

ROLL CALL

Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237



Alabama's Largest American Legion Post

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Billy Heatherly Post 237 Commander **Commander's Corner**

Hello fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons,

March is here and spring is around the corner. We are getting ready for a change at your Legion Post as well. Election of Officers will be upon us before you know it. Our next General membership meeting will be the 21st of March at 1900hrs and I will be appointing the Nominations Committee for the candidates of officers for the 2022-2023 Legion year. So, if you are interested in becoming an Officer of the Post, please let us know. I commend the current staff of Officers for the hard work that was put into our Post Home. I expect no less for the upcoming months. On meeting night at the dinner we will have an awards ceremony for all who has shined during this past Legion year. We will also be celebrating the American Legion Birthday which actually is on the 15th of March.

March is also Community Service Month. The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at UAH has volunteered to assist our Post as a community service project. We have at our disposal the help of several young men for projects that we haven't been able to get to or need assistance with. In exchange the fraternity requests that we sign their community service papers as they assist us. We had discussed help with things such as computer setup, area beautification, Boys State Dinner, flag disposal, at home assistance with older veterans, etc. If you have a project you need help with let's get them engaged.

I would like to take the time to thank all the membership for their continued support of the officers and staff of your American Legion. May you all be healthy and safe. →

For other happenings, please visit "The Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237" Facebook page and hit the Like button to keep up with your Post. *Cdr. Billy Heatherly*

American Legion Riders

The American Legion Riders Meeting is Saturday, March 19, 2022, at City Diner on Drake Avenue at the South Parkway Intersection, 9:00 a.m. Ride follows, weather permitting.

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New Telephone Service

Post 237 has changed out our primary telephone service to Ooma, a Voice Over IP phone service provider. Ooma provides advanced features unavailable from our previous telephone vendor and lowers our monthly telephone costs.

Our main number (256)883-9911 and finance office number (256)489-9668 have been ported to Ooma. We have also added (256)397-3659 and (256)397-3661 direct numbers to the Adjutant/Commander's office and Club Manager's Office. Voice mail is available at all numbers.

When dialing the main number a Virtual Receptionist presents menu options for transfer to the adjutant, finance office, or club manager/bartender. It also provides info on Bingo, Club Hours, and Membership.

Please try out the new phone service and let us know what you think.

Veteran Service Officer

Nick Jones, Post 237 and District 12 Veteran Service Officer, is available by phone at 256-361-3702 from 10am to 5pm Monday thru Friday. Or by email at: serviceofc@legion237.com

Discounts! Discounts! Discounts!

Thanks to Michele Kinney for researching and authoring several lists of discounts.
2021 Military Discounts at:

<http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=154>

2021 Senior Discounts at:

<http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=155>

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:

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

AMERICAN LEGION CLAYTON E. MONEYMAKER POST 237

OFFICERS

Billy Heatherly	Commander
Michael Kinney	1st Vice Commander
Tom Paone	2nd Vice Commander
Jerry Phelps	3rd Vice Commander
Mary McCoy	Adjutant
Bud Pagakis	Finance Officer
Dennis Atkins	Chaplain
Nicholas Jones	Service Officer
Ken Carpenter	Historian
Cody Klinner	Sergeant-At-Arms
Rudy Cowe	1 Year Trustee
Robert Barnett	2 Year Trustee
John Lawyer	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 Perez	Club Manager

Executive Committee

Billy Heatherly, Tom Paone, Jerry Phelps, Mary McCoy, Bud Pagakis, Nicholas Jones, Ken Carpenter, Rudy Cowe, Dennis Atkins, Cody Klinner, Michael Kinney, John Lawyer, Robert Barnett

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

Bud Pagakis, Mary McCoy, Dennis Atkins, Rudy Cowe

Building Committee

Rudy Cowe, Robert Barnett, John Lawyer, Ed Becher, Sherry Schroen, Barbara Cowe, Thad Paone, Ken Vining, 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.

HUNTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL JROTC TRANSITIONS TO SPACE FORCE

A unique and historic event transpired in the City of Huntsville and the State of Alabama on January 13, 2022. At 5:30 PM that evening at the Huntsville High School Auditorium the Huntsville High School Air Force JROTC Program was transitioned to become the first Space Force JROTC detachment in Alabama United States. The Rocket City was selected as the one of 10 High School JROTC programs to change to become part of the Space Force Guardian Officers Development program. In addition to school officials, the ceremony was attended by the Corps of Cadets, their families, the Air Force JROTC Staff, members of the Montgomery, AL based Delta 13 Guardians unit, Space Force Guardians from the 20th Space Control Squadron Eglin Air Force Base FL and numerous local veteran organizations.

