ROLL CALL

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Alabama's Largest American Legion Post

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Commander's Corner

Happy New Year!

As 2025 draws to a close, the staff and officers of Post 237 sincerely wish all veterans, service members, and their families a safe and joyful new year.

In 2026, let us acknowledge the service and sacrifices of military members past and present who have defended our American way of life and preserved the freedoms that we enjoy. Let us also pause and give thanks to the more than a quarter million troops who are currently standing watch around the world and who are unable to be with family and friends during the holidays. Most of all, let us think of the Gold Star families, for whom this season is a reminder of the ultimate price their loved-one paid in service to our nation.

Looking back on 2025, we are immensely grateful for our legionnaires, auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion members and supporters. You have volunteered for and you have sponsored our Americanism programs including ROTC support, Boys and Girls State, the Oratorical Contest, and American Legion Baseball. You have awarded scholarships to deserving students in our community. -->

You have donated thousands of dollars to veteran's suicide prevention programs via Operation Iron Ruck. You have donated time and resources to help individual veterans and their families throughout our community. You have provided truckloads of Thanksgiving staples and turkeys to deserving families and boxes of toys for children's Christmas. You have worked tirelessly over the past several months to complete our Post cleanup, fixup and paint up projects.

Our Honor Guard has donated countless hours and has conducted more than 125 veteran funeral services and patriotic ceremonies this year.

We celebrate the arrival of a new year and the countless opportunities to continue serving that it brings. We are a community and each of us has a talent to contribute. Let us keep in mind that together we can accomplish great things.

From all of us at American Legion Post 237, may this new year be filled with peace, joy, and gratitude for the blessings we share. And may we all carry the spirit of the season — hope, love, and goodwill—into the new year.

Tom Paone, Post 237 Commander

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

Upcoming Meetings

1/14 – Executive Committee mtg. 6 PM
1/15 through 1/17 - Department of Alabama Mid-Winter Conference
1/19 – Membership Meeting 7 PM

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, 1/3 and 1/17, 1pm-4pm.

Join us for Bunco Night on January 20th 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 expires on December 31st. Your membership expires on that date if your 2026 Dues are not paid. Dues may be paid by cash, check or plastic 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, my fellow Legionnaires! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed time with family and rejoiced at the birth of our Lord. Many of you may have realized that I have not been around as much as I had in previous months. I had experienced some challenges that began in October and seems may finally be heading towards a resolution. I received the best Christmas gift of all when my doctor told me it appears they caught my cancer in very early stages and should be 100% treatable. Hallelujah!

This brings me to the point of my January letter. People love making New Years resolutions, so I want to ask you to make one for me. In this New Year, I want all of you to schedule your health screenings. Breast exams, prostate exams, and any other exams you feel necessary, please go get them. While it may seem like an inconvenience, and you may "feel fine", like me, there could be an unwelcome guest residing within you. I am walking proof that early detection is a huge step towards successful treatment. We want to see you all next Christmas, so please folks, GO GET THOSE SCREENINGS!

Canteen Door and Foyer

When you step into the canteen you will notice a vast improvement in the door and the foyer entrance. Justin Gragg funded the patriotic wrap on the door. Tom Hartley designed and funded much of the foyer makeover. It is clean and dry, freshly painted, and well lit. John Szelich, Tom Paone, Thad Paone, Brad Mayo, Alyse Sena, Tom Hartley, Ken Carpenter, Jay Jennings and Frank Farnam contributed hours of labor to complete the project.

The Texas Hold Em fundraiser purchased a new parking lot sign. Justin Gragg and Tom Paone installed the new sign.

The Department of Alabama Mid-Winter Conference

The American Legion Department of Alabama will be conducting the Mid-Winter Conference at the Huntsville Embassy Suites from January 15-18, 2026. The agenda and conference information is available at: https://www.legional.org/convention-and-conferences.html

We will be welcoming visiting conference attendees with evening meals and entertainment, and the Honor Guard will provide van transportation between the convention hotel and our Post from 5 PM until 11 PM on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening. We will also host lunch on Saturday from 11 AM until 1:30 PM.

