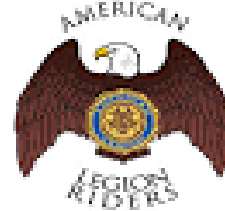


# ROLL CALL

## 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.

You may or may not be aware that there are currently email scams going around that involve spoofed emails from myself and spoofed emails from the Department of Alabama Commander or other Department Officers. The scammers are stating that the sender is in a meeting and asking for you to buy gift cards for member recognition and asking that you scrape the barcode off of the cards and send them the numbers and a copy of the receipts of purchase. PLEASE DO NOT FALL FOR THIS, and just delete any email of this type and report it as spam if your email software allows you to do so.

The month of March officially kicks off the American Legion election season. It will be my responsibility to name a nominating committee at the next general membership meeting. The committee will submit nominations for office at our April meeting, elections will be held in May with installation of officers in June.

Since the Legion year is winding down, →

we need all unpaid members to please renew your membership dues as soon as possible.

*Jerry Phelps, Post 237 Commander*

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## Wednesdays: Live Music in the Canteen

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month Brett Carlisle will play from 6 pm until 9 pm in the Canteen. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Wednesdays of each month Brad Thomas will play from 6 pm until 9 pm in the Canteen.



## Veteran Service Officer Corner

I am Ken Vining the Legion Post 237 Veteran Service Officer (VSO). I am available to assist any veteran or family member who needs assistance with VA benefits and to some extent Social Security. Please feel free to contact me at (256)653-7210.

You can also leave a message for me at the Legion with the bartender or Post Adjutant. I will contact you as soon as possible.

## 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 4 is a discussion of the challenges faced by our female veteran community.

The group meets monthly at Post 237 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. This month's meeting is March 10th at 11 AM. All female veterans are invited.

Contact Nancy Becher at: 269-319-6041 or visit the Post website at:  
<https://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=241> for more information,

## 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 LaFountain       | 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         |
| Tom Hartley           | ROTC Liaison           |
| Steve Bowling         | S.A.L. Commander       |
|                       | S.A.L. Adjutant        |
| Steve Bowling         | Legion Riders Director |
| Sherry Schroen        | Auxiliary President    |
| Anna Marie Wasniewski | Club Manager           |
| Earl Hokanson         | Honor Guard            |
|                       | Commsnder              |

### 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 LaFountain, Ken Vining.

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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

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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.

**3 Promises:**

I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him. Isaiah 57:19

Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. Psalms 55:22

By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honor, and life. Proverbs 22:4

If you would like to read additional text for the month of March visit our website at:

[https://www.legion237.com/files/March\\_2025\\_Chaplains\\_Readings.pdf](https://www.legion237.com/files/March_2025_Chaplains_Readings.pdf)



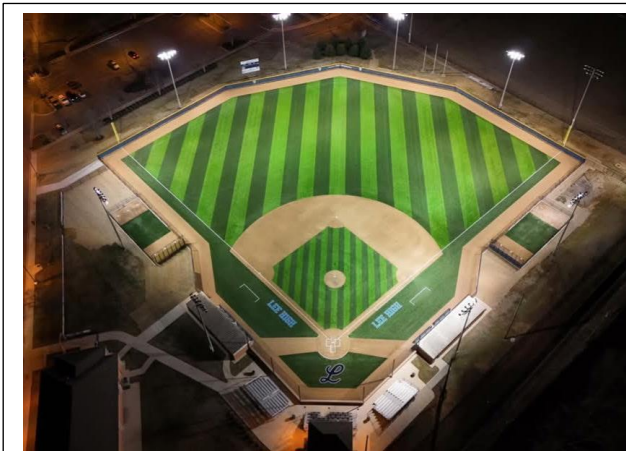
**From the  
Adjutant's  
Desk  
Mary McCoy,  
Post Adjutant**

Thank you to all members who have paid 2025 dues. For all others please call 256-397-3659 to pay online Monday- Friday 10 am and 4 pm. Your membership card will be mailed to you.

