

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, and Sons of the American Legion.

May is here and our American Legion calendar year is ending. The Post elections will be held on May 20th from noon until 6 PM in the ballroom.

We have other events that will be going on this month. **We need volunteers to meet at Huntsville Memory Gardens at 10:00AM on May 25th to place flags on the graves of the over seven hundred veterans that are interred there.** We will be serving a hamburgers and hot dog lunch on Memorial Day.

As the year starts to close, we ask our unpaid members to please renew your dues as soon as possible. We are short roughly 100 members that are needed to meet our 100% goal set by the Department of Alabama. We are currently at 91.59% for the year. It is difficult to meet the Department's membership goals due to the size of our Post. For example, with 1274 members 2-3% means we must renew or recruit 25-27 members per month whereas for a smaller Post of 30 to 40 members to achieve 2-3% they must renew or recruit just 2 or 3 members.


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Finally, if I am not reelected this year, I want to say "Thank You" to everyone who has supported me and the changes that we have made at our Post these past two years. It has been an honor of a lifetime to represent our Post locally and statewide.

Jerry Phelps, Post Commander

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Clayton E. Moneymaker
American Legion Post 237
Huntsville, Alabama

Post Election Day – Monday May 20, 2024
Vote from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM

2024 – 2025 Officer Nominations

Commander	Jerry Phelps
1 st Vice Commander	Rob Satterfield
2 nd Vice Commander	Tom Paone
3 rd Vice Commander	Bob Wasniewski
Finance Officer	Jack LaFountain
Chaplain	William C. (Bill) Pond
Historian	Ken Carpenter
Sergeant at Arms	Cody Klinner
3 Year Trustee	Brad Mayo – John Szelich




From the Adjutant's Desk

Post 237 Officer's Elections will be held at the Post Ballroom on Monday, May 20th from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

June 30, 2024 is the end of Post 237 2024 Dues year. 2025 Post 237 Membership dues begin July 1, 2024. At that time, membership dues increase from \$45.00 to \$55.00 per year.

The American Legion is offering a three-year dues payment plan at the current rate of \$45.00 per year for 2024, 2025, and 2026. If 2024 dues are already paid, you may still pay the three year plan for 2025-2026-2027 at \$45.00 per year.

Payments may be mailed in or paid online. I can pay your membership dues online in the office or by telephone #256-397-3659 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CLAYTON E. MONEYMAKER AMERICAN LEGION POST 237

OFFICERS

Billy Heatherly	Past Commander
Jerry Phelps	Commander
David Ladner	1st Vice Commander
Tom Paone	2nd Vice Commander
Bob Wasniewski	3rd Vice Commander
Mary McCoy	Adjutant
Jack La Fountain	Finance Officer
Bill Pond	Chaplain
Ken Vining	Service Officer
Ken Carpenter	Historian
Cody Klinner	Sergeant-At-Arms
Billy Heatherly	Judge Advocate
Ken Reisenweber	1 Year Trustee
Robert Barnett	2 Year Trustee
Don Pinkerton	3 Year Trustee
Earl Hokanson	Honor Guard Cdr.
Tom Hartley	ROTC Liaison
Steve Bowling	S.A.L. Commander
Buddy Miller	S.A.L. Adjutant
Steve Bowling	ALR Director
Sherry Schroen	Auxiliary President
Anna Marie Wasniewski	Club Manager

Executive Committee

Jerry Phelps, Billy Heatherly, David Ladner, Tom Paone, Mary McCoy, Ken Carpenter, Cody Klinner, Bill Pond, Bob Wasniewski, Don Pinkerton, Robert Barnett, Ken Reisenweber, Jack La Fountain, Ken Vining.

House Committee

Bob and Anna Marie Wasniewski, Ralph Miller, Colleen Copeland, Mark Utter, Joe Norman, John Schantz, Steve Bowling, Ken Reisenweber, Joyce Hampton, Helen French, and Howard Krueger.

Finance Committee

Jack La Fountain, Bud Pagakis, Jerry Phelps, Mary McCoy, Robert Barnett, Don Pinkerton, Ken Reisenweber, Bob Wasniewski

Building Committee

Robert Barnett, Don Pinkerton, Ken Reisenweber, Sherry Schroen, Thad Paone, Rick Jerrell

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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 or email at: billpond6@gmail.com

Psalm 139:14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Genesis 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations"

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

Armed Forces Day

On August 31, 1949 Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day. This was to replace single day celebrations of the Army, Navy, and Air Force days.

