

# ROLL CALL

## Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237



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

Hello fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons,

May is Elections month. Election of Officers is getting close. Our next General membership meeting will be the 17<sup>th</sup> of May at 7:00pm. Election of Officers will be the same day with voting at the Post Home from 12:00pm til 6:00pm. Winners of the election for the Officers for the 2021-2022 Legion year will be announced. If you wish to be an officer of the Post, please let your intentions known, as write ins for office is permitted.

Please be advised, that due to lack of attendance, there is still NO Membership Dinner before the meeting. Once we see a rise in attendance numbers, we will bring back the dinner at the same low price, and hopefully with a perk or two to entice more members to attend.

Some points that I do need to reiterate. If any of you, or know someone in our Legion family that are feeling the effects of Covid, we do ask that you stay at home to get better, and if there is anything we might could do to assist, please contact us.

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.

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.

Thank you all,

*Commander Billy Heatherly*

**Memorial Day Lunch May 31<sup>st</sup> 11-2PM**  
Pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad

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Good day fellow golfers,

We want to remind you that teams are signing up for the 6 June Memorial Tournament. We have openings for 6 more teams. So get your money in as soon as possible. You can either give it to one of the bartenders (be sure to write GOLF in the memo line on the check) or to one of the committee members listed on the flyers. (Pages 4 and 5)

We are still in the hunt for prizes, auction items, gift certificates and other items to auction or present as prizes. We are also looking for several hole sponsors. Hole sponsorships are \$500 or \$1000 each. We also have a tournament sponsorship package for \$2,000. We have a couple of potential hole-in-one sponsors.

Don't forget the \$100 'in memory of' dedication which is open to anyone who has a relative who has passed. Memorial Day is to honor all those who gave their lives for our country. We honor them. Please take this opportunity to honor a loved one who has served.

Golf Committee

### **Membership Update**

Our Membership for 2020 was 1277. Our current 2021 paid Membership is 1245 and our goal is 1392. Please renew as soon as possible. Renew at the Adjutant's Office, weekdays 1-4PM or call for an appointment. Renew online via credit card or setup Automatic Annual Renewal at: [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)

### **Discounts! Discounts! Discounts!**

Thanks to Michele Kinney for researching and authoring a list of 2021 Military Discounts and 2021 Senior Discounts.

Available at:

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

and:

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

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

[https://www.theredstonerocket.com/eedition/page\\_560273d5-26b8-55f0-a59b-44fa6e307346.html](https://www.theredstonerocket.com/eedition/page_560273d5-26b8-55f0-a59b-44fa6e307346.html)

## **AMERICAN LEGION CLAYTON E. MONEYSMAKER POST 237**

### **OFFICERS**

Billy Heatherly	Commander
	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
	Sergeant-At-Arms
Dennis Atkins	1 Year Trustee
Rudy Cowe	2 Year Trustee
Robert Barnett	3 Year Trustee
Earl Hokanson	Honor Guard Cdr.
John Murphy	ROTC Liaison
Steve Bowling	S.A.L. Commander
Buddy Miller	S.A.L. Adjutant
Steve Bowling	ALR Director
Sherry Schroen	Auxiliary President
Channa O'Keefe	Club Manager

### **Executive Committee**

Billy Heatherly, Tom Paone, Jerry Phelps, Mary McCoy, Bud Pagakis, Nicholas Jones, Ken Carpenter, Rudy Cowe, Dennis Atkins, and Robert Barnett.

### **House Committee**

Glen Vela, Gerry Frank, Billy Heatherly, Channa O'Keefe, Bob Wasniewski, Jerry Phelps

### **Finance Committee**

Bud Pagakis, Mary McCoy, Dennis Atkins, and Rudy Cowe.

### **Building Committee**

Rudy Cowe, Dennis Atkins, Juan G. Hernandez, Justin White, Ted Carson, Robert Barnett, and Barbara Cowe, Thad Paone

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"The Clayton E. MoneyMaker American Legion Post 237"

Newsletter Contact: [newsletter@legion237.com](mailto:newsletter@legion237.com)  
Newsletter Archive:  
<http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=126>

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



## Post 237 Honor Guard Services

*K. Carpenter Post Historian*

**The Honor Guards of Post 237 and Post 229 (Madison) have combined their units to enhance the Honor Guard services to our veteran's community.**

**Post 237 Honor Guard Members:** Earl Hokanson (Commander), John Carson (Photographer), Ted Carson, Greg Barnett, Rick Jarell, Cody Kliner, Jon Lawler, Roger Mainville, Alan Murphy, Robt. "Spider" Parks, Bill Pond, Teng Ooi, Jerry Rains, Gene Roberts, Bill Smart, Quan Trang.

**Post 229 Members:** Andy Caudle, Jean Downs, Randy Gray (Bugler), Larry Frakes, Walt Gunn, John Hutchins, Bob Kirby, Tom McKinney Danny Marr, John Moore, Ken Watts, Tom Whitten

### Post 237 Honor Guard Services

#### November, 2020

**Rufus**, Pat Jobe, 1 Nov., 2020, Age 84, U.S. Navy (1956-1976), 2 Jun., 1936 – 20 Oct., 2020, Paint Rock Cemetery

**Flag Raising:** Crestwood Hospital 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veteran's Day Celebration

**Gurley**, Robert E. Sr., 12 Nov., 2020, Age 94, U. S. Army (WWII, Pacific Theater, Occupation of Japan, active leader in area Freemason bodies including Cahaba Shrine), 3 Dec., 1926 – 7 Nov., 2020, Valhalla Funeral Home, Valhalla Memory Gardens.

