

ROLL CALL

Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237



Alabama's Largest American Legion Post

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

Hello fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons,

October was a great month for your Legion Post. The 100th year Centennial was a huge success. The large crowd in attendance enjoyed music, food, special guests, door prizes, raffles and a silent auctions. I want to express my sincere gratitude and much respect for those on the Centennial committee that pulled off this huge undertaking.

We had our Early Bird Dinner at the General Membership meeting night and had a pretty decent turn out.

Now that November is here, we are working on new projects and getting ready for the Holiday Season. We are still asking for volunteers for several positions. Please consider volunteering for the Post 237 Building Committee. We have several projects including a roof at our Post home and more work at the Annex that need to be addressed as soon as possible. Trustee Rudy Cowe is organizing the Building Committee. The Communications committee is looking for a couple of good Legionnaires. If you are interested please contact 2nd Vice Commander Tom Paone. If you enjoy Bingo, we will be looking for a volunteer to become the Bingo Chairman soon.

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. From the Staff and Officers of Your American Legion, Happy Thanksgiving to all of the Legion Family

Thank you all,

Commander Billy Heatherly

Halloween Party, Veterans Day Lunch, and Golf Tournament. Three big events are coming up!

Halloween Party on Oct 31st
Heroes Week Golf Tournament on Nov 8th
Veterans Day Lunch Nov 11th

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THE NEXT 100 YEARS

John Carson, Post Communications Committee Chairman

Who in the last century would have thought that Post 237 would see 100 years of service to the community? And who would have thought we would be looking at the next 100 years? Yet that is the vision we will need to keep the Post vital in the changing world.

Only by setting long range goals can we ensure the Legion, and its benefits will be there for our children and grandchildren and beyond. The foundation already laid and the programs the Post and the Legion support have already established the 2nd floor and are too important to let fade away with time.

And only by thinking long-term will we be at optimal readiness for the veterans to come. The newest branch of military service-the United States Space Force will be turning out veterans in the next few years and we need to have an atmosphere they will feel comfortable in. An updated, high-tech décor will not only welcome our newest veterans but also be a shot in the arm for our older veterans as well, keeping them vital and current.

There are forces at work in this country that seek to take down long established traditions and institutions; we must not let that happen to the American Legion or this Post-the services we provide extend much farther than just our social quarters; Boys and Girls State, scholarships, American Legion baseball and support of Tut Fann to name a few.

The time to budget for the future is now. It is not enough to fund only current needs and those that can be seen-we must consider the not yet seen as well. I propose the Post set up a special, interest bearing account that can be tapped for periodic updating of the social quarters and ballroom as needed and fund future events as well.

I would also suggest that the Post procure and display the logo for the newest branch of the military now or as soon as one can be obtained.

I believe Post 237 should show it's progressive, up to date side in the media now and in any opportunity to come by staying engaged with the community at large and expanding our activities to include family days, picnics and other events. Working with NAVFOC and assisting other veteran organizations in the years to come will help us reach the next centennial.

The first 100 years have given us all a lot to be proud of. As the largest American Legion Post in Alabama we need to show our pride and work to keep that membership growing. Reach out to other people and tell them who we are and what we do. While most of us won't be here for the next one, let this Centennial be the launch pad to the next 100 years. ♦

AMERICAN LEGION

CLAYTON E. MONEYMAKER POST 237

OFFICERS

Billy Heatherly	Commander
CeVin Barnes	1st Vice Commander
Tom Paone	2nd Vice Commander
Roy Llamas	3rd Vice Commander
Mary McCoy	Adjutant
Bud Pagakis	Finance Officer
Jerry Creel	Chaplain
Nicholas Jones	Service Officer
Ken Carpenter	Historian
Douglas Gregory	Sergeant-At-Arms
Dennis Atkins	1 Year Trustee
Rudy Cowe	2 Year Trustee
John Carr	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, CeVin Barnes, Tom Paone, Roy Llamas, Mary McCoy, Bud Pagakis, Jerry Creel, Nicholas Jones, Ken Carpenter, Douglas Gregory, Rudy Cowe, Dennis Atkins, and John Carr.

