

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**

My fellow Post 237 Legionnaires,

These past few months have been most difficult. A deadly virus has nearly paralyzed our community and severely damaged our economy and many of you have suffered as well. The American Legion has always helped those in need through hard times. Our American Legion Post sponsors many programs that are benefit veterans and our community and provides social activities for our members to enjoy.

On Sunday, November 8, 2020 Post 237 is hosting our 1st Annual Heroes Week Golf Tournament at Fox Run Golf Course starting at 0830. We are asking for your help by entering a team at a minimal cost of \$240.00 per team. (Please see the flyer on page 5.)

This event is a fund raising event for Post 237. We normally help other organizations to raise money but this time we need help as well. We also are encouraging those who are financially able to come to the Legion and pick up a packet and use the Donor Form to donate \$100 dedicated in honor or in memory of a veteran. Simply write the name of your loved one that you wish to honor on the memo line of a \$100 check. For example, my dedication reads Robert "Bob" Swartz, U.S. Navy WWII. Your dedication will support one of the holes for the tournament. The Newsletter will list your veteran and your name as well. We are also reaching out to the community for donations.

This is YOUR legion. American Legion Post 237 has been here for you and this time the club needs your help. American Legion Post 237 has more than 1,200 members, and if 100 to 200 pledge \$100 to Honor A Veteran, our financials will come out of the red. Thank you for your support of American Legion Post 237 and all that it means to this community and to our veterans.-

Commander Billy Heatherly

Social Quarters Closing Time

Due to the Coronavirus, the ABC Board has issued a directive effective August 1st that prohibits liquor sales in bars after 11PM and bars must close before 11:30PM. Therefore the Cantina will close at 11PM until further notice.

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ICE CREAM

Communications Committee Chairman
John E Carson

Some of you may know that I have been MIA for quite a while due to cancer. But I am fighting to make a comeback and beat it.

I have missed both the Post and the Honor Guard of which I am a member and getting back there is a major incentive for me to get well. Oh, I have greater ones, yes; My family, my writing and writing class, life itself. I count my blessings every day that I wake up. I have a wonderful family looking after me, a great team of doctors and friends too numerous to name. I am blessed.

There is an upside to this battle though; the Doctor told me I can eat anything I want, and I have followed his advice! Things I formerly had to avoid, like cheeseburgers and rich foods suddenly were tolerated by my system, most likely because I needed the energy.

Serving on an Honor Guard for any length of time will remind you that life is short and our time here is in God's hands. Being told you may only have months to live will drive that point home. But it is possible to be cured of this and the doctors are often surprised at those who succumb and those who recover. In my case I am claiming a victory.

My wife is a cancer survivor. Attitude is everything; especially important the doctors say. I do not dwell on my condition and I ignore the depression that can come with it.

But you do not read this column to hear about me-you came here for the Honor Guard. So, let me just say that if I can gain enough weight to fit into my uniform again that I will be proud to serve on this special team once more but if that is not in the cards and my time comes, then I hope to have an Honor Guard at my service. In the meantime, I'll be in the kitchen eating ice cream, lots and lots of ice cream!



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

AMERICAN LEGION

CLAYTON E. MONEYMAKER POST 237

OFFICERS

Billy Heatherly	Commander
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Executive Committee

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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_4c129394-c35a-5c25-996d-904b47da790e.html

Remembering Past Post 237 Leaders and Members

Col. Cecil Bolton

Namesake of Post 37 / 237 1965 – 1967

Submitted by K. Carpenter, Post Historian

Col. Cecil Bolton was born in Crawfordsville, Fla. in 1909. He entered the U. S. Army in Huntsville in July of 1942. On **2 Nov., 1944**, as a **First Lt. (Co. E., 413th Inf. Regt., 104th Ind. Div.)** he was under fire near the **Mark River in North Brabant, Netherlands**. His sacrificial and heroic actions here would result in his being awarded the **U. S. Congressional Medal of Honor**. He remained in the Army, serving in the Korean War, achieving the rank of Colonel. Other awards earned included the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart. He died at age 56, and is buried in **Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery**, San Antonio, Tx.

