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Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237

Alabama's Largest American Legion Post

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Commander's Corner

Post 237 Officers

As we proceed into the 2nd half of the Legion year, we should focus on recruiting a solid team of Post officer nominees that will lead Post 237 next year and into the future. After serving six years as 2nd Vice Commander and this year as Post Commander and quickly approaching the three-quarter century mark, it is time for me to move on and turn my attention to traveling with Christie and spending time with my grandkids. It has been an honor to serve our Post, and I am dedicated to finishing this year in a strong and positive manner.

If you have an interest in serving your community, supporting veterans and their families, and promoting American values, then American Legion leadership is the place to be.

In March the Nominating Committee will be seeking members who are interested in running for office. The positions that will be up for election in May are Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms, Three Year Trustee, and Historian. You can read the responsibilities and duties for each of those positions in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on the →

Post 237 Website at the following link: https://www.legion237.com/post-237-constitution-by-laws-and-sops

Over my time as an officer at Post 237 there have been dedicated Legionnaires who have served in each of these positions, and they have far exceeded the requirements and executed duties well beyond the scope laid out in their SOP. If you want more details on a particular position, I recommend that you consult the Officer who currently holds that position or stop by my office or call me at 256-656-4952 and we can discuss it.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tom Paone, Post 237 Commander

Auxiliary Update

I hope everyone had a great New Year. I want to remind the auxiliary members to renew your dues if you haven't already done so. For those that haven't paid yet, your Post key card access will be terminated.

We will be gearing up for Girls State soon. We will be reaching out to the schools soon for participants.

Thank you,
Tanya Phelps
Auxiliary President
256 783 5903

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Wargo Scholastic Scholarship Program

If you a descendant of a United States military veteran and plan to attend college or vocational school, then the Wargo Scholastic Scholarship may be for you!

The Wargo Scholarship is a $1000 award paid directly to the educational institution for tuition and fees.

Application must be made before April 15, 2026. Additional information and the application form are available on the Post 237 website: www.legion237.com Select Wargo Scholarship.

The direct link is: http://www.legion237.com/index.php?id=127

Questions regarding the Wargo Scholarship can be emailed to: wargo@legion237.com

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Jerry Phelps	Past Commander
Tom Paone	Commander
Brian Stephens	1st Vice Commander
Kim Smith	2nd Vice Commander
Bob Wasniewski	3rd Vice Commander
Mary McCoy	Adjutant
Jack LaFountain	Finance Officer
Bill Pond	Chaplain
Alyse Sena	Service Officer
Ken Carpenter	Historian
Cody Klinner	Sergeant-At-Arms
Tom Hartley	Judge Advocate
Don Pinkerton	1 Year Trustee
Brad Mayo	2 Year Trustee
John Szelich	3 Year Trustee
Tom Hartley	ROTC Liaison
Steve Bowling	S.A.L. Commander
Thad Paone	S.A.L. Adjutant
Steve Bowling	Legion Riders Director
Tanya Phelps	Auxiliary President
Anna Marie Wasniewski	Club Manager
Earl Hokanson	Honor Guard Commander

Executive Committee

Jerry Phelps, Tom Paone, Mary McCoy, Ken Carpenter, Cody Klinner, Bill Pond, Brian Stephens, Tom Hartley, Bob Wasniewski, Don Pinkerton, John Szelich, Brad Mayo, Jack LaFountain, Alyse Sena, and Kim Smith.

House Committee

Bob and Anna Marie Wasniewski, Ralph Miller, Colleen Copeland, Mark Utter, Joe Norman, John Schantz, Steve Bowling, Ken Reisenweber, Joyce Hampton, Beverly DuFour, and Howard Krueger.

Finance Committee

Jack LaFountain, Tom Paone, Mary McCoy, John Szelich, Don Pinkerton, Brad Mayo, Bob Wasniewski, and Anna Marie Wasniewski.