House Committee

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

Finance Committee

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

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Newsletter Archive:
<http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=126>

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

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:

https://www.theredstonerocket.com/eedition/page_86f38854-c3d7-56b8-8e62-0fd395ae57c4.html

HALLOWEEN PARTY!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST AT 7PM

KARAOKE WITH CAROL

COSTUME PRIZES IN LEGION BUCKS

BEST OVER ALL - \$50

MOST CREATIVE - \$25

SCARIEST - \$25

POTLUCK!

**BRING A CALDRON TO SHARE WITH
YOUR FRIENDS!**





VETERANS DAY

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2020

11 AM TO 2 PM

LUNCH SPONSORED BY:

VFW Post 5162

AND

AMERICAN LEGION POST 237

AT

POST 237 BALLROOM

2900 DRAKE AVE.

ENTERTAINMENT BY:

BOBBY BROOKS

UPDATE! From the Heroes Week Golf Tournament Committee

Our Heroes week Golf Tournament, scheduled for November 8, 2020, to raise funds for our American Legion Post 237 is in full swing. We have several teams signed up but if you are looking for a spot please do it by November 1st, cost is \$240 per team. On the other front to raise money we are moving along, so please continue to support this effort.

One successful part of our fund raiser is the idea of donating "In Memory of", this has gone over very well and it's a very nice way to remember a loved one. It will be recorded on one of the golf holes and it will be published in our Newsletter. Here is how it looks, the following are actual "In Memory of" dedications.

In Memory of William O. Diamond, KIA 1967, Vietnam
In Memory of SGT James F. Van Cleave, USA
In Memory of SFC Bill Sanderson, 1/20 SFG USA
In Memory of Charles Snead, USAF
In Memory of Charles C. Monroe, USMC, WWII

These are just a few examples, we have many more dedications. So if you would like to honor a veteran with a minimum \$100 donation in this way, please contact one of the committee members or provide a check with all the information to the Legion. Be sure to write GOLF in the memo line.

Please prayerfully consider an "In Memory or In Honor of" donation today. It is a wonderful feeling to see those names in print and something tells me they would be very proud. I want to thank you all for your continued support of American Legion Post 237.

Jerry Phelps 256-694-4376
Jeff Osberg 757-633-4620
Don Kimminau 334-318-7511

Ralph Miller 256-652-2829
Dennis Atkins 301-326-8762

Update For All Legion Members and Golfers, October 26th

As of today 26 Oct 2020 we are very close to our Financial Goal and a full field of golfers. There is room for 3-4 more teams, please sign up as soon as you can prior to this Sunday Nov 1st. We have space for 2 more \$500 hole sponsors, we need someone to sponsor the lunch as well at \$250. Remember this can be done in memory of or honor of someone too.

The tee time is 0800 at Fox Run so **all golfers need to be on site around 7:00-7:15**. The pre-start briefing/rules will be given at 7:40. You will need time to register and purchase your mulligans at 2 for \$10 so bring exact change. This is going to be a fantastic event with lots of fun for all.

We have some nice things for the golfers and a lot of great items to give away at the lunch. Lunch will begin at 1PM at American Legion Post 237 ballroom at 2900 Drake Ave. SW, Huntsville, AL. It will feature barbeque pork, potato salad and baked beans. Lunch is free for the entire golf field and helpers. Folks that are not part of the tournament can purchase lunch for \$6.00.

