

# ROLL CALL

## Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237



## Alabama's Largest American Legion Post

Special Issue Update Regarding Coronavirus

March 20, 2020

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**Commander's  
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Post 237 Commander

### Coronavirus Update March 20<sup>th</sup>

**Subject: Coronavirus Update - Post 237 Social Quarters closing**

Governor Kay Ivey has ordered the stoppage of all on-premise serving of food and beverages starting today and ending April 5th. American Legion Post 237 is closing our Social Quarters until Monday April 6th. While the Post is closed the staff will do a deep cleaning of both the Post home and the annex.

More information on Governor Ivey's directive is available at:

<https://www.waff.com/2020/03/19/on-premise-food-consumption-comes-halt-statewide/>

**We will update you with changes as they occur. Please keep yourself and your family safe during this difficult time.**

The Clayton E. Moneymaker Post 237 is concerned for the health and well being of all of its Members. The Coronavirus crisis poses a unique threat that requires decisive action to protect our members and our employees.

On Monday, March 16, 2020 Post leadership, including the Sons of the American Legion, Auxiliary, ROTC Liaison, and Executive Board, met to formulate a plan for the Post and Bingo Annex during this crisis.

This plan is fluid and will change as more information becomes available and as Public Health directives are updated. Below are the current guidelines that we have put in place:

- The Bingo Annex and Bingo operations will be closed until April 1.
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- All special events in the Ballroom and Social Quarters will be canceled until April 1.
- The Ugly Walk will be postponed. District 12 meeting has been canceled.
- Regular activities including lunch, karaoke, and trivia will continue in the Social Quarters on the current schedule until further notice.
- Employees will wipe down surfaces in the Social Quarters with disinfectant at the beginning and throughout their shifts.
- Patrons in the Social Quarters are encouraged to maintain a social distance between themselves and other patrons, minimize physical contact, and wash their hands thoroughly when using the restrooms.
- Disinfecting wipes will be provided for patrons to clean the surfaces that they are using.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for patrons to utilize.

We will continually review the situation and make appropriate adjustments as needed. If you have questions or suggestions regarding the Post response to this crisis please email: [newsletter@legion237.com](mailto:newsletter@legion237.com)

We strongly encourage that elderly members or those with serious medical conditions stay at home and not risk public exposure to the COVID-19 virus. If you have a cough or flu-like symptoms consult a doctor and please do not come to the Post and take a chance of exposing others to illness.

Take this time to call your Legion buddies and check up on them. Working together we can keep ourselves and our sisters and brothers safe and healthy and emerge from this crisis a stronger Post.

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Due to heightened precautions due to COVID-19, the Huntsville Vet Center is postponing their Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration that was scheduled for March 26, 2020.

**AMERICAN LEGION  
CLAYTON E. MONEYMAKER POST 237**

**OFFICERS**

<b>Billy Heatherly</b>	<b>Commander</b>
<b>Don Pinkerton</b>	<b>Past Commander</b>
<b>Roy Hall</b>	<b>1st Vice Commander</b>
<b>Tom Paone</b>	<b>2nd Vice Commander</b>
<b>Glen Vela</b>	<b>3rd Vice Commander</b>
<b>Mary McCoy</b>	<b>Adjutant</b>
<b>Bud Pagakis</b>	<b>Finance Officer</b>
<b>Jerry Creel</b>	<b>Chaplain</b>
<b>Nicholas Jones</b>	<b>Service Officer</b>
<b>Michael Kinney</b>	<b>Historian</b>
<b>Gerry Frank</b>	<b>Sergeant-At-Arms</b>
<b>Ken Reisenweber</b>	<b>1 Year Trustee</b>
<b>Dennis Atkins</b>	<b>2 Year Trustee</b>
<b>Ben Cecil</b>	<b>3 Year Trustee</b>

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<b>CeVin Barnes</b>	<b>Post Liaison Officer</b>
<b>Steve Bowling</b>	<b>S.A.L. Commander</b>
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**Executive Committee**

**Billy Heatherly, Don Pinkerton, Roy Hall, Tom Paone, Glen Vela, Mary McCoy, Bud Pagakis, Jerry Creel, Nicholas Jones, Michael Kinney, Gerry Frank, Ken Reisenweber, Dennis Atkins, and Ben Cecil**

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

**Still Serving Veterans Continued Support – Virtually!**

For the protection of SSV clients and staff, Still Serving Veterans has moved to virtual operations until further notice. However, we remain available to support you during this time.

