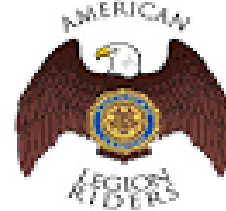


# ROLL CALL

## 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

Greetings my fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL, family. I want to take this time to say that I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year surrounded by family and friends.

It's that time of year again at which our Adjutant will be sending out membership renewal notices. We ask that you promptly renew your dues. As of 12/27/24, our post is 365 members short of our goal of 100% membership.

The National Headquarters of the American Legion states that , "If dues are not paid by January 1 of each calendar year, the member becomes delinquent. If dues have not been paid by February 1, the member is suspended, but nevertheless a member with no privileges".

Therefore, keycards of Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members who have not renewed their dues will automatically be deactivated at 00:01AM on February 1st. You can avoid this disruption by contacting your appropriate Adjutant.

We look forward to a great start to the New Year.

*Jerry Phelps, Post 237 Commander*



**4 in 1 Can Cooler**  
Pre-orders are being taken at the bar for this 4 in 1 Can Cooler personalized with your branch of service insignia. The cooler cups are being sold for \$20.

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## January Events

**New Year's Eve Party:** Ring in 2025, at the Post 237 New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7PM in the Canteen. The party will feature dance music by Jerimy, heavy hors d'oeuvres, games and prizes, drink specials, balloon drop and champagne toast at midnight. The cost is \$20 per person. Tickets are available at the bar.

Alyse Sena will be doing **haircuts** in the meeting room from 1 PM until 4 PM on Saturday, January 4th.

**Football Saturday Lunch:** The kitchen will be open during the normal lunch hours of 11 AM until 1:30 PM.

**Sunday Fun Day:** Bar Bingo at the Post each Sunday. The doors open at 12 PM. Stop in and join in the fun! Karaoke with Howie starts at 3 PM.

**First Second Wednesday Steak Lunch:** On Wednesday, January 8th, Carl will be cooking up ribeye steak, with a baked potato, salad, and a roll. Lunch will be served in the Canteen from 11 AM until 1:30 PM.

**Wednesday Game Nights:** Come join the Left, Right, Center dice tournament on the patio starting at 6 PM.

**Bar Feud:** Saturdays 7 until 9 PM. Bring your crew and compete for prizes. Your host, Jerimy, will have you scratching your head as you try to guess the most popular answers.

## **Invisible Warriors**

### **Support for Female Veterans**

Invisible Warriors is a support organization for women that served in the US armed forces. Their goal is to assist female veterans with their unique challenges. The article on page 6 is a discussion of some of the difficulties they face.

Beginning on January 13, 2025, the group will meet monthly at Post 237 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 11 AM. All female veterans are invited.

Contact Nancy Becher at: 269-319-6041 or email at: [Nancy@InvisibleWarriors.org](mailto:Nancy@InvisibleWarriors.org) or visit the Post website at: <https://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=241> for more information,

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**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](mailto:billpond6@gmail.com)

**What must I do to be born again?**

**1. We all need to be saved**

Romans 5:12 – “. . . sin came into the world through one man, and death through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned”

**2. God sent the solution**

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**3. Jesus is the answer**

Acts 4:12 – “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

**4. Salvation is a gift**

Ephesians – 2:8-9 – “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

**5. You have the right to receive the gift**

John 1:12 – “But to all who did receive him, who believed in him name, he gave the right to become children of God”

**6. How to apply the solution**

Romans 10:8-10 – “But what does it say? The word is near you, in your mouth and, in your heart, (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim) because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

**Prayer:** Father, I recognize that I am a sinner and in need a savior. I confess my sins before you, ask for your forgiveness, and cleanse me of all unrighteousness.  
I believe in my heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and rose from the dead.  
I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and I receive you as my Savior today, I am born again. Amen!