Beginning at 2PM we will start the auction. We have a lot of nice things to auction off, please come. The auction is open to all not just Golfers. Below is a partial list of items that will be auctioned:

- Golf Statue provided by Cunningham Outdoors
- 3 Necklaces and a pendant provide by Simons Jewelers
- (4) \$100 Gift Cards provide by Osborne's Jewelers
- (2) Gift Cards for a 7-8 pound ham provided by Applelane Farms
- (2) Beauty Baskets provided by Ulta Beauty Supply
- Merchandise Basket provide by Rocket City Trash Pandas
- Merchandise Basket provide by Hooters
- Autographed 2016 Alabama National Championship Footballs provide by Parkway Place Mall
- Various rounds of golf from North Alabama Golf Courses

Entry forms are available at the Post or on the Post 237 website at:

[http://www.legion237.com/files/Heroes Week 2020 Tournament Entry Form v3 \(1\).pdf](http://www.legion237.com/files/Heroes Week 2020 Tournament Entry Form v3 (1).pdf)



**1st Annual
American Legion Post 237
HEROES WEEK CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Sunday, 8 November 2020**

\$240 Team Registration (4 Players)

\$60 Individual Registration

Deadline 1 November 2020

\$250 Red Sponsorship

\$500 White Sponsorship

\$1000 Blue Sponsorship

\$500 Lunch Sponsorship

Donate Merchandise or Gift Cards!

Download Entry Form and Sponsor Forms at:

<http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=146>

Mail Payment and completed forms to:

American Legion Post 237

Attn: Golf Tournament

P.O. Box 1176

Huntsville, AL 35807

Email questions to any member of the Golf Committee.

Fox Run Golf Course

Meridianville, AL

Times:

7:30 – Registration

8:30 – Shotgun Start

2:00 – Lunch at Post 237

2:30 – Prizes and Raffle

Prizes for: Tournament Placing
Longest Putt Made
Most Accurate Drive
Longest Drive
Closest to the Pin
Hole-in-One

Golf Committee:

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All proceeds will be used to support American Legion Post 237 Veteran's Support Programs.

Four Person Scramble



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 at:

Tim Williams
Call Sign; K4AEE
Ham Radio email address: k4aee@gmx.com
Non-Ham personal email:
timmypw65@yahoo.com

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

The American Legion Amateur Radio Club

CQ, CQ, CQ Kilo Four Alpha Echo Echo Calling CQ...Post 237 is looking for any members that are licensed Amateur Radio Operators or anyone wanting to become a Ham. If you are already a licensed Ham just contact me for more information on Post 237's Chapter of TALARC (The American Legion Amateur Radio Club) or if you have an interest in becoming a Ham we are planning Technician Class Operator classes free of charge to prep anyone interested in taking the FCC test. Once the Technician Class Operators classes have ended the FCC testing secession will be hosted at Post 237.

The National TALARC Club by its Constitution is dedicated to Emergency and Disaster Communications using Amateur Radio. In case you are not familiar with Ham radio the FCC grants civilians the use of the radio frequencies for emergencies to help provide the general public with getting health and welfare traffic to their friends and family in and/or out of a disaster area. The idea behind the government allowing the public to use these radio frequency spectrums is to keep trained radio technicians and operators in case of an emergency. So, between disasters we practice by making contacts with other stations all over the world.

Ham radio is not all just about emergency communications and helping your local neighbors during a time of disaster... Ham radio is a lot of fun as well with a multitude of different modes of ranging from Phone (Voice) using Sideband, FM or AM to →

CW (Morse Code) to PSK31 (Radio Teletype) to Satellite and EME (Earth, Moon, Earth) or Moon Bounce... Yes, You read that right Satellite! There are actually Amateur Radio Satellites in orbit around the earth and as a matter of fact one of them is inside a decommissioned Russian Space suit called "SuitSat" that was set adrift from the International Space Station with a Amateur Radio Repeater in it... Which brings to mind... Did you know you can talk to the International Space Station???? Well, you can. Ever since the days of Skylab Amateur Radio equipment has been onboard NASA space stations.... As, a matter of fact a Huntsville resident (now, Silent Key) Owen Garriott was the first NASA Astronaut to take Ham Radio into space onboard Skylab 3.