Post 237 is a private club for members only. All members will be issued a door key card upon request. Please use the cards to make the bartender's job easier to perform. Please see me or Commander Phelps to receive a card. Call 256-397-3659 and request a card to be mailed to you.

If your address, phone number and or email address is updated, please inform me at 256-397-3659.

Thank you and best wishes for 2025.



**Pictured above is the newly resurfaced Lee High School baseball field where the Post 237 Baseball Team will play their home schedule.**

**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.

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

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

## The Invisible Battle: Why We Must Support Our Women Veterans

As Americans, we're quick to rally behind causes that tug at our heartstrings – abandoned puppies, homeless families, or children in need. These issues are important and deserve our attention. But there's a group of heroes among us fighting an invisible battle, one that often goes unnoticed and unsupported: our women veterans.

These brave individuals have served our country with distinction, but upon returning home, many face challenges that are difficult for civilians to comprehend. Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS), Military Sexual Trauma (MST), and a host of physical and mental health issues plague countless women who have worn the uniform. Yet, their struggles often fail to garner the same level of public sympathy and support as other causes.

Why is this the case? Perhaps it's because their wounds aren't always visible. Maybe it's because discussing mental health and sexual trauma makes us uncomfortable. Or it could be that we simply don't know enough about their unique experiences.

Whatever the reason, it's time for us to wake up and recognize the debt we owe these women. They've sacrificed their safety, their mental well-being, and sometimes their bodies for our freedom. Now, it's our turn to stand up for them.

Consider this: women make up about 10% of the veteran population, but they face disproportionately high rates of homelessness, unemployment, and suicide compared to their male counterparts. Many struggle to access proper healthcare, particularly for female-specific issues. Others battle the invisible scars of MST, an experience that affects an estimated 1 in 4 women who serve.

These aren't just statistics; they're real women with real stories. Take Sarah, a former Army medic who saved countless lives in Afghanistan but now struggles with debilitating PTS. Or Maria, a Navy veteran who can't hold down a job due to the lasting effects of MST. These women, and thousands like them, need our support and understanding.

So, what can we do? First, we need to educate ourselves about the unique challenges faced by women veterans. We must listen to their stories and amplify their voices. Support organizations that specifically address the needs of women veterans, whether through donations, volunteering, or simply spreading awareness.

We also need to push for policy changes. Advocate for better healthcare services for women veterans, including mental health support and trauma-informed care. Demand accountability for sexual assault in the military and support for survivors. Push for programs that help women veterans transition back to civilian life, including job training and housing assistance.

Most importantly, we need to change the narrative. Women veterans aren't victims; they're heroes who continue to fight long after leaving the battlefield. They deserve our respect, our gratitude, and our unwavering support.

It's easy to empathize with a cuddly puppy or a child in need. It's harder to understand the complex, often invisible struggles of our women veterans. But that's precisely why we must try. These women didn't hesitate to answer the call of duty. Now it's our turn to answer theirs.

Let's make supporting women veterans a cause that's easy to rally behind. Because if anyone deserves our wholehearted support and engagement, it's the brave women who've sacrificed so much for our country. It's time we fight for them as fiercely as they've fought for us.

**Contributed by Nancy Becher - President and Founder, Invisible Warriors**



**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**POST 237**  
**HONOR GUARD**



## **DONATIONS TO SUPPORT YOUR POST 237 HONOR GUARD**

Post 237 is very proud of its Honor Guard and what it has already accomplished throughout the years and will continue to accomplish to support the military veterans in Madison County and surrounding communities. In order for the Honor Guard to continue performing its invaluable mission, your support is necessary and requested.

**HONOR GUARD MISSION:** To provide military funeral honors for deceased veterans who have served honorably in the United States military.

