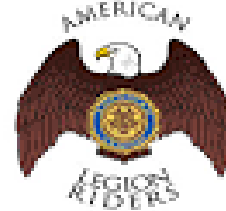


# ROLL CALL

## 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, SAL and Legion Riders. Myself and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commander Rob Satterwhite had the honor of representing the Post at the Department Convention that was held last month. I have to announce that our Post, our Sal and our Auxiliary were unsuccessful at reaching our 100% membership goals for last year. Membership state wide was down for the 2023-2024 year.

With that being said, the new American Legion year for 2024-2025 has started. Adjutant McCoy has the new 2025 membership cards available to begin processing. SAL Adjutant Buddy Miller has the SAL membership cards, and Auxiliary Secretary Peggy Steelman has the Auxiliary membership cards. Please drop by to see them or mail in your dues as soon as possible so that we can bring the membership numbers back up.

American Legion Baseball has started their year in a higher division this year. Coach Bragg has fielded a 19U team in the hopes of having a great year and reaching the American Legion World Series. All home games are played at John Hunt Park. All Legion Family Members and Veterans get in free by showing your American Legion membership cards or a Veterans ID.

Since we have been under a heavy heat wave the last couple of weeks, I hope that everyone stays cool, stays hydrated and doesn't overwork themselves.

*Jerry Phelps, Post 237 Commander*

### July Events

On July 3<sup>rd</sup> pick up your Texas Roadhouse Baseball Fundraiser ribs. Also, don't miss First Wednesday steak lunch from 11AM-1:30PM on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. On July 4<sup>th</sup> come by for a hamburger or hotdog lunch with potato salad and baked beans. No karaoke and the Post will close at 6PM on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Steak dinner and music at 5PM on July 12<sup>th</sup> in the ballroom.

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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.

### Poppies at the Bar

The American Legion Auxiliary has Poppies at the bar. Donations are being accepted to support their mission of supporting veterans, military and their families.



### From the Adjutant's Desk

Membership dues for July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 are now \$55.00 annually. You may also pay for three years at \$45.00 per year. The three year plan is currently available online at American Legion National website. You may also call in your payment to the Adjutant's Office between 11 am and 3 pm Monday-Friday. If I am not available, leave a voice mail and I will return your call.

Please support Post 237 by attending General Membership meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday night in the ballroom, a smoke-free area of the building. The dinner is at 6 pm and the meeting starts at 7 pm. Many important decisions are made during the Membership meetings which you may wish to vote for or against. If you are unable to attend the meetings, please let us know. Call 256-397-3659 and we will pass along your thoughts and ideas for consideration.

## CLAYTON E. MONEYMAKER AMERICAN LEGION POST 237

### OFFICERS

Billy Heatherly	Past Commander
Jerry Phelps	Commander
Rob Satterwhite	1st Vice Commander
Tom Paone	2nd Vice Commander
Bob Wasniewski	3rd Vice Commander
Mary McCoy	Adjutant
Jack La Fountain	Finance Officer
Bill Pond	Chaplain
Ken Vining	Service Officer
Ken Carpenter	Historian
Cody Klinner	Sergeant-At-Arms
Billy Heatherly	Judge Advocate
Robert Barnett	1 Year Trustee
Don Pinkerton	2 Year Trustee
Brad Mayo	3 Year Trustee
Earl Hokanson	Honor Guard Cdr.
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

Jerry Phelps, Billy Heatherly, Rob Satterwhite, Tom Paone, Mary McCoy, Ken Carpenter, Cody Klinner, Bill Pond, Bob Wasniewski, Don Pinkerton, Robert Barnett, Brad Mayo, Jack La Fountain, Ken Vining.

### House Committee

Bob and Anna Marie Wasniewski, Ralph Miller, Colleen Copeland, Mark Utter, Joe Norman, John Schantz, Steve Bowling, Ken Reisenweber, Joyce Hampton, Beverly DuFour, and Howard Krueger.

### Finance Committee

Jack La Fountain, Bud Pagakis, Jerry Phelps, Mary McCoy, Robert Barnett, Don Pinkerton, Brad Mayo. Bob Wasniewski

### Building Committee

Robert Barnett, Don Pinkerton, Brad Mayo, Sherry Schroen, Thad Paone, Rick Jerrell

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<http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=126>

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



## 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)

**PROMISES:** 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

**Corinthians 4:6** Behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

**Proverbs 1:23** Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and the ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Prayer

**We thank you for these United States  
In which we live  
In humble gratitude we thank  
Thee for those ideals  
Of freedom, justice, and democracy.  
We thank you for spiritual blessings  
Many of our men and women  
Have sacrificed their lives  
To preserve the freedoms  
Of our nation  
May their efforts not have been in vain  
Help us to daily reflect on all that we have**



### Jack Daniels Barrel Raffle

Buy your tickets now for the Jack Daniels Barrel Raffle. The drawing will be held on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will sponsor snack bags for the Veteran's Retreat.