Well, now that you have had the crash course in Ham Radio I hope you haven't been overwhelmed so, if you have any questions you can contact me k4aee@gmx.com with any questions and if we have enough interest we will be scheduling a night and time to start having meetings.

73's
K4AEE

One more thing....Riddle me this Batman... What does Amateur Radio and the U.S. Military have in common?

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!



Second Sunday Pot Luck

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



Huntsville City Councilman, Bill Kling Presents Huntsville City Resolution to Post 237

By K. Carpenter, Post Historian

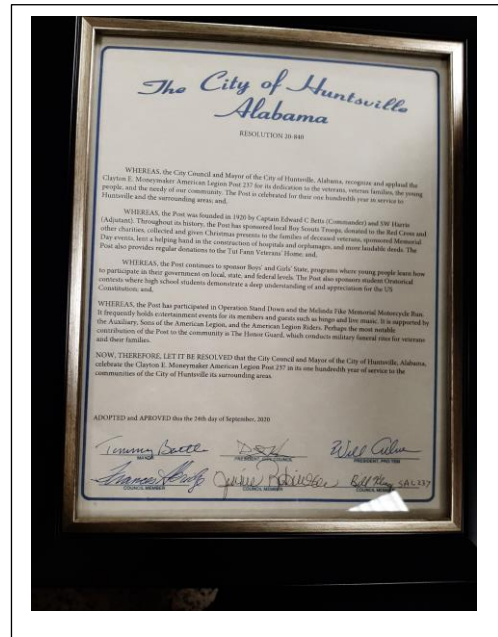
At the Post 237 Centennial Celebration on 17 Oct., 2020, **Huntsville City Councilman and Post 237 Sons of the American Legion member, Bill Kling**, presented Post Commander Heatherly, with the Huntsville City Council's resolution honoring Post 237 for its one-hundred years service to veterans and the community.

The Resolution reads: **City of Huntsville, Alabama Resolution 20-840**

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, recognize and applaud the **Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237** for its dedication to the veterans, veteran families, the young people, and the needy of our community, The Post is celebrated for their one hundredth year in service to Huntsville and the surrounding areas; and WHEREAS, the Post was founded in 1920 by Captain Edward C. Betts (Commander) and SW Harris (Adjutant). Throughout its history, the Post has sponsored local Boy Scout Troops, donated to the Red Cross and other charities, collected and given Christmas presents to families of deceased veterans, sponsored Memorial Day events, lent a helping hand in the construction of hospitals and orphanages, and more laudable deeds. The Post also provides regular donations to the Tut Fann Veterans' Home and WHEREAS, the Post continues to sponsor Boys' and Girls' State, programs where young people learn how to participate in their government on local, state, and federal levels. The Post also sponsors student Oratorical contests where high school students demonstrate a deep understanding of and appreciation for the US Constitution; and WHEREAS, the Post has participated in Operation Stand Down and the Melinda Fike Memorial Motorcycle Run. It frequently holds entertainment events for its members and guests such as bingo and live music. It is supported by the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Riders. Perhaps the most notable contribution of the Post to the community is The Honor Guard, which conducts military funeral rites for veterans and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, celebrate the Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237 in its one hundredth year of service to the communities of the City of Huntsville [and] its surrounding areas.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 24 day of September, 2020



World War Two Veteran Charles Henry

By K. Carpenter, Post Historian

At the Post 237 Centennial celebration the Post recognized U.S. Army World War veteran and Post 237 member Charles Henry. Mr. Henry was featured in a special section of the Huntsville Times section *Heroes. Sacrifice. Victory. World War Two 75 Years Later* (Sun. 27 Sept., 2020, p. 16, originally published in Nov., 2018). This article relates that:

Mr. Henry was living in Los Angeles in 1941, when he witnessed the barricading of the Pacific and the forced re-location of Japanese-Americans to internment camps, noting: "I remember seeing the Japanese being taken out of their houses ... their houses were destroyed. My backyard connected to (their) gardens, and we always were able to get fresh vegetable from their garden when they were still there."