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

Oratorical Contest Schedule

- **Madison County Contest 2/7/26, 10AM Madison Meeting Hall**
- **District 12 Contest 2/21/26, 10 AM Post 15 in Decatur**
- **Division 1 Contest 3/7/26 10 AM Post 237 Huntsville**

2026 Oratorical Contest

We are excited to announce the Department of Alabama's 2026 American Legion High School Oratorical Contest. This contest challenges high school students to develop leadership and public speaking skills with a focus on the U.S. Constitution, offering participants the chance to earn college scholarships. The American Legion awards over $200,000 in scholarships annually. At the state level, finalists receive $2,500, $1,500, and $1,000, plus an extra $2,000 for the state champion. The state winner's travel and lodging for the National Finals at Hillsdale College (May 15-17, 2026) are covered, where national winners can learn up to $25,000.
The Madison County Oratorical Contest is the first step toward the state event, and will be held February 7, 2026, at Madison's Meeting Hall, 1282 Hughes Rd, next door to Discovery Middle School (behind the tennis courts).
Scholarship awards for the county competition will be $600, $400, $300 respectively. Submit a completed biographical sketch by February 2, 2026, to oratorical@americanlegionpost229.org.
More information is available at www.legion.org/oratorical/about.
For questions or to discuss student participation, contact me at: 256-468-8400. Thank you for supporting this valuable program.

Haircuts at the Post

Alyse Sena will be doing haircuts in the meeting room on the first and third Saturdays, 2/7 and 2/21, 1pm-4pm.

Join us for Bunco Night on February 17th at 6:30 PM in the ballroom.

From the Adjutant's Desk

Mary McCoy
Post Adjutant

ADJUTANT OFFICE HOURS:
Monday through Friday
11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

2025 Dues Year expired on December 31st. Your membership expired on that date if your 2026 Dues are not paid. Dues may be paid by cash, check or credit card in the Adjutant Office Monday through Friday.

You may also pay dues at:
www.legion.org/renew
Enter your membership number and last name.

You may also mail your check to:
American Legion Post 237
PO Box 1176
Huntsville, AL 35807-0176

Thank you for supporting Huntsville Post 237.

The online version of the Redstone Rocket is available here:
https://www.theredstonerocket.com/eedition/

Marine Corps League

Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment #820 Marine Corps League meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Tim's Cajun Kitchen at 114 Jordan Ln NW, Huntsville. Social at 5:30pm - Meeting at 6pm. Contact Ed Becher @ 269-221-2221 for more info.

A Message from First Vice Commander Brian Stephens

Hello all! I hope you have been keeping warm during these last few weeks of Arctic Air. It was a doozy of a cold patch and we have more on the way. Remember to drip those faucets, insulate your pipes if you are able, and please remember to bring your pets in from the cold. Last month was the Mid-Winter conference. We had a couple of slow days and one really successful day. Our steak night and live band saw the Post sell out of everything they had. All the steaks, chicken, and even burgers, sold out! I want to take a moment to thank everyone who worked very hard to make that happen. From Tom Hartley and his efforts around the post for beautification, Anna-Marie, making sure the bar, kitchen, and her people had everything they needed to be successful, as well as working her tail off in the kitchen over the three days, to all the bartenders and volunteers that took the time to make sure the event was so successful. I thank you for all your efforts! If I did not mention you by name, there were just too many to list for the newsletter. We had a lot of really great volunteers. We learned some lessons from this event for next year and will be putting those lessons to good use. In the end, every one of you helped Post 237 leave a great and lasting impression on our fellow legionnaires from around the state. Well done team!

Brian K. Stephens

The Department of Alabama Mid-Winter Conference Update

The American Legion Department of Alabama conducted the Mid-Winter Conference at the Huntsville Embassy Suites from January 15-18, 2026. Post 237 welcomed visiting conference attendees with evening meals and entertainment, and the Honor Guard's Thad Paone and Danny Marr provided van transportation between the convention hotel and our Post on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings.