There are other purposes for holding Armed Forces Day. They include educating civilians to have an increased awareness of the Armed Forces and to set aside a day to honor and acknowledge the members of the Armed Forces.

Real security lies in the prevention of war. Words like sacrifice, not selfishness, liberty, and vigilance.

Today they honor those who have fought to preserve freedom. But freedom does come with a cost. We must be prepared.

Our service men and women are serving throughout the world as guardians of peace, Many are far away from home, family, and friends. They shoulder the burden of defense as one of the responsibilities of citizenship in this free country.

American Legion Post 237 Baseball

Coach Bragg is putting together Post 237's U19 American Legion Baseball Team for 2024. If you know a high school junior or senior or college freshman player who would be interested in playing competitive baseball, have them contact Coach Bragg at 256-651-9476 or rhbragg22@outlook.com.

The season schedule is far from being complete, however, the team has scheduled to compete in the following tournaments:

June 7-9	Alabama vs. Mississippi Bash	Birmingham, AL
June 21-23	Troy University Showcase	Troy, AL
June 28-30	Smokies Stadium	Kodak, TN
July 12-14	Hosting Josh Morris Inv.	Huntsville, AL
July 28-30	State Tournament	Tuscaloosa, AL

The 2024 baseball jerseys and caps are on sale at the bar in the Social Quarters and are pictured below. Proceeds from the sale will help fund our 2024 Post 237 American Legion Baseball Team. Baseball caps sell for \$25 and jerseys sell for \$40.



Memorial Day Message

Happy Memorial Day! Let's enjoy the day with your families. But let's not forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice for your freedom and for my freedom. Freedom comes with a cost.

For those who have lost a loved one, thank you for your sacrifice.

Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died to protect it.

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." Joseph Campbell

For all those that we love don't go away. They walk beside us each and every day. They may be unseen but they are always near us.

You are loved beyond words. Your life will also be a blessing. I look to Jesus.

Bill Pond- Post 237 Chaplain



Armed Forces Prayer Breakfast

June 14, 2024 (0730)

The Summit on Redstone Arsenal

No cost to attend – Must Register:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/ytr2xp2>



Please come join us as we lift up our Armed Forces, their families, our leaders and our Nation in prayer!

Email your question to:

robert.barnett@teamrwb.org or presidentcoalition@gmail.com



April 10, 2024 GIRL SCOUT COOKIE CARE PACKAGE(S)

Jean Downs of AMERICAN LEGION POST 229 AUXILIARY donated nine cases of Girl Scout Cookies from her Madison Service Unit for deployed military soldiers care packages. The cookies were delivered to Post 237 Adjutant for distribution assistance.

Andralee Norman, daughter of Post 237 SAL Joe Norman, volunteered to deliver the cookies to her National Guard Unit, 490th CBRN Battalion, Anniston, Alabama on April 13, 2024. The First Sergeant will oversee the shipment of Girl Scout Cookies to 287th Transportation Company currently in Poland and 414th Chemical, Company, currently in Syria.

Reported by Mary McCoy, Post 237 Adjutant



Above: Martin Rivera representing a non-profit organization named G.I.'s Friend Inc. visited the Post on April 15. He travels from state to state visiting veteran's organizations and presenting veterans with a gift basket.

He presented a basket to Jerry Phelps, Mary McCoy, Steve Hammond, Rob Satterwhite, and Doug Townsend who are in the photo. Later he presented a basket to Jim and Debbie Wright.



FROM THE 3RD VICE COMMANDER

Bob Wasniewski, Post 237 3rd Vice Commander

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

Canteen Renovations: We continue to repair and improve the Canteen. Several projects have been completed with a couple more scheduled to begin soon.

Nighttime Kitchen Hours: We have returned to the normal operating schedule. We will be opening the kitchen on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. A nighttime menu has been developed.

First Wednesday Steak Lunch: Scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2024. We will be selling ribeye steak, with a baked potato, salad, and a roll. Lunch will be served in the Canteen during the normal hours of 11 AM until 1:30 PM.

Wednesday Game Nights: Our first game night is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2024. We will be continuing the Left, Right, Center dice tournament in the Canteen starting at 6 PM. We have recently added a new dart machine to the Canteen. We will be trying to get a dart tournament going on Wednesday Game Nights starting at 7 PM.

