

# 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,

The month of October is a busy month for your Legion Post. On Friday nights we have a band, Ocean Drift playing for your entertainment, they are playing for tips only. Come out and give them a listen and enjoy your favorite beverage.

The 100<sup>th</sup> year Centennial will be celebrated on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> with speakers, food, music, and other surprises you will enjoy.

We have our Early Bird Dinner scheduled for our General Membership meeting night, 19<sup>th</sup> of October. Come for the meal and please stay for the meeting to learn what is going on at your Post and meet your officers. 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.

We continue to seek new volunteers. We have a multitude of projects that we need help with. If you wish to help out, please let my club staff, officers or myself know. Volunteers will be recognized for their efforts.

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.

Thank you all,

*Commander Billy Heatherly*

**Centennial Celebration, Halloween and Golf Tournament, three big events are coming up!**  
**The Centennial Celebration on October 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Halloween Party on Oct 31st**  
**Heroes Week Golf Tournament on Nov 8th**

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## City of Huntsville Resolution 20-840

At the Huntsville City Council meeting on September 24, 2020, the Clayton E. MoneyMaker American Legion Post 237 was recognized for 100 years of service to veterans and the Huntsville community.

City of Huntsville Resolution 20-840 was presented to Post Commander Billy Heatherly by Bill Kling, Huntsville Councilman from District 4. The resolution was signed by Mayor Tommy Battle and all of the members of the City Council.

Post 237 Officers and Officers from the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion attended the presentation. ♦



## Membership Update

Our Membership for 2020 was 1277. Our current 2021 paid Membership is 741 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)

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

### OFFICERS

<b>Billy Heatherly</b>	Commander
<b>CeVin Barnes</b>	1st Vice Commander
<b>Tom Paone</b>	2nd Vice Commander
<b>Roy Llamas</b>	3rd Vice Commander
<b>Mary McCoy</b>	Adjutant
<b>Bud Pagakis</b>	Finance Officer
<b>Jerry Creel</b>	Chaplain
<b>Nicholas Jones</b>	Service Officer
<b>Ken Carpenter</b>	Historian
<b>Douglas Gregory</b>	Sergeant-At-Arms
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<b>John Carr</b>	3 Year Trustee

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<b>John Murphy</b>	ROTC Liaison
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<b>Buddy Miller</b>	S.A.L. Adjutant
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<b>Channa O'Keefe</b>	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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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\\_dc8e471f-f132-52eb-9546-aeb76f47155c.html](https://www.theredstonerocket.com/eedition/page_dc8e471f-f132-52eb-9546-aeb76f47155c.html)

# Post 237 Centennial, 2020

## An Overview of the History of Clayton E. MoneyMaker American Legion

### Post 237

Revised for Post 237 Centennial, 2020,  
By K. Carpenter, Post Historian

The history of Clayton E. MoneyMaker American Legion Post 237, Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama, dates nearly to the 1919 origin of the American Legion itself. The American Legion was founded under the leadership of Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr. with veterans of the American Expeditionary Force, in Paris, March of 1919, only five months following the armistice ending the Great War (World War One).

The earliest origin of Post 237 began in June of 1920, with the activation under a temporary charter of the Peter Crump Post, the first post in Madison County. Throughout its History, Post 237 has been a leader in the growth and development of Huntsville and Madison County, as well as supporting our Nation's military service veterans. Its membership rolls include celebrated military heroes from Madison County, distinguished city, county, state, and national government leaders, and respected leaders in civic and public service, as well as in private business.

Between 1925 and 1926 the post was reorganized as Huntsville – Madison Co. Post No. 37, holding its meetings at Riverton School near the Flint River. This early post was active in securing military bonuses, war risk insurance, and compensation and hospitalization for veterans. A permanent charter was issued for the Post in 1926. During the 1920s and the 1930s the post provided numerous community support services including the raising of thousands of dollars to fund a local infants Hospital; led a movement for creation of a municipal airport, and sponsored a prize fight (\$7,800.00 with 60,000 in attendance) for the development of local industry.