If you are currently working with a counselor, please reach out using their email address (listed below) and your counselor will respond within the next business day. If you are a new client seeking Still Serving Veterans' services, please contact us via [info@stillservingveterans.org](mailto:info@stillservingveterans.org) (Indicate "Career Counseling" or "VA Support") or call us at 866-778-4645.

**Share Facts About COVID-19**

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

**FACT 1**

Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

**FACT 4**

You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath
- Seek medical advice if you
- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

**FACT 2**

Some people are at increased risk of getting COVID-19.

People who have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or people who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread are at an increased risk of exposure.

**FACT 5**

There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

**FACT 3**

Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

Detailed information on the COVID-19 Virus is available at the Center for Disease Control Website at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

Also, see the 15 Days to Slow the Spread at:

[https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20\\_coronavirus-guidance\\_8.5x11\\_315PM.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf)



## **An urgent message about coronavirus**

The enemy we are facing isn't hiding in the bush. Nor has it buried a roadside bomb unbeknownst to us. Yet the enemy is just as dangerous and deadly.

The coronavirus has been classified as a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The number of people who will test positive for the potentially fatal COVID-19 remains unknown, but there are steps we can take, and must take, to protect ourselves and help our fellow veterans and citizens.

I encourage you to use extreme caution and adhere to the best practices put forth by the health experts. Namely properly wash your hands frequently, use antibacterial rubs and practice "social distancing."

Coronavirus is particularly dangerous for those over the age of 50 who contract it so please be cognizant of the risks when planning post activities and functions.

At the same time, this is an excellent opportunity to perform Buddy Checks. Check in with older veterans in your communities to make sure they have the supplies they need, are feeling healthy and help them acquire the resources they need. Of course, Buddy Checks can be done with phone calls and emails so as not to risk spreading or contracting coronavirus.

The coronavirus situation will be changing rapidly so we have to be nimble in our approach to serving our communities, states and nation. Among the best resources to follow are the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)) and the World Health Organization ([who.int](https://www.who.int)).

Let's also keep our thoughts and prayers with our service members especially those overseas, our National Guardsmen, first responders and others who will be taxed in coming months. They need our support now more than ever.

We have faced down enemies, foreign and domestic, throughout our nation's history. While this threat is ominous, we will once again work together to overcome it.

*James W. "Bill" Oxford*

## **Coronavirus Update: 3-16-2020**

The American Legion has been closely monitoring this continually evolving national emergency, and took the following steps on March 16, 2020:

### **TRAVEL**

- The national commander's travel has now been suspended through April.
- National vice commander and National Headquarters staff travel is suspended through April as well.
- Sons of The American Legion travel is suspended through April.

### **2020 SPRING MEETINGS**

The American Legion is in the process of assessing the 2020 Spring Meetings considering the health concerns that are coming into play. For now, the following actions have been taken:

- The current plan is that the National Executive Committee will still meet on Wednesday and Thursday. Therefore, the call in for national officers, NEC and past national commanders is still in effect for Wednesday and Thursday, May 6-7.
- Chairmen of the Americanism, Convention, Finance, Internal Affairs, Marketing, and Media & Communications commissions, and members of the Advisory Committee to the National Commander, will be called in. These individuals will receive revised letters of authorization in the coming days.
- All commission meetings are cancelled. All call-ins except those listed above are cancelled. Notices were mailed today to those that are affected by these cancellations.
- No others should plan to attend the 2020 Spring Meetings except for those listed above. If you are not called in, DO NOT ATTEND.
  - The national commander's dinner in honor of the NEC (Wednesday evening) is cancelled.