The evening entertainment lineup includes Karaoke with Howie in the canteen on Thursday, Karaoke with Jerimy on Friday and Saturday in the canteen, and the jazz band Jeff and Company in the ballroom on Friday.

We'll need help all three days. Please signup in the bar to be part of the team!

"I CONSIDER THIS A COLLECTIVE MEDAL RECOGNIZING THE COURAGE OF THE MEN DURING OUR MISSION"

American Legion Post 237 is honored to have Gary "Mike" Rose as one of its members. On 23 October 2017, Mike was awarded a belated Congressional Medal of Honor. When interviewed Mike said, "If I had done anything less than what I did on those four days, I would have failed myself and the guy on my left and the guy on my right." Mike's Medal of Honor citation reads as follows:

"Sergeant Gary M. Rose distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Special Forces Medic with a company-sized exploitation force, Special Operations Augmentation, Command and Control Central, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) 1st Special Forces, Republic of Vietnam. Between 11 and 14 September 1970, Sergeant Rose's company was continuously engaged by a well-armed and numerically superior hostile force deep in enemy-controlled territory. Enemy B-40 rockets and motor rounds rained down while the adversary sprayed the area with small arms and machine gun fire, wounding many and forcing everyone to seek cover. Sergeant Rose, braving the hail of bullets, sprinted fifty meters to a wounded soldier's side. He then used his own body to protect the casualty from further injury while treating his wounds. After stabilizing the casualty, Sergeant Rose carried him through the bullet-ridden combat zone to protective cover. As the enemy accelerated the attack, Sergeant Rose continuously exposed himself to intense fire as he fearlessly moved from casualty to casualty, administering life-saving aid. A B-40 rocket impacted just meters from Sergeant Rose, knocking him from his feet and injuring his head, hand, and foot. Ignoring his wounds, Sergeant Rose struggled to his feet and continued to render aid to the other injured soldiers. During an attempted medevac, Sergeant Rose again exposed himself to enemy fire as he attempted to hoist wounded personnel up to the hovering helicopter, which was unable to land due to unsuitable terrain. The medevac mission was aborted due to intense enemy fire and the helicopter crashed a few miles away due to the enemy fire sustained during the attempted extraction. Over the next two days, Sergeant Rose continued to expose himself to enemy fire in order to treat the wounded, estimated to be half of the company's personnel. On September 14, during the company's eventual helicopter extraction, the enemy launched a full-scale offensive. Sergeant Rose, after loading wounded personnel on the first set of extraction helicopters, returned to the outer perimeter under enemy fire, carrying friendly casualties and moving wounded personnel to more secure positions until they could be evacuated. He then returned to the perimeter to help repel the enemy until the final extraction helicopter arrived. As the final helicopter was loaded, the enemy began to overrun the company's position, and the helicopter's Marine door gunner was shot in the neck. Sergeant Rose instantly administered critical medical treatment onboard the helicopter, saving the Marine's life. The helicopter carrying Sergeant Rose crashed several hundred meters from the extraction point, further injuring Sergeant Rose and the personnel on board. Despite his numerous wounds from the past three days, Sergeant Rose continued to pull and carry unconscious and wounded personnel out of the burning wreckage and continued to administer aid to the wounded until another extraction helicopter arrived. Sergeant Rose's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty were critical to saving numerous lives over that four-day period. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 1st Special Forces, and the United States Army."

Contributed by Tom Hartley

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 the upcoming events in January.

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.

First Wednesday Steak Lunch: The 1st Wednesday Steak Lunch will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. We will be selling ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, and a roll. Volunteers will serve lunch in the Canteen during the normal hours of 11 AM until 1:30 PM.

House Committee Meeting: The House Committee meets on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6 PM in the Meeting Room.

Bunko Party in the Ballroom: A Bunko Party is in the Ballroom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This month Bunko will be on January 20, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

New Years Eve Party: The New Years Eve Party will be on Wednesday, December 31st from 6 PM until 1 AM. Tickets are $20. There will be breakfast at 11 PM and a champagne toast at midnight. Howie will host karaoke.

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!