During World War Two, the Post led many community services including the establishment of air raid stations throughout county, and collecting records of fighting men. In addition, it appropriately donated its WWI German cannon, located at Court House, for the wartime scrap metal drive. The post sold \$162,500 in war bonds, receiving the honor of naming two bombers. It also sponsored a junior baseball team, and Boys State. It secured the assistance of the U. S. Army for funeral salutes, secured clothing for needy families, and presented flags to local schools.

Between 1956 and 1957 a post home was established (1956 – 1957) off South Memorial Parkway. Honoring a Medal of Honor recipient post member, the post name was changed in 1965 to Cecil H. Bolton Post 37. Among the various charitable activities during the 1950s and 1960s the post provided funds for a new hospital wing, a home for orphans; aided veterans and their families. . In the mid 1960s, a Post Color Guard was created which participated in the Legion National Convention in Dallas, Tx. In addition, it adopted the 93rd Evacuation Hospital in South Vietnam. →

In 1967 the post was re-established as Huntsville – Madison County Post No. 200, which leased a building on Andrew Jackson Way at Five Points. In 1972 it was merged with Post 275 as County Post 237.

In the 1970s and 1980s the post sponsored Memorial Day services at Maple Hill cemetery; and distributed POW-MIA bracelets naming missing servicemen.

By 1983, the post built its present home, on Drake Avenue. In 2015 County Post 237 voted to change the post name to Clayton E. MoneyMaker American Legion Post 237 in honor of this distinguished past Post commander, and Adjutant, whose years of self-less service to this Legion Post has provided an example leadership and dedication to all who knew him.

From the 1990s to the present, the Post has remained active in the support of veterans and the community. Among its many civic contributions and veterans support activities are the providing of donations to the Tut Fann Veterans' Home, and the Huntsville Police Citizens Foundation. It has continued to sponsor Boys State, American Legion baseball, and student national Legion Oratorical contests. The Honor Guard conducts military funeral rites for veterans.

### Changes in Post Names and Location

From the first meetings of Peter Crump Post in 1920, and its reorganization (1925-1926) as Huntsville – Madison County Post No. 37, the post has undergone a number of changes. The Peter Crump Post and County Post 37 first held its meetings at Riverton School near the Flint River. Throughout its early years, meetings were held in a variety of locations. In the 1930s meetings were held in the homes of post members throughout the county. In 1945-1946 County Post 37 was allotted a room in the National Guard Armory for its meetings. About 1950 a Post Home Auditorium, costing \$20, 000, 00, was completed, with the value of the Post Home and equipment at \$60,000.00.

A post home was established (1956 – 1957) at 313 South Memorial Parkway. The post name was changed in 1965 to Cecil H. Bolton Post 37, and Its home relocated at the former Parkway Country Club. In 1967 the post was re-established as Huntsville – Madison County Post No. 200, which leased a building at 202 Andrew Jackson Way at Five Points. In 1972 it was merged with Post 275 as County Post 237, locating at 421 Jefferson St. With the construction of I-565, this site (now part of the Depot Museum of the Early Works Museum system).

The post built its present home, completed in 1983, on 2900 Drake Avenue. In 2015 County Post 237 voted to change the post name to Clayton E. MoneyMaker American Legion Post 237 in honor of this distinguished past Post commander, and Adjutant, whose years of self-less service to this Legion Post has provided an example leadership and dedication to all who knew him.