**Flag Demonstration:** 12 Nov., 2020, Highland Elementary School.

**Potts**, Byron Ray, 20 Nov., 2020, Age 73, U.S. Army CW3 Ret., (1967 - 1987), 30 Sep., 1947 – 16 Nov., 2020, Valhalla Funeral Home, Valhalla Memory Gardens.

#### December, 2020

**Shaw**, Clifton, Sr., 5 Dec., 2020, Age 57, U.S. Army, MSG, (1983 – 2005), 9 Feb., 1963 – 24 Nov., 2020, Serenity Funeral Home, Pine Grove Cemetery – Harvest.

**McDougal**, Emery, 7 Dec., 2020, **Age 100, WWII, U.S. Navy**, Aviation Machinist Mast, Tail Gunner, 16 Oct., 1920 – 2 Dec., 2020, Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery →

**Bruer**, Charles Richard, 20 Dec., 2020, Age 77, U.S. Air Force, Maj. Ret. (1966 – 1986, Vietnam, Electronic Warfare Officer, B-52, DSC, MSM, Boeing, Legacy Funeral Home, Maple Hill Cemetery.

**Mathison**, James, 21 Dec., 2020, Age 74, U.S. Navy, 2 July, 1946 – 17 Dec., 2020, Valhalla Funeral Home, Valhalla Memory Gardens.

**Morgan**, Raymond D. , 30 Dec., 2020, Age 47, U.S. Navy (Airman, Cryptological Tech. Adm, Iraq, Desert Shield, 17 yrs.) 2 Apr., 1973 – 19 Dec., 2020, Valhalla Funeral Home, **Alabama National Cemetery, Montevallo Ala.**

#### January, 2021

**Potts**, Danny, 6 Jan., 2021, Age 68, U.S. Army, Sp4 (1970 – 1974), 7 July, 1952 – 3 Jan., 2021, Scottsboro Funeral Home, Union Cemetery, Woodville, Ala.

**Hamley**, Oliver Lee, 8 Jan., 2021, U.S. Air Force (1971 – 1975), 8 Dec., 1951 – 5 Jan., 2021, Legacy Funeral Home, Maple Hill Cemetery

**Gale**, Bonita, 29 Jan., 2021, Age 62, U.S. Army, SGT (1978-1985), 3 Sep., 1958 – 23 Jan., 2021, Legacy Funeral Home.

**Richardson**, James E., Age 81, 30 Jan., 2021, U. S. Army, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt., 1 Aug., 1939 – 22 Jan., 2021, Berryhill Funeral Home, Huntsville Memory Gardens.

#### February, 2021

**Vickers**, John H., 6 Feb., 2021, Age 88, U.S. Army, SFC, ( 32 years, 279<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion) National Guard, 16 Sep., 1932 – 3 Feb., 2021, Spry Funeral Home, Grove Cemetery – Blanch, Tenn.

**Milton**, Tice Robbins, 13 Feb., 2021, Age 95, U.S. Air Force, MSGT, 13 Feb., 1928 – 10 Feb., 2021, Valhalla Funeral Home, Valhalla Memory Garden,

**LeVel**, Renaudo Lesley, 13 Feb., 2021, Age 58, U. S. Air Force, MSGT (1980-2003), 4 Aug., 1962 – 9 Feb., 2021, Valhalla Funeral Home, Valhalla Memory Garden.

**Johnson**, Elizabeth, 17 Feb., 2021, Age 75, U. S. Army, CSM, National Guard (1975-2005), 30 Dec., 1945 – 8 Feb., 2021, Valhalla Funeral Home, Valhalla Memory Garden.

**Pittman**, Roger, 22 Feb., 2021, Age 89, U.S. Army, Korean War, 9 Dec., 1931 – 12 Feb., 2021. Hazel Green Funeral Home, Hayden Cemetery, New Hope.

**Russo**, Ray, 22 Feb., 2021, U.S. Army, Spry Funeral Home, Valhalla Memory Garden.

*The Honor Guard has been extremely busy this year and is in need of additional volunteers. Please contact Honor Guard Commander Earl Hokanson at [hongrdcdr@legion237.com](mailto:hongrdcdr@legion237.com) if you are interested in joining the Honor Guard.*

Dear Friends,

The Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237 is pleased to announce the Annual Memorial Day Golf Tournament to which will be held on June 6, 2021 at the Colonial Golf Course.

This tournament is a fund raiser for our Post 237 in order that we may continue operations and continue to support Veterans through our many charitable programs. Our organization is a 501c19 and all donations are tax deductible. We are looking for gifts to use as prizes or to auction. Examples are gift certificates for meals or services, donated items for auction, free rounds of golf, and almost anything you would like to donate!

Hole and tournament sponsorships are available at the following levels.

