ROLL CALL

Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237

Alabama's Largest American Legion Post

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Commander's Corner

Memorial Day

We will celebrate Memorial Day on May the 25th this year. The post-Civil War, Grand Army of the Republic, General Order 11 formalized a Memorial Day modeled after the southern tradition of Decoration Day where flowers were placed on the graves of war dead by community members.

After 150 years, our customs and traditions have evolved, and Americans honor and remember veterans who have died while serving our nation and those who have passed after their military service. On the last Monday in May we commemorate these men and woman who have chosen to defend our country and preserve our way of life.

Since the founding of our nation there have been an estimated 558 million residents in the US. There have been more than 40 million American veterans and more than 1.1 million of them have died in the service of our nation since the American Revolution.

Many of us have classmates, friends, or relatives who count among those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We, as members of the American Legion, are here for grieving families and to support those who are living with wounds that will last a lifetime.

We should not forget the fallen. We should speak their names and tell their stories and honor their legacy. We should resolve to defend the freedoms for which they have paid. Patriotism and Americanism should eclipse politics. The American flag should be displayed proudly and protected, and military veterans should be honored as society's true celebrities.

My father's younger brother, Lt. Fred Paone, lies in the Lorraine American Cemetery in St. Avold, France with over 10,000 American soldiers, sailors, and airmen who answered the call and never saw their homes again. His story is not unique; it is repeated all across Europe and the Pacific theatre.

It is impossible for us to decorate the graves of those thousands of young heroes in far off lands. However, we can honor them by decorating the graves of veterans in our cemeteries and by participating in memorial services in our community.

I ask you to take the time this month to join a group that is placing flags on veteran's graves and on Memorial Day to attend one of the commemorative ceremonies with your family and then come to the Post and enjoy a hamburger or hot dog with your Legion Family. See page 2 for a list of Memorial Day activities in the Huntsville area.

Tom Paone, Post 237 Commander

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Upcoming Meetings

5/6	Finance Committee	2 PM
5/7	Sons of the American Legion Meeting	6 PM
5/7	Boys State Orientation	6 PM
5/12	House Committee	6 PM
5/13	Executive Committee	6 PM
5/13	Communications & Americanism Cte.	7 PM
5/18	Legion Election	12 PM - 6 PM
5/18	Membership Meeting	7 PM

Memorial Day Activities

5/16 0900 Maple Hill Cemetary – Flag placement
5/16 1100 Huntsville Memory Gardens – Flag placement
5/25 1000 Memorial Day Service -Valhalla Funeral Home
5/25 1100 Veterans Memorial Park Wreath Laying
5/25 1230 Hot Dog/Hamburger Lunch at Post 237
5/30 0900 Maple Hill Cemetary – Flag pickup
5/30 1100 Huntsville Memory Gardens – Flag pickup

CLAYTON E. MONEYMAKER AMERICAN LEGION POST 237

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Tom Paone	Commander
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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.

Auxiliary Update

Hello Auxiliary members. The 2026-2027 election will be held on the 3rd Monday in May. If you would like to nominate or be nominated as an American Legion Auxiliary officer, the following positions are open:

President / Vice President / Secretary / Treasurer / Sgt at Arms / Chaplain

Nominations were announced at the April 20th membership meeting,
If interested, please contact Joyce Hampton @ 256-990-4732 OR Tanya Phelps @ 256-783-5903.

Thank you,

Tanya Phelps
President
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 237

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

Haircuts at the Post

Alyse Sena will be doing haircuts in the meeting room on the second and third Saturdays, 5/2 and 5/16, 1pm-4pm.

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!

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 31, 2025. Your membership expired on that date if your 2026 dues were not paid. Door key cards expired on December 31st. When you pay your dues, the key card will be reactivated. So please present your expired key card for renewal.

Dues may be paid by cash, check or plastic card in the Adjutant Office Monday - Friday between 1100 and 1700 hours, or leave your key card in an envelope with your name and place it in the Adjutant box at the bar. You may also pay dues online 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 35807-1176.

Thank you for supporting Huntsville Post 237.

Join us for Bunco Night on May 19th at 6:30 PM in the ballroom.

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.

UGLY WALK

Hosted by The Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237

🗓️ **Date: June 13, 2026**
⏰ **Time: 5:00 PM**
📍 **Location: American Legion Post 237**

Get ready for the most outrageous, hilarious, and unforgettable night!