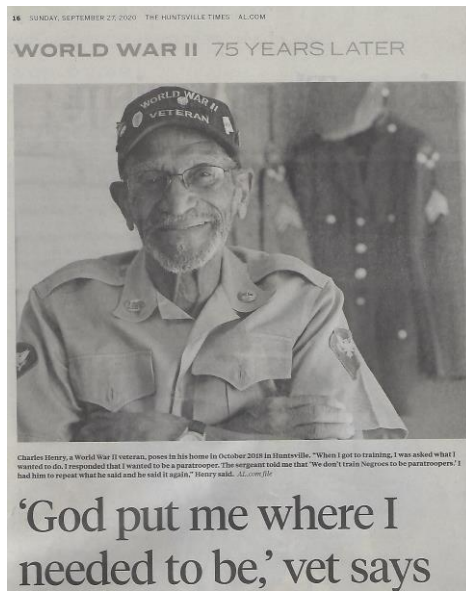
When he became 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Army with the dream of becoming a paratrooper. While in training he was told "We don't train Negroes to be paratroopers." "I belonged to the Army by then, so I just went with it." He was assigned to an African-American unit at Ft. F. E. Warren in Cheyenne, Wyoming where he trained as an MP (military police).

[At Ft. Warren], he was assigned to duty guarding German and Italian POWs at the prisoner-of-war camp there. "The Germans knew a lot about history, particularly black history. In fact, they knew more black history than I did, and I attended school in the United States." Through daily conversations he found that "the German POWs were not upset about being prisoners, but were happy to be away from the war and were passive."

Henry was not passive, but was part of the "Double V" campaign, fighting victory in Europe and the fight to end racism in the U.S. During the war he was able to meet the famous Red Tail fighter pilots while they were on R&R in Cheyenne, seeing how proud they were of their accomplishments. Henry is proud of his service in World War II. "I would have liked to be a paratrooper, but I feel that God put me where I needed to be .. my part in the war was not firing at Germans, but talking with them. I got to know what the German soldier was thinking, and I did it while serving in the U.S. Army."

Article and Photo Source: *Heroes. Sacrifice. Victory. World War Two 75 Years Later*, Huntsville Times, (Sun. 27 Sept., 2020, p. 16, originally published, Nov., 2018).

KC Note: On 25 February 1943 the all African-American **555th Parachute Infantry Company (later battalion)** "Triple Nickel", was established.



Charles Henry – Huntsville Times September 27, 2020



American Legion Baseball Tryouts

Tryouts for Post 237 American Legion Baseball will be held at John Hunt Park on November 7th. Sign-in at 12:30PM, tryouts start at 1PM. Any 10th or 11th grade baseball player is eligible. Pass the word. If you plan to play in 2021 please be there.

Coach Rick Bragg
256-651-9476



Lunch at the Legion

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

Specials:

Spaghetti - Tuesday

Stuffed Potato – Wednesday

Taco Salad – Every Other 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.

“Veteran of the Year”

Earl Hokanson

By K. Carpenter, Post Historian

At the General Membership meeting on 19 Oct., 2020, Post Cdr. Heatherly announced that the North Alabama Veteran’s Fraternal Organization Coalition has named Post 237 Honor Guard commander, **Earl Hokanson, as Veteran of the Year**. The coalition presented this honor to Cdr. Hokanson for his devoted leadership of the Post 237 Honor Guard, and for his outstanding service to the Marine Corps League, among other such civic and patriotic services.



Honor Guard Cdr. Hokanson accepts the Wisener Family Plaque from Post Cdr. Heatherly. Photo by Ken Carpenter.

Volunteers Needed!

Please consider volunteering for the Post 237 Building Committee. We have several projects including a roof for the Post home that need to be addressed as soon as possible. Rudy Cowe is organizing the Building Committee. The mission of the committee will be to identify and scope the projects that relate to the buildings and grounds, identify contractors, and request and evaluate bids and make recommendations to the Executive Board.