**SERVICE AREA:** The Honor Guard services Northern Alabama and Southcentral Tennessee. In 2024, the Honor Guard supported 176 veteran's funerals and community patriotic events, traveling 1832 miles to do so. As the funeral services provided by our Honor Guard become more widely publicized, the number of funerals and mileage driven to support them will significantly increase.

**OPERATING EXPENSES:** The annual cost of outfitting Honor Guard members with uniforms, procuring needed equipment/supplies, weapons and van maintenance and insurance for the van is \$5,880.00.

### **THE HONOR GUARD'S OPERATING EXPENSES ARE PAID FOR ONLY FROM DONATIONS FROM ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS LIKE YOURSELF**

**DONATIONS:** Donations are the lifeblood of the Honor Guard. Without donations the Honor Guard would not exist and would be unable to honor the requests of families to provide military funeral honors for their deceased veteran family members.

On behalf of the Honor Guard, I humbly ask that you do us the honor of providing a donation to allow our Honor Guard to continue performing its vital mission. **Any amount you provide will be greatly appreciated.**

**Tax free** donations to the Honor Guard can be made by:

- Mailing a donation to: Post 237 Honor Guard, PO Box 1176, Huntsville, AL 35807
- Bringing your donation to Post 237 at 2900 Drake Avenue in Huntsville

**NOTE:** Please make checks payable to: Post 237 Honor Guard

If you have any questions, contact Tom Hartley at (256) 497-0426.

Your Honor Guard's dedicated efforts to provide patriotic support to deceased military veterans and their families can be best verbalized in the following quote:

“Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.”

President Harry S. Truman

## **POST 237 HONOR GUARD DONATION'S HONOR ROLL**

The Post 237 Honor Guard is very appreciative of the donations provided to them by families who request the Honor Guard provide military funeral honors for their veteran family members. Unfortunately, these donations are insufficient to offset the Honor Guard's annual operating costs. The Honor Guard launched a campaign soliciting donations from local businesses and individuals. The Honor Guard would like to recognize the following businesses and individuals who have provided donations:

Colsa Corporation \$500

New Hope Funeral Home \$500

Charles (Kirk) Totten \$100

Blackrock Strategy \$250

Honoring Veteran Legacies \$100

Nicholas Mikus \$100

Kevin Connelly \$250

Ernie Marone \$20

Military Order of the Purple Heart \$300

North Alabama Chapter Vietnam Helicopter Pilots \$450

Osborne's Jewelers \$100

Science and Engineering Services \$500

Sergeants Major Association \$500

Post 237 Holdem Poker Group \$750



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

Hello fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL.

This week I spoke with one of our own Post 237 Legionnaires who is a school teacher. She was recently beaten by one of her students and injured to the point where she is currently unable to work. She shared with me the fact that in the state of Alabama, teachers who are harmed by their students are not compensated for their downtime while they recover. So not only has she suffered the pain of an attack, she is also suffering financially from the assault while she recovers. This is something I think we can all agree needs to change in the state of Alabama. I am urging you to contact your state representative to bring legislation forward that would continue pay for teachers who are injured on the job while they recover – especially those attacked by a student. You can find your Alabama House representative by entering your address at the Elected Official Map at:

<https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/elected-official-map>

## **NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY**

Join us on March 29, 2025, for National Vietnam War Veterans Day as Americans unite to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice

The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, was signed into law by President Donald J. Trump, designating every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

This special day joins six other military annual observances identified in Title 4 of the United States Code, among them Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

March 29 is a fitting choice for a day honoring Vietnam veterans. It was chosen to be observed in perpetuity as March 29, 1973, was the day United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished and also the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. In addition, on or around this same day Hanoi released the last of its acknowledged prisoners of war.

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration honors all veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, and their families. November 1, 1955, was selected to coincide with the official designation of Military Assistance Advisory Group-Vietnam (MAAG-V) and May 15, 1975 marks the end of the battle precipitated by the seizure of the SS Mayaguez. The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that today there are between 6 and 7 million U.S. Vietnam veterans living in America and abroad, along with millions of families of those who served during this timeframe.