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! Wear Mexican garb on May 5th and score extra bingo cards!

Bunko Party in the Ballroom: A Bunko Party is held in the Ballroom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This month Bunko will be held on May 21, 2024.

Comedy Show and Dinner: Arizona Lou will be doing his Veterans Appreciation Tour Comedy Show Saturday, May 25th. Enjoy a fried chicken dinner from 5 until 6:45PM. Show starts at 7PM.



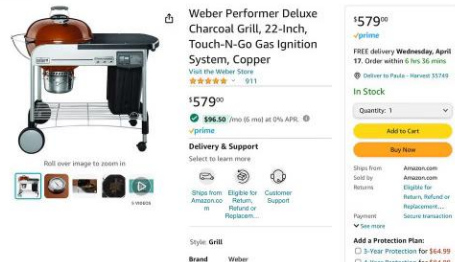
Salad Bar

Starting Monday, April 22, 2024 in addition to the regular menu items, a salad bar will be available on Mondays and Tuesdays for lunch.

Buy Your Raffle Tickets Now!

Win one of a home décor, gift card, wine and cheese, or a booze basket, or a portable hammock, or a Weber Performer Deluxe Charcoal grill.
Tickets are available at the bar 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, or 30 for \$20. Drawing May 5th after Bar Bingo.

Proceeds go to the Veterans Relief Fund!





MEMORIAL DAY

OPPORTUNITY
LEGACY
DUTY
PURPOSE
PATRIOTISM

The reasons behind choosing military service differ from person to person. But as varied as the reasons are, there's a universal understanding: **Service means sacrifice.** Even if that sacrifice is one's own life. The impact of this ultimate sacrifice ripples through our communities. Service member's death touch more than just the lives of their loved ones and friends. When their stories are shared in our neighborhoods, our homes, our schools and our places of worship, these men and women become a part of the collective identity of our hometowns. The stories of their sacrifices live on in the pride of memories of their loved ones and at observances and through inscriptions and plaques dedicated to the legacy of their generation. Woven into the fabric of our country are those who died while wearing the cloth of our nation. They instill a sense of pride among citizens. They inspire new generations to raise their hands in service. There is no greater sacrifice than to offer one's life for the greater good. As President Abraham Lincoln observed more than 150 years ago:

"This extraordinary war in which we are engaged falls heavily upon all classes of people, but the most heavily upon the soldier. For it has been said, all that a man hath will he give for his life; and while all contribute of their substance, the soldier puts his life at stake, and often yields it up in his country's cause. The highest merit, then, is due to the soldier."

This respect we give to our fallen speaks to the value we place on their service. And it's not just back home that we remember them. These tributes begin at the very spots where they selflessly gave their lives---- both for the brothers and sisters they stood shoulder to shoulder with and for their country. Tributes include the Battlefield Cross, which some historians say has its roots in the Civil War. Today, it's most

recognizable as a helmet resting on top of an inverted rifle stuck in the ground with boots placed in front. Dog tags hang from the rifle. On the battlefield, members of the unit can come to this memorial and pay their final respects.

In more recent conflicts, the military also paid tribute to those who died with fallen comrade and ramp ceremonies. These are part of the dignified transfer---the solemn return of service members from their theater of war back to the United States and to their loved ones for eternal rest.

The fallen comrade reception ceremonies happened at places including Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan and Balad Air Base, Iraq. The remains of those killed in action in theater were brought to the base. No matter the hour of day or night, when the announcement of their arrival came over the loudspeakers---often mere hours after their death---military personnel who were not on guard lined the road leading to the base's flight line and rendered a final salute as the Humvee carrying the body would slowly pass by to a waiting aircraft. On the flight line, a small group then conducted the ramp ceremony, carrying the transfer case onto the aircraft and draping an American flag over it for its journey to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

But some who died while serving have not yet made it back home to the United States. We honor them through tributes such as the Missing Man Table. It's an opportunity to reflect on those who are still missing in action or POWs.