*Sources: Yim, Patrick J. and Lott, Ted. History of The American Legion, Huntsville – Madison County Post 237, 2900 Drake Ave. Huntsville, Alabama, 1920 to 2012. Carpenter, K. A. Clayton E. MoneyMaker American Legion Post 237, One year History 2016-2017.*





**Clayton E. Moneymaker  
American Legion Post 237  
and  
Auxiliary  
Centennial Celebration**

**October 17, 2020, 12 Noon  
2900 Drake Ave. Huntsville, AL**

**Food, drink, music, raffles, door prizes,  
Honor Guard, guest speakers and more...**



**Masks are required!**

**Centennial Booze Baskets**

A liquor and a wine basket were donated to the Post by Mary Bonilla for raffle leading up to the Centennial Celebration. The wine basket contains 10 items and the liquor basket contains 14 items (over \$500 value).

Raffle ticket prices are 1 for \$1.00, 6 for \$5.00, or 20 or an arm stretch for \$10.00. Proceeds will benefit the Post's veterans fund. Tickets are available at the bar and will be sold at the Centennial Celebration and the drawing will occur at the Centennial Celebration Reception. 1<sup>st</sup> ticket drawn will have the choice of baskets if present, otherwise the 2<sup>nd</sup> ticket drawn will choose first. If neither winner is present the choice will revert back to the 1<sup>st</sup> drawn.



**100 Years**

2020 has been a challenging year thus far. The Coronavirus pandemic has disrupted our lives and changed our behavior in ways we never could have imagined. Civil unrest and riots have rocked the core of several of our Nation's cities.

In 1920, America was recovering from the Spanish Flu pandemic which killed an estimated 50 million people worldwide. The nation had endured a summer of race riots known as the Red Summer as black soldiers returned from World War I.

As my Dad used to say, "The more things change, the more they remain the same".

Also in 1920, in Madison County Alabama veterans of WWI formed the Peter Crump Post of the American Legion, first meeting at Riverton School. Throughout the following 100 years the Post changed names and meeting locations but the mission of community service and support of veterans has remained the same.

The Post is fortunate to have an active and dedicated Auxiliary who is celebrating 100 years of service as an organization. Together, Auxiliary and Legionnaires, would like to invite you to a co-celebration of our centennial year on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in the Post 237 Ballroom.

We will kick off the event with hamburgers and hot dogs at 12PM. At 1PM the program will begin with a flag ceremony and service anthems followed by Post, Auxiliary, and guest speakers. **Masks will be mandatory unless the State lifts that requirement.**

We will have door prizes, raffles, a silent auction, and live music provided by Bobby Brooks.

Please plan to attend and celebrate with your Legion Family.  
*Contributed by Tom Paone*

**Silent Auction and Door Prizes**

Post 237 Legion family members have donated the items listed below for auction and door prizes for the Centennial. If you wish to donate an item please email Tom Paone at [vicecdr2@legion237.com](mailto:vicecdr2@legion237.com)

- Ted Carson – Bicycle
- Mary Bonilla – Gift Cards, Booze baskets
- Michael & Michele Kinney – Fall With My Honey Basket
- Tom & Christie Paone – Cornhole game
- Roy and Marth Hall – "The Wall" Picture
- Bill Gordon – Photographs
- Joyce Leduc Hampton – Avon Basket
- Auxiliary – Surprise Basket
- Sons of the American Legion - Aprons
- John Carson - Painting

## 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 soon, cost is \$240 per team. On the other front to raise money we are moving along with nearly \$5000 dollars raised, 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



