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**THIS IS A POST NEWSLETTER AND COMMENTS, ITEMS TO
INCLUDE, ETC ARE WELCOME FROM MEMBERSHIP**

Contents of this newsletter may be used but would appreciate
being informed of such.

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



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Robert Seibert

One of the joys of being commander is being able to present certificates to the people who support us and our mission. **Rose Eaton** generously donated George Leduc's quilt and did an outstanding job personalizing it. If you or your wife sews, her store, Just Stitchin' is a great place to shop and support. Her husband owns Mountain Aire so keep that in mind as well.



I want to commend the post and especially the **Honor Guard** for the great job done during the very busy week of Veteran's Day. Dwight did a great job organizing the guard for all of the events and getting the

necessary equipment where it needed to be.

We have to give a shout out to BRMEMC for the use of the tent for Veteran's Day it helped to keep us dry.

A Thank You should be given as well to the Hayesville School and their Veteran's

program. Dr. Cole allowed for the full school assembly and the kids did a great job. You can see some of the pictures in this newsletter.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE FINISH UP OUR RENEWALS. YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

This was suppose to be done by Oct 31.

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Please add Sommer and Carl in your prayers as both of them struggle with health issues.

I would be remiss not to send a big shout out **Ruth Jones**. She dedicates her time each month to label and stick the sides of the newsletter to get it out to you.

I am looking for business to recognize for the patriotism. Please look at the places you frequent and consider submitting them for business of the month.

If you would be interested in working on our webpage please see me to discuss the opportunity.



Patriot Pete says,

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or a member of Hayesville Post 532 American Legion

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We still have over 100 tickets to sell on our shotgun raffle. Please take a few tickets and try to sell them so we can finish



**Post Meeting Menu
November 29 at 6pm
at Truett Baptist Church**

**Thanksgiving Pot Luck
“post is supplying the turkey and
dressing”**



Carolina Christian Academy

**259 Tusquittee St.
Hayesville, NC**

Post Member of the Month

Rondall Brown

WWII VETERANS

Kenneth Woodard, William "Bill" Daily, Robert "Bob" Epperson, Harry P. Rogers

Mr. Kenneth Woodard, now



101, served two tours as a Navy Seabee in the Southwest Pacific with a Naval Construction Battalion. The term "Seabees" is derived from "CB" or Construction Battalion. The Seabee's labored tirelessly in building infrastructure, airstrips, roadways, electrical, etc. while fellow troops continued to secure the island objectives. Kenneth was on several islands in the Pacific including the famed killing fields of Iwo Jima. Mr. Kenneth, as with all his comrades left their

indelible mark in winning the World's most horrific war. Mr. Kenneth was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Navy/USCD Unit Commendation Ribbon, and Combat Action Ribbon.

Mr. William (Bill) Dailey, now



age 98, served in WWII in the South Pacific. Being assigned to the 164th Infantry Division, Company A. Enjoying an early Thanksgiving Dinner, Bill met up with two other Clay County residences assigned to other units deployed to the South Pacific, Max Anderson and Clay Rogers. On Christmas Day the 164th Division landed on Bougainville in the Solomon Islands relieving the Third

Marine Division that had established two beachheads. Bill's Division filled into the Marine's fox holes while the enemy pounded them with artillery shelling in the thick jungle. After Bougainville, Bill's unit was shipped to Leyte in the Philippines and later to the Island of Cebu, then shipped into combat on Negros Island. Bill was wounded on Negros and after recovery, his unit was shipped back to Cebu for Amphibious training in preparation for the invasion of mainland Japan. Bill was awarded many medals including a Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Mr. Robert (Bob) Epperson,



joined the Navy at the age of 15 with his parent's permission. This is when his adventures in

life really began. Completing basic training in Jacksonville, FL. He was assigned as a cook at Bunnell's galley in Daytona Beach for two years which relieved some of the older men for overseas duty. Robert was offered the rank of a Second-Class Petty Officer if he would take a test and "ship out overseas". However, WWII ended and Robert had enough points to be discharged from military service and he chose to be discharged at the Rank of First Class Seamen. Robert then joined the Merchant Marines, serving most of his enlistment assigned to the **SS Florida** where he was in charge of operating the ship's galley, sailing the high seas. Completing his enlistment in the Merchant Marines, he returning home, and enrolled in a local high school and then on to college.