Committee members will not be asked to provide any of the labor for these projects. Please text Rudy at 256-426-6540 if you would like to find out more information.

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

Membership Update

Our Membership for 2020 was 1277. Our current 2021 paid Membership is 847 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

Caleb Brooks

Bobby Brooks’ grandson Caleb, an investigator with the Morgan County Sheriff’s Department, was gored by a bull. He is undergoing treatment in Ohio. Please keep Caleb and his family in your prayers. If you would like to help Caleb and his family you can contribute at the following Go Fund Me page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/yfaf-calebs-army>

Earl Hokanson Accepts Wisner Family Plaque

By K. Carpenter, Post Historian

At the General Membership meeting on 19 Oct., 2020 Post Commander Heatherly presented the Wisner Family plaque (in gratitude to the Honor Guard’s service for CWO-4 Wisener) to Honor Guard Commander, Earl Hokanson.

The plaque reads: 21 September, 2020. In great appreciation for American Legion Post 237 for providing the three volley salute and full military honor to CWO4 LaRue Dwain Wisener and his family in spite of the numerous difficult conditions and risks surrounding COVID-19. Your actions gave our family and friends much closure and brought credit to our loved one’s service and the honor for all members of the United States Military. Thank you so much from the Wisener family.

Please contact Honor Guard Commander Earl Hokanson at hongrdcdr@legion237.com if you are interested in joining the Honor Guard.

Centennial Celebration

The Centennial Celebration on October 17th was a great success due to the hard work and dedication of all of our committee members and volunteers! Thank you for pulling together as a team and honoring the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members who built Post 237 and made it a vital part of our community.

Tom Hartley did an outstanding job as the Master of Ceremonies of our Program. Mary McCoy and Bobby Brooks' musical performances were excellent. Members of our Auxiliary, SONS, and Legionnaires Shirley Mohler, Ken Carpenter, John Carson, Billy Heatherly, Bill Kling, and Jerry Creel delivered great speeches and prayers. The Honor Guard flag posting by Earl Hokanson and John Carson was perfect and Sherry Schroen's cake presentation was a fitting touch. Thanks to the Auxiliary members who helped decorate the ballroom.

Dena Moody and Martha Hall volunteered to come in and setup and run the bar during the event. They also sold out all of the Booze Basket tickets. Please thank Dena and Martha the next time they bartend for you!

Thanks to Rudy and Barb Cowe for running the 50/50 drawing and keeping the front door moving, excellent job. Mary Bonilla donated most of the liquor for the Booze Baskets and organized and ran the Silent Auction like a pro. A special thanks to Bill Gordon who photographed the event.

The celebration raised a considerable amount of money for the Post and the Auxiliary. We have paid the Post for our expenses and donated the balance to the Post for use on Veterans programs. State Commander Bradstreet won the 50/50 Raffle and donated his winnings back to the Post and Auxiliary!

Also, a big thanks to Thad Paone for cooking all of the hamburgers and hot dogs. Thank you to Christie and Kim Paone and Mary Bonilla for serving the food. Also, thanks to Erin and Jacob Paone for keeping the door prize give away from turning into chaos. Listed below are the committee members and volunteers and the contributors.

Skip Vaughn featured the Centennial Celebration on page 25 of the October 21st edition of the Redstone Rocket.

Thanks to each of you!

