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INCLUDE, ETC ARE WELCOME FROM MEMBERSHIP**

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being informed of such.

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***MEETING: LAST TUESDAY OF EACH
MONTH AT 7:00PM***



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Robert Seibert

Things are going to be a little different this month and maybe next while the community room (AKA our post) is remodeled. Truett Baptist is allowing us to meet in their fellowship hall for our regular post meeting.

It has been brought to my attention that some are having a difficult time hearing. We are currently working on a plan to help with that, please be patient.

September is going to be a busy month. Well, let's be honest, most months are. So, what's happening in September? Sept. 9 we will be dedicating the Memorial to the former band director, Jennifer Gibson at 8:30am. Following that, astronaut Ron Garan will be speaking to the middle and high school at 9:30. If you plan on attending Ron's speech I must have your name on the list. It

will be held in the high school gym.


The Patriot's day event remembering 9/11 is being conducted by the sheriff's office and was told it would probably happen on the 10th. Watch and listen for more information about that.

Our drawing for two of the guns donated will be on Sept. 24 at the Veteran's Welcome Home event at the airport in Andrews. Make your plans to attend and help with our booth.

Then just like that we will be entering October where we will begin celebrating the birth of the different branches of service by celebrating the NAVY's birthday.

Remember we are a family and every member is important. If you would like to help with anything or if you need help with

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something, please do not hesitate to let me know.

I want to thank all of those who have helped with moving our post items and offices for the remodel. I know if I tried to list them I would miss someone, but know it is greatly appreciated.

Just in case you didn't know it, Post 532 is the best in NC and more great things are coming.

Legion Shirts.



The American Legion logo has been replaced on clothing with the above American Legion Brand.

We have a local company who can embroidery the AL Brand on new clothing. Hopefully I will have a flyer available by the post meeting.

We are also considering offering screenprinted T-shirts. If you have any interest please let me know.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AIR FORCE

- EST. 18 SEPT. 1947 -

The official Air Force Birthday is recognized as Sept. 18, 1947, which is the date of the passage of the National Security Act of 1947. That legislation created what would later become to known as the United States Department of Defense. This established the United States Air Force as a separate branch of military service.

Before the creation of the Air Force, the military's flying operations were handled by the U.S. Army on land and the Navy by sea. The history of this branch of service is an important part of the history of air power in the United States. Naturally, the Air Force birthday owes a great deal to Orville and Wilbur Wright who pioneered mechanized flight with their successful mission in 1903.

But the Air Force also owes a great deal to Army pioneers who, roughly four years after the Wright Brothers' triumph at Kitty Hawk, began experimenting with using air superiority to gain tactical advantages in combat.

Balloons had long been used for observation of various kinds. When the U.S. Civil War began, ballooning was adopted as a reconnaissance tool. One

example took place in 1862, the Union Balloon Corps kept watch over the Battle of Gaines' Mill and telegraphed information to the ground as the battle unfolded.

The prospect of air power was so compelling even then that President Abraham Lincoln called a meeting with Thaddeus S.C. Lowe, an early pioneer of aeronautics to discuss how the Union Army could further its cause from the air. Lowe was later the head of the U.S. Army Balloon Corps.

In 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first mechanical, heavier-than-air flight using a gas-powered, propeller aircraft. Their first successful plane flight in history flew for 12 seconds and 120 feet before returning to land. Orville piloted the aircraft on its inaugural flight. The plane would fly 852 feet in 59 seconds later the same day. The Wright Brothers had discovered how to defy gravity. They had previously designed gliders, but this mechanized flight transformed aviation history.

When Thaddeus S. C. Lowe was named chief of the Union Army Balloon Corps, the long

march to a separate Air Force began. The Army had several units dedicated to military flying over from the year 1907 to 1914. The timeline of Army aviation includes the following pre-Air Force organizations:

- Aeronautical Division, Signal Corps (August 1907 – July 1914)

- Aviation Section, Signal Corps (July 1914 – May 1918)

- Division of Military Aeronautics (May 1918 – May 1918)

- Air Service, U.S. Army (May 1918 – July 1926)

- U.S. Army Air Corps (July 1926 – June 1941)

- U.S. Army Air Forces (June 1941 – September 1947)

The World War One era saw the creation of the U.S. Army Air Service, which would prove to be a crucial turn for the future United States Air Force. The Deputy Commander of the Air Service was Brigadier General Billy Mitchell who went on record as an extremely vocal supporter of military airpower. Mitchell became embroiled in a power struggle to assign coastal defense over to airpower rather than Navy protection.