**WRITTEN** c. AD 85–95 by the apostle John to Christians in Asia Minor

**PURPOSE** To emphasize Jesus’ humanity and love.

**SUMMARY** The longest of John’s three epistles, this letter focuses on love: God’s love through Jesus and our love for one another. It also refutes false teachers who were claiming Jesus only appeared to be human. Jesus was in fact fully human—and fully God.

**OUTLINE**

- Light, love, and truth (1–3)
- Christ in the flesh (4)
- Keeping God’s commands (5)

**KEY VERSE**

*“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.”—1 John 3:16*



**John, the Apostle**

John, the younger brother of the apostle James, was called the “disciple whom Jesus loved” (John 13:23). He wrote three epistles, the Gospel of John, and Revelation. Stories suggest that he died of natural causes in Ephesus around AD 100.

**HEBREWS 13:1-16**

Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. [HEBREWS 13:16]

## LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER

**H**aving good neighbors is vital, especially during difficult times. Just ask Minnesota farmer Scott Legried. He was seriously injured in an auto accident when he tried to avoid hitting a puppy and swerved off the road. Doctors said he couldn't return to work for several months. This meant he wouldn't be able to harvest his crops—his only source of income. Once the word spread in town, local farmers rallied to harvest his crops for him. Legried said, "I'm lucky to live in a community where people have always looked out for each other."

Caring for one another is what believers in Jesus are called to do—reflecting Jesus' sacrificial love. The writer of Hebrews reminds us to not forget "to do good and to share with others" (13:16). Because of our appreciation for Christ's death on the cross, we can demonstrate the depth of our love for Him through good works—kind and practical actions that benefit others. Living for others and sharing our resources with them are "sacrifices" that are pleasing to God (v. 16).

As God provides what we need, let's choose to "keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters" in Jesus (v. 1). Through hospitality and caring for all people (v. 3), we live out His command to truly love (JOHN 13:34-35).

MARVIN WILLIAMS

**What does it mean for you to love others the way Jesus does?  
How can you help believers in Jesus who are in need today?**

*Dear God, I admit I often look out for my needs more than I look out for the needs of others. Please open my eyes so I might see others the way You see them.*



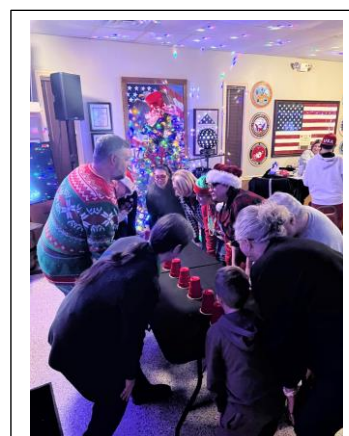
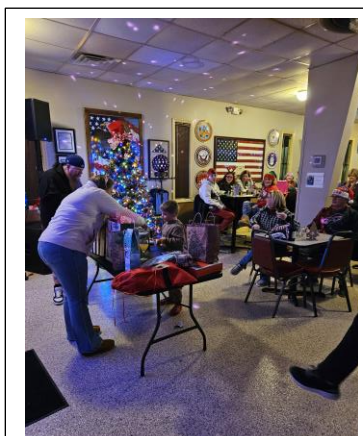
- OT Who was the reckless chariot driver?
- NT Which of the following was one of the original 12 disciples: Mark, Timothy, Luke, James?
- IT What did Abraham sacrifice to God?
- PI Where was the Garden of Gethsemane located?
- NI How many Old Testament figures appeared on the mountain during the transfiguration?
- GI Name a set of twins in the Bible.



- OT Jehu (2 Kings 9:20)
- NT James (Luke 6:14-15)
- IT A ram (Genesis 22:13)
- PI On the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30-36)
- NI Two (Matthew 17:3)
- GI Esau and Jacob (Genesis 25:24)

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### Pictures from the Post 237 Christmas Party – December 21st



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# The Rising Tide: Why We Need to Prioritize Women Veterans

The data reflects a rapidly changing demographic of our veteran population, with women veterans becoming the fastest-growing segment of our veteran population. Women are expected to account for 17.2% of all living veterans (2.2 million) by 2043.