John Murphy, Post 237 JROTC/ROTC Liaison Officer represented the American Legion. The ceremony was conducted by the Corps of Cadets leadership group and hosted by LTC David W. Murphy, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor at Huntsville High. Other dignitaries included Brigadier General Leslie A. Mayer, Commander of the Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development for the Air Force out of Montgomery, AL, and Colonel Niki Lindhorst, Commander, Space Delta 13 based at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, AL.

BG Mayer welcomed Huntsville for stepping forward as a leader in bringing Space Force into reality and spoke on the organization, development, and mission of Space Force and the part the JROTC Programs are expected to play in developing the officer corps the Force will need to guide our future security not just in the potential for military engagements in space, but with respect to cyber security and management of what occurs from the ground up to and through the atmosphere surrounding our planet. COL. Lindhorst also welcomed Huntsville as a leading member of the Space Force family and spoke to the role of Space Force Delta 13 in the development of space education courses and programs that will support the officer development curriculum both for the active services and the JROTC programs as well. →

The ceremony included the retiring of the Air Force guidon from Cadet Commander Counts to BG Mayer. The new Space Force JROTC Guidon was activated and presented from COL. Lindhorst to Cadet Commander Counts and then presented from LTC Murphy to the incoming Cadet Commander Holder. The ceremony was covered by local TV station WHNT and the link to their coverage is available on their website.



Air Force ROTC Instructor Staff, Dignitaries and Cadet Command Group.



LTC David W. Murphy addresses the assembled audience.



LTC. Murphy presents the Space Force Guidon to incoming Cadet Commander Counts.

BG Mayer addresses the audience. New Space Force Flag second from right.



BG Leslie A. Mayer receives the retired Air Force Flag from Cadet Commander Counts

The RoundUp App

As a Veteran's Service Organization our American Legion Post 237 has an obligation to provide first-class services to our North Alabama Veterans. To create a first-class service organization our Post needs a consistent revenue stream that will fund the necessary budget items for our Veterans and enable us to support our charitable programs.

Our Post Finance Office has investigated and vetted one resource to put our Post on a track to self sufficient funding. The RoundUp App is an easy way for our members and supporters to help fund our Post and service budget. The RoundUp app can be downloaded on your PC, phone or tablet. There are no initial costs to use the RoundUp app.

The RoundUp program will round up each purchase on a linked card to the next dollar for the purchases you make within the month. For example if you spend \$10.25 at the hardware store, the app will round up that purchase by 75 cents to \$11. At the end of the month the app will deposit all of your round ups into our Post account less a 1% service fee.

The RoundUp App will work on any valid credit or debit card on all purchases made with that card. A normal credit card user will end up making between \$10 and \$20 in donation to the Post every month. If we have only 200 members contributing \$10 per month with this program, we will net \$1,800 per month after deducting the 1% RoundUp service fee. Users can establish donation limits on the app, make one-time donations and easily send a link to friends and family who may want to help us.

Your personal credit information is not stored within the app and RoundUp has no access to that information. The app uses the financial transaction company Stripe to validate your information. Stripe is used by many of the larger e-commerce corporations.

Veterans can download the RoundUp app and easily setup an account. If you need assistance with download the app or establishing an account please contact the Finance Office. We will make ourselves available to help you set up your account.

If you have any questions or positive comments, please contact Ken or Bud at the Finance Office: financeofc@legion237.com
(256) 489-9668 or (256) 883-9911 ext 102

Message from the Adjutant's Desk

The Legion Membership Drive is extended until March 21, 2022. The winner must have recruited two or more new members, Transfer members, or unrenewed members to the American Legion. The Prizes are a Gun cleaning kit, four range passes, and a Gun Kit Carry Bag donated from Larrys Pistol and Pawn. Call Adjutant for phone numbers and email addresses for unrenewed or transfer members. Direct Line to Adjutant Office is 256-397-3659. You are welcome to make phone calls to member prospects from the Adjutant Office.