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

<p><b>\$240 Team Registration (4 Players)</b> <b>\$60 Individual Registration</b> Deadline 1 November 2020</p> <p><b>\$250 Red Sponsorship</b> <b>\$500 White Sponsorship</b> <b>\$1000 Blue Sponsorship</b> <b>\$500 Lunch Sponsorship</b></p> <p>Donate Merchandise or Gift Cards!</p> <p>Download Entry Form and Sponsor Forms at: <a href="http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=146">http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=146</a></p> <p>Mail Payment and completed forms to: American Legion Post 237 Attn: Golf Tournament P.O. Box 1176 Huntsville, AL 35807</p> <p>Email questions to any member of the Golf Committee.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fox Run Golf Course</b> Meridianville, AL</p> <p>Times: 7:30 – Registration 8:30 – Shotgun Start 2:00 – Lunch at Post 237 2:30 – Prizes and Raffle</p> <p>Prizes for: Tournament Placing Longest Putt Made Most Accurate Drive Longest Drive Closest to the Pin Hole-in-One</p> <p><b>Golf Committee:</b> Dennis Atkins 301-326-8762; datkins2591@gmail.com Don Kimminau 334-318-7551; don.kimminau@gmail.com Jeff Osberg 757-633-4620 Jerry Phelps 256-694-4376; jerry.phelps67@yahoo.com, jerry.phelps@sci.com Ralph Miller 256-652-2829, rmoosey2@gmail.com</p>
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All proceeds will be used to support American Legion Post 237 Veteran's Support Programs.

**Four Person Scramble**

**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)**



## 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](mailto:k4aee@gmx.com)  
Non-Ham personal email:  
[timmypw65@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.**





2020 Post 237 American Legion Baseball Team Photo by K.Carpenter at New Hope High


### **.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.





**HURRICANE LAURA RELIEF EFFORT**

**ACCEPTING DONATIONS NOW**

POST 237  
2900 DRAKE AVE  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA  
PHONE (256) 883-9911


TRUCK DEPARTS EVERY FRIDAY MORNING

**PLEASE DONATE**

**ITEMS NEEDED:**  
 CARDBOARD BOXES  
 LARGE TRASH BAGS (55 GL)  
 CHAIN SAW/WEED EATER FUEL  
 WATER  
 TARPS (ANY SIZE)  
 MONEY  
 ANY OTHER ITEMS YOU THINK ARE NEEDED

**ACCEPTING DONATIONS**  
 11AM – 6PM  
 DAILY

**POINTS OF CONTACT**  
 CHRIS PERRY – (256) 417-3664  
 HAL STANFORD – (256) 714-1120  
 CHANNA O'KEEFE – (256) 683-9827 (MANAGER)

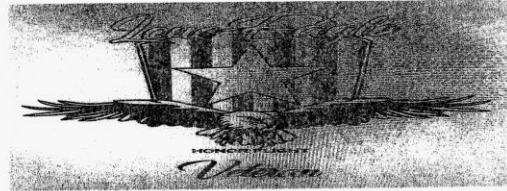


**Searching for a Judge Advocate**

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)

**Volunteers Needed!**

if you have experience in facilities, building maintenance or construction trades and would like to help your fellow veterans by being a member of the Building Committee please email Billy Heatherly at: [commander@legion237.com](mailto:commander@legion237.com)



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**BLOUNT COUNTY MEMORIAL MUSEUM**

Please help fly Blount County Korean and Vietnam Veterans to Washington D.C. to visit their memorials. Funds are needed for airfare, meals, and chartered buses. No Veteran will have to pay for their trip.

To donate money (tax deductible) come by the Blount County Memorial Museum or mail checks payable to:

**Blount County Veterans Flight 2020**

Post Office Box 45, Oneonta, Alabama 35121

For additional information, please contact Amy Rhudy at (205)625-6905 Tues. – Thurs. 8a.m. to 5p.m.

(All Korean / Vietnam Veterans, please come by the Museum to pick up application to go on Lonie Eagle Honor Flight)

**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/yffaf-calebs-army>



**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.



## 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, Cody Kliner, Jon Lawler, Alan Murphy, Robt. "Spider" Parks, Teng Ooi, Jerry Rains, Gene Roberts, Bill Smart, Quan Trang.