We make no distinction between veterans who served in-country or who were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War period. All were called to serve and none could self-determine where they would serve. U.S. involvement in Vietnam started slowly with an initial deployment of advisors in the early 1950s, grew incrementally through the early 1960s and expanded with the deployment of full combat units in July 1965. The last personnel were evacuated from Vietnam in April 1975.

The national commemoration was authorized by Congress, established under the Secretary of Defense, and launched by the President to thank and honor our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. In 2007, the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress incorporated language in House of Representatives H.R. 4986 authorizing the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War, H.R. 4986 was signed into law as the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 by President George w. Bush on January 28, 2008.

President Barack Obama officially inaugurated this Commemoration at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012.

Congress outlined a total of five objectives for The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, with the primary objective being to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the Nation, with distinct recognition of former prisoners of war and families of those still listed as missing in action.

The four remaining objectives highlight the service of our Armed Forces and support organizations during the war, pay tribute to wartime contributions at home by American citizens; highlight technology, science and medical advances made during the war; and recognize contributions by our Allies.

By Presidential proclamation, The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration will continue through Veterans Day, November 11, 2025.

**Contributed by Tom Hartley**



## **Auxiliary Fish Fry**

**Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 11:30am to 1:30pm.**



**Fish, Hushpuppies, French Fries and Coleslaw.**

**\$10.00**

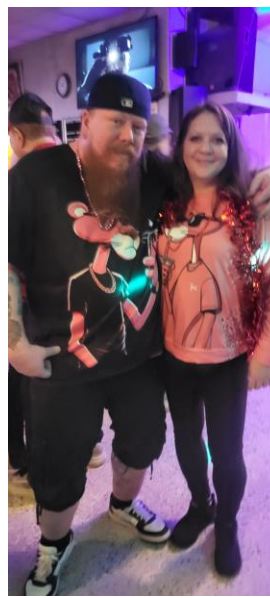
**Purchase tickets at the bar or the day of the event.**

**Proceeds Benefit the American Legion  
Auxiliary Girls State Scholarship Program**

**Volunteers needed!!!**

**Contact Tanya Phelps 256-783-5903**

## Valentine's Day Dinner Friday, February 14th





GM1 O. Kelly Ingram

U.S.S. Cassin DD 43

K. A. Carpenter, Post Historian



In regards to the outstanding articles published in the Aug. and Nov. 2024, issues of the American Legion magazine concerning the National World War One Memorial in Washington, D.C. (unveiled at Pershing Park on 13 Sept., 2024), let us honor and remember two Alabamians, Osmond Kelley Ingram and Sidney Manning, Medal of Honor recipients of the Great War (World War I).

Osmond Kelly Ingram (popularly known as **Kelly Ingram**) was the first American serviceman killed Confederate Army veteran) and Naomi (Betty) Ingram. After his father's death the family moved to Pratt City, Jefferson County. At **age 16**, with his mother's permission, he enlisted in the **U.S. Navy in 1903**. When his enlistment ended in 1908, he returned to Pratt City and became a firefighter. He **reenlisted in Aug. 1913**, serving aboard the destroyer, *U.S.S. Cassin DD 43* as a **Gunner's Mate First Class (GM1)**.

On the **night of 15 Oct., 1917**, 20 miles south of Mind Head Lighthouse, Waterford, Ireland, the *Cassin* came under attack by the Imperial German Navy **U-Boat (U-61)**. Gunner's Mate Ingram spotted an incoming torpedo heading to the stern of the *Cassin*. He **ran aft to release the ships depth charges** housed there in an attempt to release them before the torpedo hit. As he began to release the depth charges the torpedo hit before he could complete his mission. **The ensuing explosion killed him.**

The torpedo destroyed compartments in which twenty men were sleeping. Miraculously, there were **no other deaths**, and only nine men received minor injuries. With her rudder blown off and her stern extensively damaged, the *Cassin* began to circle, and **fired four rounds** at the conning tower of the surfaced **submarine before the U-61 escaped**. The *Cassin* was towed to Queenstown for repairs and later returned to sea duty. She was later honored as one of the escorts of the *USS George Washington*, carrying President Wilson to Brest, France for the Versailles Peace Conference.