The entertainment lineup included Karaoke with Howie and Karaoke with Jerimy in the canteen, and the jazz band Jeff and Company, historic Post videos, and playlists in the ballroom.

Prior to the conference volunteers and staff worked countless hours in our efforts to paint, clean and fix-up the Post. Tom Hartley led that effort. Our bartenders took on extra shifts to accommodate the activities that took place in the ballroom. Carl Conley worked overtime smoking pork shoulders and preparing side items and cooked more than 160 steak and chicken meals on Friday night. Joe Norman and Ralph Miller smoked chicken quarters. Anna Marie and Bob Wasniewski coordinated the volunteer and food service throughout the event.

There are dozens of Legionnaires, SALs, and Auxiliary members who stepped forward and volunteered in our efforts to spruce up the Post and host this event along with the members and staff mentioned earlier, I want to personally thank each of you. This team included: Mario and Charlie Graxirena, Jay and Linda Jennings, Brian and Brandy Stephens, Jerimy Merritt, John and Connie Clarke, Martha Hall, Brad Mayo, Kim Smith, Jerry Phelps, Alyse Sena, Ken Carpenter, John Szelich, Caroline Decker, Cody Klinner, Colleen Copeland, Beverly DuFour, Justin Gragg, Christie Paone, Jackie Woods, Lisa Woods, George Nobles, Frank Farnam, Felix Torres, and Mary McCoy.

Tom Paone
Post Commander

THE NURSES WHO SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR

The nurses of our military services have demonstrated again and again their total commitment to the highest standards of military nursing excellence. Both men and women have served as military nurses since 1775.

During the Vietnam War, a special group of all-American women stepped forward to serve their country in extraordinary ways. Known as “Angels from Heaven” these dedicated individuals were not drafted; they volunteered.

The following are the stories of the courage and commitment of several of these nurses:

Pam Burrows – Army Nurse Corps:

“My best friend from nursing school and I entered the Army together and we were supposed to be assigned to the same unit after basic but we weren’t,” said Army nurse Pam Burrows. “We talked to those in charge and said ‘you promised’ we would be assigned together, and then they reassigned us both to Ft. Polk, which had the reputation for being the armpit of the Army. Hearing that we said we might as well go to Vietnam but had no clue what we would be confronted with. In Vietnam we did whatever was asked of us. We often worked round the clock in massive casualty situations, directing triage, assisting with emergency tracheotomies and amputations, inserting tubes to assist surgeons, and removing damaged tissue and shrapnel from wounds.”

Pam said they were called “Pluckers” because they plucked out shrapnel from wounded soldiers.

“Our shifts were 12 hours, 6 days a week and our incoming came by helicopter,” said Pam who worked in the Surgical ICU at the 71st Evacuation Hospital in Pleiku, Vietnam.

“It would be called a “PUSH” and the wounded were triaged in the ER. Often when working day shifts, we might have to crawl to safety if under a rocket attack.”

Pam said there was a high mental stress side of military nursing. “We never knew what was happening outside of our compound.” We would hear gunfire close by when working nights and during blackouts. I worried about my fiancé who was a Company Commander of a Mechanized Infantry Unit with the 4th Division on the other side of Pleiku. I worried about rats coming into our ‘hootch’ or living quarters and rocket attacks.” →

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Mary Breed – Army Nurse Corps:

"My brother was wounded in Vietnam and my friend from church, as well as my girlfriend's brother, were both killed in Vietnam," said Mary Breed. "That is why I volunteered as a nurse to serve in the Army. I graduated from nursing school at the Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis in 1969 and arrived at Bien Hoa, Vietnam, on September 5, 1970."
She worked as an OR nurse at the 95th Evac Hospital in Da Nang and the 18th Surgical Hospital in Quang Tri.

"You can never prepare for war. You do not understand a war until you are there and in it." Mary described.

"I still cry when I think of Vietnam and certain instances. Everybody that goes to war goes through PTSD because war is just not normal."