In 1925, Mitchell went too far by publicly accusing Navy officials of criminal negligence and incompetent behavior. This resulted with the six week court-martial proceedings against Billy Mitchell as a pulpit to extol the virtues of military airpower.

Mitchell argued that a separate and equal branch of military service responsible for air operations was a crucial for complete national defense.

Billy Mitchell was convicted as a result of his court-martial and resigned from military service. He remained a champion of air power until his death in 1936. Mitchell would never see the creation of a separate and equal Air Force, but his actions were quite important in the history of the American military.

The U.S Army Air Forces would prove Billy Mitchell was correct about a number of things. American air power was put to the test in World War Two in the following ways: as a method of intelligence gathering, as a way to deliver troops to the battlefield, and ultimately as a way to deliver atomic weaponry that would bring the war to its final end with the surrender of Japan following the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The Army Air Forces were said to operate almost independently from the rest of the U.S. Army at this time. This created a separate branch of service that would be more than a symbolic move to more formally address the issue of American military air power. It recognized that combat in the air, from the air, and from surface to air required a whole separate type of planning and organization.

From 1941 to 1947, the Army was setting the stage for the birthday of the Air Force. The Navy would object to the creation of an Air Force, but would not succeed in stopping it. In 1945, General Dwight Eisenhower was promoted to Chief of Staff and General Carl Spaatz became the new commander of the Army Air Forces. Soon after, plans were made to reorganize the Army so that a separate Air Force might be created without the need for legislation. In 1946, it was agreed that a separate Air Force could be made up of a variety of commands:

- Strategic Air Command
- Air Defense Command
- Tactical Air Command
- Air Transport Command
- Air Technical Service
Command
- Air Training Command
- Air University
- Air Force Center

On Sept. 18, 1947, Stuart

Symington became the first Secretary of the Air Force. Army Air Bases were re-designated as Air Force Bases. New uniforms and insignia were rolled out and a new command structure was put in place to recognize the specialized training and experience of Air Force pilots and commanders. Air Force Commander Carl Spaatz created a new policy that kept tactical commanders from being interfered with by military leadership with no flight experience. The tactical commander would not be permitted to be subordinate to a station commander. Later, a “provisional wing plan” would place a wing commander above the base commander.

Today, the Air Force has over 300,000 active duty troops, with some 20,000 pilots. The total “end strength” of the Air Force, including Guard and Reserve troops, is just over half a million people.

Post Member of the Month *Rondall Brown*

TOMMY HOOPER

His High School days had just pasted; he was in his 19th year of life; the war in Vietnam was raging and his Uncle Sam would soon be calling. So, Tommy filled with the vivacious

vitality of life and adventure, volunteered for the draft. Tommy left the ancient lands of the Cherokee, from Qualla where he first saw the light of day in Clay County, and he was off to see the world. He

descended from the lush green mountains to a faraway land of red Georgia dirt and sand to a place called Fort Benning Georgia. Fort Benning was the home of the U.S. A. Infantry and of the famed "Triple Nickle" parachute battalion. It was there that Tommy became skilled in the finer arts of Basic Training, Army style. Poured into him was the wealth of Army history, skills and expertise of making war from all those that had walked before him; he was fashioned into a U. S. A. soldier. With Basic Training firmly entrenched into his mind and muscle memory, he was off to Fort Gordon, to be fashioned into one of the 554th finest. In its inception, in WWI, the Medal of Honor Recipient SSGT Alvin York trained at the first Fort Gordon. When the current Fort Gordon was established near Augusta, GA. in WWII, it would, in the following years become home for the U.S. Army's Military Police Corps. Tommy would become one of the famed members of the 554 Military Police Company. From Fort Gordon, he took flight to Patch Barracks in Stuttgart Germany



on his was way Vietnam. But unknown adventures awaited him in Germany; he was assigned as a Guard for the Deputy Chief Commander of European Forces for to two years. Upon being discharged from the Army, Tommy returned home and worked at a supermarket and in no time, he rose to the position of assistant manager. He moved on up in the world and became a

salesman for a wholesale grocery company. Later Tommy ventured out on his own and purchased a grocery store. Then on to other adventures with the telephone

company and then into the restaurant business; and then began two other companies. Tommy and Patricia have and continue to be stalwart members of Post 532 and the Ladies auxiliary. A

TREMENDOUS THANK YOU for your service. The Post is honored to serve with you as you continue to care for veterans and their families. Thank you for continuing to **STANDING THE WATCH** for God and Country.