Mr. Harry P. Rogers



Harry in the coming shade of age 95, served in the Navy some 20 plus years. Completing Basic Training, he received orders to the **USS STORMES, (DD 780)** and made two deployments to the Mediterranean Sea in 1946 / 1947 supporting two Carrier Battle Groups. He then received orders to the **USS CAVALIER APA 37**. Later, Harry was stationed overseas in Bangkok Thailand. When the Korean War began, in 1950, Harry received orders to the **USS CARTER HALL, (LSD 3)** Dock Landing Ship out of Hunters Point California for several years. Harry was then ordered to the **USS BAYFIELD, APA 33**, and made several deployments to support the troops in Korea. When the Vietnam war began Harry again made several deployments to Vietnam supporting our troops. During his career, Harry made many deployments to Korea, Vietnam and multiple South Pacific islands. Harry was assigned to the **USS GRASP, ARS 24** homeported in Guam. Harry, sailing the seven seas. He retired as a First-Class Petty Officer, Quartermaster, Celestial Navigator, Signalman and Radar Operator. Harry certainly lived up to the old Navy saying, that "Sailors were made for ships and ships were made for the sea"; "Haze gray

and underway".

These gentlemen of the "**Greatest Generation**", defended the Democracies of this world, helped establish world peace and protected our freedoms and way of life. Our civilization owes a vast debt of gratitude to their sacrifice and service. Thank you, gentlemen, for "**STANDING THE WATCH**". It is a great honor to continue serving with you caring for Veterans and their families.

Very Respectfully,
Ron Brown



Photos

Top Left

Linda Hagberg certificate of appreciation for her efforts with the Welcome Home

Top Right

Sherry Raines certificate of appreciation for her efforts with the Welcome Home

Middle

Rude Carpenter Band certificate of appreciation for their efforts with the Welcome Home and donations to our post.

Bottom Left

Dept. Commander Donnelly speaking at our October meeting.

Bottom Right

SAL Commander Cantley giving an update on SAL





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Commander Donnelly spoke about our need to be prepared to help our fellow veterans, especially in a time of crisis. The suicide rate among veterans is extremely high. One of the ways we can help is by keeping in touch and checking on one another. Our post uses the Buddy Check system and this is a great opportunity to be involved and never have to leave your house. If you would like more information please contact Gary Dempsey

He also spoke on the importance of recruitment of fellow veterans to be members of the Legion. We are constantly looking for ways to attract younger members.

We were honored that Commander Donnelly would make the long drive out to our part of the state since so many others do not. I, Commander Seibert, have a few hat pins left if you did not get one, please get with me.





The Junior Sports Shooting program is back under way now that voting is over. The program just received the funds for a new air rifle, donated by Gunther Kreiger. We have 24 youth currently enrolled in the program, training once a week. This program not only teaches them to shoot, but teaches shooting safety and life skills. Bill and Marsha Christy, Greg Utech, Dwight and Teresa McClure and Larry Parker are coaching this group. They are always looking for more to be involved. If you would like to coach or help raise funds please talk with Bill Christy.



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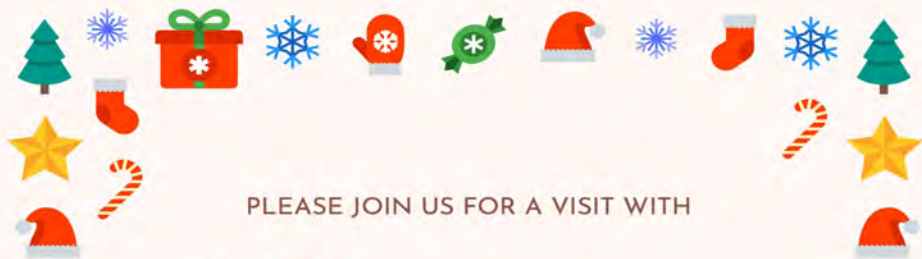
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Santa Claus