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE and VOLUNTEERS

Mary McCoy	Mary Bonilla	Dena Moody	Steve Bowling
Shirley Mohler	Bill Gordon	Peggy Steelman	Sherry Schroen
Bobby Brooks	Nick Jones	Juanita McJunkins	Martha Hall
Earl Hokanson	CeVin Barnes	Tom Hartley	Rudy and Barb Cowe
Ken Carpenter	Tom Hartley	John Carson	Christie and Tom Paone
Thad Paone	Jacob Paone	Kim Paone	Erin Paone

CONTRIBUTORS

Ted Carson – Bicycle
Mary Bonilla – Gift Cards, Booze Baskets
Michael & Michele Kinney – Fall With My Honey Basket
Tom and Christie Paone – Cornhole Game
Roy and Martha Hall – "We Will Never Forget" Picture
Bill Gordon – Photographs
Joyce Leduc Hampton – Avon Basket
Auxiliary – Surprise Basket and Legion Coins
Sons of the American Legion – Aprons and Masks
John Carson – Italian Street Scene Painting
R & R Liquors – Fireball
John Szelich & Carolyn Decker – Bike and Painting
Oh Byan's Restaurant – Gift Certificates
DJ's Pizza – Gift Cards
Magic Tunnel Car Wash – Free Car Washes
Walton's Southern Table – Gift Card
Boar Hog BBQ – Family Pack
Shirley Mohler – WWII Pillow Shams and Quilt

.Live Music At Your Post

K. Carpenter, Post Historian

Photo: W. J. Cordon, Post Photographer

The outstanding county / rock music band **Ocean Drift** has come to Post 237. They are performing on Friday nights from 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM in your post ballroom.

The Ocean Drift musicians are: Kent Douglas, Ed Elliot, Chris Clark, Gene Roberts, and Luke Fields. This is a family-friendly, non-smoking atmosphere. There is no cover-charge. This talented band is providing their time and talents for tips, so come out and support them and your Legion.



Marine Corps Birthday

Marines! Join 3rd Vice Commander Roy Llamas in celebrating the 245th Marine Corps Birthday at the Post on 10 November at 1800. Roy will provide the cake. The youngest and oldest Marine present will receive the first two pieces. Enjoy some Esprit de Corps!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCH

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 11AM -1:30PM

Specials: Tue – Spaghetti, Wed - Stuffed Potato,

Thu – Taco Salad, Fri - Fish

KARAOKE AND LIVE BAND

SOCIAL QUARTERS

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

SAT 8PM-12 AM KARAOKE WITH CAROL

FRI 7-10:30PM OCEAN DRIFT PLAYING IN THE BALLROOM

FRI 7-11PM KARAOKE WITH PAUL

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 \$5.00 AT 6 PM AND MEETING AT 7 PM

POOL TOURNAMENT

SOCIAL QUARTERS

THURSDAYS 7:00 PM



Around the Post

IRON BOWL PARTY

There are just a few squares left on the Iron Bowl Board. Ask your bartender about getting on the board and the details on the Iron Bowl Party.

Join us at the Legion to cheer on your favorite team. Remember to bring a dish to share with your friends. And enjoy the Alabama-Auburn game on the big screen in the Social Quarters or in a non-smoking environment in the Ballroom on November 28th.

Social Quarters Hours of Operation

CLOSING TIMES ARE BACK TO NORMAL!

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



BINGO AT THE ANNEX

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

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



HUMOR IN UNIFORM



"I had no idea we had this kind of technology."



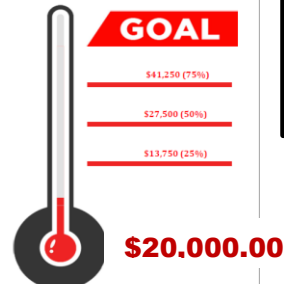
"Serves you right - I told you not to wear those to the beach."



"It's Research and Development, General. They've come up with a Catch-23."

To contribute a funny story to Humor in Uniform email to: newsletter@legion237.com

Building Fund Thermometer



**From the Finance Officer
Bud Pagakis**

Finance Officer Report

Our Financial Statement Report is posted on the membership bulletin board each month. Take the time to review it and ask questions if necessary. I have also submitted separate reports to the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee. I can report that American Legion Post 237 is in good financial condition with no outstanding obligations.