Col. Bolton's Medal Of Honor citation is as follows:

As leader of the weapons platoon of Company E, 413th Infantry, on the night of November 2, 1944, he fought gallantly in a pitched battle which followed the crossing of the Mark River in the Netherlands. When 2 machineguns pinned down his company, he tried to eliminate, with mortar fire, their grazing fire which was inflicting serious casualties and preventing the company's advance from an area rocked by artillery shelling. In the moonlight it was impossible for him to locate accurately the enemy's camouflaged positions; but he continued to direct fire until wounded severely in the legs and rendered unconscious by a German shell. When he recovered consciousness he instructed his unit and then crawled to the forward rifle platoon positions. Taking a two-man bazooka team on his voluntary mission, he advanced chest deep in chilling water along a canal toward 1 enemy machinegun. While the bazooka team covered him, he approached alone to within 15 yards of the hostile emplacement in a house. He charged the remaining distance and killed the 2 gunners with hand grenades. Returning to his men he led them through intense fire over open ground to assault the second German machinegun. →

An enemy sniper who tried to block the way was dispatched, and the trio pressed on. When discovered by the machinegun crew and subjected to direct fire, 1st Lt. Bolton killed 1 of the 3 gunners with carbine fire, and his 2 comrades shot the others. Continuing to disregard his wounds, he led the bazooka team toward an 88 mm artillery piece which was having telling effect on the American ranks, and approached once more through icy canal water until he could dimly make out the gun's silhouette. Under his fire direction, the two soldiers knocked out the enemy weapon with rockets. On the way back to his own lines he was again wounded. To prevent his men being longer subjected to deadly fire, he refused aid and ordered them back to safety, painfully crawling after them until he reached his lines, where he collapsed. 1st Lt. Bolton's heroic assaults in the face of vicious fire, his inspiring leadership, and continued aggressiveness even through suffering from serious wounds, contributed in large measure to overcoming strong enemy resistance and made it possible for his battalion to reach its objective.

Source: [Cecil H. Bolton - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cecil_H._Bolton)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cecil_H._Bolton



Membership Update

Our Membership for 2020 was 1277. Our 2021 Membership is 722 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



Post 237 Centennial Celebration

Saturday, October 17th

In the Ballroom

12 PM - Hot Dogs and Hamburgers

1PM – Program Begins

Fun for the whole family

Featuring:

Food and drinks

Music

Raffles, Auction, and

Door Prizes

Honor Guard

Guest Speakers and more...

Come join us to celebrate the

Post and Auxiliary 100th

Anniversary!



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 17th in the Post 237 Ballroom.

We will kick off the event with hamburgers and hot dogs for sale at 12PM. At 1PM the program will begin with a flag ceremony and service hymns followed by Post, Auxiliary, and guest speakers.

We will have door prizes, raffles, auction, birthday cake, and live music provided by Bobby Brooks. Please plan to attend and celebrate with your Legion Family.

Contributed by Tom Paone

On Thursday September 24th, Post 237's Centennial will be commemorated by the Huntsville City Council in their chambers.



A Century of Service

In 2020, Post 237 celebrates our Centennial. We can trace our roots to June 1920, when the Post was activated as the Peter Crump Post. ❖



**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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Jerry Phelps 256-694-4376; jerry.phelps67@yahoo.com,

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Ralph Miller 256-652-2829, rmoosey2@gmail.com

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.



First Vice Commander's Report - CeVin Barnes

Greetings Legion Family,

As the New First Vice- Commander I would like to first thank you all for having the trust and confidence in me in order to execute the duties and responsibilities of the office. I am sure with all of your support we will have a great year of service.

I adopted my slogan for this year of service, Accountability and Visibility.

Accountability- America's veterans know what accountability means. Responsibility. Obligation. Action. Results. These are not just words to The American Legion. It's our purpose.