**GM1 Ingram was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor** for his heroic action and sacrifice. **His citation is as follows:**

For extraordinary heroism in the presence of the enemy on the occasion of the torpedoing of the *Cassin*, 15 October 1917. While the *Cassin* was searching for the submarine, Ingram sighted the torpedo coming, and realizing that it might strike the ship aft in the vicinity of the depth charges, ran aft with the intention of releasing the depth charges before the torpedo could reach the *Cassin*. The torpedo struck the ship before he could accomplish his purpose, and Ingram was killed by the explosion. The depth charges

exploded immediately afterward. His life was sacrificed in an attempt to save the ship and his shipmates, as the damage to the ship would have been much less if he had been able to release the depth charges.

His name is among the names of the 560 American soldiers and sailors missing in action during World War One, on the **Wall of the Missing** at Brookwood American Cemetery in Surry, England. His **Tiffany Cross style (1919-1942) Medal of Honor is located in the Birmingham Museum of Art.**

As with other past U.S. naval heroes, CM1 Ingram was honored by having a U.S. Navy destroyer named for him. The *U.S.S. Osmond Ingram (DD-255 / AVD-9/APD-35)*. The *Ingram*, sponsored by his mother, Mrs. N.E. Ingram, was launched in 1919. Perhaps with some “historic justice”, on 13 Dec., 1943, the *Osmond Ingram* sank the *U-172* with her guns after the U-boat was forced to surface after depth charge attacks.

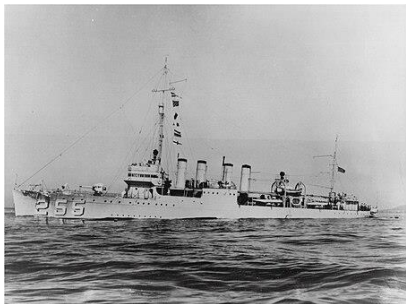
Among other honors, Birmingham’s West Park was renamed **Kelley Ingram Park**, found within the Birmingham Civil Rights District. The **VFW** post in Birmingham is the **Kelly Ingram Post 668** (founded in 1928).

Notes:

An article on **Cpl. Sidney Manning** will follow the above article.

The contemporary name for the 1914-1918 war was the **Great War**. The term **World War One** was used by Time Magazine in June, 1939, in anticipation of a World War Two. Another source credits President F. D. Roosevelt with popularizing the name World War Two.

The **Huntsville Gentry-Isom VFW Post 2702** is named for **Herman Gentry**, the first Madison County soldier killed in World War One, and for **Seaman Luther Isom**. Private Gentry (Co. C. 167 Inf.) died of wounds, 11 Mar. 1918. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Luther James Isom was the first Madison County serviceman to be killed in World War Two. He died aboard the USS Arizona during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, 7 Dec. 1941.



USS Osmond Kelly WWII



USN Tiffany Cross Medal of Honor

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## Americanism Program Updates

### Oratorical Contest Update –

The Madison County Oratorical Contest was conducted at Madison City Hall on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. The District 12 contest will be conducted at Post 15 in Decatur on March 1<sup>st</sup>; the Division 1 contest is Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>; the Department contest will be March 22<sup>nd</sup>; and the National Contest is May 16<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>.



#### Oratorical volunteers from Post 237:

Tom Hartley – Judge (left picture)  
Janice Teresin – Judge  
Jerry Phelps – Timekeeper  
Alyse Sena – Tabulator  
Tom Paone – Sergeant at Arms  
Thad Paone – Tabulator  
(left to right below)



1<sup>st</sup> place – Grace Drown – homeschool grade 10  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Anne Wessel – PCS grade 10  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Kate Turnbull – PCS grade 10  
4<sup>th</sup> place – Kinley Johnson – PCS grade 10  
Note: PCS is Providence Classical School

### Boys State Update –

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. If your company or organization would be interested in sponsoring a Boys or Girls State delegate or to help with our expenses please contact Tom Paone at 256-656-4952.