Come laugh, support a great cause, and embrace the ugly

Don't miss it... because honestly...
IT IS WHAT IT IS

Prizes for "Ugliest Outfit"
Music & Entertainment
Food & Drinks Available

***No contestant can contribute more than $20 to their jar!**
NO PHOTOS SHARING!!!!!

📞 **Contact:**
Lana: (256) 426-4050

A Message from First Vice Commander Brian Stephens

Hello fellow Legionnaires, SALs, Auxiliary, and families! This will be my final letter to you as your First Vice Commander. First, I want to say that it was an absolute privilege to work alongside the many people who make this Post work. From the Club Manager and bartenders to the elected officers, and the many wonderful volunteers, I can say without equivocation that this is the finest group of people working together for a common cause, that I have been a part of. Thank you for the opportunity.

Second, I would like to apologize for my sparse appearance at the Post over the last several months. When my health took an unexpected turn last October, it took the wind right out of my sails. My energy levels are sporadic and often drop off without warning. This leads me to an important point. I urge everyone in the Post and their families to go and get your annual health screenings. Early detection is a key to fighting the illnesses we face as we get older. A few moments of discomfort can spare you from months or even years of suffering. It is worth it and gives great peace of mind to your families, both at home and your Legion family.

Lastly, I would like to urge everyone to consider volunteering at the Post as often as you can spare the time. The wonderful events that we host take a lot of effort. The more volunteers we have the better the event and the less everyone has to work. Your time is greatly appreciated!

The Post elections are in May, so please get out and cast your ballots for the officers of 2026-2027! Give them the same support you gave us this past year. Remember, the Post is as good as you make it. We need volunteers and officers to make things as good or better as they have been this past year.

Thank you my friends, may God Bless you all in the coming year!

2026 Alabama Boys State

The American Legion Posts in Madison County are pleased to announce the 89th Alabama Boys State Convention. 2026 Boys State offers an opportunity for rising senior boys who are outstanding students and leaders in their schools to experience democracy at work, enhance their leadership skills, develop new friendships, and learn from Alabama political and business leaders.

The 2026 Boys State Convention will be held at the University of Alabama Tuscaloosa from Sunday, May 24, 2026, to Saturday, May 30, 2026.

We strongly encourage that each prospective delegate reviews the Alabama Boys State website at: http://alboysstate.org.

All applicants must submit a Boys State Application to the Department of Alabama by May 1, 2026. Also, Madison County applicants should submit the 2026 Madison County Boys State Information Sheet by May 1, 2026, indicating if he wishes to attend the Madison County Boys State Orientation on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the Post 237 Annex at 3806 Colonial Park Circle SW, Huntsville, AL 35805. Yancy Mitchell, Dean of Boys State Counselors, and delegates from the 2025 class will discuss what to expect and how to get the most out of the Boys State experience. Because of seating restrictions, we ask each family to limit attendance at the orientation to the student and his parents.

Post 237 will sponsor 2 delegates from Sparkman and 2 delegates from Columbia High Schools.

For questions, please contact Kim Smith at 256-694-5440.

ARMY RANGER MEDIC'S HEROISM

On a hot summer night in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, in 2019, a special operations U.S. Army Ranger raid force began an assault on a compound with enemy targets.

As enemy fighters fired back at U.S. forces and the Rangers began to close in on a target, there was a huge explosion, injuring three Rangers. Amidst rounds of machine gun fire, rockets and grenades, two Ranger combat medics, Army Staff Sergeant Charles Bowen and Army Sergeant Ty Able, leapt into action to save six American Lives that night.

Pulling the critically wounded behind cover from enemy fire, Bowen and Able quickly began performing advanced surgical techniques and providing Rangers with blood infusions with supplies they had on hand.

While the medics stabilized some of the injured, unfortunately, two of the injured Rangers were losing blood, and fast. Unfortunately, Bowen and Able had already utilized all their blood units for other injured Army personnel. Knowing that this was a life-or-death matter, the two medics decided to attempt the Ranger O-Low (ROLO) Titre procedure, in which a volunteer transfers his or her blood to the injured Ranger on the battlefield, with the assistance and equipment from the medics. This procedure at the time was relatively new and had never been done in the middle of combat, But Bowen, Able and two volunteer blood donors were able to pull it off.

