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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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WEBSITE REVAMPED
YOU CAN SUBSCRIBED TO OUR BLOG TO GET
THE LATEST NEWS TO YOUR EMAIL.

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



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Robert Seibert

Compared to the sacrifice and bravery demonstrated in combat, I sometimes feel as though my service to the country is hardly worth mentioning. The reality is we each play a part in protecting the freedom of our great country. The same hold true for our post. Each of us has a part and we are not whole without everyone.

So let's start with membership renewal. If you have not renewed we need you to. Simply by renewing your membership who help the whole post.

We need help with our social committee. Events don't plan themselves and we want our to be top notch.

We need a historian. You don't have to be computer literate. If

you can hand write, we can convert it to typed.

We need help with Public Information Officer. Someone who can come up and keep up with all the things we do.

We need someone who can help with the webpage. You don't have to know how, you have to be willing to learn.

We need help with our Honor Guard. The more people we have the less likely we are to burn people out of serving.

We need help fundraising. Second only to membership this is our greatest need. We need a permanent home that is ours. We don't have the money to do anything about this yet. We also don't want to be limited in our other work because we are paying for a building.

What part are you going to play?

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**Family
Day**

Games, Food,
Fellowship, Relaxing
November 11, 2022
Following Veteran's
program at the
Veteran's Memorial.



SANTA IS COMING

Dec 3rd @ Hinton Center
11am –1pm

Youth meeting with Santa
(no gift required)

5pm-8pm

Post Adult Christmas Social

\$20 per person

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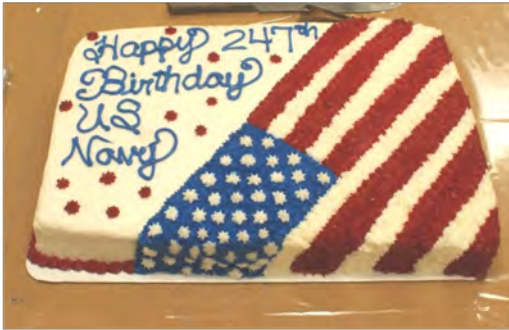
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Floyd shows off pull tabs donated by Darleen Mull wife of former member



Left:
Birthday Cake for the
NAVY

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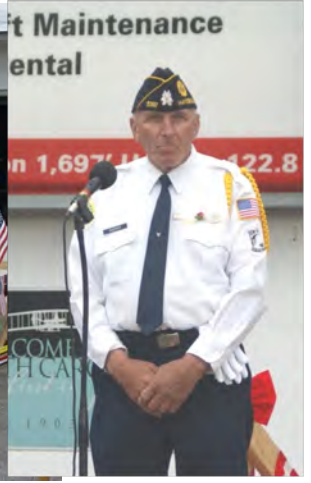


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Left is Carl speaking at the Veteran's Welcome Home.

Above Joe talks about each fold of the flag.

Above left Post Honor Guard folds the flag at the Welcome Home.

THANKS FOR THE GREAT REPRESENTATION FOR OUR POST!



Carolina Christian Academy

**259 Tusquittee St.
Hayesville, NC**

Post Member of the Month

Rondall Brown

BOBBY A. ROGERS

Bobby came to life in the Shooting Creek Community. As a native of Clay County, he was born before Clay County celebrated its 75th Birthday of existence. The Shooting Creek Community received its name as a result of an annual shooting festival held by the early pioneers in the area. These early settlers would meet in a

meadow near where Eagle Fork Creek and Penland Creek joined to form what is known today as Shooting Creek. The pioneers using their muzzle loading rifles in a shooting competition for prizes such as: beef, deer, bear, wild turkey, whiskey, etc. Eventually the name stuck and the community was called "Shooting Creek". Bobby received the opportunity from Uncle Sam to service his country. So, in 1954, he was off to boot camp in **Lackland Air Force Base** in lovely San Antonio, Texas. Construction on Lackland Air Force Base began on 15 June 1941, and it was

originally part of Kelly Field. Today, Lackland is best known for its role in being the sole location for the U.S. Air Force enlisted Basic Military Training (BMT) for the active duty Regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. Upon completion of his basic training, Bobby was shipped not so far away to **Kelly Air Force Base** for



technical training.

This technical training at **Kelly** unveiled a whole new world and prepared him to become a cryptologist. Progressing rapidly in training, soon his skills were honed to a razor-sharp edge in cryptology. After completing training, Bobby set sail on a lovely cruise for about twelve days, on a troop ship to Europe and eventually arrived at his duty station in Landsburg, Germany. Bobby would pass this crypto information on to the Russian traffic analyst and linguist for further analysis. During his three-year tour, Bobby enjoyed, besides work,

attending some of the local German festivals and skiing in the Alps. He was discharged from active duty in 1958.