Mary vividly remembers her 24th birthday in Vietnam: "I was cutting a birthday cake the cook had made when we heard a radio call that Hill 950, west of Quang Tri Provence, was getting run over with mortars. Our hospital sent two "Dust Offs" or Medevac helicopters. The fighting was intense and they could only get in with one helicopter that only evacuated one of three soldiers. One soldier was later deemed missing in action and the other a POW," Mary recalled.

"Back at the hospital, we awaited the chopper to return, which was tenuous because the chopper was being shot at and had to make an emergency landing at Khe Sahn. It turned out to be a good birthday because our two crews made it home safe."

Kay Bauer – Navy Nurse Corps:

Kay Bauer grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota with 13 brothers and sisters. Kay was a U.S. Navy nurse for 35 years. She was one of two women in a forward surgical team of 7 people who worked in a provincial hospital in South Vietnam in 1966.

"The hospital had no running water, no electricity, and we had a generator in the operating room," said Bauer in an interview.

Even the walk to work from her quarters became dangerous. At one point, she witnessed a U.S. helicopter getting shot down with bullets coming perilously close.

"The bullets went past, whoosh, whoosh. I ran all the way to the hospital," Kay said.
Despite the danger, Kay likes to remember the good times, like christening a boat in a nearby harbor or immunizing local children. "The other things are just too hard," she said.
Shortly after returning home, Kay received an invitation to lunch at the White House where she was honored by President Johnson. He signed legislation allowing women to achieve higher military ranks, such as General or Admiral.

Kay retired as a Captain in the Navy Nurse Corps and kept in touch with the awesome Navy nurses who served.

Contributed by Tom Hartley

Sip & Paint Night

Lovebirds on the Branch

Flock together for a creative night

Wednesday, February 4 • 6:30 PM

Ballroom • American Legion Post 237

$25 per person donation

Advance sign-up & payment required

Limited spots available • Sign up at the bar

Upcoming Meetings

2/4 – Finance Committee 2 PM
2/10 – House Committee 6 PM
2/10 – Communications and Americanism Committee 7 PM
2/11 – Executive Committee 6 PM
2/16 – Membership Meeting 7 PM
2/19 – Wargo Committee 6 PM

BASEBALL BAR BINGO
Supporting Our Legion Baseball Program
SUNDAYS | JANUARY 25 – FEBRUARY 8
HOSTED AT
AMERICAN LEGION POST 237
- Base Run Schedule -
1 Jan 25 FIRST BASE
2 Feb 1 SECOND BASE
3 Feb 8 THIRD BASE
FINAL SUNDAY HOME PLATE
(One base each Sunday - four Sundays total)
WEAR YOUR JERSEY!
GET BONUS CARDS!
Week 1: +1 Card
Week 2: +2 Cards
Week 3: +3 Cards
Week 4: +4 Cards
BASEBALL "GOOD LUCK" CHARMS
Baseball-themed "good luck" charms available for purchase throughout the event.
GEAR & SUPPORT ITEMS
Legion Baseball Jerseys (Old & New)
New T-Shirts
Support Buttons $10
PLAY BINGO • SUPPORT BASEBALL • ROUND THE BASES
LET'S TAKE IT ALL THE WAY HOME!

Amore Valentine's Dinner

Romantic Italian dinner, featuring spaghetti or fettuccini alfredo, salad and garlic bread, will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 5 PM. See the bartender or Club Manager to purchase tickets. Roses and gifts for the ladies. Ticket price is $15.00 each.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026	AMORE VALENTINES DINNER	POST 237 CANTEEN

FROM THE 3RD VICE COMMANDER

Bob Wasniewski, Post 237 3rd Vice Commander

Hello, my fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, and Sons of the American Legion. I wanted to let you know about some of the upcoming events in February.