Visibility -Together we will increase the visibility of the Legion Family to the Madison County Community and abroad.

Looking forward to working with you all on our post endeavors.

Membership Report

Currently we are at 593 active members. Our year goal for 2021 is 1392 members at this point we are standing at 42.60 % goal. This is our first membership report for the 2020-2021 membership year. I would like to congratulate and thank the members that have taken advantage of the early bird special.

Early Bird Special rate is: \$45.00 until September 30, 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.

Please pay your 2020 Membership Dues

2nd year Post 237 members or beyond can now pay their dues online directly through National Headquarters for direct crediting to our Post.

Click the link below:

[PAY ONLINE THRU NATIONAL LEGION HEADQUARTERS](#)

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

Jan 1st 2020 - you are Delinquent

Feb 1st 2020 - you are Suspended*

Buddy Check: NOW MORE THAN EVER

As First Vice –Commander, I would like to introduce Post 237’s first 2020-2021 Membership Initiative.

With the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic that is affecting us all, the Buddy Check program is perhaps more important now than ever before. The idea is to connect with veterans who may need assistance but don’t know where to go or who to ask.

It’s not enough to simply pick up the phone and call the veterans you know. We need to check on ALL VETERANS in each of our communities to be sure they are safe, feeling OK and have access to health care and services. If we hear of someone in need, we can offer someone a ride, deliver groceries or supplies and, in short, be there for them.

The important part is to let the veterans in our community know we care and can provide assistance. It’s what we do for our battle buddies.

HOW THE BUDDY CHECK IS ORGANIZED?

1. Gather up a team to call members, former members and all veterans in your area. If each member in a team of 10 calls just 10 people, 100 veterans can be reached in one rotation from the comfort of your home.
2. Divide up the call list among your team members. Some may have personal connections with the member or veteran and should make that particular Buddy Check.
3. Make a list of local resources and phone numbers of services such as pharmacies with drive through windows, restaurants that are now providing order ahead takeout and meal delivery vendors that may be in your area, such as DoorDash, Grubhub and Uber Eats. Be prepared to educate people on how they can place orders online or by calling. Having these resources prepared ahead of time will be helpful when your team is making calls.
4. Start calling to see how our veterans are doing. Ask if they need anything. Let them know of the New events going on at the post. Add them to social media and the newsletter email distro.
5. Use the spreadsheet to record your calls and identify those who may need a follow up or additional assistance.
6. Leave contact information in case the call doesn’t get answered so you can be reached in the future.

For those that are interested in the Buddy Check program please feel free to contact me via email @ vicecdr1@legion237.com

For God and Country

CeVin V. Barnes

1ST Vice Commander

Building Fund Thermometer



From The Finance Office:

*Bud Pagakis,
Finance Officer*

Email:
financeofc@legion237.com

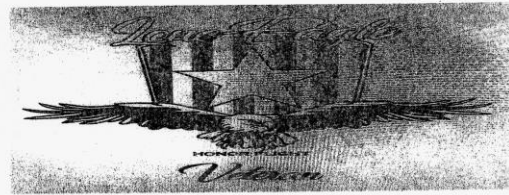
Finance Officer Report

On the second Monday of each month, prior to the General Membership Meeting, your Finance Committee meets to discuss the fiscal condition of our organization. It is during these meetings that recommendations are made to best support the economic health of the Post. This is an open meeting and the membership is welcome to attend.

Our Building fund has grown to over twenty thousand dollars. Thank you for your contributions. Please continue giving and remember it is tax deductible.

We have two upcoming fund raisers that need your help in pulling off a successful event. If you can manage a few hours, please volunteer. See Dennis Atkins or leave a message with the Adjutant.

Finally, the overall fiscal health of the Post is Good. If you are able, please support the club by having lunch at the Post once a month or so. We need more participation to keep the restaurant section operational.