This transition is something we must respond to and we must respond to quickly.

## *Women Veterans and the Challenges That Are Unique to Them*

### *Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)*

Women veterans are much more likely to have PTSD than their male counterparts. PTSD affects approximately 23% of veterans in the post-9/11 era, including about 20% of women veterans. One of the reasons is that they are at a higher risk for PTSD due to their cognitive characteristics — the way they perceive themselves and their trauma.

### *Military Sexual Trauma (MST)*

MST is an especially troubling trauma for women veterans. Studies reveal that 60% of women who had at least one experience with MST went on to develop PTSD, versus 43% with other traumas. MST also impacts social functioning and overall well being.

### *Under-diagnosis and under-treatment*

Despite their increasing numbers and unique needs, women veterans nevertheless contend with obstacles when it comes to receiving appropriate care:

- VA Studies show much lower numbers of Female Veterans: 11-17% of Female, but 26% of Male Veterans Receive Care Through VA.
- Failure to Provide Gender-Sensitive Care: The VA is trying to bring on more female based services; however, many women veterans have presented to VA facilities for mental health services, and have found a lack of gender-sensitive services available to them. The staff is not equipped for differentiating between the sexes and there are not enough facilities available for individualized care.
- MST Under-treatment: 70% of VA medical centers have adequate MST treatment offerings, but statistics show that MST screening is only done in approximately 15-20% of women veterans.

### *The Urgent Need for Focus*

- The increasing numbers of women veterans and their challenges deserve prompt attention. Here are some actions that could/need to be addressed:
- Make mental health services specific: we need programs that are tailor-made for women veterans (MST, PTSD). If not specifically at the VA clinics, then through community care where prompt attention can be given.
- Representation: More attention should be given to recruiting women veterans in VA studies.
- The Need for Education: Outside of the VA system, healthcare providers need education to better understand the unique needs of women veterans and how to address them.
- Support systems: If women veterans have experienced MST, implementing support systems, such as coworker support programs, and partnering with organizations that focus on the care of women veterans' mental and physical needs can greatly buffer against negative outcomes.

As we celebrate the service of all veterans we must also acknowledge and address the unique struggles faced by women who have served our country. By understanding and addressing these needs, we not only care for these brave men and women, but also unify and strengthen all of our veteran community.

*Contributed by Nancy Becher*

## Upcoming Americanism Events

The Madison County High School Oratorical Contest is scheduled for February 8, 2025, at Madison City Hall.

The 88<sup>th</sup> Alabama Boys State Convention will be held at the University of Alabama Tuscaloosa campus from May 25 through May 31, 2025. The Girls State Convention is scheduled for June 1 through June 6, 2025 at the University of Alabama Tuscaloosa campus.

For further information email Tom Paone at [vicecdr2@legion237.com](mailto:vicecdr2@legion237.com)

## Donated medical equipment available

Legionnaire Jonathan Wilson has an electric hospital bed (under a year old), an aluminum walker, clothing and other items available for donation to a veteran in need of them. Jonathan can be reached at 757-218-4084.



### American Legion Riders Update

The American Legion Riders will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM at Post 237. For more information you can contact Steve Bowling at [stevebowling.sal@gmail.com](mailto:stevebowling.sal@gmail.com)

The Riders are selling poker chips for \$3 to benefit the Veterans and Children's Foundation. You can purchase them from a member or at the bar.