**Silver Level Sponsorship** begins at \$100.00. A donation can be 'in Memory of' a departed service member or may be dedicated to a Legion/Sons or Auxiliary member. The dedication can be made for anyone you choose. Five of these dedications share a one-hole sponsorship.

**Gold Level Sponsorship** is a \$500.00 donation and includes one foursome entry fee and may be a dedication 'in Memory of'. A **Gold Plated Sponsorship** is a \$250 donation and it sponsors one half of a hole and can be a dedication 'in Memory of' as well.

**Platinum Level Sponsorship** is a \$1000.00 donation and will include two foursome entry fees can also be a dedication 'in Memory of'.

In addition we are looking for an overall **Tournament Sponsor** at \$2000.00. The Tournament Sponsor may advertise at the tournament and at the luncheon following the tournament at the Legion Ballroom and in the Post 237 Newsletter.

Entry fees will include golf and cart with a goody bag, and lunch at the Post 237 Ballroom immediately following the tournament. Most of all it will include a really good time. Cost is \$240 per team or \$60 for an individual.

For additional information or forms you may visit the Post 237 website at:

If you have questions please contact one of the tournament committee members:

Jerry Phelps at 256-694-4376

Jeff Osberg at 757-633-4620

Dennis Atkins at 301-326-8762

Ralph Miller at 256-652-2829

Billy Heatherly

Commander, Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237



Entry Form: American Legion Post 237 Annual Memorial Golf Tournament 6 June 2021, 7:30 Tee Time at Colonial Golf Course.

*Make all checks out to American Legion Post 237, put Golf in memo line.*

RSVP NLT 22 May 2021 to a committee member:

Jeff Osberg 757-633-4620

Jerry Phelps 256-694-4376

Dennis Atkins 301-326-8762

Ralph Miller 256-652-2829

**Tournament is limited to first 72 players to sign up. Deadline 22 May 2021**

\$240 per team or \$60 for individual. Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have a team we may be able to place you on one.

Payments may be mailed to American Legion Post 237, Attn: Golf Tournament  
At P.O. Box 1176, Huntsville, AL 35807

**This will be a Scramble format. Mulligans will be available at 2 for \$10 morning of tournament. There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place and other prizes for longest drive, most accurate drive, and closest to pin. This tournament is open to all who want to play.**

**Lunch is included as well as a goody bag for all players.**

A shotgun start at 8:00AM

Lunch will begin around 12:30PM at Post 237. Prizes and raffle will begin at 1:30PM

## HOW MILITARY MOMS CHANGED THE HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

*Contributed by Tom Hartley*

When Americans annually celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May, they will be continuing a tradition that most famously dates back to 1908, when Anna Jarvis sent 500 white carnations to Andrews Methodist Church in her hometown of Grafton, West Virginia. She did so to honor her mother and the mothers of the other parishioners. This is considered to be the first Mother's Day celebration on May 10, 1908. Mother's Day got federal recognition six years later when Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation declaring the second Sunday of May, a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country.

When the United States joined World War I in 1917, and the war propaganda machine revved up, the burst of patriotism came with a renewed appreciation for mothers. Women were hailed for both raising the soldiers who were on the front lines and for the work they were doing on the home front such as running fundraisers for the Red Cross. Mother's Day was a way to thank these women for their service.

World War I comes on the scene, and with all of these sons away at war, there are campaigns to get these sons to send something on Mother's Day.

"I wish every officer and soldier of the American Expeditionary Forces would write a letter home on Mother's Day," General John J. Pershing declared on May 8, 1918. "This is a little thing for each one to do, but these letters will carry back our courage and our affection to the patriotic women whose love and prayers inspire us and cheer us on to victory."

Stationed in Calais, France, Captain Arthur Wolff's May 12, 1918, letter to his mother said, "Today is known as Mother's Day and every American soldier is writing home today," and he explained how he had just gotten back from a four day "trip to frontline trenches."

With more than 116,000 Americans who died from disease or in combat during that conflict, The Great War also led to the formation of the American Gold Star Mothers organization, to support mothers of the fallen. →

The war ended in 1918, but to make sure that veterans would keep up the tradition of reaching out to their mothers after the war, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and future President Franklin Roosevelt sent a reminder about Mother's Day via a May 9, 1919, telegram to the men of the Navy: "I trust that no one who has a mother still living will neglect to write or if possible visit her on this occasion period. No sacrifices during the war have been more severe or borne with more bravery and cheerfulness than the sacrifices of the mothers of America."

By Mother's Day 1935, when he was in the White House, Franklin Roosevelt said that Mother's Day had "assumed a deep and growing significance," so much so that a presidential proclamation telling people to write their mothers on Mother's Day would be "unnecessary" as "I prefer to think that the tributes be paid to mothers will come simply and spontaneously from our hearts."

By the time World War II arrived, not only were there "more mothers than ever before in U.S. history" and "more U.S. sons away from home on Mother's Day" than at any point since 1918, as TIME remarked, but the holiday was by then firmly entrenched in the American calendar.

Today, 113 million cards are exchanged annually for Mother's Day, making it the third most popular holiday for sending greeting cards in the U.S., according to Hallmark. The popularity of Mother's Day can be attributed to a great extent to the mothers of the men and women of the U.S. military.