December 3, 2022

11:00-1:00 PM
Hinton Center

Refreshments ❄️ Crafts ❄️ Christmas Story

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AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME

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*County Service Officer
Rex Ledford*

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Veteran's Day Program at Hayesville School



Marine Birthday



Veteran's Day Program at Hayesville School





Commander Sergeant-at-arms
Dwight McClure

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

REMINDER . . . November 6th
switch to the Winter
uniform: **LONG** Sleeve shirt with
TIE. If any change for special
events, you will be notified.

Dwight McClure
Guard Commander
828 389-6120

As always, November is a busy
month for the Honor Guard.
Thank you to members who
participated in Veteran support
for these events:

**Nov. 9 Veterans Day
Program at DSS 1pm**

**Nov. 10 Veterans Day
Program at Hayesville School
9:30am**

**Nov. 11 Veterans Day
Program 11am
Clay Co Veterans
Park (at Ballfields)**

**Nov. 12 Military rites for VFW
member,
Chuck Van Gorder,
Army**



December Post Calendar

	Task – Activity	Up-Dates	Point of Contact
	NO POST MEETING	THIS MONTH	*****
3	Children's Santa and Post Christmas Social	Children's Program 11am-1pm Post Social 5-8 PM \$20.00 per person Hinton Center	Michelle Stegner Social Chairperson
7	Pearl Harbor Day	Info Item	Info Item
7	Executive Meeting	Hayesville Church of Christ 8 AM	Rondall Brown 1sr Vice Commandeer
10	District 25 Meeting	Post 88 Brevard 12 Noon Meal 1 PM Meeting	Mike Shannahan, Dist. Commander Robert Seibert, Post Commander
10	Christmas Parade	Hayesville Square 6 PM	Robert Seibert Commader
13	Natl. Guard Birthday	Info Item	Info Item
18	National Wreaths Across America	???	Post Participation - ??
20	Space Force Birthday	Info Item	Info Item
25	Christmas Day	Info Item	Info Item
31	New Year's Eve	Info Item	Info Item

**Meeting
Reminder
Tuesday,
Nov. 29**

**Thanksgiving
Meal 6pm:
Meat
provided by
the Post**

**Please bring
Sides &
Desserts**

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

**Due to
planned
Renovations
at the
Community
Services
Building the
November
Meeting will
be held at
Truett
Memorial
Baptist
Church
Fellowship
Hall**

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, & wife Marie Leduc, Caregiver

Auxiliary member, Mary Shelton, Cancer treatments

December Birthdays



11 Cecelia Jones
29 Phyllis Keyes

Dates to Remember

Nov. 9 Veterans Day Program at Dept. of Soc Srvc 1pm
(outside event) Rain Location: Clay Co Rec Gym
Honoring all county employee veterans w/snacks after

Nov. 10 Veterans Day Program at Hayesville School
9:30am on the Football Field

Nov. 10 Post 532 Marine Birthday Celebration 6pm
Truett Memorial Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Nov. 11 Veterans Day Service 11:00am
Clay County Veterans Park (near ballfields)
American Legion Family Day following service—
Food & Games

Nov. 11 Program & Complimentary Lunch to Veterans
and their families at Peachtree Memorial Baptist Church
sponsored by Townson-Rose Funeral Home —11am

Nov. 11 Complimentary Thanksgiving Lunch starting at
11am at Faith Tabernacle Church (Hwy 64 East). All
veterans are invited to attend following the Veterans Day
Service as they are sharing the memory of their loved
one, Reese Penland/Nat'l. Guard who was killed in 1999.

December 3 Hinton Center: Meet Santa at 11am
Post 532 Social 5pm \$20 per person
RSVP to Michelle Stegner 828 361-1156

*December 7th Blood Drive 1-6pm
has been re-directed to the VFW Post 6812 for
sponsoring due to renovations at the Comm Srvc Bldg..*

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