

Clayton E. Moneymaker Post 237

ROLL CALL

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Commander's Corner

Billy Heatherly, Post 237 Commander



WELCOME to the new Post 237 newsletter. I am thrilled that I have an ambitious team of a newly formed Communications Committee to put out such great looking newsletter product such as this. It is the team's hope, and mine, to make this new format as informative and enjoyable to read for all of our Legion Family to share. 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.

Email: commander@legion237.com

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Roll Call

John E. Carson, Post Photographer and Author

**A trumpet sounds in Heaven
Another hero called
Through the gates of Valhalla
A fortress golden walled.**

**As once before they answered
So they do once more
To stand now with the angels
And sound off like before.**

**They did not shirk their duty
In the world of men
And as the Lord has promised
They rise up once again.**

**Though they may be battle scarred
Tested to the end
Still they shine with honor
And glory once again.**

**God has need of heroes
As He has need of all
So He sends His angels
To catch us when we fall.**

**A trumpet call announces
Earthly service now is done
While up above in Heaven
The roll call's just begun.**



2nd Vice Commander Report

Tom Paone, Post 237 2nd Vice Commander

Thank you for electing me to the Second Vice Commander post. This is my second term at this position, I was appointed in November of 2018 by Past Commander Pinkerton.

The primary duty of the 2nd Vice at Post 237 is to lead the Americanism programs. There are three main programs that we sponsor. Here is an overview of each program:

The Madison County Oratorical Contest is held in January. We work with the other Posts in the county to recruit high school orators and judges and we assist Post 229 in conducting the contest. The winner of the county contest competes for additional scholarship money at the district and if they continue to win they can move on to the State, and National levels.

Boys State is a program that provides a week long hands-on civics experience for boys who are completing their junior year of high school. Post 237 recruits outstanding young men who are recommended by their principals and guidance counselors. We provide transportation to and from the University of Alabama Tuscaloosa campus and we host an Orientation Dinner for the boys and their parents. Madison County Boys State delegates have been elected Governor in 2018 and 2019 and have been elected to a large number of state-wide posts. I would like to see our delegates be even more successful in 2020.

We also present American Legion awards to deserving cadets in seven high schools and one college ROTC program towards the end of the school year. I hope to see Post 237 partner more closely with these ROTC/JROTC programs.

If any of these programs seem interesting to you and you would like to help or if you would like more information, please contact me at: 256-656-4952 or email: Vicecdr2@legion237.com

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Finance Officer Report

Bud Pagakis, Post 237 Finance Officer

Your newly elected Finance Officer has formed a finance committee consisting of our three elected Trustees, the Third Vice-Commander, and the Post Commander. The Finance Committee will provide the

membership with oversight protection and assistance in financial decision making.

As part of our efforts to keep the membership better informed the newly formed Finance Committee will be posting information in our monthly newsletter pertaining to the fiscal health of our organization. The Finance Committee will meet once a month at the Post Headquarters and extends an invitation to ALL our members to attend. A schedule is being put together and we will notify you once it's firm.

Email: financeofc@legion237.com

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Historian Report

Michael Kinney, Post 237 Historian

Michael is a retired United States Air Force Technical Sergeant, who was a meteorologist for 21 years. He retired in 1994 and returned back to school in Illinois using his G.I. Bill and Illinois Veteran's Grant and obtained a second Masters and a Doctorate in History; thereby, getting a job teaching history at John C. Calhoun Community College until the fall of 2017 when he retired for the second time.

Historian should be a position, which has a close and effective cooperation between the Adjutant and the Historian. The former works with the records on matters of current interest, and the latter on matters of historical interest. The work of Post Historian is cumulative. It is well to leave it in the hands of one person as long as it's being handled well. The Post Historian should keep in touch with the Department Historian (National, if needed) and should be prompt in answering inquiries. An annual report should be made to the Department Historian just before the department convention in June. Copies of whatever is printed concerning the post should be deposited in the local and state libraries, as well as in the post files. This is important and will prevent complete loss of valuable records through fire or other calamity, as well as providing material about The American Legion.