As enemy fire continued to rage around them, they worked quickly to transfer large quantities of blood from their volunteers to two injured Rangers, saving their lives. Throughout the procedure and other life-saving techniques, the two medics also continually shielded their patients with their own bodies to prevent further injuries from enemy fire.

As the wounded were loaded onto a helicopter for evacuation, Able with his weapon kept up a steady attack against the enemy, to provide them with cover.

Bowen and Able treated a fatal hemorrhage, triaged two additional casualties and tended to several other injuries that night. Their calm demeanors under pressure, as they worked to save the lives of their fellow soldiers while under fire, demonstrates incredible dedication and valor.

Contributed by Tom Hartley

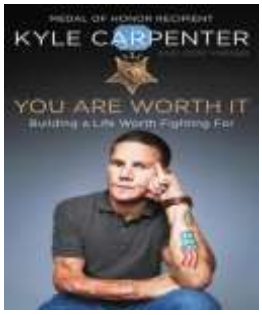
Post 237 is Collecting Items for Movers for Moms

This heartfelt program aims to recognize and support moms living in Owen's House shelter during Mother's Day. Victims of domestic abuse or homelessness receive small gifts, bringing comfort and joy to their lives.

We are partnering with Two Men and a Truck and encouraging donations of comforting items such as soaps, hairstyling products, shampoos, conditioners, diapers and more. The list is provided below. The collection period runs from March 19th through the 1st week of May. Please leave your donation in the box in the canteen.

U. S. NAVY DESTROYER TO BE NAMED FOR U.S.M.C. CPL, YOUNGEST LIVING MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

K. A. Carpenter, Post Historian



Autobiography

Cpl. Carpenter

Arleigh Burke-class DDGs

On 21 Nov., 2010, Kyle Carpenter (Lance Corporal [LCpl., E-3]), a squad automatic weapon gunner, and LCpl. Nick Eufrazio of the Co. F, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regt., were manning a rooftop post in the village of Marjah, Helmand Providence, Afghanistan, from a Taliban attack. When a grenade landed near them. Carpenter (age 21) "Without hesitation, and with complete disregard for his own saftey" moved toward the grenade to shield Eufrazio. "When the grenadade detonated his body absorbed the brunt of the blast, severely wounding him, but saving the life of his fellow Marine." He was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Obama in 2014.

His Medal of Honor citation includes:

> While serving as an Automatic Rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 1, 1st Marine Division (Forward), 1 Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), in Helmand Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on 21 November 2010. Lance Corporal Carpenter was a member of a platoon-sized coalition force, comprised of two reinforced Marine squads partnered with an Afghan National Army squad. The platoon had established Patrol Base Dakota two days earlier in a small village in the Marjah District in order to disrupt enemy activity and provide security for the local Afghan population. Lance Corporal Carpenter and a fellow Marine were manning a rooftop security position on the perimeter of Patrol Base Dakota when the enemy initiated a daylight attack with hand grenades, one of which landed inside their sandbagged position. Without hesitation, and with complete disregard for his own safety, Lance Corporal Carpenter moved toward the grenade in an attempt to shield his fellow Marine from the deadly blast. When the grenade detonated, his body absorbed the brunt of the blast, severely wounding him, but saving the life of his fellow Marine.

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Carpenter suffered the loss of his right eye, most of his teeth, and shattered his right arm and jaw. His heart flatlined three times during his evacuation. He underwent 40 reconstructive surgeries and lengthy rehabilitation processes. His autobiography, *Kyle Carpenter, You Are Worth It. Building a Life Worth Fighting For,* describes the dedicated service of the military and civilian medical personnel who rescued him, performed multiple surgeries, and cared for him, resulting in his remarkable recovery, as well as the loving support of his family.

In July 2013 Carpenter was medically retired as a Corporal. In 2017 he graduated from the University of South Carolina with a BA in international studies. Carpenter is a public speaker, world traveler, bestselling author, and hosts the Kyle Carpenter Podcast featuring inspirational people from various walks of life.