EC Minutes of 06-25-2022

George Lee

**American Legion Post 532
Inc.**

**Minutes of 7-26-2022 Post
Meeting**

At 1800hrs Monthly Post gathering started with meal and followed at 1900hrs Post Meeting began. Commander Robert Seibert called to order the meeting of Post 532.

Opening Ceremony- Commander Robert Seibert called for advancement of the colors, Salute, Chaplin Carl Maxwell lead in opening prayer. POW/MIA chair, pledge of allegiance to the flag, preamble of the American Legion Constitution. Commander Robert Seibert declared post meeting of 532 convened. Number in attendance: about 35.

Welcome First-time guests to the post:

Larry Parker and his wife, will be a transfer from Post 235
Greg Utech, is a new member to the post

Commander Comments:

Robert Seibert

Handed out packets to the members of the post.

Post Movement- losing this

meeting hall starting August 1st 2022 for renovations. Everything must be taken off the walls after meeting tonight. We are also losing the two rooms upstairs 208/209, so need to remove the items in these two rooms. The meeting next month will be sent out in an email as well as printed in the Newsletter. We are looking for other spaces, as well as looking for someone to donate a space for the post.

Astronaut Ron Garan speaking at the high school on Sept. 9th 2022. Every veteran in this county is welcomed to come, just let Robert Seibert know.

Miss Gibson's Memorial being dedicated on Sept 9th 2022 as well, at 8:30am

Sept 10th 2022 the Clay County Police officers will be doing a ceremony for the Patriots Day Sept 11th, and will give more information on that, we as a post will not be in charge of that, but are

welcomed to participate. Oct 13th 2022 is the Navy's Birthday and we will be Honoring George Leduc and Marie his wife for all they have done for this post. Quilt for Valor which will have an American Flag on it and George's Name and Navy Emblem. This Quilt will be donated from the business Just Stitching.

Two raffles going on for three shotguns, this money will bring in about \$8,000 dollars which will go into the general fund for the post. This will help in buying the comic books for kids. Ordering four different ones: Pledge of Allegiance, Our Country Flag, Light of Liberty, Veterans book, Anti- Bullying Book. Only twenty kids from NC went for boy state, and hopefully with these comic books we can reach more youths and get our state and area youths involved in the importance of serving this country and Patriotism.

There is a Resolution in the packet handed out tonight to put up for our Tri-County Chaplin's Corp to the department level. Recognizing those

that have passed who help start this program and for all the work that this program does and has done. Motion, 2nd, discussion- Jack Greve department may not know what are Chaplin's Corp has done or is doing, suggested we send a history of what they have done. Approved.

Adjutant Report:

Assistant Adjutant Mitchell Shields, motion to approve the minutes as printed and handed out, 2nd, discussion- Jack Greve on page 2 Mitchell Shields is not a member at large so we need to remove his name from that spot, and we still need a 5th member at large for the post. Approved minutes. There is a Quorum for tonight's meeting.

1st Vice Commander: Ronald Brown- Miss Gibson's Memorial as soon as the stone is prepared the stone will be set and the dedication will be on Sept 9th 2022.

2nd Vice Commander: Joe Buckner- nothing to report

3rd Vice Commander: Bill Christy- nothing to report

Finance officer: Mark Runge- not present tonight because he is in the hospital in Franklin. No report tonight.

Chaplin: Carl Maxwell- Mark Runge is in Angel Hospital in

Franklin, hope to be home sometime soon, and will need a wheelchair, which we have a brand new one downstairs for him. Pam his wife has been keeping updates and saying that he has a white blood count that was elevated. Kenneth Woodard will be having his 101st birthday this Thursday, so if would like to give him a card Teresa McClure has sent an email with his information, he is at the nursing home in Peach Tree. Welcome Home Event is still going well and the meeting for this will be in the two meetings before the event on Sept 24th 2022. Will be having airplanes to include: AT 6 sixes, Chipmuck, DC3 that flew in Normandy, P51, Bamboo Bomber, and maybe a Corsair. There will be bands and music, flag folding ceremony. Ruth Carpenter Band will be there, and every time this band plays, they donate the money to our post. They have bought the post two brand new freezers which are filled with ice cream for the Welcome home Event; Sept 24th 2022. SAL; would like to donate \$100.00 dollars for this event, which they voted to at their meeting. Jack Greve said he spoke to Linda who built four beautiful birdhouses; would like to recommend to raffle these off at the next meeting for the money to be donated to the Welcome home event. We will also have a booth at this event

for the post, and will need volunteers from the post to help man that booth. The two shotguns' raffles will be drawn at this event as well. The one shotgun will be drawn as soon as the 200 tickets are sold for that one.