As Post Historian, I would like to make a request that if you have any important events, which impact the post or you consider noteworthy...please send me a short paragraph or two about the event and a couple of pictures for the historian's book. Any and all post cultural events are appreciated.

email: historian@legion237.com

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VETERAN'S DAY PARTY BASKETS

GRAND BASKET

1800 Margarita Raspberry, 1800 Margarita Pineapple, 1800 Margarita Peach, Bailey's, Fireball, Apple Crown, Crown, Captain Morgan (Spiced Rum) Kahula, Kahula, Tequila Rose, Tanqueray, Maker's Mark, Tito's, Alabama Vodka (Smirnoff), Bacardi Rum, Long Island Tea (Captain Morgan), Pinnacle Vodka, Bloody Mary Mix, Pure Southern Alabama Dixie Melon (Vodka), Dewar's, Grey Goose, Jose Cuervo, Sweet Lucy, Jager, Paul Masson (Peach), Evan Williams, Jim Beam, Sweet Red, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, White Zinfandel, Moscato, Cabernet.

SMALL BASKETS

Jack Daniel's..... Gentleman Jack Miniatures Basket..... Angry Orchard Frozen Rita's More to come!!!!

**DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD ON
VETERAN'S DAY, NOV 11TH, AT
4:00PM.**

**SMALL BASKETS WILL BE FIRST,
GRAND BASKET WILL BE THE LAST
DRAWING!!!**

**TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT
THE BAR:**

6 FOR \$5.00

ARM LENGTH \$20.00

HEAD TO TOE \$35.00



Around the Post

◆ Mary McCoy, our new Post 237 Adjutant, is in the middle of membership renewals. She also has a new computer system and has been dealing with network and printer problems. Thank you Mary, hang in there!

◆ Tut Fann Veteran Home is enjoying a new Bingo machine thanks to Moose Lodge 1007, CVMA 28-2, and Post 237. Thank you to Ralph Miller, Ryan King, Glen Vela, and Gerry Frank for making this happen!

◆ Joe Norman is truly a Jack of All Trades. Joe rewired the Post for the POS system, installed new computer systems, and fixed our aging ice machine. Joe also cooked the meat for our Summer Cookout. Thank you for all you do Joe!



Your Honor Guard

John E. Carson, Honor Guard Photographer

The Honor Guard of Post 237 is a perfect reflection of the spirit the American Legion which was founded on at the end of WW1 and has continued to this day; to represent and respect all veterans of the military regardless of rank or branch of service, and in so doing, help and assist them and their families in all phases of life; be it here or in the Hereafter.

It has been a privilege to serve this Post in my capacity for the last four years as both the Honor Guard Photographer and a member of the Firing Squad and one I plan to continue for years to come.

The current roster of Honor Guard members also reflects the same principles that created this great American organization and includes veterans of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and a member of the SAL. Not only are the many branches represented, but the various conflicts they have served in as well. ->



Spanning the eras from WW2 and Vietnam, to Iraq and Afghanistan, our members range in age from 34 to 92. Regardless of their age, each individual who serves on this team does so with heart and dedication that any active military today would be proud to have as representatives.

I have been honored to stand with each one whether they served as an Officer, NCO, enlisted or otherwise-and our current squad encompasses them all.

Recently, the Honor Guard was called to provide a gun salute for a 14-year veteran of the Air Force by the father of the man who himself had served in Vietnam in the United States Navy. Our bugler was not required that day as the father played TAPS for his departed son. Dressed in his Navy Blues he was flanked by two representatives of the Air Force who folded and presented the flag to the family.

That detail also reflected the diversity of the Legion itself. Many times we have been called to honor veterans that have served more than one branch of service and many times families who have sent sons and daughters to various branches.

But your Honor Guard does more than graveside and memorial services for the veteran community; throughout its long history in Huntsville and Madison County, the Post 237 Honor Guard has provided many services to the community-at-large, participating in parades, veteran memorials, flag raisings, flag retirement ceremonies and educating youth and the public in Flag Etiquette and Americanism. They have worked with the Scouts and schools and served in City Hall and color guard events.

As diverse as the many programs and members of the American Legion itself, your Honor Guard stands tall in its commitment to the ideals and guiding tenets that founded the greatest nation and the largest veteran organization in history, representing and reflecting the best of the largest American Legion Post in Alabama.

Watch this Newsletter for continuing reports of the Honor Guards activities.

With an ever-changing roster of members, the Honor Guard is always looking for volunteers.