Sunday Fun Day: Bar Bingo and karaoke with Howie each Sunday. The doors open at 12 PM. Bar Bingo starts around 12:15 PM. Stop in and join in the fun! Karaoke starts at 3 PM. Over the next 4 weeks, our Sunday Bar Bingo will be adding a new twist. In honor of the upcoming Legion baseball season, you can help support our team. We will host Baseball Bar Bingo on Sundays from January 25th until February 8th. You can earn extra bingo cards if you wear your Post 237 baseball gear. If you don't have a Post 237 baseball hat or jersey you can purchase team gear or a booster button at the Post. Come out on Sundays and support our baseball team and win a fabulous prize.

First Wednesday Steak Lunch: The 1st Wednesday Steak Lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2026. We will be selling ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, and a roll. Lunch will be served in the Canteen during the normal hours of 11 AM until 1:30 PM.

Wednesday Sip & Paint Night: The evening of February 4th, Kim Smith will be hosting a Sip and Paint Night in the Ballroom. $25.00 per person donation required. Proceeds will support our Americanism programs including the Oratorical Contest, Boys State, ROTC, and Legion baseball. Space is limited, so please sign up early at the bar.

Super Bowl Party: February 8, 2026. Potluck! Game starts at 5:30 PM. Check the bar for details!

House Committee Meeting: The House Committee meets on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 6 PM in the Meeting Room.

Amore Valentine's Dinner: Tickets will be on sale for the Amore Valentine's Dinner. The Italian dinner, featuring pasta, salad and garlic bread, will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 5 PM. See the bartender or Club Manager to purchase tickets. Roses and gifts for the ladies. Ticket price is $15.00 each.

Bunko Party in the Ballroom: A Bunko Party is held in the Ballroom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This month Bunko will be held on February 17, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Wednesdays: Live Music in the Canteen

On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month Brett Carlisle will play from 6 pm until 9 pm in the Canteen. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month Brad Thomas will play from 6 pm until 9 pm in the Canteen.

Texas Hold'em Fundraiser

Come and play in the Texas Hold'em fundraiser every Tuesday at 6 PM in the canteen. Funds raised benefit charitable projects throughout the year.

Come on down and join in the fun!

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DORIS SWEET CORWITH
AND THE
AMERICAN LEGION RADIO PRODUCTION
INHERITANCE

K. A. Carpenter, Historian

While regularly listening to "old time" radio programs via internet radio, I occasionally found broadcasts regarding **American History on the program entitled *Inheritance***. This program was a joint production of the **National Broadcasting Company, the American Legion** and the **American Legion Auxiliary**. The programs were fifty-seven, fifteen-minute episodes, which aired between 1954 and 1955. They featured dramatic biographic and eventful patriotic stories as the "shared inheritance" and the "national heritage" of American citizens. This was during the 'Red Channels' era to expose alleged communist sympathizers in the performing-arts industry. Production casts were among the west coast's finest voice actors. Similarly, in 1953, the **Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW** [sponsored] ***The American Trail***, *a* series of the historic and patriotic development of the American West.

The production of ***Inheritance*** **was influenced by NBC's Mrs. Doris Sweet Corwith who was the national president of the American Legion Auxiliary in 1939-1940**. Following her ALA presidency she became an aide to NBC's public-service counselor and later director of public service and religious programs. A high school English teacher, she became a **charter member of the Rockville Center (Long Island, NY) Post 303 Auxiliary in 1926** (her WWI veteran husband being a member of that post). In 1935 she was elected to the office of the ALA department president and appointed as the **national chair (1935-1939) of the Radio Committee**.

The Radio Committee's previous six years had been disappointing. Chairperson **Corwith led a revitalization program** to attract listeners. First, she led a production of 15-minute recorded programs sold to departments for play with different radio stations in their state. Their theme was Americanism, community service, rehabilitation, child welfare, Poppy and National defense, which were aired by more than 70 stations. Although not as successful as hoped for, Auxiliary membership increased to more than 19,000. In 1936 she encouraged department chairs to speak about the ALA on air, which resulted in the donation of over 51,000 minutes of airtime by broadcasting companies. Also, an ALA award was presented to a sponsor of a program that promoted patriotism and was beneficial to children.