## American Legion Post 237 Baseball

Coach Bragg is putting together Post 237's U19 American Legion Baseball Team for 2024. For further information contact Coach Rick Bragg at 256-651-9476 or [rhbragg22@outlook.com](mailto:rhbragg22@outlook.com).

### The season schedule as of May 25<sup>th</sup> is:

Jun 4 6/8:30PM @ Central High Florence, AL  
Jun 11 6/8:30PM Post 31 @ John Hunt Park  
Jun 14-16 TBD @ NE Mississippi Community College  
Jun 18 6/8 PM @ Red Bay HS  
Jun 19 6/8 PM vs. Post 229 @ John Hunt Park  
Jun 21-23 TBD Troy University Showcase Troy, AL  
Jun 25 6/8 PM @ Colbert Tuscumbia, AL  
Jun 28-30 TBD @ Smokies Stadium Kodak, TN  
Jul 1-8 OFF – Possible Workouts  
Jul 9 6/8 PM vs. Red Bay @ John Hunt Park  
Jul 10 6/8 PM @ Post 229 Bob Jones HS  
Jul 12 TBD @ John Hunt Park Huntsville, AL  
Jul 19-21 State Tournament Tuscaloosa, AL

2023 baseball jerseys and caps are in the Social Quarters and are pictured below. Proceeds will help fund our 2024 Post 237 American Legion Baseball Team. Baseball caps sell for \$25 and jerseys are \$40. **Congratulations to the team! On Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> Post 237 won the tournament at Smokies Stadium.**



### Salad and Potato Bar

In addition to the regular menu items, a salad bar will be available on Mondays and a baked potato bar on Tuesdays for lunch. The baked potato bar will include a side vegetable.



# INSTALLATION OF 2024 – 2025 OFFICERS

At the June 17<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting the following Post Officers were installed by Past Post Commander Billy Heatherly:

Jerry Phelps	Commander
Rob Satterwhite	1st Vice Commander
Tom Paone	2nd Vice Commander
Bob Wasniewski	3rd Vice Commander
Bill Pond	Chaplain
Ken Carpenter	Historian
Cody Klinner	Sergeant-At-Arms
Robert Barnett	1 Year Trustee
Don Pinkerton	2 Year Trustee
Brad Mayo	3 Year Trustee

The following Officers were appointed by Commander Jerry Phelps:

Mary McCoy	Adjutant
Jack La Fountain	Finance Officer
KenVining	Service Officer
Billy Heatherly	Judge Advocate
Tom Hartley	ROTC Liaison





## 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. I wanted to let you know about some of the upcoming events in July.

**House Rules:** The House Rules pertaining to guests signing in will be enforced. No exceptions.

**Nighttime Kitchen Hours:** We have returned to the normal operating schedule. We will be opening the kitchen on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. A nighttime menu has been developed.

**First Wednesday Steak Lunch:** Scheduled for Wednesday, July 3, 2024. 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, Right, Center dice tournament in the Canteen starting at 6 PM. We have recently added a new dart machine to the Canteen. We will be trying to get a dart tournament going on Saturday Night.

**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!

**Bunko Party in the Ballroom:** A Bunko Party is held in the Ballroom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This month Bunko will be held on July 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

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

To all at Post 237,

As your newly elected First Vice Commander, I wanted to take a moment of your time to give a bit of background about myself. I am originally from the Birmingham area, married (Ashely) with no kids. I served in the USAF from 2000-2006, mostly in beautiful Anchorage, AK. After my enlistment, we decided to get closer to home for us both and moved to Huntsville. I now work on the Arsenal as a DoD employee and feel truly blessed by the life my service to our nation has provided me.

When I was first approached to be your First Vice Commander, I was not only flattered that my fellow Legionnaires had faith that I could get the job done, but I knew this position is one I would need to take very seriously. I feel like my employment on the Arsenal places me in a great area to recruit new members – and Huntsville in general. You can't throw a stone in Huntsville without hitting a veteran. In that venture, I want to encourage you all to do your part in bringing in new members. We are the largest Post in Alabama, and I would like to keep it that way. So please, bring us more folks, and I promise to do my best to fulfil my duties in doing the same.

