

THE CLAYTON E. MONEYSMAKER AMERICAN LEGION POST 237

DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

July 9, 2025

Purpose: To provide the Post 237 Executive Committee and the membership knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of the Child Welfare Committee.

This committee shall be charged with aid and service to children of veterans, cooperating with other established agencies in the community laboring for the betterment of child welfare, and coordinating Post efforts with the agencies in the community for the above purposes. This committee will act as an intermediary for the needed children of veterans in obtaining the fulfillment of the American Legion's pledges that: "No child of a war veteran shall be in need of the necessities of life." and "A square deal for every child."

Scope: This SOP applies to the duties and responsibilities of the Child Welfare Committee of The Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237, Department of Alabama.

Authority: The By-Laws of the Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237, Department of Alabama, page 6, Article VII, Section 1, subsection e.

IF AT ANYTIME THIS DOCUMENT CONFLICTS WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, THEN THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS TAKE PRECEDENCE.

References:

The American Legion 2024 Officer's Guide

Post 237 VSO SOP

<https://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=206>

American Legion Children and Youth Program Guide

273ACY0122-Children-and-Youth-Chairmans-Guide.pdf

Constitution and By-Laws of the Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237

<https://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=206>

1. General Duties of the Child Welfare Committee:

- 1.1. The Child Welfare Committee shall be chaired by the Post 237 Veteran Service Officer or his designated assistant and will have 2 or more members who are volunteers from the Post 237 Legion family.
- 1.2. The Child Welfare Committee will meet monthly. The Child Welfare and the Rehabilitation and Service Committee may be consolidated to alleviate the need for multiple meeting nights and to make best use of volunteer time.
- 1.3. The Child Welfare Committee ensures that children of veterans in need of care and protection receive proper and timely services and aid. The committee extends connections to verified organizations and facilities providing services for children and youth and maintains programs that meet the needs of youth in the local community. The Child Welfare Committee is tasked with supporting programs at the Post and in the community that benefits children of veterans and children in the North Alabama community.