Sargent At Arms: Dwight McClure- nothing to report

Service Officer: Phil Cantley- still in process

Judge Advocate: Jack Greve- nothing to report

Sons of the American Legion

(SAL): Phil Cantley- had their meeting last Tuesday and elected their officers:

Commander: Phil Cantley

Sargent at Arms: Dwight McClure **2nd Vice**

Commander: Joey Buckner

Adjutant: Phil Cantley

Judge Advocate: Jack Greve

1st Vice Commander: Darrian Ferguson

Finance Officer: Phil Cantley

Assistant Finance Officer:

Floyd Phillips **Chaplin:** Derick Tilly

Historian: Mike Babcock

Can take membership from anyone tonight, and the membership cards should be here in Aug or September

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Oratorical Coordinator:

Ronald Brown- spoke with post member Jordan Rudin and would like to join this committee, and will be helping with this.

JSSP Coordinator: Bill Christy- would like to get some more coaches and support to come out for the events. This year is going to be a great year. We are going to go all the way to the National Championship. Will let everyone know the day and time for the event to come. Jack Greve – reported that when the National Past Commander Bill Oxford came last month, he toured the range and said it was one of the best ranges he has seen, and he has seen a lot.

Social Events Coordinator + Fundraiser Coordinator:

Michelle Stegner- We had 35 people tonight, and want to thank those that came to help with the meal. Next month would like to BBQ chicken sandwiches but the meal will be in the newsletter. **Oct 15th** is Family Day and would still like to have some help with that, will have fun activities for the kids, and the adults. **Oct 13th** is

Honoring George Leduc, his wife has said that he is doing so much better from where he was, and has made a lot of progress.

Nov 11th Veterans Day, still waiting to see who is in charge of that to get with that person and plan some food and stuff. Also, would like to thank everyone that donated money for the meal, it is greatly appreciated.

Old Unfinished Business:

Jack Greve- we still need a member to be the 5th member at large? This will be discussed in for the good of the legion.

New Business: The raffles that are going on are going to help put money into the general fund for the Post, so if anyone can help sell a couple of those tickets.

Good Of The Legion:

Member Jordan Rudin spoke with 1st Vice Commander Ronald Brown and said he would be the 5th member at large for the post if the post would vote on him for the position. Motion made by Bill Christy, 2nd by Phil Cantley, Approved. Jordin Rudin is now



the 5th Member at Large and apart of the Executive Committee. Thank you to Jordan.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be Aug 28th 2022 at 8am and the place is still to be determined, but will notify in an email and will be in the Newsletter.

Next Post Meeting will be Aug 30th 2022 with the post monthly meal to start at 6pm and the post meeting to start at 7pm. The place is still to be

determined, but will notify all members in an email as well as it will be in the monthly Newsletter. We are also having a Guest speaker at the post meeting, Larry Simonds Jr. he is an Estate Planning lawyer from Stricter Law Firm. Post Commander Robert Seibert asked Chaplin Carl Maxwell to lead in a closing prayer, POW/MIA and Flags retired: monthly meeting closed.



**Post Meeting Menu
August 30th at 6pm
at Truett Baptist Church**

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The Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022 is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. The PACT Act expands health care and benefits to generations of Veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazardous materials during their military service. VA is ready to deliver for these Veterans, and we encourage affected Veterans and eligible dependents to submit claims. The PACT Act is quite expansive, however, I wanted to provide a few highlights:

- Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras
- Adds two more Agent Orange presumptive conditions

- High blood pressure (also called hypertension)
- Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)
- Adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures
- Presumptive Cancers
 - Brain cancer
 - Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
 - Glioblastoma
 - Head cancer of any type
 - Kidney cancer
 - Lymphatic cancer of any type
 - Lymphoma of any type
 - Melanoma
 - Neck cancer
 - Pancreatic cancer
 - Reproductive cancer of any type
 - Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type
 - Presumptive Illnesses
 - Asthma that was diagnosed after service
 - Chronic bronchitis