Last, you can usually find my wife and I sitting in front of our Second Vice and Bingo caller, Tom Paone, at Bingo on Sundays. Please feel free to introduce yourself to me and Ash if you don't already know us. Please feel free to share any new ideas you have for membership drives or membership concerns in general. And always feel free to email me at: [vicecdr1@legion237.com](mailto:vicecdr1@legion237.com)

I look forward to serving you over the next year.

Sincerely,

**Rob**



## **UNDERSTANDING PTSD AND PTSD TREATMENT (PART 2)**

### **Treatment Works:**

For many people, these treatments can get rid of the symptoms altogether. Others find they have fewer symptoms or feel that their symptoms are less intense. After treatment, most people feel they have a **better quality of life**.

“It was difficult, that first time going to my treatment, because I didn’t think I really needed it. But once I got there and spoke with the counselor, I felt better when I left that day. I already felt better after the first session.” -----Michelle Rentas -US Army (1992-1995)

### **When PTSD isn’t treated, it usually doesn’t get better – and it may even get worse.**

It’s common to think that your PTSD symptoms will just go away over time. But this is very unlikely, especially if you’ve had symptoms for longer than a year. Even if you feel like you can handle your symptoms now, they may get worse over time. Getting treatment can help keep PTSD from causing problems in your relationships, your career, or your education – so you can live the way you want to.

### **Can a therapist really understand what I’ve been through?**

Therapists can treat your PTSD whether or not they have been through trauma themselves. What’s important is that your therapist understands how you think about your experience, so they can teach you the skills you need to manage your symptoms.

“When you can walk through it with a trained professional – and that doesn’t mean your buddy or your buddies that went through it with you – they have a way of making you look at it from all the angles, not just the one perception that you have.”-----Reedy Hopkins -US Air Force (1983-2011)

### **Is it ever too late to get treatment for PTSD?**

It is never too late. Treatment can help even if your trauma happened years ago. Treatment for PTSD has gotten much better over the years. If you tried treatment before and you’re still having symptoms, it’s a good idea to try again.

### **What if I don’t feel ready for treatment?**

It’s normal to feel like you’re not ready for treatment, or to come up with reasons why now isn’t the right time – like you can’t afford it or you’re too busy. But not wanting to talk or think about the trauma can actually be a symptom of PTSD. You may never feel truly ready to get help for PTSD – but if you’re having symptoms, it’s better to get treatment now than to wait. **The sooner you get treatment, the sooner you can start to feel better.**

“Getting ready for treatment is like, how do I know I’m ready to get in better shape? How do I know I’m ready to be a better father? How do I know I’m ready to be a better person? **If you’re feeling pain, you’re ready for treatment.**” Dr. Ron Acierno-----Clinical Psychologist

### **What happens during PTSD treatment?**

Your therapist or doctor will start by talking to you about your PTSD symptoms and your treatment options. Once you’ve chosen a type of treatment, they’ll explain what will happen, how it will help you feel better, and why it works.

### **How can I decide which treatment is right for me?**

The online PTSD Treatment Decision Aid (<https://www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/decisionaid/>) is a great way to learn about your options and consider which treatment is right for you. You can watch videos of providers explaining how treatments work, then build a personalized comparison chart of the treatments that appeal to you. You can share a printout of the chart with your therapist as you decide together which treatment best meets your needs.

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“A lot of soldiers will say it’s a weakness to go get the help, but in a way you can also turn that around and say you know, you’re being weak by not going in and getting the help.” -----Josh Hansen -US Army (2005-2008)

### **Medication**

When you have PTSD, you may not have enough of certain chemicals in your brain that help you manage stress. SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors) and SNRIs (selective norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors) are medications that can help raise the level of these chemicals in your brain, so you feel better. Sertraline and paroxetine are SSRIs that work for PTSD. Venlafaxine is an SNRI that is effective. Before starting to take medication to treat PTSD, you’ll talk to a mental health doctor. When you first start taking medication, you’ll check in with this doctor to talk about how the medication is working. Medications can treat PTSD symptoms alone or with therapy, but only therapy treats the underlying cause of your symptoms. If you treat your PTSD symptoms only with medication, you’ll need to keep taking it for it to keep working.