Auxiliary Christmas Gala
Saturday December 13, 2025

CHRISTMAS DURING WORLD WAR TWO

K. A. Carpenter, Post Historian

"Christmas dinner on a haystack, Italy, 25 December 1943"

Home-Front War Time Conditions

In 1942 a rationing system was established to guarantee minimum amounts of necessities to everyone and prevent inflation. In Jan. 1942, because of the interruption of rubber sources, tires were the first item to be rationed. Gasoline rationing conserved rubber also. Speed limits were created and enforced, By1943, government-issued ration coupons were required to purchase coffee, sugar, meat, cheese, butter, lard, margarine, canned foods, dried fruits, jam, gasoline, bicycles, fuel oil, clothing, silk or nylon stockings, shoes, and many other items. Automobiles and home appliances were no longer made. To get a classification and a book of rationing stamps, people had to appear before a local rationing board. Each person in a household received a ration book, including babies and children. Durning World War Two Americans at home and overseas did their best to celebrate Christmas. Wartime separations and deprivations made Christmas celebrations more meaningful and concerning. Americans found themselves in a "survival mode." Millions of women found themselves being the head of the household and often called to contribute to the war effort by taking on production work in factory jobs and other roles previously held by men. Childcare changed dramatically as day-care centers were sometimes established at the mother's factory workplace.

Gifts

Due to wartime rationing and the change of many toy companies from toys to war production, such gifts were scarce. Metals, rubber, and other materials used in toy production were now needed for war production. Due to the availability of wood, paper and cardboard, dolls, puzzles, and games became popular. Hobby kits with a military and war motifs were also popular. The famous "toy train' Lionel Corporation produced a Wartime Freight Train made entirely of heavy-duty paper stock. Handmade gifts were commonplace. Fewer gifts were exchanged among adults to ensure the children received toys and fun items. Knitting and crocheting, painting and a variety of crafts became a source of gifts. Food ration stamps were gifted to friends. In addition, the government encouraged people to purchase war bonds as gifts.

Families sent candy and cookies to family service personnel. Due to the rationing of sugar and other ingredients these food items were particularly appreciated. In addition, warm socks, often knitted by hand, were much appreciated. The receipt of neckties and cologne may have been appreciated but with question.

Mail

"To many military personnel, often the importance of mail and holiday packages from home was second only to food." A memorable card or gift item might be carried throughout the war. The US Army and Navy Postal Service collected gifts, cards and other mail in September and October to ensure delivery by Christmas. The Navy restricted packages to under five pounds. In 1942, Hallmark reinforced this morale booster with a new advertising slogan: "keep 'em happy with mail" and offered cards specifically for servicemen and women in each branch of the military, or featured Santa dressed as a soldier. For loved ones serving overseas. Americans on

the homefront sent packages to their relatives and friends away at war, they often included clothing and "photos of their families, landmarks from their hometowns, and holiday celebrations. The U.S. Postmaster General in 1942 noted that communication with their loved ones "strengthens fortitude, enlivens patriotism, and makes loneliness endurable." To help inexperienced state-side postal clerks sort mail, **postal zones were established in 1943**

The "No mail, low morale" 6888th Central Postal Battalion: (nicknamed the "Six Triple-Eight) was an African American Women's Army Corp battalion and the only WAC unit to be deployed overseas during World War II. It was responsible for millions of pieces of mail getting into the hands of U.S. soldiers for Christmas, as well throughout the rest of the year.

Celebrations.

For Americans serving overseas, and those on the homefront Christmas celebration was less than joyful. Holiday nostalgic standards released during this period such as "White Christmas" (1941), "I'll Be Home for Christmas" (1943), and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" (1944) were also less than joyful. Black-out orders were enacted, especially on the west coast. After 1941 the National Tree would remain dark for the remainder of war. The American holiday wish was for the end of the war.

Many military bases arranged Santa visits, concerts, and parties for the men. In addition, Americans often put together parties for local children. Airmen of the 94th Bombardment Group in Bury St. Edmunds threw a big party for British orphans.