In 1937 she led the ALA to hire a professional script writer for 12–15-minute programs on Auxiliary activities, which were made available through the ALA National Headquarters. In her four years of committee leadership she traveled to many different ALA departments training radio committee chairs, arranging broadcasts, and **publicizing ALA programs**. As a result, ALA membership grew by 19 percent. In 1939, as Europe and Asia were ground in a World War, **Corwith was elected the 19th president of the ALA.** Following her tenure as ALA president, she strove to improve the ALA radio communications program to "help people understand what radio was trying to give them", and the awareness of available programs and the broadcasting system.

In May **1941 she convinced NBC to give her idea a six-month trial. With this accomplished, she began a seventeen-year broadcasting career.** She began as an assistant to the public service counselor, traveling across the country speaking to school groups, club organizations, ALA departments, and giving radio interviews to promote the role of radio, and providing NBC with what the public wanted in radio broadcasting. She later became a member of the original production staff of ***Meet the Press***. She represented the A**LA at the cornerstone laying of the United**

Nations Headquarters. In 1949-1950 she was the **ALA national foreign relations chair**, attending various UN sessions.

In 1951 her programing leadership included ***If Fight We Must*****,** a series of four **American Legion nation-wide broadcasts** regarding national security. This was followed by the **NBC-American Legion production,** ***Inheritance***. **At the 1955 ALA national convention she was** presented with a silver platter in **recognition for her "distinguished achievement in interpreting American Legion Auxiliary ideals and purposes to the American people."**

Inheritance, as well as the above-mentioned programs are available for listening on-line, and for sale by various "Old Time Radio" sources.

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AI Overview *Inheritance*

Department of Alabama
1st Division Vice Commander
Jerry Phelps

Hello, American Legion Post 237 family. On behalf of the staff and officers of the American Legion Department of Alabama, we extend our thanks and gratitude to every one of you who participated in the 2026 American Legion Mid -Winter Conference.
Your (our) Post exceeded all expectations throughout the conference. We would really like to say thank you to all the volunteers that prepped the food, cooked the food, and served the food. A special thank you goes out to Anna Marie Wasniewski, Bob Wasniewski, Chef Carl Conley, Brian and Brandy Stephens, Commander Tom Paone, and finally, all the volunteers and employees that participated, which made the event a huge success in the eyes of the Department leadership.
All day Saturday, Saturday night, and Sunday morning, all I heard was positive praise and thank you from a plethora of the members that attended the Friday Night Steak Night.
Lastly, I would like to acknowledge and say thank you to Thad Paone and Danny Marr for volunteering their time to drive the shuttle vans to and from the Embassy Suites.
All of you made me proud to be a part of Post 237 and made me proud to represent you and the entire 1st Division!!

For God and Country
Jerry Phelps
American Legion
1st Division Vice Commander

Department of AL Mid-Winter Conference January 15-17, 2026

Embassy Suites HSV and American Legion Post 237

From Service to Sisterhood: Finding Your Tribe After the Uniform

If you're a woman veteran who feels alone, disconnected, or wondering where you belong now—reach out. Join us at Invisible Warriors or connect with your local American Legion post. Your next battle buddy is waiting, and together, you'll rediscover the camaraderie and purpose you've been missing. You served with honor. Now let us serve alongside you.

Women veterans face unique and urgent challenges after leaving military service. Research shows that 59% report losing connection with their military community, and 56% describe losing their sense of purpose and camaraderie. These feelings of isolation aren't just uncomfortable, they're dangerous. The suicide rate for women veterans is 92% higher than for civilian women, and many struggle with depression, relationship challenges, and difficulty navigating systems that weren't designed with them in mind. Between 2020 and 2021 alone, female veteran suicide rates increased by 24%, underscoring the critical need for immediate intervention and support.