Mary McCoy, Post 237 Adjutant



Saint Patrick's Day Lunch

**Join us for Lunch on
Thursday March 17th**

11AM til 1:30PM

**Corned beef, cabbage,
cornbread, potatoes, and
carrots**





**North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal
Organizations Coalition
presents**

An Evening of Laughter

with Jody Fuller

Saturday, April 2, 2022

**The Summit on Redstone Arsenal
Social at 5:30 p.m./Dinner and Show 6 p.m.**

**Proceeds will benefit: Veterans programs,
Tut Fann Veterans Home Veterans, Homeless Veterans.**



**Jody is retired U.S. Army Veteran and
served THREE deployments to Iraqi Freedom.
If he can't make you fall out of your chair laughing, nobody can!**

Ticket: \$50 per person dinner included

For more info: please email: presidentcoalition@gmail.com

Purchase your tickets through your organization or

Online: <https://conta.cc/3fE2KjL> or visit: www.navfoc.org

by NLT: March 25, 2022

**Purchase Tickets from Michael Kinney
Email: vicecdr1@legion237.com**

2022 District 12 Oratorical Contest

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, American Legion District 12 held the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – A Constitutional Speech Contest. Moderator, Stacey Harring announced the winners of this year's event, held at Madison City Hall in Madison.

Larry Vannoy, District 12 Commander, presented the first-place prize of \$500, along with a Certificate of Distinction, an Oratorical Plaque, and an American Legion Mug to Christine Alisa Johnson. Christine is the daughter of Bryan and Amy Johnson of Huntsville. Christine attends Providence Classical School (PCS) in Huntsville. The \$300 second place prize, with awards, went to Alisa Washburn. She attends Decatur Heritage Christian Academy and is the daughter of Monte and Irina Washburn.

The District 12 1st Place winner, Christine Johnson, will participate on February 19, 2022 in the Alabama American Legion Division 1 contest, to be held in Moulton, AL.

Each student presented very enlightening perspectives and knowledge on aspects of the U.S. Constitution. Congratulations to both students who represented the best of North Alabama schools.

The National American Legion Contest, which has been held annually since 1938, helps students grow in leadership ability, their capacity to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and in understanding the rights, responsibilities, obligations and privileges of U.S. Citizens. and culminates in late April at the National Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Post 237's Thad Paone served as timekeeper and tabulator and Erin Paone served as an escort.

Original Article by Danny J. Marr, Madison County Oratorical Chairman. Edited by Tom Paone



Moderator Stacey Harring, Alisa Washburn, Christine Johnson, District 12 Commander Larry Vannoy



Check Awarded to Bearded Warriors

Before the Membership Meeting on February 20th Channa O'Keefe, Jerry Phelps and Tom Paone awarded a check from the Post for \$680 to the Bearded Warriors to assist in their mission of providing showers, clean clothes, haircuts, food, and transportation for the homeless in Huntsville. \$200 was donated by Ralph Miller and the balance was collected as part of the November 2021 Backpacks for Homeless Vets project.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CASH DONATION PLEASE SEE
CHANNA OR A BARTENDER
CUT OFF DATE WILL BE MARCH 23RD 2022
WILL SHIP ON MARCH 26TH 2022



**CLAYTON E. MONEYSMAKER
AMERICAN LEGION POST 237
CARE PACKAGES FOR KUWAIT**

SNACK BARS
HARD CANDY
SNACK CAKES
CHEESE CRACKERS
GUM
SUNFLOWER SEEDS
NUTS
TRAIL MIX
CHIPS OF ANY KIND
GUMMIES
RAMEN NOODLES
HOT SAUCE
SEASONING SALT
FLAVORING PACKETS FOR WATER
ENERGY BARS
BEEF JERKY
INSTANT MAC AND CHEESE
TEA BAGS
PEANUT BUTTER
COFFEE

RED BULL
MONSTER ENERGY DRINK
V8
GATORADE
TOOTHBRUSHES
TOOTH PASTE
PAIN RELIEVERS
SHAMPOO
BODY WASH/SOAP
EYE DROPS
BABY WIPES
LOTION
SUNSCREEN
FIRST AID KITS
CARDS FOR WRITING HOME
PENS
STAMPS
ENVELOPES
NOTEBOOKS
BOOT SOCKS
ANKLE SOCKS
SHOWER TOWELS
AAA BATTERIES REALLY NEEDED
WORK GLOVES

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

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!