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Interstitial lung disease

(ILD)

Pleuritis
Pulmonary fibrosis
Sarcoidosis

Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange

Any U.S. or Royal Thai military base in Thailand from January 9, 1962, through June 30, 1976

Laos from December 1, 1965, through September 30, 1969

Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Province from April 16, 1969, through April 30, 1969

Guam or American Samoa or in the territorial waters off of Guam or American Samoa from January 9, 1962, through

July 30, 1980

Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll from January 1, 1972, through September 30, 1977

Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for radiation

Cleanup of Enewetak Atoll, from January 1, 1977, through December 31, 1980

Cleanup of the Air Force B-52 bomber carrying nuclear weapons off the coast of Palomares, Spain, from January 17, 1966, through March 31, 1967

Response to the fire onboard an Air Force B-52 bomber carrying nuclear weapons near Thule Air Force Base in Greenland from January 21, 1968, to September 25, 1968

- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

Chronic rhinitis
Chronic sinusitis
Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
Emphysema . Granulomatous disease

- Interstitial lung disease (ILD)

Pleuritis

- Pulmonary fibrosis
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Chaplains Corner
Carl Maxwell



Do not let the next time you are in church be in a hearse! God

gives us everything we have. Go to church. Worship Him and thank him for your many blessings. While you are there, pray for our country. As of this writing, Mark Runge is back in the hospital in Franklin. Please go by and see George Leduc, he cannot talk on the phone. It is getting close to our WELCOME HOME event. People keep calling wanting to be part of the

program, but we are full. I hope many of you can come for the air show this year. We won't have another air show for probably five years. There are many events planned for our post the rest of this year, including a family day. Get involved in post activities, we have a great bunch of veterans. Remember to pray for one another.

For God and Country, Carl

HISTORY OF NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed annually in September around a central theme to show commitment to full accountability to the families of captured service members and missing war heroes. The term POW and MIA mean prisoner of war and military personnel who went missing in action.

Many service members suffered as prisoners during the several wars that have happened throughout the history of the U.S. National POW/MIA Recognition Day was initiated as the day to commemorate with the family of many of the tens of thousands of service members who never made it home.

The day was first observed in 1979 after Congress and the president passed a resolution to make it official following the demands of the families of 2,500 Vietnam War POW/MIAs who asked for accountability in

finding their loved ones. It is also mostly associated with service members who were prisoners of war during the Vietnam War. Regardless of where they are held in the country, National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies share the common purpose of honoring those who were held captive and returned,

as well as the memory of those who remain missing in service to the United States.



Until 1979, there was no formal day set aside for these important men and women and the first observance of POW/MIA day included a remembrance ceremony at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Since then, the Pentagon is where the official observance happens, with other celebrations happening at military bases around the country and elsewhere.



Commander Sergeant-at-arms Dwight McClure

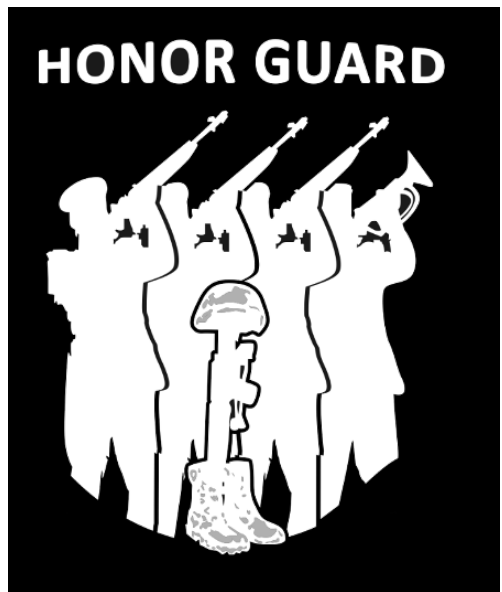
Summer uniform: **SHORT** sleeve shirt with **TIE**. If any change, you will be notified.

To date we have provided military rites for one veteran's funeral in August.

I would like to give a "shout out" to the Post 532 Honor Guard members who give of their time serving fellow veterans and their families at the funeral and gravesite: Carl Maxwell, Mitchell Shields, Ricky Breed, Phil Cantley, Tommy Hooper, Joe Buckner, Rondall Brown, Trevor Sellers, Floyd Phillips, Leon Parker, Bill Thurman and Michelle Stegner along with Post 532 Auxiliary members Kathy Parker and Teresa McClure who offer their support in serving on the Honor Guard

as well. **THANK YOU.** Your support and dedication is greatly appreciated!