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

### Post 237 Honor Guard Services Aug. , 2020

**Name, Date of Funeral, Age, Branch of Service, Obituary notes, Date of Birth, Date of Death, Funeral Home, Church, Place of Internment or Memorial,**

#### August, 2020

**Mellert, Robert K.**, 5 Aug., 2020. Age 86, U.S. Air Force (20 yrs, Korean War, Vietnam War, Member American Legion, Disabled American Veterans), 11 Dec., 1933 – 2 Aug., 2020. Scottsboro Funeral Home, Pinehaven Memorial Garden

**Stilwell, Billy Gene.** 10 Aug., 2020. Age 88, U.S. Army (Post 237 lifelong member, Past Cdr., VFW Post 2702), 25 Nov., 1931 – 7 Aug., 2020. Berryhill Funeral Home, Maple Hill Cemetery.

**LaCanne, Darrel J.**, 10 Aug., 2020. Age 81. U.S. Army Retired, CW3, 20 Mar., 1939 – 6 Aug., 2020, Valhalla Funeral Home, Valhalla Memory Gardens.

**Randolph, Robert**, 15 Aug., 2020. Age 82, U.S. Marine Corps, 11 Apr., 1938 – 6 Aug., 2020, Harper-Morris Memorial Chapel Pensacola, Maple Hill Cemetery.

**Shook, Richard**, 19 Aug., 2020, Age 80, U.S. Army Ret, SFC, (1960 – 1980), member of Madison Co. Sheriff's Posse, 11 Mar., 1940 – 13 Aug., 2020, Valhalla Funeral Home, Valhalla Memory Gardens.

**Worsham, Kenneth P.**, 29 Aug., 2020, Age 86, U.S. Army Ret., LTCol. (1961 – 1983, Vietnam, two tours, member Post 237), 29 Apr., 1934 – 22 Aug., 2020, Valhalla Funeral Home, Valhalla Memory Gardens. →

Please contact Honor Guard Commander Earl Hokanson at [hongrdcdr@legion237.com](mailto:hongrdcdr@legion237.com) if you are interested in joining the Honor Guard.

### September, 2020

**Hughes, Thomas E.** 4 Sep., 2020, Age 90, U.S. Army Ret., MSGT (World War II, Korean War), 6 Oct., 1929 – 31, Aug., 2020., Berryhill Funeral Home, Huntsville Memory Gardens

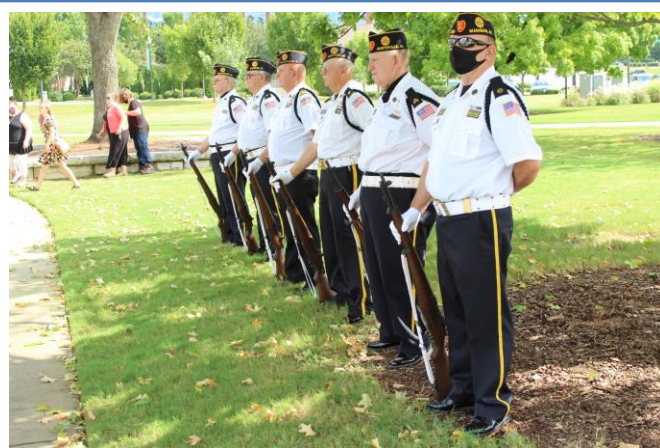
**Drown, Charles Edward**, 9 Sept. 2020, Age 80, U.S. Air Force, (Post 229 member), 5 Sep., 1939 – 3 Sept., 2020, Valhalla Funeral Home, Faith Memorial Park.

**Richard, Ryan**, 12 Sept., 2020, Age 32, U.S. Army (E-4). Memorial Service, Big Spring Park, Huntsville.

**Wasdyke, James W.**, 18 Sept., 2020, Age 77, U.S. Army Ret. (SFC, 1960 – 1980, Vietnam, Dept of Defense), 13 Oct., 1942 – 13 Sept., 2020, Legacy Funeral Home, Huntsville Memory Gardens.

**POW – KIA Recognition Day**, 19 Sept., 2020, Huntsville – Madison Co. Veterans Park

**Wisener, Larue**, 21 Sept., 2020, Age 72, U.S. Army (W-4), 16 Sept., 2020, Berryhill Funeral Home, Holly Pond Cemetery.