Peer support and community connection offer powerful solutions to these challenges. When women veterans connect through organizations like Invisible Warriors or veteran service organizations, they find people who understand their experiences without explanation. Studies demonstrate that veterans participating in peer-based programs report measurably lower isolation levels, reduced PTSD and depression symptoms, and greater willingness to seek help when needed. This peer connection serves as a protective factor against the mental health decline that too many women veterans experience in isolation. These connections provide more than emotional support—they offer practical navigation help for VA benefits, career transitions, and mental health resources from women who've already walked that road.

Women veterans have served in every conflict while often navigating gender bias, sexual harassment, and the constant pressure to prove they belonged. When they come home, they deserve communities that recognize their service and welcome them fully into post-military life.

Perhaps most importantly, peer networks help women veterans rediscover the sense of mission and purpose they thought they'd lost when they took off the uniform. By building community together and supporting one another, women veterans find they're still serving—just in a different way. Their service didn't end; it simply evolved into a new chapter filled with connection, belonging, and sisterhood.

Nancy Becher
Executive Director and Founder, Invisible Warriors

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Proverbs 16:3 —3 Depend on the Lord in whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

Calendar of Events

Lunch in the Social Quarters

Monday – Friday 11 AM -1:30 PM

Specials: Mon – Salad Bar, Wed – Philly Cheese Steak, 1st Wed – Steak, Thu – Taco Salad, Fri – Fish

Evening Kitchen Service

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri 5-7 PM

Karaoke and Bar Feud in the Social Quarters

Thu 7-11 PM and Sun 3-7 PM Karaoke with Howie

Sat 7-9 PM Bar Feud with Jerimy

Sat 9 PM - 11 PM Karaoke with Jerimy

Fri 7 – 11 PM Karaoke and Bar Bingo with Jerimy

Trivia in the Social Quarters

Monday 7-9 PM with Lisa and Zack

Bingo at the Post 237 annex

Sun 3:30 PM Mon and Wed at 6 PM

Membership Dinner and Meeting in the Ballroom

3rd Monday Dinner at 6 PM ($8.00) , Meeting at 7 PM

Pool League

Social Quarters - Alternating Thursdays 7 PM

Texas Holdem Fundraiser

Social Quarters - Tuesday 6 PM

Bar Bingo

Social Quarters - Sunday 12-2PM; Friday 7PM

Bunco Party

Ballroom - 3rd Tuesday 6:30PM

Game Day – Wednesdays Left/Right/Center 6PM

Live Music – Wednesdays 6PM-9PM in Canteen

Haircuts with Alyse – 1st and 3rd Saturday 1PM – 4PM

Social Quarters Hours of Operation

Monday	10:00AM – 11:00PM
Tuesday	10:00AM – 11:00PM
Wednesday	10:00AM – 11:00PM
Thursday	10:00AM – 11:00PM
Friday	10:00AM – 11:00PM
Saturday	11:00AM – 11:00PM
Sunday	12:00PM – 8:00PM

Adjutant's Office Hours

Monday through Friday 11 AM until 5 PM
Call 256-397-3659 to make an appointment.
Email at adjutant@legion237.com

Commander's Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 11 AM until 2 PM
Email at commander@legion237.com
Call: 256-656-4952

First Wednesday Steak Lunch

Join us for lunch: ribeye steak, baked potato, roll and salad on the first Wednesday of this month.

February 4, 2026
11AM – 1:30PM

Second Sunday Potluck

Join us on the second Sunday of the month from 3 PM to 7 PM for a Potluck. Bring a dish to share and enjoy Karaoke with Howie!

Monday Night Trivia

Join us on Monday nights at 7PM for Trivia presented by Lisa and Zack! Have fun, exercise your brain and win Legion Bucks!

Lunch at the Legion

Monday through Friday
11:00AM to 1:30PM
Specials:
Salad Bar – Monday
Philly Cheese Steak – Wednesday
Taco Salad – 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 restrictions.