### **John Evan Carson**

Communications Committee Chairman,  
Honor Guard Member, Post  
Photographer

I think it was at the August 2019 membership meeting that a new Post member, CeVin Barnes, brought up the subject of a monthly newsletter. There was some enthusiastic discussion and a meeting was scheduled to explore the possibilities. The Communications Committee met for the first time a few weeks later and that's where I first met John Carson.

John came to the meeting with his canine friend, Mr. Freckles, and armed with a stack of old Post 237 Newsletters and fresh ideas on how to upgrade the way our Post communicates with its membership. He was passionate yet practical and helped forge a strategy to showcase the positive things that the American Legion and Post 237 stand for. John loved the Honor Guard and wrote many outstanding articles about the good things they do. He was passionate about the American Legion. At our Centennial Celebration in 2020 John presented his vision for the 'Next 100 Years' of the American Legion. He wrote poems to entertain us at Christmas and Halloween and donated his books for fundraisers.

The truth of the matter is that if you asked most any Legionnaire at Post 237 they can tell you a story about how John touched their lives and how he made the Legion better.

John has moved on to Post Everlasting, as we like to say. He left a legacy of written words that lives on for future generations. But more importantly he changed lives through his friendship and encouragement and made us all grateful that we got to spend some time with him.

Tom Paone

### **John Evan Carson, 69, of Huntsville, Alabama, passed away peacefully on April 20th, 2021 surrounded by his family.**

John was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Howard Rudolph Carson and Eva Belle Sandberg on October 6, 1951. He graduated from Central High School in 1969.

He enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17 and upon returning home married, had two children, and worked as a grocery manager for Lund's supermarkets for over 33 years in Minnesota, but his real passion was writing. He wrote poems and stories starting at a young age and was able to retire early after publication of his first book, Ramblin' Rose and the Internet Newsletter and move to Huntsville to be near his grandchildren. During his busy retirement, eleven published books followed, as well as many poems and articles in various periodicals and newsletters. He started a successful creative writing class, which he was still actively teaching, at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center running for over seven years. At the same time, John joined American Legion Post 237 and quickly became involved in many ways, writing for the newsletter, photographer, and serving on the Honor Guard, which was one of the things he was most proud of. In addition to being a part of many veteran organizations, he started a non-profit which matches shelter animals with veterans with PTSD. He still found time to start a business with his two daughters, CBA Publishing Services, aimed at helping authors achieve their dream of seeing their book in print. John was always looking for ways to be of service to people.

John is survived by his wife, Marlene Rose Carson of Huntsville, two daughters, Christine Marie Brown and Anna Talyn Carson, five siblings, Diane Shea, Gail Ripley, Juliet Anderson, Howard Carson and Ted Carson, and four grandchildren, Abigail Rose Brown, Ethan John Brown, Maliyah Marcella Carson, and Emmett William Carson as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother, Eva Belle Carson, father, Howard Rudolph Carson, brothers Mark Steven Carson and William Carson and infant twin sisters.

**Funeral service will be held at North Hills Church at 11319 US-231-N, Meridianville, Alabama on Sunday, May 2nd at 2 PM with Reverend Adam Tisdale officiating. Reception to follow.**

Memorial donations in John's name may be made to the America Legion Post 237 Honor Guard at 2900 Drake Ave SW, Huntsville, AL 35805. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to so many who have supported us in numerous ways through this past year during this difficult journey.

## **THE FORGOTTEN HISTORY OF AMERICA'S MEMORIAL DAY AND WHAT IT COMMEMORATES**

*Contributed by Tom Hartley*

Memorial Day is more than just the unofficial start of summer. It was originally a celebration of the lives sacrificed on both sides during the Civil War. People had laid flowers on the graves of fallen soldiers for decades before there was an actual Memorial Day, or Decoration Day, as it was oftentimes called.

Annual decoration days were originally most common in the rural American South where it was common to have family cemeteries where families would gather for picnics and grave decorations, to include the graves of Confederate soldiers. A Richmond Times article from 1906 documents a June 3, 1861, Warrenton, Virginia celebration as the first time a Civil War veteran's grave was decorated. In 1863, there was a decoration of soldier's graves in Gettysburg. Decoration of graves became widespread after Abraham Lincoln's assassination in 1865.

There were, at this point, over 600,000 buried soldiers. This gave what was a previously existing informal ritual a new significance. It was this year that the federal government began making a national cemetery for the Union war dead. The first Memorial Day celebration in the North is attested to be May 5, 1868, in a proclamation by General John Logan calling for a nationwide "Decoration Day." He simply adopted the previously existing ceremonies of the American South and transplanted them to the Northern States.

The first Memorial Day celebrated in the North took place on May 30, 1868. It is said that this date was chosen because it did not align with any particular battle, thus neither the North nor the South could be seen as claiming it as their Memorial Day.