**The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:**

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

## 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.



## Texas Hold'em Fundraiser

**Come and play in the Texas Hold'em fundraiser every Tuesday at 6 PM in the canteen. Funds raised benefit charitable projects throughout the year.**

**Come on down and join in the fun!**



**From the Adjutant's Desk  
Mary McCoy, Post Adjutant**

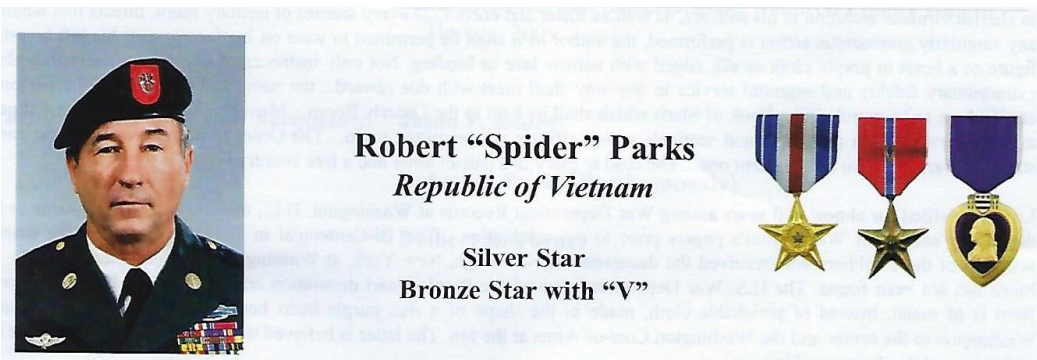
### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you Officers of the Post for your dedication in supporting the American Legion Americanism Programs. The exhaust fan has been installed in the bar area and is a great improvement in the environment.

Unpaid 2025, Dues are now delinquent and key cards will be disabled until dues are paid. If you have a key card please remember to use it to enter the bar. If you need a key card please call me at 256-396-3659.

**I look forward to seeing you at the General Membership dinner and meetings on third Mondays.**

**Commander/Adjutant Office  
Phone 256-396-3659  
Office hours 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**



## **ROBERT (SPIDER) PARKS**

In November 2024, a beloved member of American Legion Post 237, Spider Parks was posthumously inducted into the Madison County Military Heritage Commission's Hall of Heroes.

Spider grew up in Dallas, Texas and spent most of his adolescence on an Indian Reservation, and he proudly traced his lineage back to the Comanche tribe. He initially joined the Army Reserves in 1957. His earliest career aspiration was to become a public health official. By the time Spider went to active-duty Army status in 1967, he was well on his way to achieving this as he had served in every public health department in Dallas.

In 1967, he volunteered for deployment to Vietnam and was assigned to the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group. During his time in Vietnam Spider volunteered for a highly classified unit called the Military Assistance Command-Vietnam Studies and Observations Group (MAC-V SOG). Of the more than three million Americans who deployed to Vietnam, only 2,000 served in SOG. Spider would tell you his defining Army experience was in Vietnam as a member of MAC-V-SOG. Spider would go on to spend 30 years in the Army, retiring as a Command Sergeant Major (CSM).

After Spider volunteered to be assigned to Vietnam, he would go on to serve in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (SFG). One of his final assignments prior to being selected to attend the Sergeants Major Academy was as a First Sergeant in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne at Fort Bragg, NC. After becoming a CSM he was assigned first to 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> SFG in Panama and then to Korea as the Garrison CSM of Camp Page near Chunchon. Spider described 3-7 SFG and 1-1 SFG as the finest assignments that he had except for his assignment in Phu Bai FOB 1, while serving in MAC-V-SOG. Spiders most important priority as a leader was "saving and supporting his troops."

After retiring, Spider went on to earn his doctorate degree in Behavioral Science and served 15 years with the Department of the Army as a behavioral scientist and substance abuse professional. While studying for his doctorate, Spider was the Garrison Commander of Camp Hialeah in Pusan, Korea.

He also served as an unofficial POW/MIA representative for a joint committee of the Special Forces Association and Special Operations Association to find the remains of American prisoners of war or missing in action in Southeast Asia, where he was prior to his passing. Spider would return numerous times to Vietnam and Laos decades after the war ended. He went in search of those SOG personnel that never returned and were unaccounted for or missing. He never gave up on his desire to find SFC Lane and SSG Owen. He would say that he could still see their faces and the only thing that would hold him back from going there, to continue his search, would be funding or health issues.