LCpl. Eufrazio suffered severe traumatic brain injury for grenade shrapnel. With damage to his frontal lobe, he was told he would never talk again. However, his speech recovered two years after the injury. His injuries required spinal taps and a stints to relieve pressure on the brain. Much of his skull had to be rebuilt. According to a Feb. 2025 Facebook posting his last cranioplasty was successful, has a full head of hair, hasn't experienced seizeures in several years, and goes to physicipal therapy weekly in his hometown of Plymouth, MA.

LCpl. Carpenter was rescued by **Navy Hospital Corpsman third-class [E-3], Christopher Frend,** who preformed vital lifesaving proceduers under fire. Carpenter refers to Frend as "One of the most badass guys and Navy corpsman I have ever served beside. He saved my life and so many others." He was present at Carpenter's Medal of Honor ceremony. After his Navy service, Frend earned a college degree and became a Marine infantry officer.

Traditionally, U.S. Navy destroyers are named for individuals who have shown exceptional service in the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps, including Medal of Honor recipients. **In keeping with this honored tradition, The *USS Kyle Carpenter* (DDG-148) will be the 98th Arleigh Burke-class (Flight III) Aegis guided missile destroyer. At the time she was named (Jan. 2025) Marine Corporal Kyle Carpenter was the youngest living Medal of Honor recipient. At age 37, Carpenter remains the youngest living Medal of Honor recipient.**

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Ceder, Riley. *Future Destroyer to be Named After Marine Medal of Honor Recipient*, *Navy Times*. Sept. 2025.

Goons Up February 9, 2025 ·Meet Nick Eufrazio

https://www.linkedin.com/in/kyle-carpenter-0bb97263

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Kyle_Carpenter

https://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/your-marine- Nicholas Eufrazio:

https://www.dvidshub.net/image/1431585/kyle-carpenter-hall-horoes-induction-ceremony. Frend:

https://www.instagram.com/p/Bim2-3FBTz8/. Frend

AI: Carpenter, Eufrazio, Destroyer naming

Honor Guard Donations at the Membership Meeting, April 20, 2026

Left: Mr. Steve Cook, a member of the Redstone Arsenal-Huntsville Air Defense Artillery Association Executive Council, presents a $1,500 donation to Earl Hokanson, Post 237 Honor Guard Commander.

Right: Patrick Brewington, Marc Harris, Perry Bowden and Ted Whitney, officers of Vets with Vettes and Corvette Owners present a $1,500 donation to Earl Hokanson, Post 237 Honor Guard Commander.

Chaplain's Corner

Bill Pond
Post 237 Chaplain

Any member of the Post who is going in the hospital for 2 or 3 days, please contact the Chaplain at 931-209-7694.

I had major foot and ankle surgery on January 14th. I had one splint and two casts and then went to a boot. As soon as the boot came off, I started physical therapy which will continue for two months.

I want to thank the Post for their prayers, support, and phone calls.
I am now working on getting strength back in my leg and foot.

Do you ever wonder, does God hear your prayers? God hears your prayers. I marvel at how God has answered some of my prayers. Some were answered in a way I never expected. God is a good Father, and he bend down to listen to our prayers.

Our prayers are described as incense, a pleasing aroma to God. →

Overcoming fear – in the Bible:

God is love and perfect love casts out fear. 1 John 4:18

I sought the Lord. He heard me. He answered me. Psalm 34:4

He delivered me from all my fears.
Seeking after God.
Pray to God for deliverance from fear.
It highlights God's faithfulness.
Meaning: The verse encourages trust in God during times of fear and anxiety.

The promise: That he hears and delivers.

I sought implies an active, intentional, diligent response from me.

The answer: God answer by providing peace and a comforting presence.

If you would like to read more text for this month, visit our website at:

https://www.legion237.com/files/May_2026_Chaplains_Message.pdf

JROTC Awards

Above left: Post 237 Second Vice Commander Kim Smith presents the American Legion Military Excellence Award to Cadet Second Lieutenant Mariia Adamski at Huntsville High School on April 20th.

Above right: Post 237 Second Vice Commander Kim Smith presents the American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Carson Mignano at Huntsville High School on April 20th.

Above: Post Commander Tom Paone presents the Military Excellence Award to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Giovanni Nava and the Scholastic Excellence Award to Cadet Major Fawensky Valery at Columbia High School on April 17th.

Division 1 Commander Jerry Phelps presents the Military Excellence Award to Cadet Colonel Joshua Magers (above) and the Scholastic Excellence Award to Cadet First Lieutenant Destiny Clay (not shown) at Buckhorn High School on April 14th.