The new holiday spread like wildfire throughout the Northern states. In the first year of the official Memorial Day, 27 states observed ceremonies in 127 cemeteries. This ballooned to 336 cemeteries by the next year. By 1890, it was an official holiday in every Northern state. The popularity of the holiday led to the reinternment of almost 300,000 Northern war dead in national cemeteries. In the 1880s, the ceremonies became much more standardized. This is largely due to the efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic, a veteran's organization for Union soldiers. →

Pamphlets with rituals, Bible verses and poems were distributed to local post commanders. The Southern states had a slightly different take on the dead of the Civil War and how to honor them. Their ceremonies tended to be simpler, more somber, less celebratory and honored both the Union and Confederate dead.

In the South, it was women who took the lead with Memorial Day celebration. The Ladies Memorial Association made it their charge to ensure that Confederate memorials were kept up and decorated on Memorial Day. Out of this grew the Daughters of the Confederacy, an organization whose numbers over the years were instrumental in honoring Confederate war dead.

While many will complain that Memorial Day is not a day for barbecuing and drinking beer, this observation goes back to at least 1913. The Grand Army of the Republic opposed a Memorial Day race in the year 1911. However, they were increasingly elderly and had less power than they had twenty years prior. Ironically, the race they opposed is one of the biggest Memorial Day traditions still going---the Indianapolis 500.

In 1950, Congress passed a resolution calling on the nation to observe Memorial Day as a day of prayer for perpetual peace. In 1971, it finally became an official federal holiday. In 2000, President Bill Clinton established 3:00 PM as the Memorial Day observance time that had already been a popular time for remembering our war dead. The President requests that flags on government property be flown at half mast/staff until noon.

What is most important is that we remember and honor on Memorial Day all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.





## COVID Resources – Vaccination

Huntsville Hospital is distributing COVID-19 vaccinations to the next category of patients. This includes all people 65 years of age and older, teachers, essential workers, and healthcare workers. If you believe you qualify for this group, you may sign up at: <https://www.huntsvillehospital.org/covid-19-vaccination> to be contacted for a vaccination appointment.

Madison County residents can get the coronavirus vaccine at the Madison County Health Department at 301 Max Luther St. Huntsville, AL. Call 1-855-566-5333. More info at: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/madison/>

Fox Army Health Center is now offering the MODERNA COVID vaccine to all eligible and enrolled TRICARE beneficiaries, as well as eligible Department of Defense personnel on Redstone Arsenal age 18 and older. To schedule your appointment, please register using our Patient Centered Resource System at <https://www.redstone.amedd.army.mil/PCRS/login>.

You will receive a reminder text message the day prior to your appointment. The system will not allow patients to make a same day appointment, so please make appropriate future arrangements. In order to maintain safe physical distancing precautions, please arrive as close to your scheduled appointment as possible (no earlier than 10 minutes) with your identification. You must check in for your scheduled appointment at the main clinic entrance (directly in front of the pharmacy) in order to validate your eligibility and complete any required paperwork prior to proceeding to the vaccination location.

For more information about your COVID vaccine, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html> and <https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Combat->

If you received your medical care from the VA you can call 877-222-8387 or B'ham 866-487-4234. Use the link to register on-line for your VA COVID shot. <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed/form>. The Birmingham VA is scheduling Covid-19 vaccinations. Call 205-558-7099.

### Vaccination Locations, County Health Departments

#### **Limestone County, Walk-in**

20731 Clyde Mabry Dr., Athens AL 35611  
Hours: 8:15 - 3 Lunch 11:30 - 12:30  
(256) 232-3200  
For appointment: 855-566-5333

#### **Madison County, Walk-in**

301 Max Luther Drive, Huntsville, AL 35811  
Hours: 8:15 - 3 Lunch 11:30 - 12:30  
For appointment: 855-566-5333  
(256) 539-3711

#### **Morgan County, Walk-in**

821 HWY 31 South Decatur, AL 35603  
Hours: 8:15 - 3 Lunch 11:30 - 12:30

#### **Lawrence County, Walk-in**

13299 Hwy 157 Moulton, AL 35650  
Hours: 8:15 - 3 Lunch 11:30 - 12:30

#### **Cullman County, Walk-In**

601 Logan Ave.SW, Cullman, AL 35055  
Hours: 8:15 - 3 Lunch 11:30 - 12:30

## Covid Resources - Testing

### Huntsville Hospital Fever & Flu Clinic

120 Governors Drive  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
Facebook: [facebook.com/HuntsvilleHospitalFan](https://www.facebook.com/HuntsvilleHospitalFan)

### Thrive Alabama

600 St. Clair Ave  
Huntsville AL 35801  
Mon and Wed, drive-up testing on the back side of First Baptist Church on Governors Drive Dr. The testing area is accessed on St. Clair Avenue.  
Facebook: [facebook.com/ThriveAlabama](https://www.facebook.com/ThriveAlabama)

### American Family Care Clinic – Hampton Cove

410 Sutton Road  
Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763

### American Family Care Clinic – Huntsville

8151 Whitesburg Drive  
Huntsville, AL 35801

### American Family Care Clinic – Madison

7559 Highway 72 West  
Madison, AL 35758

### CarePlus

11100 S. Memorial Parkway  
Huntsville, AL 35803

### Madison Core Labs (Madison location)

120 West Dublin Drive, Suite 105  
Madison, AL 35758

### Madison Core Labs (Huntsville location)

2705 Artie St SW, Suite 30  
Building 400  
Huntsville, AL 35805

### Madison Medical Associates Fever & Flu Clinic

3809 Sullivan Street  
Madison, AL 35758

### QC Wellness Pharmacy and QuickCare

7500 Highway 72 West  
Madison, AL 35758

### QuickCare Urgent Care

202 Governors Drive  
Huntsville, AL 35801

### Synergy Wellness

4950 N Memorial Pkwy, Suite B  
Huntsville, AL 35810  
Phone: (256) 759-9167

### Urgent Care for Children – Madison

8490 Highway 72 West, Suite 100  
Madison, AL 35758

### Happi Health

2597 Sparkman Drive  
Huntsville, AL 35810



## ATTENTION! HAM RADIO ENTHUSIASTS

If you are interested in Ham Radio and would like to help organize a local chapter of The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) please contact Tim Williams!

