

ROLL CALL

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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 16th 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 2022-2023 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 also allowed. There are a couple of vacancies for Officers open. Won't you consider running for an office?

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

Post Elections

Voting for 2022-2023 Post Officers will occur on Monday, May 16th in the Ballroom from 12 until 6PM. Results of the election will be announced at the May Membership Mtg. You must present a current membership card to vote.

American Legion Riders

will meet on Saturday, May 21st at Post 237 at 10:30 a.m.

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Five Points Flag Pole

The Five Points Historic District Association is looking for a patriotic individual or group to maintain the neighborhood flagpole in Wellman Park. Wellman Park is a small strip of land at the intersection of Pratt, Holmes, and Andrew Jackson which was sold to the City of Huntsville for \$1 in 1915 by the Wellman family with the requirement it always remained a park. The flagpole was temporarily taken down by the City but they have agreed to reinstall at our request. If you can help please email Jenny Johnson at: jenny9150@gmail.com or call or text at 256-679-0102.



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

Memorial Day Flag Placement at Huntsville Memory Gardens

Please come out and help!
Flag placement 21 May at 11AM
Flag pick up 4 June at 11AM

Marine Corps League

The Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment 820 of the Marine Corps League meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon at American Legion Post 237. Please contact Ed Becher 269-221-2221 for more information.

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:

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

AMERICAN LEGION CLAYTON E. MONEYSMAKER 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	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, Ken Vining

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, Ken Vining

Building Committee

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

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

JROTC/ROTC Awards Presentations

Each year Post 237 Legionnaires present the American Legion Military Excellence and Scholastic Excellence Awards to deserving cadets in ROTC and Junior ROTC programs in Huntsville and Madison County.

John Murphy, Post 237 JROTC/ROTC Liaison Officer, coordinates with ROTC cadre in selecting the cadets and assigning a Legionnaire to represent the American Legion at the awards ceremonies.

The JROTC programs supported by Post 237 are Grissom - Army, Huntsville - Space Force, Lee - Army, Buckhorn - Army, Hazel Green - Navy, Columbia Army, Madison County - Army. The Army ROTC program at Alabama A&M is also supported by Post 237.

Thank you to the volunteer Legionnaire presenters CeVin Barnes, John Murphy, Robert Barnett, Jerry Phelps, Ken Carpenter, and Tom Paone.



Post 237's CeVin Barnes and John Murphy at Columbia High School JROTC Awards Ceremony on March 22nd.

Memorial Day Lunch



Join us on Memorial Day, May 30th for lunch from 11:00AM until 1:30PM.

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Potato Salad and Baked Beans will be served!



TEXAS HOLDEM FUNDRAISER

Come and play in the weekly Texas Holdem fundraiser which will be played every Tuesday at 6 PM in the bar. Funds raised will benefit charitable and Legion projects throughout the year. Come on down and join in the fun!!

MADISON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE MOVING TO NEW HUNTSVILLE LOCATION

The Madison County Veterans Service Office is moving to a new location, which will open on Tuesday, April 26. The office is located at 819 Cook Avenue NW, Suite 137 in Huntsville.

Office hours for the new location will continue to be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The telephone number will remain 256-532-1662.

The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA) has Veterans Service Offices in 60 of Alabama's 67 counties. These offices provide Veterans with free services, including counseling, hands-on assistance in submitting applications for VA compensation & pension claims, and assisting with all other state and federal veterans benefits and services.



NAVFOC Comedy Dinner Fundraiser

The Ladies Auxiliary attended the Veterans Coalition Comedy Dinner at the Summit on April 2, 2022. The fundraiser awarded the Auxiliary \$125.00 to go toward Girls State. The Post 237 Auxiliary donates money each year towards the cost of sending young women to Girls State.

The American Legion Post 237 had several veterans at the Comedy Dinner show and the North Alabama Veterans Coalition awarded Post 237 \$175 to go toward our Honor Guard. The Post 237 Honor Guard work very hard throughout the year attending Veteran funerals and memorials.



First Vice Commander Michael Kinney awards \$175 to Post 237 Honor Guard Commander Earl Hokanson. The funds were raised from sales of NAVFOC Comedy Dinner tickets.

**HONOR GUARD DONATIONS:
YOUR TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR 2022
WILL SUPPORT YOUR POST 237 HONOR GUARD**

The Huntsville American Legion Clayton E. Moneymaker Post 237 and Post 229 Honor Guard provide military funeral services for area military veterans. From June, through March, 2022, your Post Honor Guard, consisting of volunteers, has provided this service to more than ninety families. In addition, the Honor Guard performs flag ceremonies for various civic affairs, such as Memorial Day, and requested services.