Post 237 Historian Ken Carpenter presents the Military Excellence Award to Cadet Captain Franklin Schantz (above left) and the Scholastic Excellence Award to Cadet Captain Caleb Durda (above right) at Lee High School on April 22nd.

American Legion Post 237 Baseball

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Huntsville, AL 35807

Do you know what 89 members of the Baseball Hall of Fame including Bob Feller, Yogi Berra, Frank Robinson, Chipper Jones, Greg Maddox, Justin Verlander, Ted Williams, Albert Pujols, Dusty Baker, Roy Campanella and more than half of today's MLB players have in common? You guessed it, they played American Legion Baseball!

American Legion Baseball was formed in 1925. In its 101 years there have been millions of young ballplayers who have enhanced their baseball and leadership skills and fostered their appreciation for their country while playing Legion ball. American Legion baseball has allowed these players to showcase their talents and develop friendships with other young men that last a lifetime.

Post 237 has sponsored an American Legion baseball team for many years. Rick Bragg, Post 237 coach and former high school and college coach, has led our program for 29 years. During his tenure, his teams have won three Alabama State Championships, and 42 players have been awarded college baseball scholarships. Many of Rick's former players are coaching baseball at various levels.

As you might imagine, this program is expensive. Unlike other 'travel teams' our coaches are all volunteers, and we work hard to keep the registration fee as low as possible so that players who could not otherwise afford to play summer ball get that opportunity. The average cost of an out-of-town tournament is approximately $2200 including registration, hotels and travel. We try to play five tournaments a year including the state tournament. Expenses for an average season exceed $20,000 including uniforms, equipment, insurance, field rental, umpires, travel, etc.

If you would like to help the baseball program with a monetary donation, please send a check to the address above and note American Legion Post 237 Baseball, in the memo line. We will send you a receipt noting that your tax-deductible charitable donation was for American Legion Post 237 Baseball a program of the Clayton E. Moneymaker American Legion Post 237, a 501(c)19 not-for-profit organization. Your interest and support of the Post and of our programs is greatly appreciated!

All proceeds from the jukebox in the canteen for the month of May will be donated to the baseball program.

Wargo 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 $2000 award paid directly to the educational institution for tuition and fees.

Application must be made before April 30, 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

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 May.

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 is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 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.

Sip & Paint Night: Kim Smith will be hosting a Sip and Paint Night in the Ballroom on Thursday, May 28th at 6:30 PM. A $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.

House Committee Meeting: The House Committee meets on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6 PM in the Meeting Room.

Membership Dinner: The membership dinner will be on Monday, May 18th at 6 PM.

Bunco Party in the Ballroom: A Bunco Party is held in the Ballroom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This month Bunco will be held on May 19, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Memorial Day: Wreath ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park at 11 AM followed by hamburger/hot dog lunch at Post 237.

Memorial Day Flag Placement: Huntsville Memory Gardens 11 AM on May 16th. Pickup May 30th.

Texas Roadhouse Rib Sale: The Post 237 Legion Baseball team is selling the Texas Roadhouse rack of ribs with a BBQ sauce and appetizer voucher for $20. Order at the bar, sale ends May 14th and pickup is May 29th, just in time for Memorial Day.

Ugly Walk: Signup for the Ugly Walk on June 13th. See details in the flyer on page 4.

Raffle Tickets for Items on the Back Table for Post 237 Legion Baseball

The Post is selling tickets for a raffle to benefit Post 237 Legion baseball with the drawing on Memorial Day. The items are located on the back table under the big TV. Tickets can be purchased at the bar.

Patrick 5-0 Yim's Memorial Service

The Honor Guard conducted military honors for longtime Post 237 Historian Patrick (5-0) Yim on Thursday April 23rd outside the ballroom. A reception with the family was held after the services.