During Spiders military career he received the Special Forces Tab, Purple Heart (2), Silver Star (2), Bronze Star with V device and oak leaf cluster, Air Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Medal, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Legion of Merit, Republic of Vietnam Campaign



Medal, Master Parachute Badge, Combat Diver Badge, Vietnam Parachutist Badge, and several classified awards.

During his retirement, Spider became an active member of the Special Forces Association, Special Operations Association, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the American Legion Post 237. He was a member of the Post 237 Honor Guard for over 13 years during which time he assisted with over 1300 funerals for veterans. He also served on the Joint Special Operations Forces POW/MIA Committee.

Although Spider was a decorated war hero, he was a simple man who loved his family and lived his life to the fullest. He enjoyed playing the guitar, sky diving, and he even played on baseball teams up into his mid-sixties. His humble mannerism, deep respect for all service members past and present, made Spider uniquely special, just as he made all of us feel when we were with him.

*Contributed by Tom Hartley*



## **A Message from the First Vice Commander, Rob Satterwhite**

Season's greetings to our Post 237 Legionnaires, SAL, and Auxiliary. I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of a cause I have taken up on behalf of a veteran friend who has been personally impacted by the below information. I am asking you to take a couple of minutes to read this information and contact our Senators (linked) for additional government funding to find a cure for this horrible, and aggressive disease. The contact forms are very straight-forward and should only take a couple of minutes to complete. Feel free to copy/paste the paragraph below into the appropriate field when contacting our Senators.

You may not be aware, but military veterans are much more likely to be diagnosed with ALS than the general population. Within a typical population of 100,000 people in the US, there are approximately two new ALS cases each year. Air Force veterans are shown to be diagnosed at a rate of 33.2 per 100,000 and Tactical Operations Officers (e.g., pilots, aircrew, and missile combat operations officers) in the Department of Defense had significantly higher ALS prevalence at 51.8 per 100,000. This clearly shows there are existing environmental triggers that could cause a dramatic increase in ALS prevalence. If the triggers are not determined, the general population could also become exposed to similar triggers and cause a similar 25-times likelihood of acquiring ALS. Estimates showed the number of cases of ALS in the world will increase from 222,801 in 2015 to 376,674 in 2040, representing an increase of 69%. Awareness of how this disease is impacting our veterans is a must for our elected officials, as is making funding a top priority to stop, and/or control ALS.

Senator Tuberville: <https://www.tuberville.senate.gov/contact-old/contact-form/m>

Senator Britt: <https://www.britt.senate.gov/contact/share-your-opinion/>

Reference:

[FYI: Epidemiology of ALS and Suspected Clusters | The ALS Association](#)

[ALS Among Veterans Deployed in Support of Post-9/11 U.S. Conflicts \(nih.gov\)](#)

[Projected increase in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis from 2015 to 2040 - PMC \(nih.gov\)](#)



# Are you a SON?

## *We want you!*

*to be a member of the Sons of The American Legion*

### ***Sons of The American Legion Eligibility***

All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during World War I, and December 7, 1941, to date, as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

*contact*

*BILLY PHELPS*

*(256) 244-2512*

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- *Americanism*
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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION





## FROM THE 3<sup>RD</sup> VICE COMMANDER

*Bob Wasniewski, Post 237 3rd Vice Commander*

Hello, my fellow Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, and Auxiliary members. Happy New Year! I wanted to let you know about some of the upcoming events in January.

**Sunday Fun Day:** Bar Bingo and karaoke with Howie each Sunday. The doors open at 12 PM. Bar Bingo starts around 12:15 PM. Stop in and join in the fun! Karaoke starts at 3 PM.