After his military service Bobby worked for Delta Airlines until he attended college. After graduating from college Bobby worked for a Chevrolet Dealership as the Fleet and Commercial Sales Manager. After Bobby retired, he and his wife, Betty returned home to Clay County and live on the old family farm.

Bobby is certainly from a military family. Three of his brothers served in the military, two in the Navy and one in the Army. His oldest brother served in the Navy before WWII ended and is nearly 95 years old. He made a career in the Navy, serving in WWII, Korean War and Vietnam

War. He sailed the seven seas on a **Landing Ship Tank** (Tank landing Ship) or better known as an **LST**. All four of Bobby's sisters married men who served in the military. His youngest sister's husband rose through the ranks and became a Captain in the Air Force and served in the Vietnam War in Combat Control and later with a missile silo squadron before retirement.

Bobby and Betty, **A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU** for you and all of your family for serving faithfully and defending of our great nation. 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.**

Patriot Pete says,

“Renew your membership today





Post Minutes of 9-27-22

At 1800hrs Monthly Post meeting gathered at Truett Baptist Church which 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.

Commander Comments:

Robert Seibert- Big thank you to all those that were at the Gibson dedication and astronaut event, we had a great turn out and had a wonderful ad in the newspaper. Oct 13th Navy birthday and George Leduc ceremony, at 6pm at the Truett Baptist Church. Oct 15th we will have the district meeting at the Truett Baptist Church, meal at 12pm and meeting to start at 1pm. Next executive committee meeting will be Oct 22nd and the next Post meeting will be Oct 25th with guest speaker Department Commander Mike

Donnelly. Would like to get certificates for those that helped raise money for the astronaut event and certificates for those who helped in the Welcome home event to be given out at the Oct post meeting.

Adjutant Report: Sommer Rector- Quorum, 27 people present. Motion to approve the minutes, 2nd, no discussion, approved.

1st Vice Commander: Ronald Brown- Thank you for all those that participated in the POW/MIA event. Clay County chamber of commerce has asked if we would like to put an ad in their newsletter booklet. We had one last year which was half a page at a cost of \$165.00. We can update ad and this is mailed to all people moving into the community so it gets our name out in the public and points of contact for new military and retired military members coming into the community. Will put post email in the ad, and number for point of contact in the classified section. For a whole page the cost is \$390.00, we split this among the post, the SAL and the Auxiliary. We expand the current ad and add picture from welcome home event of the honor guard. Motion made by

Mitchell Shields for the whole page ad at \$390.00 split between the post, SAL, and Auxiliary, 2nd Michelle Stegner, no discussion, motion approved.

2nd Vice Commander: Joe Buckner- Nothing to report at this time.

3rd Vice Commander: Bill Christy- Nothing to report at this time.

Women's Auxiliary: Teresa McClure- Nothing to report at this time. Had their meeting already, and will stay for post meeting.

Finance officer: Floyd Phillips- Audit has been done. Had Linda Mays do the audit, which cost the post only \$125.00. Linda went back for the last 3 years. Our books now officially start on July 1st 2022. There was a credit card for the general funds account that has now been canceled. It was only in Mark Runge's name and the statements for this card were not recorded so to start fresh the card has been canceled. We now have a Debit card for the general account, and this link up with the bank and they have access and can see all activity as well as the post finance officers. This helps with transparency of the account. Big thanks to the Commander for bringing in all the checks for the astronaut event. In the general account we have \$5,652.97.

Jack Greve- does our new

banking information fall into the guidelines for our constitution by laws with the department, need to check on this, and will be willing to help in this effort.

Motion to approve finance report, 2nd, approved.

Chaplin: Carl Maxwell- Mark Runge in Melbourne FL, please still keep him and his wife Pam in your prayers. George Leduc is still up in Bryson City in the hospital, His wife Marie will be going up for a whole week next week to visit with him, George and Marie are still planning on coming to the Navy Birthday and the ceremony to honor George on Oct 13th at 6pm, he will be getting a day pass from the hospital to attend the event. Ron Weppelman had a surgery and got a pacemaker, so please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Welcome Home Event/ Air Show: Carl Maxwell- Thank you all for the participation in this event and the turn out was around 13,000. There was a grant that was written for the Air Show which had to be shown before the grant was given, and this was written in the name of Post 532. Discussion- Phil Cantley- how do we funnel out with a check? The answer is that we allowed the committee to use our post name for this grant but no money went into our general account. Motion to allow the grant to be funneled

through the post name, 2nd and approved. Motion for in the future for all grants to be approved or disapproved beforehand in writing a grant with using the post's name, motion made by Mitchell Shields, 2nd by Michelle Stegner, no discussion, approved.

Sargent At Arms: Dwight McClure- