

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

Hello my fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary Members, and Sons of the American Legion.

Since July is the 1st month of the American Legion fiscal year, let my start by saying thank you for entrusting me with oversight and guidance of our American Legion Post. I would like to say thank you to our previous Executive Committee for their leadership this past year and look forward to working with the new Executive Committee and the 1st time officers to make our Post home the best in the state.

I would like to congratulate our Past Commander, Billy Heatherly, and our Post Adjutant, Mary McCoy for bringing home a streamer for the post from the Department Convention for achieving 100% membership this past fiscal year, which hadn't been accomplished in a while. Adjutant McCoy was constantly busy transferring members from American Legion Post 1983 and giving them a local American Legion Post that they could call their home post. **JOB WELL DONE BY BOTH OF YOU!!!!** I see that I have a goal to maintain.

American Legion Baseball is in full swing under our coach of almost 28 years, Coach Rick Bragg. These young men have already brought us home some 1st Place tournament hardware from Gallatin, Tn. They were runners up last year. Keep up the good job Coach Bragg and all of the coaches that volunteer for American Legion Baseball. →

We are looking for volunteers to help out around the post. If you have spare time and wouldn't mind volunteering time to help with upgrades please contact our 1 year trustee and building committee chairman Robert Barnett, myself or any of the other committee members.

The Post will be open on July 4th. We hope that you and your family have a safe and happy Independence Day Holiday!

Commander Jerry Phelps

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2023 Post Officers

Post elections were held on Monday May 16th. Adjutant Mary McCoy was assisted by Glen Vela and Michael Kinney in conducting the election. The following 2023 Officers were sworn in at the June 20th Membership Meeting.

Commander	Jerry Phelps
1st Vice Cdr	Chris Perry
2nd Vice Cdr	Tom Paone
3rd Vice Cdr	Bob Wasniewski
Historian	Ken Carpenter
Sgt At Arms	Cody Klinner
Chaplain	Ed Becher
3 Year Trustee	Ken Reisenweber

The Finance Officer position is open. Ken Vining is acting as Interim Finance Officer and will continue as Assistant Finance Officer after a permanent Finance Officer is found. We also have an opening for Service Officer and Judge Advocate. If you are interested in any of these positions please call the Adjutant's Office at 256-397-3659 or email the Post Commander at commander@legion237.com.



2023 Post 237 Officers Sworn In

Marine Corps League

The Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment 820 of the Marine Corps League meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon at American Legion Post 237. Please contact Ed Becher 269-221-2221 for more information.

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:

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

CLAYTON E. MONEYSMAKER AMERICAN LEGION POST 237

OFFICERS

Billy Heatherly	Past Commander
Jerry Phelps	Past Commander
Chris Perry	1st Vice Commander
Tom Paone	2nd Vice Commander
Bob Wasniewski	3rd Vice Commander
Mary McCoy	Adjutant
Ken Vining	Asst. Finance Officer
Ed Becher	Chaplain
Nicholas Jones	Service Officer
Ken Carpenter	Historian
Cody Klinner	Sergeant-At-Arms
Robert Barnett	1 Year Trustee
John Lawyer	2 Year Trustee
Ken Reisenweber	3 Year Trustee
Earl Hokanson	Honor Guard Cdr.
John Murphy	ROTC Liaison
Steve Bowling	S.A.L. Commander
Buddy Miller	S.A.L. Adjutant
Steve Bowling	ALR Director
Sherry Schroen	Auxiliary President
Channa O'Keefe	Club Manager

Executive Committee

Billy Heatherly, Tom Paone, Jerry Phelps, Mary McCoy, Ken Vining, Nicholas Jones, Ken Carpenter, Cody Klinner, Bob Wasniewski, John Lawyer, Robert Barnett, and Chris Perry.

House Committee

Jerry Phelps, Ryan King, Ralph Miller, Billy Heatherly, Channa Perez, Bob Wasniewski, Ed Wilson, John Schantz, Steve Bowling, Ken Reisenweber, Joyce Hampton

Finance Committee

Ken Vining, Mary McCoy, Robert Barnett, John Lawyer, Ken Reisenweber

Building Committee

Robert Barnett, John Lawyer, Ed Becher, Sherry Schroen, Thad Paone, Ken Vining, Rick Jerrell

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

The Rock Veteran's Group Volunteers to Maintain Historic Flag

After reading in the May Newsletter of The Five Points Historic District Association's search for someone, or group to take responsibility for maintaining the flag at the Wellman Family Park at Five Points. I approached our group of veterans from The Rock Family Worship Center that meet for breakfast every Thursday morning, about taking on that responsibility. The group agreed that we could take care of the flag. I contacted Jenny Johnson to make the required coordination. Jenny contacted the City of Huntsville that agreed to reinstall the flag pole and one of the historic district residents purchased a flag. On Flag Day, 14 June, 2022 at 0800, the flag was once again raised on the pole at The Wellman Family Park.

Contributed by Tom Sanders



In the photo is Tom Sanders in the center, John Adams in the black shirt, and associate pastor at The Rock, Steve Sharp in the shorts.

Americanism Programs Update

John Murphy has volunteered to serve as ROTC/JROTC Liaison Officer again for 2023. John coordinates Post 237's support of the Alabama A&M ROTC and 7 high school JROTC programs.

Andrew Dillard from Huntsville High School was elected the Alabama Boys State Lt. Governor for 2022. Andrew will attend Boys Nation in July.

Emma Nobel, the Alabama Oratorical Contest winner also won the National Oratorical Contest. Emma was awarded more than \$25,000 in college scholarship money for her efforts.



TEXAS HOLDEM FUNDRAISER

Come and play in the weekly Texas Holdem fundraiser which is played 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!!

Post 237 Ladies Auxiliary Recent Activities

1. Joyce Hampton was elected as 1st Vice President for District 12 Auxiliary.
2. Joyce Hampton was appointed state Poppy Chairperson for the Alabama Auxiliary Department for 2022-2023. Please contact her, if you are interested in participating in this year's Poppy program.
3. Post 237 Auxiliary Membership Chairperson, Peggy Steelman, achieved 100% membership goal and received over 100% Membership awards at the state convention in Birmingham.
4. Auxiliary Treasurer Joyce Hampton, Chaplain and Membership Chairperson Peggy Steelman, and Secretary Michele Kinney attended the Alabama State American Legion Auxiliary Convention in June 2022.

The Auxiliary is seeking donations for Tut Fann.

Tut Fann is requesting donations of *individually* wrapped snacks such as chips, soft cookies, candy bars, and cans of soda. Regrettably, Tut Fann cannot receive any homemade goods at this time. The Auxiliary will be accepting snack donations for Tut Fann until August 1.

Contributed by Michele Kinney



EVERYONE WELCOME, PLEASE COME JOIN US.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

JULY 15, 2022 5:30 PM UNTIL 8:30 PM
AMERICAN LEGION POST 237
2900 DRAKE AVE. SW, HUNTSVILLE, AL



RIBEYE STEAK DINNER	\$22.00
GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST DINNER	\$15.00
FRIED OR SAUTEED SHRIMP DINNER	\$15.00
SURF AND TURF DINNER	\$28.00

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE SALAD, BAKED POTATO, ROLL AND TEA

BE ENTERTAINED BY THE SOUNDS OF A LIVE JAZZ
BAND WHILE YOU ENJOY YOUR DINNER!

HONOR GUARD DONATIONS: YOUR TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR 2022

WILL SUPPORT YOUR POST 237 HONOR GUARD

The Huntsville American Legion Clayton E. Moneymaker Post 237 and Post 229 Honor Guard provide military funeral services for area military veterans. From June, through March, 2022, your Post Honor Guard, consisting of volunteers, has provided this service to more than ninety families. In addition, the Honor Guard performs flag ceremonies for various civic affairs, such as Memorial Day, and requested services.

This memorable service is provided to veteran's families at no charge, and receives no funding from outside the post membership. The annual costs (transportation, vehicle maintenance and insurance, etc.) for the Honor Guard is approximately \$5,000 per year. Please assist your Honor Guard.

Donations can be mailed or dropped off at the Post. Please note on the check or the envelope that the donation is intended for the Honor Guard.

Contributed by Ken Carpenter, Post 237 Historian

HONOR GUARD CALL TO ARMS

The Post 237 Honor Guard has dwindled down to about half as many members as it once had. Over the past few years deaths, members moving away, medical issues or just plain old age has taken its toll on the Honor Guard. The Honor Guard has been able to maintain operations without denying any request for services but at times, we have a limited number of available members. In the past two years we have provided over 200 military funerals, averaging about two per week. We are on call seven days a week. Many of our members have full time jobs and can participate only on the weekends, leaving the full-time retirees to fend for the weekdays. We combine efforts with Post 229 Honor Guard to fulfill the funeral request and maintain a perfect record. Our goal is to have enough members to rotate so that no one person must do all the funerals. We need your help to make this happen.

If you feel duty bound to pay your respects to veterans in their passing, join the Honor Guard. The Honor Guard will issue you a summer and winter uniform with all accessories. All you have to provide is your American Legion cap and a pair of black shoes. Transportation from Post 237 to the assignment and back is provided by the Post 237 van. The rifle salute uses M1 Garand rifles of WWII vintage that have been restored.

To join the Honor Guard, contact Earl Hokanson the Honor Guard Commander at 256-527-4009.



American Legion Baseball



Coach Rick Bragg is kicking off his 45th year of coaching and his 24th year coaching American Legion baseball. He is assisted by Chris Ragucci, Max Crouch, and Tom Kruza. The roster for the 2022 team is included below. Post 237 placed first in the Booker Turner Memorial Tournament in Gallatin, Tennessee. There will be a home game at John Hunt park at 5:30 and 7:30PM on July 6th and the State Tournament will be held at James Clemens High School from July 14th through July 17th. Please come out and enjoy some exciting baseball action and cheer our Post 237 team on!

POST 237 BASEBALL

1	NELSON, EVAN	INF/P
2	MOFFATT, AUSTIN	C/P
3	CARPENTER, CADE	OF
4	BUSH, DANNY	INF/P
5	COLLINS, CADE	P
7	SWEARINGEN, GARRETT	P/C/1B
10	CLARK, ELI	P/1B
11	RAGUCCI, VINCENT	OF
13	KRUZA, THOMAS	UTIL/P
14	FILAPIETZ, ALEX	P/OF/1B
15	STEELE, FLINN	INF/P
20	FRENCH, GREG	C
24	MULLINS, GARRETT	P/INF
25	PEPPERS, C.	P
31	CROUCH, CAM	P
32	FRIEND, RILEY	UTIL/P
44	PRESSNELL, GAGE	P/INF
55	CHAPMAN, CAM	INF/P
99	SANDERS, JACKSON	INF/P





Alabama American Legion Baseball serving veterans and families since 1928 is raising funds to supply a disabled veteran with an all terrain mobility wheelchair as part of the 2022 Mid-South Regional Baseball Tournament 2-7 August 2022 in Pelham, AL.

The funds raised will be used to supply the 6x6 Freedom Chair and defray costs for hosting the nearly 200 players and coaches from KS, MO, AR, OK, LA, MS and AL.

DISABLED VETERAN FUNDRAISER

PayPal QR code



Any credit card QR code



Alabama American Legion Baseball is a non-profit veterans' organization.
Donations can be made by using the QR codes or check payable to:
American Legion Dept of AL Youth Baseball Association
120 North Jackson Street Montgomery, AL 36104





From the Adjutant's Desk

State Convention Recap

Post 237 Commander and Adjutant received at the State Annual Convention a Certificate of Appreciation from State Department of Alabama and the 100% Membership Tack from National American Legion in recognition of achieving the 100% Membership Goal for 2022. Thank you to all who assisted by paying your dues and recruiting new members.

2023 State Department Officers are:

Commander, Buddy Keen, Sr. Vice
Commander, Charles Marsh, Jr. Vice
Commander, Don Madden, Membership, Tina
Bush, Adjutant, Ryan Mitchell, Christy Jones,
Administrative Assistant.

Announcement: U.S. Flag Patches are available for sale for \$1 each. Continuous Membership Service Patches in 5 year increments available for \$1 each.

Mary McCoy, Post 237 Adjutant



Commander Heatherly presents Martha Hall with an award for assisting the finance office!

MADISON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE MOVING TO NEW HUNTSVILLE LOCATION

The Madison County Veterans Service Office is moving to a new location, which will open on Tuesday, April 26. The office is located at 819 Cook Avenue NW, Suite 137 in Huntsville.

Office hours for the new location will continue to be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The telephone number will remain 256-532-1662.

The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA) has Veterans Service Offices in 60 of Alabama's 67 counties. These offices provide Veterans with free services, including counseling, hands-on assistance in submitting applications for VA compensation & pension claims, and assisting with all other state and federal veterans benefits and services.



Post Commander, Jerry Phelps present an award to Adjutant Mary McCoy and Past Post Commander, Billy Heatherly for 100%+ Membership for Legion Year 2022.

June 2022 Membership Meeting



Commander Heatherly pins the Commander's pin on Jerry Phelps Legion cap.



Club Manager Channa O'Keefe and 1st Vice Commander Chris Perry present the Post 237 Honor Guard Commander Earl Hokanson with a \$4685 check which will help cover the Honor Guard expenses for the year. The money was raised as a result of the Honor Guard Booze Basket Fundraiser.

Commander Heatherly presents Buddy Miller an award for years of Bingo assistance and Ken Reisenweber an award for his assistance with member contributions.



District 12 Commander presents 2nd Vice Commander Tom Paone with the National Commander's pin for four years of serving as the Madison County Chairman for Boys State.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCH

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11AM -1:30PM

Specials: Wed – Philly Cheese Steak,

Thu – Taco Salad, Fri - Fish

KARAOKE

SOCIAL QUARTERS

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

SAT 8PM-12 AM KARAOKE WITH MIKEY MIKE

FRI 7-11PM KARAOKE WITH HEATH

TRIVIA

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY 7-9 PM WITH LISA AND ZACK

BINGO

POST 237 ANNEX

MON, WED, THU AND SAT 6 PM

MEMBERSHIP DINNER AND MEETING

BALLROOM

3RD MONDAY DINNER AT 6PM (\$7.00) , MEETING AT 7 PM

POOL TOURNAMENT

SOCIAL QUARTERS

ALTERNATING THURSDAYS 7:00 PM

TEXAS HOLDEM FUNDRAISER

SOCIAL QUARTERS

TUESDAY 6PM

Second Sunday Pot Luck

Join us on the second Sunday of the February 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 Church! Have fun, exercise your brain and win Legion Bucks!

No Trivia on July 4th!



Social Quarters Hours of Operation

Monday	10:00AM – 12:00AM
Tuesday	10:00AM – 12:00AM
Wednesday	10:00AM – 12:00AM
Thursday	10:00AM – 12:00AM
Friday	10:00AM – 1:30AM
Saturday	12:00PM – 1:30AM
Sunday	12:00PM – 8:00PM

Adjutant's Office Hours

Monday	11:00AM – 5:00PM
Tuesday	11:00AM – 5:00PM
Wednesday	11:00AM – 5:00PM
Thursday	11:00AM – 5:00PM
Friday	11:00AM – 5:00PM

Call 256-683-9840 or 256-397-3659 to make an appointment.

Or email either: adjutant237@legional.org
or adjutant@legion237.com



Lunch at the Legion

Monday through Friday

11:00AM to 1:30PM

Specials:

Philly Cheese Steak – Wednesday

Taco Salad – Thursday

Fish -Friday

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

A married couple moved to a new town with their young son. They selected a nearby church to attend. Visiting the church for the first time the couple and their son were greeted by the pastor.

After a brief discussion the son said he needed to use the restroom. The pastor said he would show the boy where it was located. As they walked down the main hallway the young boy saw a large display on the wall with a list of names engraved. The boy tugged on the pastor's sleeve and asked, "What is the list of names about?" The pastor replied, "That is a list of all the members of our congregation that have died in the service."

They resumed walking towards the restroom when the boy again tugged on the pastor's sleeve stopping him. With a puzzled look on his face the boy asked the pastor, "Was that the morning service or the evening service?"

*Contribute by Randy Gray
Honor Guard*



Around the Post

A great big Thank You goes out to Bud Pagakis as he retires as Post Finance Officer.

During his almost 4 years on the job Bud has taking a business approach to running the financial side of the Post. He implemented a computer system to track Post financials and has grown our Post investment accounts, insuring that we are on a sound financial footing. Bud has spent countless hours not only doing the Financial Officer duties but also has assisted many of the other Officers in their duties.

Bud was integral in developing and implementing the strategy that allowed the Post to fight though the COVID epidemic years and continue to provide services to our members and fellow veterans. He recruited and trained Ken Vining as an assistant and backup.

Bud has provided sound advice to the Executive committee. His counsel will be missed. We wish Bud and Billy Jean the best in their future endeavors.



**Bingo at the Annex
3806 Colonial Park Cir SW
Huntsville, AL 35805**

**Sunday, 2PM – Auxiliary Post 176
Wed., 6PM – Auxiliary Post 237
Thur., 6PM – SAL Squadron 237
Sat., 6PM – Legion Post 237**

Help! We are running out of jokes!

Please give us a hand. To contribute a cartoon or funny story to Humor in Uniform email to: newsletter@legion237.com

~ Post 237 July 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Heath	2 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
3 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	4 Independence Day 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg.	5 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting 6p-7p Exec. Board 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 Heath	9 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 12p-1p Marine Corp Mtg 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
10 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner	11 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	12 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg.	13 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	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 Heath	16 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
17 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	18 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-8p Mbrs. Dinner and Meeting 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	19 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch	20 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 Heath	23 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
24 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	25 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack 6p - County Meeting	26 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch	27 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	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 Heath	3 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
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Details on Calendar items are available by clicking on the item at:

<http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=100>



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