Info on TALARC is available at:  
<https://www.legion.org/hamradio/about>

### The American Legion Amateur Radio Club

Post 237 TALARC chapter will have its next organizational meeting on May 15, 2021 at 1400hrs in the Ballroom at the Post. We will be discussing the upcoming timeline for Technician Class licensing classes and the possibility of trying to setup and participation in the 2021 ARRL Field Day operation on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and Sunday of June. The ARRL Field Day Operation is a community service event held yearly and geared towards emergency communications during a local disaster event allowing the chapter to help people send health and welfare radio traffic to the loved ones outside of the local disaster area and for the more serious radio operators it is setup in a contest fashion to score points inside of the category you choose to participate in. The Field Day event runs for a 24 hour period from 11am Saturday to 11 am Sunday.

Also, some good news and that is the Huntsville Hamfest is back! Huntsville will be having a Hamfest this year after a year off on the weekend of August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the VBCC South Hall. For those of you new to the hobby a Hamfest is a weekend event where you can find license testing, instructional classes, Radio Gear Manufactures exhibits, Component part vendors and a lot of other Ham Radio related exhibits.

If you are interested in getting in on the classes to get licensed or you are already licensed and still hiding in the closet come on out and give us a hand getting this thing up and running!  
73's

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## Building Committee Workday

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May 8<sup>th</sup>

The Building Committee has scheduled a Workday for Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 0830. Please plan to join us. The committee will be addressing several projects including the framing and installation of a door to the old poker room so it can serve as an office for the Honor Guard and Building Committee. Other projects will be addressed as time and labor permit.

## Mother's Day Pot Luck

Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. The Post will be hosting a Mother's Day Pot Luck in the Social Quarters at 3PM. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Howie will be doing Karaoke.

## Second Sunday Pot Luck

Join us at the second Sunday of the Month for a Pot Luck. Bring a dish to share.



## 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!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### LUNCH

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11AM -1:30PM

Specials: Tue – Spaghetti, Wed - Stuffed Potato,  
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 CAROL

FRI 7-11PM KARAOKE WITH PAUL

### TRIVIA

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY 7-9 PM WITH LISA AND ZACK

### BINGO

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MON, WED, THU AND SAT 6 PM

### MEMBERSHIP DINNER AND MEETING

BALLROOM

3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY MEETING AT 7 PM

### POOL TOURNAMENT

SOCIAL QUARTERS

THURSDAYS 7:00 PM

## Wargo Scholastic Scholarship Program

Post 237 administers a scholarship for descendants of a United States Military Veteran who attend college or vocational school.

The Wargo Scholarship is a \$1000 award paid directly to the educational institution for tuition and fees.

Applications were accepted until April 15, 2021.

Additional information and the application form are available on the Post 237 website: [www.legion237.com](http://www.legion237.com) Select Wargo Scholarship. The direct link is:

<http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=127>

The 2021 Wargo Scholarships were awarded to Anders Kinney II who is studying Chemical Engineering at UAH and to Kyle O'Hear who is studying Theoretical Physics at UAH.

Questions regarding the Wargo Scholarship can be emailed to: [wargo@legion237.com](mailto:wargo@legion237.com)

## Medical Equipment Available

The Post has an excess of medical equipment available for anyone in need. In stock we have crutches, canes, walkers, porta potties, and wheel chairs (non-powered).

Please contact Rudy Cowe at: [rudolphcowe@yahoo.com](mailto:rudolphcowe@yahoo.com) or 256-426-6540 to arrange to pick up an item.

## 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	10:00AM – 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 to make an appointment.  
Email: [adjutant237@legional.org](mailto:adjutant237@legional.org)

## Searching for a Judge Advocate

The Post is searching for a Staff Judge Advocate. If you are a practicing or retired attorney-at-law and would be interested in assisting Post 237 in legal matters. Please contact Mary McCoy, Adjutant.

Phone: 256-883-9911 Email: [adjutant@legion237.com](mailto:adjutant@legion237.com)



## Lunch at the Legion

Monday through Friday

11:00AM to 1:30PM

Specials:

Spaghetti - 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 new restrictions.



## Roof Repair by C&K Roofing

The week of Veterans Day 2020, C&K Roofing and Construction patched, sealed, and repaired the main sections of roofing on the Post home. They returned later that month to replace the roof over the entrance vestibule. With the spring rains a few more minor leaks were discovered and the crew from C&K worked the weekend to fix those leaks and to repair some potential trouble spots to prevent future problems.