Even "at the well-established" German (NOT Japanese) Prisoner of War camps, some Kriegies (English slang for the German Kriegsgefangenen or prisoner of war) were fortunate to receive Christmas parcels. The American Red Cross packed and shipped 75,000 Christmas parcels in the summer of 1944 leaving in time for Christmas arrival. The packages contained mixtures of food (including canned turkey and fruit cake), tobacco, games, and Christmas decorations."

"In Stalag Luft III, they had a gigantic "bash." POWs were given freedom to roam the grounds on Christmas Eve and Christmas night. Alcohol was made in several camps by fermenting raisins from aid packages. Most of the camps had Christmas concerts and services. At Stalag Luft III the auditorium held 700 men, but even with several performances, not all of the 11,000 POWs could see the Christmas pageant."

"In some of the camps, including Stalag VIIA, some barracks received small Christmas trees from guards, which they decorated with snowflakes cut from tin cans, lint, food labels, and nails. Formal dinners were served in many barracks with every mouthful savored. Some of these details as well as menus, cards and programs, were recorded in Wartime Logs, journals printed by the YMCA and distributed by the Red Cross to POWs in Europe."

"Less than a month later, nearly 80,000 Kriegies would begin" the Long March". In one of the coldest winters on record—23 December 1944 at Stalag Luft III in Sagan, with temperatures just below 0°F—80,000 Allied POWs were evacuated from camps on the eastern edge of German territory and forced, mainly on foot, to camps further away from the advancing Russians."

Foods

Men and women serving on ships or on bases, at home or abroad, had elaborate meals of turkey and ham with "all the fixings". Even on the front lines, kitchens tried to provide turkey dinners. On Guadalcanal, the troops were happy simply to receive an orange and a warm beer. The government began rationing various foods in 1942,

Americans gave up turkey so that they could ship more turkeys to service people overseas, and at bases within the U.S. People scrimped to make sure they had enough ration points and such to get what they wanted.

Sugar was the first food to be rationed during the war, with butter added later. Baking Christmas desserts continued. Home economists of the Dept. of Agriculture, and various food manufacturers, developed new wartime recipes using ingredients that were cheap and widely available. Victory cakes, which used very little sugar (if any) were a popular option, as were gelatin-based deserts.

Decorations and Trees

Traditional decorations were scarce, but with military improvisation and creativity on hospital wards overseas, nurses snipped tin from used plasma cans to make stars to string from the tent ceilings or to decorate little trees. Ration tins and foil wrappings supplied makeshift decorations.

Christmas Trees: By 1942, due to male labor shortage, labor costs, and farmers fees for tree cutting, Christmas trees were in short supply. Artificial trees (German goose feathers. etc.) had been available decades before the war. Americans adopted US artificial straw or British toilet brush bristle trees.

Many Americans trashed their German blown-glass ornaments and exotic Japanese ornaments as soon as the war began. The Corning Glass Company began producing Christmas tree balls using machines designed to produce light bulbs. Many people made their own ornaments at home. Magazines had patterns for ornaments made out of non-priority war materials (paper, string, and natural objects - pinecones or nuts). People mixed a box of Lux soap powder with two cups of water and brushed the concoction on the branches of their tree for a snow effect.

Blackouts: Although some cities, like Seattle, started **blackout drills several months before the attack on Pearl Harbor,** blackouts were far more widespread in Dec. 1941. Electric bubble lights were created during the 1940s. However, blackouts and blackout drills meant outdoor holiday light displays weren't shown, while indoor Christmas trees went either unlit or covered windows.

Travel

Travel during the holidays was limited for most families due to the rationing of tires and gasoline. With the rise of automobile traffic in the 1920s and 1930s railroad passenger traffic declined. However, during the war 43 million soldiers were transported at an average of 1 million per month, and the number of civilian passenger travel dramatically increased.

At the end of the war (Sep. 1945) the military set in motion "Operation Magic Carpet," to get military personnel home as soon and possible. Later, "Operation Santa Claus" used planes, trains, and ships to get them home for Christmas. The *USS Saratoga* transported home a total of 29,204 servicemen – more than any other vessel. On the West coast, train and road traffic was so crowded that the National Guard was used to direct traffic. Those who were not-quite-home for Christmas still celebrated and were overjoyed to be on U.S. soil again. Many recalled how strangers gladly sacrificed to help returning vets. Civilians gave up their seats or tickets to get the vets home or delivered food and gifts to vets delayed at train stations across the county.

