homeless brothers and sisters survive the winter months. Some backpacks were shared with other Posts in District 12 so they could be handed out to homeless veterans in nearby North Alabama communities. Club Manager, Anna Marie Wasniewski, and a team of volunteers from Post 237 including Colleen Copeland, Carolyn Decker and Christie and Tom Paone distributed backpacks, tarps, blankets, shirts, jackets underwear and various other items to Huntsville homeless at First Stop on Stokes Ave. and at the homeless camp on Derrick Street. The recipients were very grateful for the generosity of our Post membership.



Texas Hold'em Fundraiser



Come and play in the weekly Texas Hold'em fundraiser every Tuesday at 6 PM in the bar.

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

Come on down and join in the fun!

2024 Madison County Oratorical Contest

The following email was sent to all high school principals, counselors, and ROTC POCs by Larry Vannoy, Commander of Post 229 inviting students to compete in the Madison County High School Oratorical Contest on February 10, 2024 at Madison City Hall at 100 Hughes Road, Madison AL. Post 237 provides volunteers who act as judges, tabulators and timekeepers for this contest.

The assigned topic discourse for 2024 will be chosen from the 2nd Amendment, 23rd Amendment, 25th Amendment (Section 3), or the 5th Amendment. The text for each of those amendments can be found here:

<https://www.legion.org/oratorical/topics>

First, I would like to introduce myself. I am Larry Vannoy, Commander, American Legion Post # 229 here in Madison. We are pleased to announce the Department of Alabama's 2024 State High School American Legion Oratorical Contest. The Oratorical Contest presents our nation's high school participants with an academic speaking challenge that develops important leadership qualities, exposes students to a brief history of our U.S. Constitution, and enhances their ability to think and speak clearly as they articulate their understanding of select duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges of American citizenship.

Not only do we provide them with academic challenges, but young orators earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high school students. Starting at the county level \$500 is awarded to the winner, followed by \$300 for second and \$300 for third place. Winners move to the District and then Division level competitions, each time winning a substantial financial award. The Department of Alabama awards \$4,500, \$1,500, and \$1,000 respectively. Additionally, Alabama pays travel and lodging to its winner to compete in the National Contest. The National contest will be held at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale Michigan, 17-19 May 2024 to award scholarships of \$25,000, \$22,500, and \$20,000 to the first, second, and third place finishers.

The Madison County oratorical competition will be held at Madison City Hall, 100 Hughes St. Madison on 10 February 2024. Schools/parents must ensure a biographical sketch (attached) of a proposed contestant is submitted no later than 2 February 2024 to the email address: oratorical@americanlegionpost229.org. Note that space is limited and Chairman Danny Marr will notify each accepted contestant soon after receipt of their submission. (Note: The 2023 Alabama State Oratorical winner, Ms. Christine Johnson, hails from Madison County and was awarded over \$6,000 in scholarships.

I have included a "One Sheet Oratorical Brochure" with a QR Code link explaining the scholarship program and how your outstanding student(s) can compete for local as well as national scholarships offered by the American Legion. The American Legion National Website's Oratorical details are at: <http://www.legion.org/oratorical/about>.

For more information concerning the participation of your local outstanding student, please contact me directly at 256-468-8400.

Thank you in advance.

Larry



Larry Vannoy, US Air Force (retired)
American Legion Madison Post 229 Commander
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Cell: 256-468-8400



Dear American Legion Post 237: veteran members, active duty, and guests,

“Bradford Health Services” has rebranded the veteran’s/active-duty program to “Hero’s Path” over the summer. Although Bradford has been treating veterans with substance use disorders in the Southeast United States for over 10 years, we thought it was time to set “The Veteran” apart from their peers. Reminding everyone, ourselves included, that we made a sacrifice that wasn’t an easy decision and is certainly not a sacrifice that many people make.

This information is a tool for you to keep, and use when, and if ever needed. It’s also arming you with a reliable and working tool to share with our brothers and sisters you cross paths with who may be struggling.

“The Hero’s Path” program by “Bradford Health Services” has several locations, but we have two main facilities in the state of Alabama. Madison, and Warrior. Each campus is unique in its own, and structured internally, and externally for the different needs of each veteran. We offer inpatient, outpatient, and hybrid treatment. We accept all major insurances, BUT if your service connected and have: Tricare, Tricare Prime, Tricare Select, your stay is at NO COST to you.

Post 237 leaders have the latest material, and my contact information listed below is extended to everyone who has questions.

Lorenzo Young (ARMY)
Veteran Business Development & Military Liaison
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323-922-9917

- Madison Campus | Madison, Alabama

Detox, Residential, PHP, Extended Care

Modalities: Group, Individual, Family, Art, Recreational Therapy, CBT & DBT Skills, CPT Motivational Interviewing, Fitness.

- Warrior Lodge | Warrior, Alabama

Detox, Residential, PHP

Modalities: Group, Individual, Family, Art, Recreational Therapy, CBT & DBT Skills, CPT Motivational Interviewing, EMDR, Fitness.

- Limestone Ridge | Warrior, Alabama

Detox, Residential, PHP, Extended Care

Modalities: Group, Individual, Family, Recreational Therapy, CBT & DBT Skills, Motivational Interviewing, EMDR, Fitness.

Feel free to visit our website for more information:

<https://bradfordhealth.com/bradford-heros-path/>

~ Post 237 January 2024 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 4p-11p National Championship Semi Finals	2 11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting Social Quarters Bar is Closed	3 11a-1:30p 1 st Wed Steak Lunch 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 7p-11p Karaoke with Carol Social Quarters Bar is Closed	4 11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie Social Quarters Bar is Closed	5 11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy Social Quarters Bar is Closed	6 11a-1:30p Football Lunch 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy
7 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	8 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	9 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg. 6p-8p Texas Holdem	10 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting 7p-11p Karaoke with Carol	11 11a-1:30p Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	12 11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy	13 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 11a-1:30p Football Lunch 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy
14 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	15 Martin Luther King 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Mbrs. Dinner and Meeting 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	16 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Texas Holdem	17 11a-1:30p Lunch 5:30p-6:30p ALR Meeting 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 7p-11p Karaoke with Carol	18 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-7p Comm & Americanism Cmte Mtg 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	19 11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy	20 11a-1:30p Football Lunch 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy
21 12p-2p Bar Bingo 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	22 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	23 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Texas Holdem	24 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 7p-11p Karaoke with Carol	25 11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	26 11a-1:30p Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy	27 11a-1:30p Football Lunch 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy
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