LAST LAUGH

THREE DUMB BROTHERS TRAINING TO BE POLICE DETECTIVES

To test their skills in recognizing a suspect, the detective's training officer shows the picture of a suspect to the first brother for 5 seconds and then hides it.
"This is your suspect, how would you recognize him?" asked the trainer.
The first brother answers, "That's easy, we'll catch him fast because he only has one eye."
The trainer says, well….uh….that's because the picture I showed you is his side profile."
Slightly frustrated by this ridiculous response, the trainer flashes the picture to the second brother for 5 seconds and then asks him, "This is your suspect, how would you recognize him?"
The second brother smiles and says, "Ha!, he'd be too easy to catch because he only has one ear."
The trainer angrily responds, "What's the matter with you two? Of course, only one eye and one ear are showing because it's a picture of his side profile! Are those the best answers you can come up with?"
Extremely frustrated at this point, he shows the picture to the third trainee and in a very testy voice says, "This is your suspect, how would you recognize him?" The trainer quickly adds, "Think hard before giving me a stupid answer."
The trainee looks at the picture intently for a moment and says, "The suspect wears contact lenses."
The trainer is surprised and speechless because he doesn't really know himself if the suspect wears contacts or not.
"Well, that's an interesting answer. Wait here for a few minutes while I check the suspect's file and I'll get back to you on that."
The trainer leaves the room and goes to his office, checks the suspect's file in his computer and returns to the trainees with a beaming smile on his face.
"Wow! I can't believe it. It's TRUE! The suspect does in fact wear contact lenses.
"Good work! How were you able to make such an astute observation?"
"That's easy," the third trainee replied. He can't wear regular glasses because he only has one eye and one ear."

Contributed by Tom Hartley

Around the Post

Service Branch Emblems

If you have been in the canteen recently you likely noticed the six new 3D service branch emblems surrounding the American flag on the south wall. These emblems were donated and installed by Bob Wasniewski. They are awesome and are a great improvement over the cardboard emblems that they replaced. Thank you, Bob!

Bingo supports many of the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion programs, scholarships, and charities.

Come and join us for a fun outing at the Annex and help keep our programs strong.

There is a snack machine, an isolated smoking area and the public is invited.

Who knows, you might just win a big JACKPOT!

American Legion Post 237
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Huntsville, Al 35805

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Start at 6 PM

<u>Sunday</u>
Doors Open at 1 PM
Start at 3:30 PM

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Sun	**Mon**	**Tue**	**Wed**	**Thu**	**Fri**	**Sat**
1 Super Bowl 12p-2p Baseball Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	2 Groundhog Day 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	3 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-8p Texas Holdem 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	4 11a-1:30p 1st Wed Steak Lunch 2p – Finance Committee Mtg. 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6:30p Sip and Paint Night	5 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	6 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke and Bingo with Jerimy	7 7p-11p Bar Feud and Karaoke and w/Jerimy 10a-2p Madison County Oratorical Contest 1p-4p Haircuts with Alyse
8 12p-2p Baseball Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	9 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	10 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg. 6p-8p Texas Holdem 7p-8p Comm & Americanism Cmte Mtg	11 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-7p Executive Committee Mtg.	12 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	13 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke and Bingo with Jerimy	14 Valentine's Day 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 7p-11p Bar Feud and Karaoke and w/Jerimy 5p Amore Valentines Day Dinner
15 12p-2p Baseball Bar Bingo 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	16 Presidents Day 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-8p Mbrs. Dinner and Meeting 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	17 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-8p Texas Holdem 6:30p Bunko Party	18 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 5:30p-6:30p ALR Meeting 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo	19 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie 6p Wargo Committee Mtg.	20 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke and Bingo with Jerimy	21 7p-11p Bar Feud and Karaoke and w/Jerimy 1p-4p Haircuts with Alyse 10a-1p District 12 Oratorical Contest Post 15 Decatur
22 12p-2pBaseball Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	23 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	24 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-8p Texas Holdem	25 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo	26 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	27 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke and Bingo with Jerimy	28 7p-11p Bar Feud and Karaoke and w/Jerimy