A trucker from Colorado carried thirty-five vets in his truck and drove across country to deliver them to each of their homes in the Midwest. A Los Angeles cab driver drove six returning vets to their homes in Chicago – some 2700 miles. Neither driver would accept money beyond the cost of fuel.

Christmas 1945 became the most celebrated Christmas in U.S. history. For the first time in years people felt free to decorate. Black-out curtains were removed, and brightly lit trees glowed in homes, town squares, and on the South Lawn of the White House.

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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

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

January 7, 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

PAINT JOB

A blonde was hard up for money, so she walked around her neighborhood trying to find a job. She met a nice man who said he would give her work. All she had to do was paint his porch white. He gave her a bucket of paint and left. He walked into his house, laughing. He told his wife what he had done. "Frank, our porch covers half of the house! You're so mean," his wife replied. Three hours later, the blond went in the house and gave the bucket of white paint back to the man. The astonished man handed her a $100 dollar bill and asked how she finished so quickly. "It takes time, but it was easy," was her reply. "Oh, and it's a Ferrari, not a Porsche."

Contributed by Tom Hartley

Around the Post

Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Santa Claus showed up early to cook pancakes for the youngsters and their parents and grandparents at the Pancake Breakfast with Santa on December 12, 2025.

Christmas Dinner

Commander Tom Paone wished attendees a Merry Christmas (left) and First Vice Commander, Brian Stephens, (below) presented an informative session on protecting yourself online at the Christmas Dinner on December 15, 2025.

American Legion Post 237 Bingo Annex
3806 Colonial Park Circle SW, Huntsville, AL

Monday, Wednesday and Saturday
Doors Open at 4PM
Starts at 6PM
Sunday
Doors Open at 1PM
Starts at 3:30PM

Saturday Bingo is canceled until further notice!

Bingo supports many of our charitable programs. Legion Bingo, Sons of the American Legion Bingo, and Auxiliary Bingo fund our Boys and Girls State programs, American Legion Baseball, Veteran's Relief Fund, ROTC and JROTC support programs, scholarships and many other community and veteran related endeavors.

Come and join us for a fun outing at the Annex and help keep our programs strong. There is a isolated smoking section and the public is invited. Who knows, you might win a big jackpot!

~ Post 237 January 2026 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			31 6p-1a New Year's Eve Party	1 New Year's Day 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	2 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke and Bingo with Jerimy	3 7p-11p Bar Feud and Karaoke and w/Jerimy 1p-4p Haircuts with Alyse
4 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	5 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	6 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-8p Texas Holdem 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	7 11a-1:30p 1st Wed Steak Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo	8 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	9 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke and Bingo with Jerimy	10 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 7p-11p Bar Feud and Karaoke and w/Jerimy
11 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck Dinner 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	12 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	13 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg. 6p-8p Texas Holdem 7p-8p Comm & Americanism Cmte Mtg	14 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-7p Exec. Committee Meeting	15 Mid-Winter Conference 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	16 Mid-Winter Conference 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke and Bingo with Jerimy 6p-10p Jeff and Company Jazz Band	17 Mid-Winter Conference 7p-11p Bar Feud and Karaoke and w/Jerimy 1p-4p Haircuts with Alyse
18 Mid-Winter Conference 12p-2p Bar Bingo 2p-3p SAL Meeting - Sons of the American Legion Meeting 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	19 Martin Luther King 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	20 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6:30-9p Bunco Party 6p-8p Texas Holdem	21 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 5:30p-6:30p ALR Meeting 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo	22 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	23 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke and Bingo with Jerimy	24 7p-11p Bar Feud and Karaoke and w/Jerimy
25 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	26 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	27 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-8p Texas Holdem	28 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo	29 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	30 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke and Bingo with Jerimy	31 7p-11p Bar Feud and Karaoke and w/Jerimy