But we don't just reflect. We act. By continuing to look for them, we honor their sacrifice. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency sends teams all over the world to tirelessly search land and sea to recover the remains of those who haven't returned home. Robert "Spider" Parks, a deceased member of Post 237, was a very integral member of these search teams. Through this work they bring people home. People like Corporal Thomas Cooper, who was killed in 1943 during the Battle of Tarawa in the Central Pacific. In 2019--more than 76 years after his death---the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency identified his remains and he was finally brought home. Corporal Cooper's family was able to bury him with full honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

We're still looking for the rest. The agency estimates that more than 81,600 service members remain missing. Among them are 41,000 who are presumed lost at sea in the Indo-Pacific region. Some of those still missing at sea were killed aboard Japanese "hell ships" during World War II. Hell ships were what they called unmarked Japanese merchant ships that sailed between the Philippines and Japan during the war. They appeared to carry only Japanese military personnel and supplies. But below deck, crammed into dark, sweltering holds were Allied POWs. The conditions were deplorable. People were often heaped on top of each other, with no access to sanitation or light and little to no food. It's estimated that 126,000 Allied POWs were moved this way, including survivors of the Bataan Death March. More than 1,500 men died in their holds from heat and thirst or were killed by Japanese guards. But more than 19,000 died when the U.S. Navy and other Allied forces carried out attacks on these ships. The naval forces had no way of knowing their own people were hidden on board. All they knew was that they had to thwart the enemy's efforts to move supplies and personnel needed to prolong the war. We must continue to share their stories, to remember what they sacrificed for the rest of us.

Men and women choose to put their lives on the line to serve and defend the Constitution. They go toward danger. They volunteer to serve, knowing that death may be the outcome.

But we can ensure that those who make this choice and make the ultimate sacrifice can rest knowing they served with the thanks of grateful citizens and knowing that they won't be forgotten.

Contributed by Tom Hartley

Historian Report by Ken Carpenter

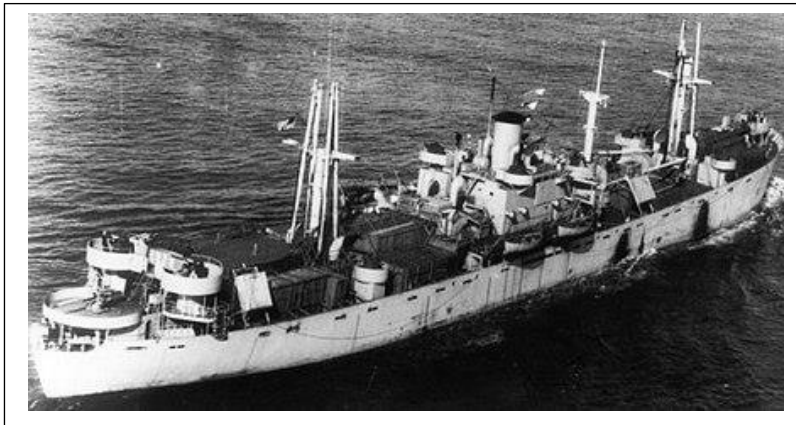
Post 237 Historian Ken Carpenter gave a history report concerning the ability today of obtaining detailed information on the death of a World War Two individual. Such information would have been unknown to family members at the time of, and after of his death. A War Department telegram may have only mentioned the date and theater of war in which he was Killed in Action.

By reviewing the 1961 request for burial monument government form, the individual's rank, branch of service, unit, and date of death were given. To this was added, presumably by a government source, his particular squadron. As a result, internet research concerning a post war history of the squadron, the following was discovered:

IMO (Information Management Office) Sgt. XXX XXXX, squadron 831 of (B24) Bomber Group 485, was Killed in Action and died at sea while aboard the Liberty Ship SS Paul Hamilton, en-route to Tunisia. The Hamilton was transporting staff and ground crew members of the squadron. The ship was attacked in the Mediterranean Sea, off the coast of Algiers, by 23 German Ju88 dive bombers. A torpedo hit the ship causing horrific collateral explosions, killing all 580 men onboard. Of unique interest, the explosion of the ship was photographed from at least one other USN ship in the convoy.

Death of Sgt XXXX XXXXXX / 20 Apr., 1944

SS Paul Hamilton 831st Squadron / 485th Bomber Group / Cape Bengut, Algiers



US Liberty Ship SS Paul Hamilton



Ju 88 Dive Bombing



German Junker Ju 88 Bomber



Destruction of US Liberty Ship SS Paul Hamilton by German JU88

ROTC Awards



Tom Paone presented the Scholastic and Military Excellence Awards at the Alabama A&M University ROTC Awards ceremony on April 25th at the Earnest Knight Center on the AAMU Campus.