### **POSTS AND DEPARTMENTS**

Many states are mandating that restaurants and/or bars close, and National Headquarters has begun receiving calls from posts wondering how they should respond. As always, posts and departments should abide by their local authorities' and/or government's guidance and mandates.

Veterans are used to adapting and overcoming. At some future point, the normal, everyday business of The American Legion will resume. National Headquarters will continue to communicate with American Legion leadership as situations continue to evolve.



## Redstone Arsenal announces positive COVID-19 case at Fox Army Health Center, closes pharmacy operations

REDSTONE ARSENAL, AL. (March 17, 2020) – A Department of the Army Civilian who works in the Pharmacy at Fox Army Health Center on Redstone Arsenal has tested positive for COVID-19 and is in self-quarantine.

The employee is a resident of Madison County, was tested at a local community medical facility, and is being included in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alabama Department of Public Health consolidated state-wide reporting.

Fox Army Health Center's Pharmacy will be closed effective immediately until March 24. The pharmacy is currently expected to reopen on March 25. If that timeline changes, we will notify our workforce and beneficiaries immediately. If you need refills during this time, please contact your Primary Care Manager via secure messaging and they will assist with sending your prescriptions to an outside TriCare-approved pharmacy to be filled.

All other services within Fox Army Health Center remain open for patient care. Please contact the Health Center main line at 256-955-8888 to set up an acute care appointment. Fox will continue to maintain the single entry-point patient screenings at the main entrance prior to entering the facility.

"We remain committed to providing safe, quality care at Fox Army Health Center and we are working diligently to guarantee services are available for our beneficiaries," said Col. Anthony Meador, Fox Army Health Center commander.

This is the second confirmed case of COVID-19 being reported for North Alabama and from within a tenant organization located on Redstone Arsenal.

We will continue to work closely with our interagency partners to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on our force, our families and our community.

All employees are encouraged to keep in contact with their direct supervisory chain and leadership for information updates specific to their organization. If the status of the installation changes, we will notify the workforce through direct communication, the Redstone Rocket, Team Redstone social media and websites, the Redstone Explorer App and local media.

For questions regarding Redstone Arsenal, please contact Ms. Julie Frederick, Director, Redstone Garrison Public Affairs, at 256-842-0558 or Julie.a.frederick.civ@mail.mil.



US ARMY GARRISON, REDSTONE ARSENAL  
REDSTONE ARSENAL, ALABAMA

March 14, 2020

### Redstone announces additional precautions enacted with HPCON Alpha

REDSTONE ARSENAL – Redstone Arsenal remains at Health Protection Condition Alpha. In light of a confirmation of the COVID-19 virus in North Alabama, Redstone Arsenal is taking precautionary measures to limit access to public gathering areas. As a result, some quality of life services have been suspended and access to public dining areas will be limited.

These precautions will allow Redstone Arsenal to continue to provide essential services and meet tenant mission essential tasks while limiting gathering areas and encouraging social distancing.

Members of the workforce and beneficiaries should now expect the following changes:

- ❖ Guards will no longer physically handle Common Access Cards as commuters enter Redstone;
- ❖ Recreational Badge access and applications have been suspended;
- ❖ The Redstone Tax Center remains open to active duty personnel only;
- ❖ Religious services at the Bicentennial Chapel have been canceled until further notice;
- ❖ The following MWR activities are closed until further notice: Bingo, art and crafts shop, auto shop, outdoor recreation, library, Pagano gym, Aquatic Center;
- ❖ Bowling Center activities are suspended; Strike Zone food service operations will continue as carry-out only;
- ❖ Redstone Arsenal-hosted community events through the middle of April have been canceled;
- ❖ Functions at the Summit, Overlook and Cliffs have been canceled;
- ❖ The Food truck corral (MSFC) has been suspended;
- ❖ Drug testing operations have been suspended;
- ❖ Facility cafeterias will continue normal operations; stand-alone eateries will transition to carry-out only. We recommend that employees dining in our cafeterias observe personal social distancing when ordering and dining in.

The Redstone Arsenal Garrison is maintaining installation operation capability and working with tenant leaders to address their needs.

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