### **Where can I go to get help?**

If you’re a veteran, check in with the VA about whether you can get treatment there. Visit <http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/PTSD.asp> to find a VA PTSD program near you. If you’re looking for care outside the VA, ask your family doctor for a referral to a mental health care provider who specializes in PTSD treatment, or visit <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/> to search for providers in your area. When choosing a mental health care provider, here are some important things to consider:

- **Find a provider who uses PTSD treatments proven to work.** It’s best if you can find someone who offers accepted PTSD treatments, since these treatments have shown strong evidence showing that they work. Many mental health centers in hospital or university systems offer these treatments.
- **Find out about payment options.** If you don’t have health insurance or can’t afford to pay out of pocket, you may be able to find low cost care through a clinic funded or run by a government agency.
- **Find someone who is a good fit for you.** You and your therapist or doctor will work closely together, so it’s important that you feel comfortable asking questions and talking about problems in your life. It’s always okay to look for a different therapist or doctor if you’re not happy with the person you’re seeing.

“I wouldn’t have even thought of going into treatment had I not had other veterans tell me how it was helping them. Now I want to be the person to tell you that it’s worth it.”-----MichelleFisher – US Air Force (2000-2011)

“My treatment has been a blessing to me and my family. It’s hard to put into words just how you feel after you know that you can control your anger, and you can control your emotions.” Bradley Seitz - US Marine Corps (2002-2005)

“I can carry on with my life and not feel so much guilt, so much anger and resentment. Besides my wife and my daughter, my treatment is the best thing that’s ever happened to me.” Joe Duarte -US Army (2002-2008)

To anyone reading this article who feels that you may be experiencing PTSD, **please** reach out to the professionals addressed in this article to begin your journey to a better life for yourself and a happier relationship with your family and friends.

***Contributed by Tom Hartley***



## **A Message from the Three Year Trustee, Brad Mayo**



First, let me say it is my honor and I look forward to serving all our Legionnaires as a Trustee of Post 237. Here is a little background on me and my travels in the past three quarters of a century. I am a retired Special Agent of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (1989) where I served in many positions and culminated as the Technical Security Advisor, Computer Security Officer and TEMPEST Control Officer to the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Pentagon. Prior to that, I represented the Air Force on multiple interagency intelligence committees and chaired the Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee. I also held positions as Director of Safety, Risk Management and Security at Southern Maryland Hospital Center, International Program Manager for Government High Level Security Systems and Program Manager of Engineering for various commercial enterprises supporting U.S. Government projects. My educational background spans electrical engineering, law enforcement, counterintelligence and emergency medical disciplines with degrees in Administration of Justice and Criminal Justice. I have authored and/or supervised multiple technical publications within the Department of Defense community in core telecommunications and security disciplines. Recognition includes the award of the Defense Meritorious Service, U.S. Air Force Meritorious Service, and U.S. Air Force Commendation medals and numerous public speaking competition awards. I grew up outside of Albany, New York and entered the Air Force in 1969. During my 20-year military career, I completed 11 duty assignments including three overseas. I arrived in Huntsville in 1996. I and my new and lovely wife Rita, a native of Huntsville, are currently consolidating our two houses into a new home. →

I was blessed with two children, Brad Jr. and Christie (deceased). My volunteer activities have included 28 years in fire and emergency medical service, Boy Scouts, and numerous local community public service projects and now, the American Legion. My hobbies include woodworking, singing, videography and computer expansion for audio/video recording and editing.

### **Brad Mayo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee**

## **Post 237 Bingo Chairman Needed**

The Post is looking for a volunteer to become the new Post Bingo Chairman. Our current chairman of 3 years is resigning to move out of state due to health reasons.

Post bingo operations support many of the programs of the American Legion including: American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Oratorical Contest for scholarships as well as helping veterans in need and local charities.

The duties of the Bingo Chairman will comprise of spending one night a week (Saturday) at the bingo hall for approximately 3-4 hours to ensure that all monies are accounted for and all bingo games are conducted correctly and honestly.

The qualifications for Bingo Chairman are:

- 1) Must be a Legionnaire in good standing at the American Legion Post 237.
- 2) Must have a willingness to learn and train for the position.
- 3) Must be willing to support the programs of the American Legion that the bingo provides.
- 4) Will be required to make an accounting of all monies received and paid out and submit a worksheet to the Finance Officer of the Post within 3 days that the game is held.
- 5) Must order bingo supplies as needed.

Interested candidates should contact Post Commander Jerry Phelps at (256)694-4376 or via email at [Commander@legion237.com](mailto:Commander@legion237.com)



## 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

Tues, Wed, Thu, and Fri 5:00PM Sat 12PM-2PM

### KARAOKE IN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS

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

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 AND DARTS**

## First Wednesday Steak Lunch

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

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 11AM until 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 10:00AM – 4:00PM

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

## Commander's Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday 4PM until 6PM  
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

Potato Bar -Tuesday

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.