Boys State announcement emails were sent via Constant Contact to all Madison county high school and homeschool principals, counselors, and ROTC POCs. The Madison County Boys State Orientation is scheduled at the Post 237 Annex on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. We are awaiting a bus quote from First Student bus line.

### ROTC/JROTC Update –

Tom Hartley, the Post 237 ROTC Liaison, is working with the high school and college ROTC programs to coordinate the presentation of the Military and Scholastic Excellence medals to outstanding cadets at each unit's upcoming awards ceremonies.



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

*Bob Wasniewski, Post 237 3rd Vice Commander*

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

**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.

**Invisible Warriors:** Invisible Warriors is a support organization for women that served in the US armed forces. The group will meet at Post 237 on Monday March 10, at 11 AM.

**First Wednesday Steak Lunch:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Steak Lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Chef Carl will prepare ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, and a roll. Lunch will be served in the Canteen during the normal lunch hours of 11 AM until 1:30 PM.

**Wednesday Nights Live Music:** We are now providing live music in the Canteen on Wednesday nights. Brett Carlisle will appear on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 6 PM until 9 PM. Brad Thomas will appear on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 6 PM until 9 PM.

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

**Vietnam Veterans of America:** The VVA Board of Directors will meet at Post 237 on Tuesday March 11, at 11 AM. The VVA general membership will meet at Post 237 on Thursday March 13, at 11 AM

**Saturday Bar Feud Trivia and Karaoke:** Held every Saturday night starting at 7 PM.

**House Committee Meeting:** The House Committee meets on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6 PM in the Meeting Room.

**St. Patrick's Day:** On Monday, March 17, 2025, Chef Carl will prepare a traditional St. Patrick's Day meal with corned beef, cabbage and baked potatoes. Lunch will be served in the Canteen during the normal lunch hours of 11 AM until 1:30 PM.

**Bunco Party in the Ballroom:** A Bunco Party is held in the Ballroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. This month Bunco will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 6:30 PM.



### **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. 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.

### **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!**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### LUNCH IN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11 AM -1:30 PM

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

### Evening Kitchen Service

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri 5-7 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 (\$8.00) , 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

### BUNCO PARTY

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

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

**LIVE MUSIC** – WEDNESDAYS 6PM-9PM IN CANTEEN

**HAIRCUTS WITH ALYSE** – 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY 1PM – 4PM

## First Wednesday Steak Lunch

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



March 5, 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

### OLD MAN DRIVING DOWN THE ROAD

An old man was driving his Lamborghini car down the road at 100 miles per hour, when suddenly he saw a police patrol car chasing him. So, the old man starts speeding up to 120, 140, 160 then 180 miles per hour. Suddenly he slows down and thinks, "I'm too old for this."

He pulls his car over, waits for the patrol car to catch up. The officer gets out of his patrol car, walks up to the old man's car and says, "Sir, my shift is ending in ten minutes and I've had a really tough day. Today's Friday, and I'm leaving this weekend with my family. If you have a really good reason why I clocked you driving 180 miles per hour, but seriously, something that I haven't heard before, I'll let you go."

The old man looks at the officer, thinks very hard, and says, "Years ago my wife ran away with a policeman, and when I saw you chasing me, I thought you were bringing her back."

The police officer says, "A good day to you sir."

*Contributed by Tom Hartley*

### **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)

### **Haircuts**

Because of her growing list of clients, Alyse Sena will be doing haircuts in the meeting room on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 1pm until 4pm.



### **Around the Post**

At the February Membership Meeting, Commander Jerry Phelps presented former Commander Don Pinkerton with a shirt to commemorate Don's membership in the Former Commander's Club.