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	1:00 – 4:00PM
Tuesday	1:00 – 4:00PM
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00PM
Thursday	1:00 – 4:00PM
Friday	1:00 – 4:00PM

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 retired Colonel volunteered to entertain patients at Tut Fann Veteran's Home and brought along his portable keyboard.

After telling jokes and singing songs at patient's bedsides, he said farewell and "I hope you get better."

One elderly ex-Marine NCO replied, "I hope you get better."

Overheard in the Post social quarters, "The older I get, the earlier it gets late."

Contributed by Tom Paone

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



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

6:00PM

**Monday - Auxiliary Post 176
Wednesday - Auxiliary Post 237
Thursday - SAL Squadron 237
Saturday - Legion Post 237**



Around the Post

A BIG Thanks to Robert Barnett, John Wickard, Jerry Phelps, Ed Becher, Thad and Tom Paone for removing the smelly carpet in the Auxiliary/Meeting Room and installing the laminate plank flooring that Rudy Cowe purchased. Several of the team members worked over 12 hours on Saturday February 19th to get the job done. Also thanks to the wives including Tanya and Christie for being so understanding. Pictures below.



2022 Alabama Boys State

American Legion Alabama Boys State is a leadership program for young men who have completed their junior year of high school and are active in the community and are outstanding students. Boys State provides delegates with working knowledge of how governments function on the city, county and state levels. We believe that there is no better way to assure the survival of our republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of the American government.

Although it is several month away we are preparing for the 2022 American Legion Alabama Boys State convention at Troy University from May 29 through June 4, 2022. Our Post has historically sponsored needy students. We have conducted an orientation session and dinner to prepare delegates for the convention. We have provided a breakfast for bus riders, and bus transportation to and from the Boys State convention for delegates from Madison County. We team with the other American Legion Posts in the county to recruit students and educate school administrators on the content and benefits of the Boys State program.

Our students have been very successful at Boys State, with two Governors in the past 3 conventions and a national Vice President in 2021 hailing from our county. In 2019 we had over 70 delegates and the combined class of 2020 and 2021 produced more than 70 delegates from Madison County. Representative Anthony Daniels was able to provide a grant in 2020 which allowed us to help fund Boys State scholarships for young men from our county. We were able to use that grant money for deserving students from the 2020 and 2021 classes.

We raise money to support our Boys State efforts primarily through our Legion Post 237 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 237 weekly bingo games. As you can imagine, Covid has taken a serious toll on our bingo operations over the past two years so our available funds are low. Also the cost of the two trips to and from Tuscaloosa went from \$2100 in 2019 to over \$3100 in 2021. With the additional mileage to and from Troy and higher fuel prices, the lowest price bus quote for 2022 is \$3500. We also expect that more students will be requesting transportation due to the increased travel distance to Troy vs. Tuscaloosa.

We need your help. We can afford to conduct some of our usual activities related to Boys State, the orientation and meals. However, we will be forced to curtail our bus transportation and sponsorships for needy students unless we can find additional funding for those expenses. We are actively soliciting sponsors (either individuals or businesses). If you work for a company that might consider helping with some of our Boys State expenses please provide me with contact information so that we can send a solicitation letter. You can reach me at:

Tom Paone
email: vicecdr2@legion237.com
phone: 256-656-4952



Madison County Boys State Orientation for the 2020 and 2021 classes

~ Post 237 March 2022 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	2 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	3 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	4 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Heath	5 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
6 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	7 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-7p Bldg Committee 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	8 Int'l. Women's Day 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg.	9 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	10 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	11 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Heath	12 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 12p-1p Marine Corp Mtg 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
13 Daylight Saving Begins 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner	14 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	15 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch	16 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	17 Saint Patrick's Day 11a-1:30p St Patrick's Day Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	18 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Heath	19 2p-3p TALARC Meeting 8p-12a Karokew/Mikey Mike 9a Legion Riders at City Cafe
20 Spring Begins 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	21 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-8p Mbrs. Dinner and Meeting 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	22 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p County Meeting	23 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	24 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-8p AL 351 Mtg. 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	25 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Heath	26 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
27 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	28 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	29 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch	30 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	31 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie		

Details on Calendar items are available by clicking on the item at:

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



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