American Legion Post 237's 2026 V.A. Clinic Veterans' Care Packs

Month Packed	Suggested Mens Items	Legion Member's List Remarks	Month Packed	Suggested Ladies Items	Auxiliary's List Remarks
	Auxiliary Provided Back Pack	1 Each Month		Auxiliary Provided Back Pack	1 Each Month
	Shaving Cream	Small Can		Ladies Skin Cream	Small Container
	Men's Shaving Razor [1]	2 Each		Ladies Shaving Razor	2 Each
	Undershirts	M, L or XL Size		Soap	Bar or Pump
	Men's Underwear	M, L or XL Size		Ladies Underwear	
	Paper Towel Roll	1 Each		Paper Towel Roll	1 Each
	Socks	Size 6-11		Socks	Ladies
	Soap	Bar or Pump		Towel	Face
	Towel	Face		Antiseptic Hand Cleaner	1 Bottle or wipes
	Antiseptic Hand Cleaner	1 Bottle or wipes		Letter Writing Paper	Small Pad
	Letter Writing Paper	Small Pad		Post-It Note Pad	1 Each [1]
	Post-It Note Pad	1 Each [1]		Pencils (Sharpened)	2 Each [1]
	Pencils (Sharpened) [1]	2 Each [1]		Pens	2 Each
	Pens	2 Each		Tampon or pads	
	Forever Stamps	Two [1]		Forever Stamps	Two [1]
	Envelopes (Legal & Reg)	1 Each Size [1]		Envelopes (Legal & Reg)	1 Each Size [1]
	Sun Screen	Small Can/Bottle		Sun Screen	Small Can/Bottle
	Peppermints	3 Each [1]		Peppermints	3 Each [1]
	Deodorant	Trial Size		Deodorant	Trial Size
	Dan provides items marked (1)			*Dan provides items marked (1)*	

(Note:2026 suggestions only but any item(s) to fill 2 back packs per month for 6-Month trial.)

Drop off items during operating hours in marked bins in the main hall of Post 237. Thank You!

Backpacks for Homeless Vets

Post 237 Legionnaires and Auxiliary Unit 237 are teaming with the Huntsville VA Clinic to provide a backpack for a female and male veteran every month. The VA will award the backpack to a veteran when she/he comes into the clinic for an appointment or treatment. Danny Marr is coordinating this effort. The donation bin is located in the ballroom and a list of suggested donation items is included to the left.

SAL Squadron Meeting Time Change

Post 237 Sons of the American Legion Squadron has voted to change their monthly meeting to 6 PM on the first Thursday of each month. The first of the newly scheduled meetings will be held on May 7th at 6 PM. Nominations and elections for 2026-2027 officers will also be held at that meeting.

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 in the Social Quarters

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

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 Sat 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

Haircuts with Alyse – 2ND 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.

May 6, 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.

She's Not Looking to Be Saved. She's Looking for Her Team.

You know what the hardest part of leaving the military is? It's not the paperwork. It's not the transition assistance programs or the VA appointments or learning to sleep without one ear open. It's losing your people.

The mission changes. The uniform comes off. And suddenly the team that had your back — the one that made the impossible feel possible, the one that turned strangers into brothers and sisters — is gone. And nothing in the civilian world quite fills that space.

Women veterans feel that just as deeply as any of us. They served in every branch, every theater, every capacity. They took the same oath. They made the same sacrifices. And when they came home, too many found themselves invisible — not just to the public, but to the very veteran community they'd earned the right to belong to.

They don't want to be defined by what they survived. They don't want to be treated as a cause or a case or a category. They want what every veteran wants after the service ends: people who get it. A place to belong. A team.

Invisible Warriors exists to be that team.

Not a rescue organization. Not a crisis hotline. A community — built by and for women veterans who are ready to stop going it alone. The support is real and it's there when it's needed, but it lives inside the relationships, not in front of them. Because that's how it works in the military, too. You don't talk about it in a conference room. You talk about it on a run, over coffee, on the back end of a long day with someone who was there.

When a woman veteran called us not long ago with nowhere to turn — no safety net, no family nearby, living out of her car — what she needed wasn't a pamphlet. She needed people who showed up. And they did. She had a safe place to sleep that night, and people checking on her the next morning. That's what a team does.

These women earned that. Every single one of them.

So here's the ask — and it's a simple one. On **June 12, 2026**, Invisible Warriors hosts the **Silent No More Gala** at the Holiday Inn Midcity. It's an evening built around honoring these women, hearing their stories, and standing with them the way they once stood for all of us. There will be dinner, there will be community, and there will be a room full of people who understand that service doesn't end when the contract does.

Come for the evening. Stay for the stories. Leave knowing you showed up for a fellow veteran when it counted.