**First Wednesday Steak Lunch:** Since the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday was New Years Day, January steak lunch has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 8, 2025. We will be selling ribeye steak, with a baked potato, salad, and a roll. Lunch will be served in the Canteen during the normal hours of 11 AM until 1:30 PM.

**Wednesday Game Nights:** Game night at the Post! We will be continuing the Left, Center, Right dice game on the Patio starting at 6 PM.

**House Committee Meeting:** The House Committee meets on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6 PM in the Meeting Room.

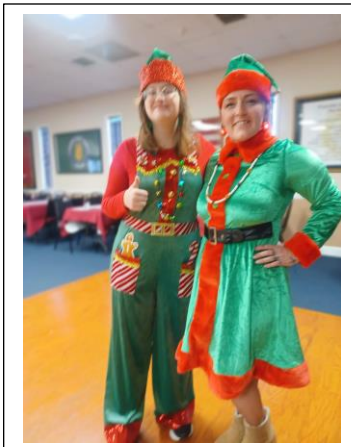
**SMOKING POLICY:** it is still necessary to remind the membership that the bathrooms in the Post are **NON-SMOKING**. I continue to find cigarette butts in the toilet in the Men's Room which will lead to more plumbing issues. Also, the parking lot of the Post is **not an ash tray!** Take pride in the appearance of **YOUR POST**. Dispose of cigarette butts in the receptacles provided.

**Holiday Fun at  
the Employee  
and Volunteer  
Christmas Party  
12/12/24**



## Children's Christmas Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Santa and elves Alyse and Erin visited the Post on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> to pass out toys and share pancake breakfast with good little girls and boys and their parents and grandparents. Thanks to all of Santa's helpers who helped make this event a success including Anna Marie and Bob Wasniewski, Justin Gragg, Thad and Erin Paone, Alyse Sena, Christie and Tom Paone, Beverly Du Four, and Colleen Copeland.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### LUNCH IN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11 AM -1:30 PM

Specials: Mon/Tue – Salad/Potato Bar, Wed – Philly Cheese Steak, 1<sup>st</sup> Wed – Steak, Thu – Taco Salad, Fri – Fish

### Evening and Saturday Kitchen Service

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri 5-7 PM Sat 11 AM- 1:30 PM

### KARAOKE AND BAR FEUD IN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS

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

SAT 7-9 PM BAR FEUD WITH JERIMY

SAT 9 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

3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY DINNER AT 6 PM (\$7.00) , MEETING AT 7 PM

### POOL LEAGUE

SOCIAL QUARTERS - ALTERNATING THURSDAYS 7 PM

### TEXAS HOLDEM FUNDRAISER

SOCIAL QUARTERS - TUESDAY 6 PM

### BAR BINGO

SOCIAL QUARTERS - SUNDAY 12-2PM

### BUNKO PARTY

BALLROOM - 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY 6:30PM

**GAME DAY – WEDNESDAYS LEFT/RIGHT/CENTER 6PM**

**HAIRCUTS WITH ALYSE – FIRST SATURDAY – NOON – 3PM**

## First Second Wednesday Steak Lunch

Join us for lunch: ribeye steak, baked potato, roll and salad on the second Wednesday of this month.



January 8, 2025, 11AM- 1:30PM

## 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 AM until 4 PM  
Call 256-397-3659 to make an appointment.  
Email at [adjutant@legion237.com](mailto:adjutant@legion237.com)

### Commander's Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday 4 PM until 6 PM  
Email at [commander@legion237.com](mailto:commander@legion237.com)



## Lunch at the Legion

Monday through Friday  
11:00AM to 1:30PM

Specials:

Salad Bar – Monday

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 restrictions.

## LAST LAUGH

### THE DEVIL SAT AT THE GATES OF HELL

An old man suddenly arrived in a burst of flames in Hell looking confused and lost. The Devil looked at the old man's paperwork, and frowned. The Devil was unable to find the old man's data file.