Our bar and grill need your continued support. The grill especially needs membership participation. Please find a way to have lunch with us once or twice a month. Bring a guest!

Congratulations to the Centennial Committee for raising over a thousand dollars.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be November the 9th at 11:30 am in the meeting room. This meeting is open to the membership.



Honor guard member John Carson helps post the colors.



Huntsville City Councilman Bill Kling presents a proclamation from the city to Post 237 Commander Billy Heatherly.



Auxiliary President Sherry Schroen and Post 237 Commander Billy Heatherly cut the centennial cake.



Songwriter/singer Bobby Brooks, a Vietnam veteran, sings a tribute to the "50,000 names carved in the Wall."

Pictures courtesy of the Redstone Rocket. October 21, 2020

12 Gun Raffle

The American Legion Department of Alabama is conducting a 12 Gun Raffle to benefit both our local Post and the Alabama Veterans Retreat and the Alabama War Memorial. Drawings will occur monthly and your ticket will remain in the drawing for the entire year unless you win one of the guns. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at the Post 237 Adjutant's Office or online at the Department of Alabama Website (be sure to specify Post 237 when purchasing tickets online). The website for online ticket purchase is: https://www.legional.org/store/p30/12_Gun_Raffle_Ticket.html

Raffle details are included below.

The American Legion Department of Alabama 12 gun Raffle

Rules for the 2020-2021 Gun Raffle

Fundraiser is sponsored by The American Legion Department of Alabama (hereinafter Legion)

Persons under the age of 18 may not purchase a ticket

All Federal and Alabama firearm regulations must be met before you receive a firearm

Tickets are non-transferable

No refunds

Tickets are \$25. The purchase of one ticket required to enter drawing

Winning tickets will be announced the 1st Monday of every month beginning in July.

Winners will be notified by contact information provided. Also winning ticket number will be placed on www.LegionAL.org

Each entry has an equal chance to win. All unsold tickets become property of the Legion.

Prizes and dates awarded are printed on the back of rules and ticket sheet.

Cash, checks, and debit cards are acceptable for the purchase of tickets.

Drawings will be held at The American Legion Department of Alabama HQ.

The winning ticket for each prize month receives the firearm for that month.

No prize will be awarded until ticket number and money is account for by the Legion

The name and address on the ticket must be the same as the required ID.

Winners will have sixty (60) days from date of notification to claim prize.

Unclaimed prizes will be awarded to the next alternate.

Tickets with incomplete, inaccurate, illegible, falsified, or forged information will be disqualified.

The Legion reserves the right to modify any raffle prize if needed, based on manufactures available inventory

Winners must contact 29 Tactical to arrange pickup details (Information on back)

*All Proceeds will be
split 50/50*

*For
The Alabama War
Memorial
And
The Veterans'
Retreat*



The American Legion
Department of Alabama
P.O. Box 1069
Montgomery, AL 36101



*ALL TICKETS ARE DONATIONS

~ Post 237 - November 2020 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	2 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	3 Election Day 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	4 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	5 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	6 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul 7p-10:30p Ocean Drift Band	7 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol	
8 7:30a-2p Heroes Week Golf Tournament 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner	9 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	10 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg.	11 Veterans' Day 11a-2p Veterans Day Lunch 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting	12 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	13 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul 7p-10:30p Ocean Drift Band	14 10a-11a AL Riders Mtg 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 12p-1p Marine Corp Mtg 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol	
15 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	16 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-8p Mbrs. Dnr. and Mtg. - Membership Dinner and Meeting 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	17 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch	18 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch 5p-6p Comm Cmte Mtg	19 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	20 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul 7p-10:30p Ocean Drift Band	21 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol	
22 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	23 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	24 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p County Meeting	25 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	26 Thanksgiving Day 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-8p AL 351 Mtg. 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	27 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke with Paul 7p-10:30p Ocean Drift Band	28 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol TBD – Iron Bowl Party	
29 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	30 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack						

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

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