SPONSORED BY:

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 Lone Eagle Honor Flight)



Power Wheelchair Available

Ralph Miller has a power wheelchair that he would like to give to a member of the Legion Family. If you are in need of one please email Ralph at: rmoosey2@gmail.com

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:

Steak – 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 on Monday through Friday. The area in back of the bar is open for smokers. Please be courteous and observe these new restrictions.

Friday Night Band

On Friday, August 21 and 28, Ocean Drift played at the Legion for tips. This band is very talented and their music was enjoyed by all. In order for them to continue to play more members need to come out. They play from 7PM until 10 PM.

Honor Guard News

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, Cody Kliner, Alan Murphy, Robt. "Spider" Parks, Teng Ooi, Jerry Rains, Gene Roberts, Quan Trang.

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

Post 237 Honor Guard Services Feb. – July, 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,

February

Knox, Walter, 22 Feb., 2020, U.S. Navy, Roselawn Cemetery, Athens

March

Young, James, 8 Mar., 2020, Age 75, U.S. Navy (USS Fletcher), U.S. Air Force (Vietnam), 11 Aug., 1944 - 4 Mar., 2020, Maple Hill Cemetery

McCrary, Donald, 7 Mar., 2020, Age 69, U.S. Army (Vietnam) 7 Jan., 1951 - 27 Feb., 2020, Hazel Green Funeral Home

May

Suggs, William Robert, 14 May, 2020, Age 77, U.S. Army, Maple Hill Cemetery

Barry, Kenneth M., 19 May, 2020, Age 95, Arab Cemetery

Rucker, Lewis, 26 May., 2020, Age 92, U.S. Air Force, 16 Sept., 1927 - 21 May, 2020, Valhalla Cemetery

Small, Warren Eugene, 30 May, 2020, Age 72, U.S. Air Force (1966-1970). 32 May, 1947 - 21 May, 2020, Berryhill Funeral Home

June

Strout, Roy D., 8 June, 2020, Age 74, U.S. Army (1965-1985, 1st SGT.), 13 Oct. 1945 - 5 June, 2020, Valhalla Memory Gardens

Boatwright, David Alan, 13 June, 2020, Age 74, U.S. Army, 31 Jan., 1946 - 2 June, 2020, Berryhill Funeral, Sharon Johnson Park

Beaverson, Dale, 15 June, 2020, Age 81, U.S. Army (SFC), 30 Mar., 1939 - 12 June, 2020, Valhalla Memory Gardens →

Funke, Robert Dean, 15 June, 2020, Age 96, U.S. Army (1942-1973, Col., WWII: 3rd Army, Inf., Austria, Germany, Korean War: 1st Lt., Inf., So. Korea, No. Korea, China, Vietnam: Combat advisor Army of So. Vietnam, NATO: Missile & Special Weapons Officer, Euro., USA Missile Command, RSA) 9 Aug, 1923 - 10 June, 2020, Maple Hill Cemetery

Story, Justin T. 19 June, 2020, Age 25, U.S. Army (2013-2020, SGT., Iraq, Kuwait, Huntsville Recruiting Co.)

9 Sept., 1994 - 6 May, 2020, St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Madison

Green, William, 24 June, 2020, Age 64, U.S. Air Force, 26 July, 1954 - 20 June, 2020, Valhalla Memory Gardens

Bynum, Leonard Washington Jr., 27 June, 2020, Age 90, U.S. Air Force (1949 – 1954), 23 Feb., 1930 - 24 June, 2020, Valhalla Memory Gardens

July

Howard, Max L. 11 July, 2020, Age 90, U.S. Air Force (1961-1955, Korean War),

25 Feb., 1930 - 8 July, 2020, Valhalla Memory Gardens

Vergara, Vito, 11 July, 2020, Age 87, U.S. Army, 6 June, 1932 - 16 May, 2020, Spry Funeral Home

Allen, Willie, 25 July, 2020, U.S. Army, 1 May, 1934, 20 July, 2020, Cameron Church Cemetery

Duke, John R. 29 July, 2020, Age 88, SFC U.S. Army Ret. (849-1969), 14 Apr. 1932 – 24 July, 2020, Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Citrano, Sam, Dr. (DDS). 30 July, 2020, Age 94. U.S. Army (WWII – 1944-1946, 3rd Army, Germany), 14 Feb., 1926 – 26 July, 2020.