# Honor Guard News

## BRIDGING THE GAP

John E. Carson

On Saturday, September 12, 2020 the Honor Guard of the Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237 made its first ever appearance at the entrance to Big Spring Park in downtown Huntsville. Assisted by members of the Honor Guard of Post 229 in Madison, they paid military honors to a 32-year-old Army veteran at his family's request.

Because the memorial was being held on city property, Earl Hokanson, Post 237's Honor Guard Commander, had to fill out the forms ahead of time for the event to take place. The Post also supplied the flag.

Three days before that, on September 9, 2020, the Honor Guard gave military honors to an 80-year-old Air Force veteran and member of Post 229 in Madison.

The above referenced Honor Guard details highlight the very nature of the American Legion; It is a place for veterans of all ages and conflicts. The 32-year old and the 80-year-old are treated with the same amount of respect and sincerity; there is no one age for a veteran.

The American Legion. Huntsville and Post 237 are made up of members from all demographics, they bridge the generation gap-something we need to do to keep our Post a vital part of the community.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of this month (October), the city of Huntsville will honor Post 237's 100-year history with a special event in the ballroom of post 237. The "Century Old" designation inadvertently plants an antiquated connotation to what should be a sign of strength and longevity. We must work to make it relevant in the present and the future to come.

With that in mind, I left the Post after Saturday's Honor Guard Detail, turning left on Drake and again onto Memorial Parkway. It was in the North bound lane at the entrance to the overpass, that I noticed with a wince, the weather-beaten and bent sign designating the American Legion Bridge.

How loudly that sign cried out! It virtually shouted, "Hey! Look at me, I am old and decrepit-like the American Legion and the City of Huntsville!"

It was not the first time I had noticed it and I wondered how many others might notice it too. I thought of the upcoming ceremony and all the attention it would draw. This would not do. Arriving home, I called the City Council and left a message for Bill Kling' describing the state of that sign.

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The following Monday I received a call from the Council asking for more details and a promise to address that sign. And that brings me to the point of this write-up; How many times do we see something that needs repair and push it to the back of our minds? I'm too busy, I'm too tired, Not my problem and so on. We may also think, who cares anyway? Or what's the use?

We might also fall to the old, "Never Volunteer!" adage. Once before you answered the call when you were members of the military and if this Post is to survive the next 100 years we need to rally its members with a different cry and ask you to step up again; From the play King Henry by William Shakespeare-King Henry is rallying his troops and cries out, "Once more into the breach, dear friends."

Dear friends, we must bridge the gap. ♦



## 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](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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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

Jul – Glock 19  
Aug – Springfield Hellcat  
Sep – Beretta Outlander 12 Guage  
Oct – Sig Sauer P365  
Nov –Ruger 10/22  
Dec – Mossberg 270  
Jan – CZ Drake O/U 12 Guage  
Feb – Smith & Wesson M&P 2.0 9mm  
Mar – Ruger American 308  
Apr – Mossberg 835 Camo  
May – Henry Big Boy 44 Magm  
Jun – Springfield 1911 Range Officer Operator

## 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

### TRIVIA

SOCIAL QUARTERS

MONDAY 7-9 PM WITH LISA AND ZACK

### BINGO

POST 237 ANNEX

MON, WED, THU AND SAT 6 PM

### COMMANDER'S BREAKFAST

BALLROOM

2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY 9-10 AM \$5.00 INCLUDING DRINK!

### MEMBERSHIP DINNER AND MEETING

BALLROOM

3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY DINNER \$5.00 AT 6 PM AND MEETING AT 7 PM

### POOL TOURNAMENT

SOCIAL QUARTERS

THURSDAYS 7:00 PM



## Around the Post

The Trail of Tears Motorcycle Ride took place on Saturday, 19 September with a lunch stop taking place at the Redstone Harley Davidson store. At the lunch, Robert "Spyder" Parks was awarded the "Spirit of America Award" by the Trail of Tears Committee.