We welcome new recruits. Please contact me for more information on serving.



Upcoming Events

- Sep 9th Astronaut Ran Garan
- Sep 16th POW/MIA Remembrance
- Oct Navy Birthday Celebration
- Oct 15th Family Day
- Nov 11th Veteran's Day
- Dec 3rd Christmas Social

August Post Calendar

SEPTEMBER POST CALENDAR

Day	Task – Activity	Up-Dates	Point of Contact
2 & 9	Concert on the Square	7 P.M. - If you wish to help, contact Teresa	Teresa McClure Auxiliary President
9	Gibson Memorial Dedication	Behind Hayesville Middle School 8:30 AM	Joe Buckner
9	Astronaut Ron Garan Address	Hayesville HS Gym 9:15 AM	To attend you must contact Commander Robert Seibert
5	Labor Day	Info Item	Info Item
11	9-11 Ceremony <small>(In conjunction with First Responders)</small>	Location and time to be provided	Clay County Sheriff's Office
16	POW/MIA Ceremony	Hayesville Square	Mitchell Shields Rondall Brown
18	Air Force Birthday	Info Item	Info Item
24	Executive Meeting	Hayesville Church of Christ 8 AM	Rondall Brown 1 st Vice Commander
24	Veterans Appreciation Day	WNC Regional Airport 10 AM to 3 PM <small>(Special Air Show to be Featured)</small>	Carl Maxwell Chairman
24	Drawing for Shotgun Raffle	Drawing will be Held at WNC Airport 3 PM	Robert Seibert
	Gold Star Mother's Day	Info Item	Info Item
27	Post Meeting	Truitt Baptist Church Recreation Hall 6 PM Meal 7 PM Meeting	Robert Seibert Commander

**MONTHLY
Meeting
Reminder**

**Tuesday,
August 30**

**Meal
provided by
the Post at
6pm**

**Post &
Auxiliary
Meetings
will be held
at 7pm**

**Due to
Renovations
at the
Community
Services
Building the
August
Meeting
Location
Truett Baptist
Fellowship
Hall**

**For Menu
Watch for
updates
in the
monthly
Post
Newsletter
mailing**

The National Executive Committee adopted the present Mission and Vision statements of the American Legion Auxiliary in March 2008.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to serve veterans, their families and their communities.

Vision Statement

The American Legion Auxiliary enriches the quality of life of those we serve and our members.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES INFO
(AUXILIARY dues ONLY)**

2023 Mbrshp Year: July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023

You can mail your \$23/Senior or \$10/Junior AUXILIARY dues to Treasurer, Donna Crowell, ALA Unit 532, P.O. Box 72, Hayesville, NC 28904 or bring them to any monthly auxiliary meeting.

Members can also pay dues online. Go to <https://www.legion-aux.org/renew> for instructions to pay online, or call National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570 with your member ID ready.

Delinquent Memberships require payment for 2021 and 2022 in order to be current.

Thank you to all those who have already sent in your 2023 dues. 2023 dues payment began July 1st.



Prayers & Concerns

**Post Member George Leduc,
ongoing rehab &
wife Marie Leduc, Caregiver**

September Birthdays



- 5 Marie Leduc
- 6 Margaret Ledford
- 12 Sandy Zimmerman
- 18 Deby Jo Ferguson
- 19 Beverly Kelly
- 22 Shirley Kamar
- 27 Charlotte Tilley

CCCRA Summer Concert Series

Sign-up sheet for helping with the auxiliary concession fundraisers at the concert will be available at the monthly meetings or you can contact Marsha Christy at 828 389-8110.

(Friday nights at 7:00pm on the Town Square)

- August 19 The Train
- August 26 Alex Key & The Locksmiths
- Sept 2 Deeper Shade of Blue
- Sept 9 Bergamot Band

A “BIG” THANK YOU to those ladies who have helped with the May, June , July & August concerts:

Paula Walters, Marsha Christy, Donna Crowell,
Linda Bond, Kelly Fiedler, Teresa McClure.

Appreciation is also expressed to post members who have pitched in helping: Bill Christy, Dwight McClure, Phil Cantley, Bob Bond, Dale Fiedler.

GREAT TEAMWORK !!!

Upcoming: Next Auxiliary Sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive will be Wednesday, December 7, 1—6pm held in the upstairs meeting room at the Community Services Building.

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