Tickets are **$65 per person.** Sponsorships start at **$1,000** for those who want to go further.
They served without hesitation. The least we can do is show up for one night.

🔗 **invisiblewarriors.org/events/silent-no-more-gala**

New Post 237 T-shirts

The new Post 237 t-shirts have arrived. We have all of the sizes and the price is right at $20. Proceeds from t-shirt sales will benefit the baseball program.

LAST LAUGH

THE MORAL OF THE STORY

A teacher told her young class to ask their parents for a family story with a moral at the end of it, and to return the next day to tell their stories.

In the classroom the next day, Joey gave his example first: “My dad is a farmer and we have chickens. One day we were taking lots of eggs to the market in a basket on the front seat of the truck when we hit a big bump in the road. The basket fell off the seat and all the eggs broke.” Joey said, “the moral of the story is to not put all of your eggs in one basket.”

“Very good,” said the teacher.

Next, Mary said, “We are farmers too. We had twenty eggs ready to hatch, but when they did, we only got ten chicks. The moral of the story is to not count your chickens before they’ve hatched.”

“Very good,” said the teacher again, very pleased with the responses so far.

Next it was Billy’s turn to tell his story. “My dad told me a story about my Aunt Karen. Aunt Karen was a flight engineer in the war and her plane got hit. She had to bail out over enemy territory and all she had was a bottle of whiskey, a machine gun and a machete.”

“Go on,” said the teacher, intrigued.

“Aunt Karen drank the whiskey on the way down to prepare herself, then she landed right in the middle of a hundred enemy soldiers. She killed seventy of them with the machine gun until she ran out of ammunition. Then she killed twenty more with the machete till the blade broke. And then she killed the last ten with her bare hands.”

“Good heavens,” said the horrified teacher, “What did your father say was the moral of that frightening story?”

Billy said, “Stay away from Aunt Karen when she’s been drinking.”

Contributed by Tom Hartley

Around the Post

Family Day Pancake Breakfast

A large crowd of members attended the Post 237 Family Day Pancake Breakfast and cakewalk in the ballroom on April 25th. A big thanks to the cooks and servers including Bob and Anna Marie Wasniewski, Tom and Christie Paone, Thad Paone, Maurita Hughes, and Alyse Sena.

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
Bingo Annex
3805 Colonial Park Circle SW
Huntsville, Al 35805

<u>Wednesday and Saturday</u>
Doors Open at 4 PM
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 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke and Bingo with Jerimy	2 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 1p-4p Haircuts with Alyse
3 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	4 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	5 Cinco De Mayo 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-8p Texas Holdem 7p-8p 40/8 Meeting	6 11a-1:30p 1st Wed Steak Lunch 2p-3p Finance Committee Mtg. 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo	7 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-7p SAL Meeting and Election 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie 6p Boys State Orientation	8 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke and Bingo with Jerimy	9 10:30a-11:30a CVMA Meeting 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo
10 Mother's Day 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3p-7p Pot Luck 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	11 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	12 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-7p House Comte. Mtg. 6p-8p Texas Holdem	13 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo 6p-7p Exec Committee Meeting 7p-8p Comm & Americanism Cmte Mtg	14 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	15 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke and Bingo with Jerimy	16 Armed Forces Day 11a Flag Placement Huntsville Memory Gardens 1p-4p Haircuts with Alyse 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo
17 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie American Legion Meeting 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	18 11a-1:30p Lunch 12p-6p Elections 6p-8pMbrs. Dinner and Meeting 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	19 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6:30p Bunco Party 6p-8p Texas Holdem	20 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 5:30p-6:30p ALR Meeting 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo	21 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie	22 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke and Bingo with Jerimy	23 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo
24 12p-2p Bar Bingo 3p-7p Karaoke w/Howie 3:30p-7p AUX176 Bingo	25 Memorial Day 12:30p-2p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-9p Trivia w/ Lisa and Zack	26 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-8p Texas Holdem	27 11p-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 6p-9:30p AUX237 Bingo	28 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke w/Howie 6:30p Sip and Paint	29 11a-1:30p Lunch 5p-7p Evening Kitchen 7p-11p Karaoke and Bingo with Jerimy	30 6p-9:30p SAL 237 Bingo 11a Flag Pickup Huntsville Memory Gardens
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