This memorable service is provided to veteran's families at no charge, and receives no funding from outside the post membership. The annual costs (transportation, vehicle maintenance and insurance, etc.) for the Honor Guard is approximately \$5,000 per year. Please assist your Honor Guard.

Donations can be mailed or dropped off at the Post. Please note on the check or the envelope that the donation is intended for the Honor Guard.

Contributed by Ken Carpenter



Honor Guard Booze Basket Raffle

In order to raise funds for the Honor Guard, liquor for a Booze Basket is being collected in the Social Quarters. If you would like to donate a bottle or some cash to help purchase a bottle please talk with Channa or a bartender. We intend to raffle tickets for the basket through the month of May and award it at the Memorial Day Lunch on May 30th.



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

Dues Year 2022 ends June 30th. Thank you to all members who have paid their 2022 dues. The Membership Drive will end May 16th. Prizes donated by Larry's Pistol and Pawn North Parkway will be awarded for the top recruiter with the highest number of new members/transfer members/nonrenewing members.

Mary McCoy, Post 237 Adjutant



Army Reserve Family Programs

Pictured above are Adjutant, Mary McCoy, with Army Reserve Family Programs Director, Amber Beals. Ms. Beals visited with Post 237 officers at the Executive Board meeting and shared her unique insight into the mission that her organization is responsible for in support of Army Reserve units, soldiers and their families throughout Alabama. There are 19 Army Reserve Units that drill in our area and their MOS focus varies widely.

Her organization provides family and quality of life programs for these units. They team with community and veteran's organizations and have invited our Post to participate in upcoming events and consider adopting a Reserve Unit.

If you are interested in assisting with this project please call Adjutant Mary McCoy at 256-397-3659.



Care Packages for Kuwait

The Care packages for Kuwait Drive was a huge success.

Twelve large boxes of comfort items including girl scout cookies, coffee, tea, snacks, lotion, batteries, toiletries, etc. arrived at Camp Buehing in Kuwait on March 14, 2022 where they are being enjoyed by the troops (pictured).

Thanks to everyone who contributed and special thanks to the organizers including Channa and Juan Perez, Carl Conley, Jean Downs, Jerry Phelps, and Martha Hall.

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

TEXAS HOLDEM FUNDRAISER

SOCIAL QUARTERS

TUESDAY 6PM

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!
We will have Pot Luck on Mother's Day



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 Company Commander gets posted out, and before moving out, hands over 3 numbered envelopes to the new CO, saying, "Open these one by one when you face a problem".

Six months later, the new CO faced a problem, he remembered the envelopes and took the first envelope. The message read, "Blame your predecessor".

He called a conference and tactfully blamed the previous CO and the problem was sorted out.

Six months later, again experiencing a problem, having learned from his previous experience, quickly opened the second envelope. The message read, "Blame your Boss".

This he did, and the problem was sorted out.

After another 6 months, again when there was a problem, he opened the third envelope. The message read,

"Prepare three envelopes, your time is almost over"

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



Around the Post

At the April Membership Meeting Commander Billy Heatherly awarded Certificates of Appreciation to volunteers Christie and Tom Paone, Channa and Juan Perez, Jerry and Tanya Phelps and Robert Barnett.



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

Sunday, 2PM – Auxiliary Post 176
Wed., 6PM – Auxiliary Post 237
Thur., 6PM – SAL Squadron 237
Sat., 6PM – Legion Post 237

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, 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.

The 2022 American Legion Alabama Boys State convention which will be held at Troy University from May 29 through June 4, 2022. Our Post has historically sponsors several needy students. We will conduct an orientation session and dinner on May 10th at the Post annex to prepare delegates for the convention. We also provide 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 three 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 last year.

Representative Anthony Daniels provided 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 plus a fuel service charge of \$200. 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 are actively soliciting both individual and business sponsors. If you would like to donate or if you work for a company that might consider helping with some of our Boys State expenses please contact Tom Paone at:

email: vicecdr2@legion237.com

phone: 256-656-4952



Madison County Boys State Orientation for the 2020 and 2021 classes

~ Post 237 May 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo	6	7
3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-7p Bldg Committee 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Heath	8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie and Pot Luck	11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack 6-7p House Committee Mtg	11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6-8p Boys State Orientation Dinner	11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting	11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Heath	10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 12p-1p Marine Corp Mtg 8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Mbrs. Dinner and Meeting 7p-9p Trivia 12p-6p Voting	11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch	11a-12p Comm Cmte Mtg 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Heath	8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike 11a Flag Placement Huntsville Memory Gardens
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p County Meeting	11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-8p AL 351 Mtg. 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Heath	8p-12a Karaoke w/Mikey Mike
29	30 Memorial Day	31				
3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack 11-2p Memorial day Lunch	11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch				

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

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



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