C & K donated the materials and all of the labor for each of these projects. We are very grateful to C& K Roofing's owners Jim and Beth Gentry and their employees for their generosity. Jim is an Air Force veteran. He volunteered to adopt the Post's roof and follow up if we have further issues.

Please take the time to provide a positive review for C& K Roofing on Google Maps and on home repair sites such as Angie's List and Home Advisor. Also, if you need a roof repair at your home or business please give C& K a call at: 256-326-4232

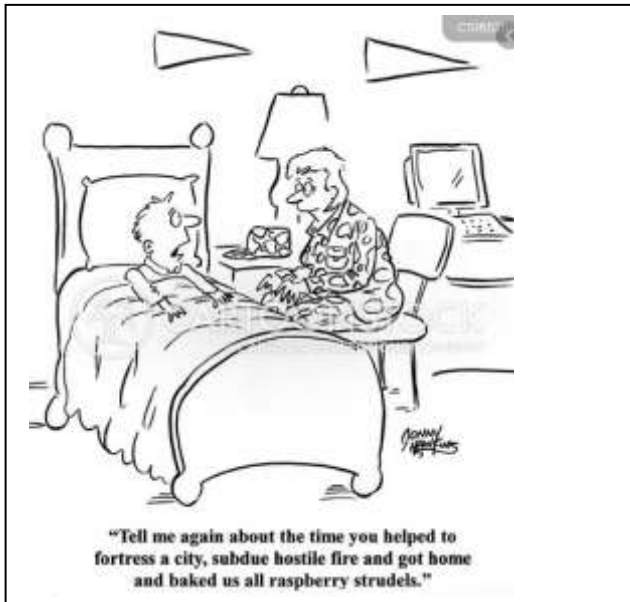






## HUMOR IN UNIFORM

Hi Mom,  
Boot camp is fine, but I think  
our drill sergeant is a little  
hard of hearing. Every time  
we say something, he yells  
"I can't hear you!"



### Around the Post

Thanks to the Legion volunteers who are presenting the ROTC Medals and Certificates for 2021. John Murphy has been in contact with our ROTC and JROTC units and has arranged the following presenters:

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|----------------|-------------------|
| CeVin Barnes   | Alabama A&M       |
| Tom Hartley    | Columbia HS       |
| Robert Barnett | Huntsville HS     |
| Ken Carpenter  | Hazel Green HS    |
| Ken Vining     | Grissom HS        |
| Tom Paone      | Lee HS            |
|                | Buckhorn HS       |
|                | Madison County HS |



### **BINGO AT THE ANNEX**

**3806 COLONIAL PARK CIR SW  
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY,  
THURSDAY AND SATURDAY  
6:00PM**

To contribute a cartoon or funny story to Humor in Uniform email to: [newsletter@legion237.com](mailto:newsletter@legion237.com)



## ROTC Update

Post 237 supports seven Madison County and Huntsville high school Junior ROTC programs and the Alabama A&M College ROTC program. Annually we award the American Legion Scholastic Excellence and Military Excellence medals and certificates to two outstanding cadets in each program. The table below lists the programs that Post 237 supports as well as the recipients of the 2021 American Legion Military and Scholastic Excellence awards and the Post 237 presenter.

Presentations are made at each school's year-end ROTC awards ceremonies. This year, due to COVID19 protocol, some schools are restricting their awards ceremonies to students, faculty and parents only. In those cases we mailed or hand delivered the awards to ROTC Commanders so that they can ensure that the deserving cadets receive their awards. For the remaining schools a Post 237 representative presents the awards in person. If you are interested in presenting the awards or working with an ROTC unit please contact John Murphy at [ROTC@legion237.com](mailto:ROTC@legion237.com) or Tom Paone at [vicecdr2@legion237.com](mailto:vicecdr2@legion237.com)

Retired LTC John Murphy serves as the Post 237 ROTC Liaison Officer. John coordinates activities and promotes Post 237 Americanism programs with JROTC/ROTC Battalions. During his military career, LTC Murphy served as Professor of Military Science at Princeton University and participated in ROTC activities and exercises involving ROTC programs throughout the eastern US. For additional details email: [rotc@legion237.com](mailto:rotc@legion237.com)