Spyder is a member of the "Lords of The Plains, Comanche Nation". Spyder served two tours in Vietnam as a Green Beret Delta Force member performing covert reconnaissance missions in Laos and Cambodia. Spyder is a Purple Heart recipient for wounds received in battle in 1971. He served 29 years in the Army retiring as a Sergeant Major, the Army's highest enlisted rank.

Spyder regularly travels to Cambodia, working with fellow retired Green Beret soldiers to recover the remains of special forces veterans killed in battle.

Spyder is a member of Post 237 and serves on the Honor Guard firing squad, honoring deceased veterans at funerals and other military ceremonies.

Robert "Spyder" Parks, is recognized for his military service to our nation and was awarded the "Spirit of America" award. This award is presented annually, recognizing Native Americans for their military service in defense of our great nation.

## 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 – 2:00AM
Saturday	10:00AM – 2:00AM
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)



## BINGO AT THE ANNEX

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

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



## HUMOR IN UNIFORM

### How different military branches use stars

The Army sleeps under the stars  
The Navy navigates by the stars  
And the Air Force chooses hotels by the stars

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### Why do military men often marry lovers from the foreign countries in which they're deployed?

Because when they finally come home, they get to leave their mothers-in-law thousands of miles away?"

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### What's the difference between Aeroflot and a scud missile?

Aeroflut has killed more people.

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### An F-16 comes careening down the runway. It's anything but smooth — fishtailing and leaving a line of burnt rubber and sparks behind it.

Tower: "Need any assistance, Airman?"

Pilot: "I don't know, Tower, we're not done crashing yet!"

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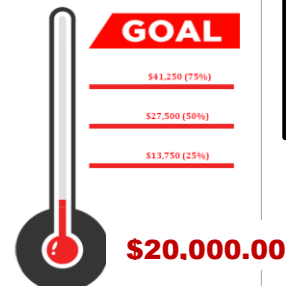
### A basic trainee realizes he made an awful mistake and goes to the DI.

"You can't keep me here because one of my legs is shorter than the other. I'll be useless." The DI smirks, "No one is useless. See that guy down the hill pumping water into a bucket? When the trainee nods, the DI continues, "Run down there and tell him when the bucket is full. He's blind."

*Contributed by Tom Paone*

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

### Building Fund Thermometer



### From the Finance Officer

**Bud Pagakis**

### Finance Officer Report

Overall, our post is in good shape financially. We are debt free; our obligations are all current and the Emergency Operations Account is fully funded. Our Building Account has grown to over \$20K. Our Financials are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Social Quarters for the membership to view.

The Bar and Grill really needs the support of the membership to continue serving meals and refreshments. If the membership would stop by once a month or so and have lunch it would go a long way to upgrading the club's menu and return to profitability. Presently, Club operations are suffering losses due to the lack of membership participation. These losses are being offset by membership donations.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on the 13th of October. It is an open meeting to the membership.

Finally, many of our members are getting up there in age. If one of our "Buddies" is having financial problems or medical problems try going to the website: [www.eldercare.acl.gov](http://www.eldercare.acl.gov). for information and help. Simply type in the zip code and you will find a wealth of information to assist our aging veterans.