### **2025 Post 237 Legion Baseball Caps**



The stylish Post 237 baseball caps have arrived just in time for the 2025 season. The baseball team is selling them as a fundraiser for \$25. Show your support for the team and purchase yours 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!**



~ Post 237 March 2025 ~

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|
|  <p>Join us for Bunco Night on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM</p>       |   |   |  <p>Alyse Sena will be doing haircuts in the meeting room on the first and third Saturdays 1pm-4pm.</p> |   |   | <p>1</p> <p>11:30a-1p Kitchen Open</p> <p>6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo</p> <p>7p-12a Bar Feud &amp; Karaoke w/Jerimy</p>  |
| <p>2</p> <p>12p-2p Bar Bingo</p> <p>3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie</p> <p>3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo</p>   | <p>3</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo</p> <p>7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p>   | <p>4</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>6p-8p Texas Holdem</p> <p>7p-8p 40/8 Meeting</p>  | <p>5</p> <p>11a-1:30p 1st Wed Steak Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo</p> <p>6p-9p Game Night and Live Music</p>   | <p>6</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie</p>                | <p>7</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy</p>  | <p>8</p> <p>10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting</p> <p>11:30a-1:30p Auxiliary Fish Fry</p> <p>6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo</p> <p>7p-12a Bar Feud &amp; Karaoke w/Jerimy</p>   |
| <p>9 Daylight Saving Begins</p> <p>12p-2p Bar Bingo</p> <p>3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie</p> <p>3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner</p> <p>3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo</p>             | <p>10</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>11a-1p Invisible Warriors Mtg.</p> <p>6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo</p> <p>7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p>          | <p>11</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>6p-7p House Comte. Mtg.</p> <p>6p-8p Texas Holdem</p> <p>7p-8p Comm &amp; Americanism Cmte Mtg</p> | <p>12</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo</p> <p>6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting</p> <p>6p-9p Game Night and Live Music</p>                       | <p>13</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie</p>               | <p>14</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy</p> | <p>15</p> <p>6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo</p> <p>7p-12a Bar Feud &amp; Karaoke w/Jerimy</p> <p>1p-4p Haircuts by Alyse 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday</p> |
| <p>16</p> <p>12p-2p Bar Bingo</p> <p>2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting</p> <p>3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie</p> <p>3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo</p> | <p>17 Saint Patrick's Day</p> <p>11a-1:30p St. Patrick's Day Lunch</p> <p>6p-8p Mbrs. Dinner and Meeting</p> <p>6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo</p> <p>7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack</p> | <p>18</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>6p-8p Texas Holdem</p> <p>6:30p-9p Bunco Party</p>   | <p>19</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>5:30p-6:30p ALR Meeting</p> <p>6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo</p> <p>6p-9p Game Night and Live Music</p>                         | <p>20 Spring Begins</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie</p> | <p>21</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy</p> | <p>22</p> <p>6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo</p> <p>7p-12a Bar Feud &amp; Karaoke w/Jerimy</p>   |
| <p>23</p> <p>12p-2p Bar Bingo</p> <p>3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie</p> <p>3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo</p>  | <p>24</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo</p> <p>7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p>  | <p>25</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>6p-8p Texas Holdem</p>   | <p>26</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo</p> <p>6p-9p Game Night and Live Music</p>  | <p>27</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie</p>               | <p>28</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>5p-7p Evening Kitchen</p> <p>7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy</p> | <p>29</p> <p>6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo</p> <p>7p-12a Bar Feud &amp; Karaoke w/Jerimy</p>   |
| <p>30</p> <p>12p-2p Bar Bingo</p> <p>3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie</p> <p>3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo</p>  | <p>31</p> <p>11a-1:30p Lunch</p> <p>6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo</p> <p>7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack</p> <p>5p-7p Eve Kitchen</p>  |   |  |   |   |   |

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

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