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

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

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

Wednesday Steak Special - Friday Fish Special

KARAOKE

SOCIAL QUARTERS

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

FRIDAY 7-11 PM

SATURDAY 8PM-12 AM WITH CAROL

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

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



Around the Post

The smoke-free Meet and Greet event on August 25th was a success. We gained several new members that evening. Patrons enjoyed Karaoke, and it was attended by the officers of the American Legion Post 237, the Sons of the American Legion, and the Auxiliary. Several members who cannot normally attend due to the smoky atmosphere came and hung out, brought snacks and enjoyed the evening. Due to the success of the smoke free night, be on the lookout for similar events as we strive to be more inclusive for our members and to support the mission of the Post.

Social Quarters Hours of Operation

**DUE TO COVID-19 MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
CLOSING TIMES ARE 11PM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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



BINGO AT THE ANNEX

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

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

**All Games are Non-Smoking
And You Must Wear a Mask**



HUMOR IN UNIFORM

A trio of old veterans were bragging and joking about the heroic exploits of their ancestors one afternoon down at the VFW hall.

"My great grandfather, at age 13," one declared proudly, "was a drummer boy at Shiloh."

"Mine," boasts another, "went down with Custer at the Battle of Little Big Horn."

"I'm the only soldier in my family," confessed vet number three, "but if my great grandfather was living today he'd be the most famous man in the world."

"Really? What'd he do?" his friends wanted to know.

"Nothing much. But he would be 165 years old."

At one Army base, the annual trip to the rifle range had been canceled for the second year in a row, but the semi-annual physical fitness test was still on as planned.

One soldier mused, "Does it bother anyone else that the Army doesn't seem to care how well we can shoot, but they are extremely interested in how fast we can run?"

The Captain called the Sergeant into his office and said, "Sarge, I just got a telegram that Private McGrath's mother died. You'd better go tell him and send him in to see me. Try to be tactful."

So the Sergeant calls for his morning formation. "Ok, men, fall in and listen up. Everybody with a mother, take two steps forward. NOT SO FAST, McGrath!"

A young officer is working late at the Pentagon one evening. As he comes out of his office about 8 P.M. he sees the General standing by the classified document shredder in the hallway, a piece of paper in his hand. "Do you know how to work this thing?" the General asks. "My secretary's gone home and I don't know how to run it." "Yes, sir," says the young officer, who turns on the machine, takes the paper from the General, and feeds it in. "Now," says the General, "I just need one copy..."

TED TRAINING TIP #43



M.P.'s make it easy to find suspected IEDs --- by marking the location of the device with a crowd of M.P.'s!

EOD CARTOONS CONTRIBUTED BY: CLARENCE GOLSON



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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	2 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	3 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	4 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch	5 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
6 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	7 Labor Day 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-8p Purple Heart Mtg. 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	8 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg.	9 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch 6p-7p Exec. Board Meeting	10 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 5:30p-6:30p VVOA Meeting 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	11 Patriot Day 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch	12 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
13 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner	14 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	15 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch	16 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch 5p-6p Comm Cmte Mtg	17 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	18 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch	19 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
20 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie	21 11a-1:30p Monday Lunch 6p-8p Mbrs. Dnr. and Mtg. - Membership Dinner and Meeting 7p-9p Trivia with Lisa and Zack	22 Fall begins 11a-1:30p Tuesday Lunch 7p-8p County Meeting	23 11a-1:30p Wednesday Lunch	24 11a-1:30p Thursday Lunch 7p-8p AL 351 Mtg. 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	25 11a-1:30p Friday Lunch	26 8p-12a Karaoke w/Carol
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