# **HALLOWEEN PARTY!**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST @ 7PM**

**KARAOKE WITH CAROL**

**COSTUME PRIZES IN LEGION  
BUCKS!**

**BEST OVERALL \$50  
MOST CREATIVE \$25  
SCARIEST \$25**

**DOT LUCK!  
BRING A DISH TO SHARE WITH YOUR  
FRIENDS.**



## **Cantina Hours**

**As of September 30, 2020 the Cantina will return to regular hours.**

**Monday through Thursday – 10AM until Midnight**

**Friday and Saturday – 10AM until 2AM**

**Sunday – 12 Noon until 8PM**

**Closing times may change if there is no business in the Cantina.**



## **Be an Early Bird!**

**Please pay your membership dues today! Dues paid by October 19th qualify you for a Free Early Bird Dinner at the Membership Meeting on Monday, October 19th at 6:00 PM.**

## **First Vice Commander Report – CeVin Barnes**

### **Greetings Legion Family**

**My primary responsibility as Post 237's 1st Vice is membership. Too often we associate membership with recruiting and attaining our goal for paid membership. While it is true that new members will help us continue to grow, it is my belief that membership is about service. Service to our fellow veterans ensures our Post's success. It may be educating a Veteran about benefits, or services that are available.**

**I have heard so many stories from Veterans that they were not aware of what is available, either thru the VA, or even the state of Alabama. At Post 237, we have a blend of Veterans from every era of service, and while every era has its own unique circumstances, we have such a wide range of Veterans who have experience and knowledge to share. It is my belief that it is our duty to share that. When we encounter a Veteran in our daily lives, it's uncanny how many times we can strike up a conversation just based on the fact that we're Veterans. That affords us a great opportunity to ask if they are a Legion member and inform them of all the great benefits we offer. I look forward to the upcoming year, and I wish to take this time to say THANKS to all the Early Birds for 2020-21 members of Post 237!! Veterans Still Serving!!**

**Members there is the option to renew your membership online as well.**

**<https://www.legion.org/>**

**Dec 31, 2020 is the last day your 2020 Card is valid**

**Jan 1, 2021 - you are Delinquent**

**Feb 1, 2021 - you are Suspended**

**For God and Country,**

**CeVin V. Barnes**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Vice Commander**

## September 2020 Membership report

Post 237 currently have 741 members paid for the 2020-2021. Our year goal for 2021 was 1392 members as this month standing at 52.899 %. During the month of September, we had one new member that had expressed their intent to join Post 237 and six transfers members. New members were inducted during the General Membership meeting September 18, 2020.

If you know of any qualified Veterans or Active Duty Service Members, talk with them about the benefits of joining the American Legion, and let them know some of services that we provide for our community and our Veterans. Explain to the Veterans why they should join Post 237.

New Members Recruiters will receive a special recognition from the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander.

<b>The American Legion Membership Application</b>	
(Name)	(Phone)
(Mailing Address)	(Date)
(City) (State) (Zip)	(Post #)
<b>Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug 2, 1990 – cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Government	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989 – Jan. 31, 1990	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41 – 8/15/45 (only eligibility)	
	
I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.	
Signature of applicant	Name of recruiter
13-009	

<b>Receipt of Dues</b> <i>(Please Print)</i>
From _____
\$ _____ for 19 _____ Post # _____
Recruiter's Name _____
Recruiter's Signature _____
Recruiter's Phone # _____

Members, there is the option to renew your membership online as well.

<https://www.legion.org/>



~ Post 237 October 2020 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	2 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Ocean Drift Band	3 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
4 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	5 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	6 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	7 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	8 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	9 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Ocean Drift Band	10 9a-10a Cmdrs. Breakfast 10a-11a AL Riders Mtg 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 12p-1p Marine Corp Mtg 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
11 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner	12 <b>Columbus Day</b> 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	13 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg.	14 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting	15 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	16 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Ocean Drift Band	17 12p-4p Centennial Celebration 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
18 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	19 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-8p Mbrs. Dnr. and Mtg. - <b>Early Bird Dinner</b> 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	20 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch	21 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch 5p-6p Comm Cmte Mtg	22 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-8p AL 351 Mtg. 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	23 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Ocean Drift Band	24 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
25 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	26 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	27 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p County Meeting	28 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	29 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	30 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Ocean Drift Band	31 <b>Halloween</b> 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol 7-11p Halloween Party

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

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