## HUMOR IN UNIFORM



### THE GENERAL IS COMING

The Commanding General of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Major General Kickbutt is scheduled to visit one of the infantry companies in his 325<sup>th</sup> Airborne Infantry Regiment.

The commander of this infantry company, Captain Takethathill, wanted to know when the general arrived at the company headquarters, so he positioned a private as a sentry at the front door of the company headquarters.

The captain ordered the sentry, "Inform me immediately when the general arrives."

The sentry responded, "Yes sir."

An hour goes by and the general has not yet arrived.

The worried captain checks with the sentry and asks, "Has the general arrived yet?"

"No sir, the sentry replies."

Another half hour goes by and the captain, now getting nervous, checks with the sentry again.

"Hasn't the general arrived yet," the captain asks the sentry.

The sentry again replies, "no sir."

This continues for another two hours.

Finally, the general arrives.

The sentry in a very loud, angry voice says to the general, "Where the hell have you been? The captain has been looking for you."

Contributed by Tom Hartley



### Around the Post

Two Year Trustee, Don Pinkerton, is leading an effort to fix or replace the smoke handling units and smoke-eaters in the Canteen. We have identified a wiring issue and were able to get one of the units running and the other unit has a bad switch which we are attempting to order. We have two smoke-eaters in the ballroom that are no longer in use since that space is non-smoking. The membership has approved the cannibalization of those units to provide parts and filters for the two smoke-eaters in the Canteen. The revolving smoke filters in the Canteen need cleaning and filter replacement. If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact Don Pinkerton, Bob Wasniewski, or Tom Paone. We could use your help.

**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](mailto:newsletter@legion237.com)

### 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!**



### 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.



**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!**







## **A Trip to the U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum**

You would probably be surprised to learn that the top attraction on Trip Advisor in Huntsville is the U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum. The museum which is located at 2060 Airport Rd./3650 Alex McCallister Dr. is a tribute to the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The museum is open to visitors on Wednesday through Saturday from 10AM until 4PM. They are also open on special occasions such as July 4<sup>th</sup> and Memorial Day. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for students. The museum is a Blue Star and Gold Star Museum, offering free admission for active duty military personnel. The museum's website is:

<https://www.memorialmuseum.org/>

Last week my grandson and I explored the U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum for the first time. We were amazed, the collection is huge and it includes artifacts from the American Revolution to modern conflicts. The museum showcases a wide array of military vehicles, uniforms, weapons, and personal items including an impressive lineup of jeeps and tanks, helicopters, and the Alabama Merci 40 & 8 Boxcar donated by the French following WWII. I think you will agree that this museum "houses more history per square foot than any other museum in the country!"

The collection was started in 1986 and the museum officially opened at its current location on Veterans Day 2001. The building was an airport hangar that later served as a work release center and city employee medical clinic. The City of Huntsville has approved a well-needed 15,000 square foot expansion to the building with phase 1 construction beginning in fall 2024. →

Volunteers, many of whom are veterans, offer guided tours that add depth and context to the artifacts. Their firsthand knowledge and personal connection to the material creates a moving and informative experience.

Whether a veteran, active duty, family member, historian, or someone looking to understand the military experience, please visit the U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum. It offers an unique educational experience and respectful insight into the lives of those who have defended our nation.

In preparation for the upcoming construction, volunteers are needed to work outside on the expansion site. There are also several volunteer opportunities working in the archives and in restoration and preservation of artifacts. Please call the museum at 256-883-3737 if you would like to help.

*Contributed by Tom Paone*





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	<b>2</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-8p Texas Holdem 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	<b>3</b> 11a-1:30p First Wednesday steak Lunch 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 5p-7p Evening Kitchen Pickup Fundraiser Ribs – All Day	<b>4 Independence Day</b>	<b>5</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy	<b>6</b> 12p-3p Haircuts 12p-2p Kitchen open 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 6p-7p Dart Tournament 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy
<b>7</b> 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	<b>8</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	<b>9</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg. 6p-8p Texas Holdem	<b>10</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting 5p-7p Evening Kitchen	<b>11</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	<b>12</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy 5p-7p Steak Dinner w/music	<b>13</b> 12p-2p Kitchen open 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 6p-7p Dart Tournament 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy
<b>14</b> 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	<b>15</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>16</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-8p Texas Holdem 6:30p Bunko Party	<b>17</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5:30p-6:30p ALR Meeting 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 5p-7p Evening Kitchen	<b>18</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-7p Comm & Americanism Cmte Mtg 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	<b>19</b> 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy	<b>20</b> 12p-2p Kitchen open 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 6p-7p Dart Tournament 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy
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