Earl Hokanson presented the Scholastic and Military Excellence Awards at the Grissom High School JROTC Awards Ceremony on April 26, 2024.

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:

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

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

Comedy Night Dinner and Show

Arizona Lou will be doing his Veterans Appreciation Tour Comedy Show on Saturday, May 25th at 7PM. Join us for a fried chicken dinner from 5PM until 6:45PM. More information will be emailed out later.

A promotional poster for Arizona Lou's Veterans Appreciation National Tour. The poster features a portrait of Arizona Lou on the right. Text on the poster includes: "America's Favorite Old Man", "Arizona Lou", "PG-16", "COMEDY", "arizonalou.com", "Veterans Appreciation National Tour", "7:00pm", "Sat May 25, 2024", and "American Legion Post 237, 2900 Drake Av, Huntsville AL 35805". There is also a QR code on the poster.

Poppies at the Bar

The American Legion Auxiliary has Poppies at the bar. Donations are being accepted to support their mission of supporting veterans, military and their families.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCH IN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11 AM -1:30 PM

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

Evening Kitchen Service

Wednesday – Saturday 6:00PM-8:00PM

KARAOKE IN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS

THU 7-11 PM AND SUN 3-7 PM KARAOKE WITH HOWIE

SAT 8 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

3RD MONDAY DINNER AT 6 PM (\$7.00) , 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

BUNKO PARTY

BALLROOM - 3RD TUESDAY 6:30PM

GAME DAY – WEDNESDAYS LEFT/RIGHT/CENTER AND DARTS

HAIRCUTS WITH ALYSE – FIRST SATURDAY – NOON – 3PM

First Wednesday Steak Lunch

Join us for lunch: ribeye steak, baked potato, roll and salad on the first Wednesday of each month. 11-1:30



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 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Call 256-397-3659 to make an appointment.
Email at adjutant@legion237.com

Commander's Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday 4PM until 6PM
Email at commander@legion237.com

Lunch at the Legion



Monday through Friday and
11:00AM to 1:30PM

Specials:

Salad Bar – Monday & 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.

HUMOR IN UNIFORM



THE PSYCHIC PARROT

A female Army First Sergeant assigned to Redstone Arsenal went to a pet shop in Huntsville and immediately spotted a large, beautiful parrot. There was a sign on the cage that said \$50. "Why so little?" she asked the pet store owner. The owner replied, "Look, I should tell you first that this bird used to live in a house of ill repute, and sometimes it says some pretty vulgar stuff." The First Sergeant thought about this, but decided she had to have the parrot. She took it home and hung the parrot's cage up in the living room and waited for it to say something. The parrot looked around the room, then at her, and said, "New house, new madam." The First Sergeant was a bit shocked at the implication, but then thought "that's not so bad." When her two teenage daughters returned from school, the parrot saw them and said, "New house, new madam, new girls." The woman and her daughters were a bit offended but then began to laugh about the situation. Moments later, the First Sergeant's husband came home from work. The parrot looked at him and said, "Hi, George."

Contributed by Tom Hartley

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

Texas Hold'em Fundraiser



Come and play in the weekly Texas Hold'em fundraiser 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!



Around the Post

Bar Bingo has become a favorite **social** activity for many of our members. Along with the many **fabulous prizes** and the assistance of the **Bingo Babes**, patrons enjoy sharing some of their favorite **snacks** and **drink specials**. On Easter Sunday bingo players dressed in their Easter bonnets and bunny ears and earned extra bingo cards. Come out and join the fun on Sundays from noon until 2PM for free Bar Bingo! Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Bar Bingo. Wear Mexican garb and get extra bingo cards!



American Legion Riders Update

The American Legion Riders will be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM at Post 237. For more information you can contact Steve Bowling at stevebowling.sal@gmail.com

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.

2024 High School Oratorical Contest

The Department of Alabama American Legion announces the winner of the 2024 State Oratorical Scholarship, Prattville High School senior, Mr. Caden Walker. The contest was held on Saturday, March 30th, at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Competing against finalists from Hoover and Huntsville, Alabama, Walker displayed exceptional oratory skills securing his spot as the state champion. Mr. Walker impressed the judges with his prepared oration, "The Constitution- Literated, Lived and Learned". Securing second place was Ms. Baylin Murphy and placing third was Mr. Thomas Fleming, the 2023 Boys State Governor from Huntsville.