*Contributed by Tom Paone*

*Pictured CeVin Barnes at Alabama A&M ROTC Ceremony*

### 2021 JROTC/ROTC Scholastic and Military Excellence Awards

ROTC/JROTC Program	Location	Date/Arrival Time	Presenter	Military Excellence Recipient	Scholastic Excellence Recipient
Grissom, Army	Grissom High School Martha deFord Hays Auditorium	5/12/2021 4:30PM	Ken Vining	Tyler McDonald	Riley Rissler
Huntsville, Air Force	HSV HS Auditorium	4/28/2021 5:30 PM	Robert Barnett	Cadet Demetrius Graham	Cadet Madilynn Lovett
Lee, Army	Theater	4/10/2021	<b>Dropped Off 3/19/21</b>	Pvt. Jaden Johnson	2Lt. Christopher Martinez
Buckhorn, Army	Mail	4/10/2021	<b>Dropped Off 3/19/21</b>	Cadet 1LT Braendan Hayes	Cadet 1SG Suphannee Dominigues
Hazel Green, Navy	Main HS Gym	5/10/2021 6PM	Ken Carpenter	Cadet Timothy J. Walker	Cadet Jagger C. Thurman
Columbia, Army		5/8/2021	Tom Hartley and John West 256-837-4383	Cadet 1LT Jennifer La	Cadet 1LT Laianni Moore
Madison County, Army		5/8/2021	<b>Dropped Off 4/21/21</b>	c/MAJ Spencer Lambert	c/1SG Ethan Blackwell
Alabama A&M, Army	Knight Center 4900 Meridian Street Huntsville, Al 35810	4/22/2021 3:30 PM	<b>CeVin Barnes</b>	Cadet Alzandra Williams	Cadet Lucas Suits
Sparkman, Army			Post 229		
Bob Jones, Air Force			Post 229		
James Clemmons, Army			Post 229		
Jemison, Air Force	Mae Jemison Auditorium		Post 351		

## Post Elections

The annual election of Post Officers is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021, from 12 PM until 6 PM. Results will be announced at the May Membership Meeting at 7PM. Installation of officers will occur at the June Membership meeting on Monday June 21, 2021.

Voting will also be available by email. A ballot will be emailed to Legionnaires on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. In order for your email vote to count the ballot must be completed and returned by email to [vote@legion237.com](mailto:vote@legion237.com) by end of day on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Ballots must include the name of the voter and their member number. No write-in candidates will be accepted on the email ballots and the voting Legionnaire must have paid their 2021 dues.

The following offices are up for election: Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander, Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant-At-Arms, and Three Year Trustee.

These officers, when elected, will also be members of the Post Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Roy Hall is solicited names of Post 237 Legionnaires who are interested in serving as Post Officers starting at the June 2021 membership meeting until June 2022. Nominations were presented at the April Membership Meeting.

The post 237 By-Laws detail the duties of each of the officers. The By-Laws document is available for at: <http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=147>

A brief overview of each position follows:

**Commander:** Presides over the Post meetings, supervises the business affairs of the Post and serves as Chief Executive Officer, provides an annual report and list of newly installed officers to the State. Chairs the Executive Committee.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:** In the absence of the Commander assume his duties. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander is responsible for the Post membership drive.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:** In the absence of the Commander and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, assume their duties. Is responsible for the Americanism programs i.e. Oratorical Contest, Boys State, ROTC, etc.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander:** In the absence of the Commander and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, assume their duties. Chairs the House Committee and supervises the Club Management.

**Chaplain:** Promotes the spiritual welfare of the Post. Offers divine non-sectarian services at Post events. Chairs the Visiting Committee.

**Historian:** In charge of records and incidents of the Post and its members.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Preserves order at meetings, serves as Post color bearer.

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**Three Year Trustee:** Serves for three years. Along with the One Year and Two Year Trustees assist with Post budget, enforce Post financial policy, conducts an annual Post inventory and are custodians of Post property. One Year trustee chairs the Building Committee.

If you need additional information regarding any of these positions please contact Roy Hall.

*Huntsville High School ROTC Awards presented by Robert Barnett. 4/28/2021*



## Boys State Update

The Department of Alabama has announced the 2021 Boys State convention will be held at the University of Alabama Tuscaloosa Campus from July 11, 2021 through July 17, 2021. Outstanding students who are nominated by their schools and are rising seniors this year are invited to attend. Also, current seniors who registered for the cancelled 2020 session are also eligible to attend the 2021 session.

Registration for this year's rising seniors is open now! Application and liability forms and registration fee must be received at the American Legion Department of Alabama by June 30, 2021.

On June 29, 2021 Post 237 will host a joint 2020/2021 Madison County Boys State Orientation at the Post Annex. Also, the first 54 delegates who submit a request will be eligible for bus transportation.

Historically Bingo receipts have funded our Boys State scholarships and expenses. However because of Bingo closings and COVID restrictions, our funds are limited. If you, your business, or your employer would be interested in paying the Boys State registration fee for a deserving young man, providing the opportunity for them to attend this excellent leadership program, please contact Tom Paone at [vicecdr2@legion237.com](mailto:vicecdr2@legion237.com) or phone at 256-656-4952.

*Articles by Tom Paone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander*

~ May 2021 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
2 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	3 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-7p Bldg Committee 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	4 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	5 <b>Cinco De Mayo</b> 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch 5:30-6:30p NAVFOC meeting	6 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	7 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	8 10a-11a AL Riders Mtg 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 12p-1p Marine Corp Mtg 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
9 <b>Mother's Day</b> 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner	10 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	11 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg.	12 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting	13 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	14 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	15 <b>Armed Forces Day</b> 2p-3p TALARC Meeting 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
16 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	17 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-8p Mbrs. Mtg. 12p-6p Voting 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	18 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch	19 11a-12p Comm Cmte Mtg 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	20 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	21 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	22 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
23 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	24 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	25 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p County Meeting	26 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	27 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-8p AL 351 Mtg. 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	28 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul	29 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
30 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	31 <b>Memorial Day</b> Memorial Day Lunch 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	<b>Notes:</b>				

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

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