"This can't be right", the old man grumbled, looking at the Devil, "I've been a good person my whole life." The Devil nodded, most people said this when they arrived at Hell. The Devil said to the old man, why don't you start with how you died and we'll figure it out." The old man sighed and said: "Well, I was out with my grandchildren, enjoying a fun day with them. I don't get the grandchildren often because of my bad eyesight. We were having a wonderful time. And that's when everything went crazy. Out of nowhere, I spotted the largest mouse I've ever seen moving towards us. It was absolutely enormous. This mouse was moving straight at the grandchildren, limbs outstretched. You don't know what diseases mice carry. What if it would have bitten my grandchildren and infected them.

"So, what did you do?" the Devil asked, entranced by the old man's story.

The old man continued: "You don't know how big this mouse was! Radiation it must've been. Too many phones these days, that's what caused it. I did the only thing I could do. I grabbed my walking stick and I cracked it over the head. Now my eye sight is very poor, but I wacked it good. The kids started screaming at this point. You know how kids get when you have to kill an animal. But I needed to keep going. You see with mice you need to see their guts to know they're dead. Otherwise, they'll be back with others."

"So, you killed it?", the Devil asked. The old man nodded. "By golly I did! The kids had lost their minds at this point. A crowd that had gathered, all screaming at the sight. It was at this point though, that the exertion caught up with me. I felt my heart give way. I must have suffered a heart attack. Next thing I know, I'm here."

"Well", the Devil said, concerned. "This doesn't add up. Let me give Heaven a call and we'll try and see what's going on here."

The Devil pulled up a phone from thin air and dialed a number. "Hello God," the Devil said, "I think I have one of yours here. His story checks out. Must have been a mix up."

The Devil nodded as a voice on the phone spoke back to him. He gave the old man a thumbs up as the voice on the phone continued. The Devil covered the phone speaker with his hand, turned to the old man and said, "You're all good, they just want to know where you were when you died."

The old man nodded, "Oh that's easy, I was at Disneyland."

**Contributed by Tom Hartley**



## Around the Post

The Philippine American Association of Alabama Christmas Carolers directed by Lizeth Benton sang beautiful holiday favorites at Post 237 following Bar Bingo on December 1<sup>st</sup> and again at the Employee and Volunteer Christmas Party on December 12<sup>th</sup>. They are a fun loving and talented group who introduced the audience to Pasko Na Naman (It's Christmas Time Again) a Filipino favorite. The audience joined in singing different parts of the Twelve Days of Christmas.



## Help! We are running out of jokes!

Please give us a hand. To contribute a cartoon or funny story to Last Laugh email to: [newsletter@legion237.com](mailto:newsletter@legion237.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!**



~ Post 237 January 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>31</b> 7p-12a New Year's Eve Party	<b>1 New Year's Day</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo	<b>2</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	<b>3</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy	<b>4</b> 11:30a-1p Kitchen Open 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 8p-12a Karaoke and Bar Feud w/Jerimy
<b>5</b> 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	<b>6</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	<b>7</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-8p Texas Holdem 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	<b>8</b> 11a-1:30p 2nd Wed Steak Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting	<b>9</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	<b>10</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy	<b>11</b> 11:30a-1p Kitchen Open 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 8p-12a Karaoke and Bar Feud w/Jerimy
<b>12</b> 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	<b>13</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	<b>14</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg. 6p-8p Texas Holdem 7p-8p Comm & Americanism Mtg	<b>15</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 5:30p-6:30p ALR Meeting 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo	<b>16</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	<b>17</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy	<b>18</b> 11:30a-1p Kitchen Open 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 8p-12a Karaoke and Bar Feud w/Jerimy
<b>19</b> 12p-2p Bar Bingo 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	<b>20 Martin Luther King</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Mbrs. Dinner and Meeting 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	<b>21</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-8p Texas Holdem	<b>22</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo	<b>23</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	<b>24</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy	<b>25</b> 11:30a-1p Kitchen Open 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 8p-12a Karaoke and Bar Feud w/Jerimy
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