Mr. Walker now advances to the national stage, where he will represent The Department of Alabama against the best and brightest orators from across the nation and six foreign countries. The winner will receive \$25,000 scholarship.

The American Legion National Oratorical competition is scheduled to take place at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale Michigan, May 17-19, 2024.

Pictured below are the Department contestants and Commanders Marsh and Madden..



2024 Alabama Boys State

Boys State is a unique summer program designed to train our youth in the ideals and objectives of American government through hands on experience and participation in a model state government.

The 2024 Alabama Boys State Convention will be held at Troy University, Troy, Alabama, May 26 through June 1, 2024. On February 6th and again in mid-April registration packets were emailed to principals, counselors, and ROTC POCs at all high schools and to home school administrators in Madison County. Male students enrolled in high school or home school are eligible at the conclusion of their junior year. Students must have the approval of their school administration.

The Madison County Boys State Orientation will be held at the Post 237 Annex at 3806 Colonial Park Circle SW, Huntsville, AL 35805 on May 16, 2024 at 6PM. Yancy Mitchell, Dean of Boys State Counselors and officers from the 2023 Boys State class will provide commentary on how to prepare for the convention.

Post 237 will sponsor several Madison County students in need of financial assistance. We will also provide round trip bus transportation for delegates to the Boys State Convention. Legionnaire Gordon Benton is assisting us in obtaining a cost-effective option for bus transportation from his employer, First Student, this year.

Along with the educational, leadership, and social benefits that Boys State offers, there is a long list of college scholarships available to participants.

For more information, or if you would like to assist with our Boys State outreach, please contact Tom Paone at vicecdr2@legion237.com or 256-656-4952.



**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

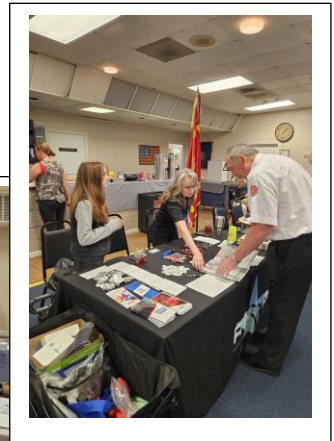
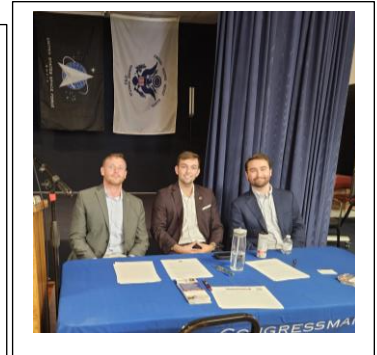
Starts at 3:30PM

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!



Pictures from the VSO Open House April 27, 2024



~ Post 237 May 2024 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11a-1:30p First Wed Steak Lunch 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-8p Kitchen Open 6p-9p Game Night	2 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	3 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy	4 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 6p-8p Kitchen Open 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy 12p-4p Haircuts w/Alyse
5 Cinco De Mayo 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	6 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	7 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Texas Holdem 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	8 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting 6p-8p Kitchen Open 6p-9p Game Night	9 11a-1:30p Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	10 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy	11 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 6p-8p Kitchen Open 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy
12 Mother's Day 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	13 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	14 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg. 6p-8p Texas Holdem	15 11a-1:30p Lunch 5:30p-6:30p ALR Meeting 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-8p Kitchen Open 6p-9p Game Night	16 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9p Boys State Orientation at the Annex 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	17 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy	18 Armed Forces Day 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 6p-8p Kitchen Open 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy
19 12p-2p Bar Bingo 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	20 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Mbrs. Dinner and Meeting 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack 12p-6p Post Elections	21 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Texas Holdem 6:30p Bunko Party	22 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-8p Kitchen Open 6p-9p Game Night	23 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	24 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy	25 6p-9:30p AL237 Bingo 6p-8p Kitchen Open 8p-12a Karaoke w/Jerimy 10a Flag Placement at HSV Memory Gardens
26 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo 7a Boys State Bus Departure	27 Memorial Day 11a-1:30p Hamburger and Hot Dog Lunch 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	28 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Texas Holdem	29 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-8p Kitchen Open 6p-9p Game Night	30 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	31 11a-1:30p Lunch 6p-8p Kitchen Open 7p-11p Karaoke with Jerimy	1 4p Boys State Bus Arrival

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