Please contact Honor Guard Commander Earl Hokanson at hongrdcdr@legin237.com if you are interested in joining us.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCH

SOCIAL QUARTERS
 MONDAY – FRIDAY 11AM -1:30PM
 Wednesday Steak Special and Friday Fish Special

KARAOKE

SOCIAL QUARTERS
 THU 7-11 PM AND SUN 3-7 PM WITH HOWIE
 FRIDAY 8-12 PM WITH PAUL
 SATURDAY 8-12PM WITH CAROL

TRIVIA

SOCIAL QUARTERS
 MONDAY 7-9 PM WITH PAUL

BINGO

POST 237 ANNEX
 MON, WED, THU AND SAT 6 PM

COMMANDER'S BREAKFAST

BALLROOM
 2ND SATURDAY 9-10 AM \$5.00 INCLUDING DRINK!

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

Communications Committee

The newly formed communications committee is tasked with improving communications with our membership, between our Legion programs and our officers, and with our community.

The reinstated Roll Call Newsletter is our first project. If you are skilled at writing or social media we could use your help. Our current members are: CeVin Barnes, John Carson, Michael Kinney, and Tom Paone.

We would greatly appreciate feedback on this Newsletter and any suggestions for improving communications throughout the Post. Please email your thoughts and items to include in upcoming issues to:

newsletter@legion237.com



American Legion Baseball

Rick Bragg, Post 237 Baseball Coach

I am Rick Bragg and I have been involved with Legion baseball since 1996. We have been very competitive. We have won State the last 2 years. I try to showcase these young men. I also stress academics as much as character.

We have had several boys continue baseball in college the last 3 years. The season is hectic and costly, but it helps to give these young men an opportunity to showcase their talents.

The young men that are playing college baseball are:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>College:</u>	<u>Position:</u>
Zack Kindra	Millsap	P
Nate Henderson	Martin Methodist	P
Trevor Sanders	Alabama A&M	P
Brock Mitchell	Alabama A&M	C
Jalen Pearson	Alabama A&M	P
Ethan Morris	Alabama A&M	P
Kane Adams	Bishop	P
Caleb Rodriguez	Bishop	P
Austin Sanderson	Snead	OF
Levi Allred	Miles	SS
Chris Gagliano	Martin Methodist	OF
Carson Dennis	Martin Methodist	1B
Jared Britt	Alabama A&M	P
Coleton Barnes	Marion Military	P
Wesley Widner	Lawson	P
Noah Watkins	Bishop	OF

Several others have been offered scholarships but they are still in High School.

We hope to continue helping these young men.

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What is Labor Day and why do we celebrate it?

Labor Day is the first Monday in September. It is a day dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It's a national holiday to continually celebrate the workers and how they have contributed to the strength, prosperity and overall well-being of our country. In honor of all the hard workers out there here are nine fun facts you might not know about Labor Day.

1. The first celebrated US Labor Day was on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square.
2. No one knows who actually invented Labor Day. Both Peter McGuire a carpenter and Matthew McGuire a machinist have both been credited with its creation.
3. Oregon was the first state to make Labor Day a holiday in 1887. It gave the state's workers a pass not to come into work that day.
4. The decision to make Labor Day the first Monday of September was approved on June 28, 1894.
5. Americans worked 12-hour days, sometimes seven days a week, during the 19th century.
6. Adamson Act was passed on September 3, 1916. It established an eight-hour work day
7. No wearing white after Labor Day! The idea comes from when the upper class would return from their summer vacations and stow away their lightweight, white summer clothes as they returned back to school and work. Fashions have changed and you can wear white if you want.
8. Labor Day is the unofficial end of hot dog season according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, Americans consume around 7 billion hot dogs.
9. There is still a Labor Day parade in New York City. It takes place throughout the 20 blocks north of the 1882 labor march. Now that you know these fun facts it's time to enjoy the final days of summers, relax with family and friends. Have a great Labor Day.

For God and Country

CeVin V. Barnes



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	2 Labor Day 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-8:30p Trivia with Paul	3 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 w/Paul	7 7p-11:30p Karaoke w/Carol
8 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	9 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-8:30p Trivia with Paul	10 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg.	11 Patriot Day 11a-1:30p Wednesday 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 w/Paul	14 9a-10a Cmdrs. Breakfast 10a-11a AL Riders Mtg 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 12:30p-1:30p Marine Corp Mtg 7p-11:30p 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-8:30p Trivia with Paul	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 w/Paul	21 7p-11:30p Karaoke w/Carol
22 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	23 Fall begins 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-8:30p Trivia with Paul	24 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch	25 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	26 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-8p AL 351 Mtg. 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	27 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Paul	28 7p-11:30p Karaoke w/Carol
29 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	30 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-8:30p Trivia with Paul	<p align="center">Details on Calendar items are available by clicking on the item at: http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=100</p>				

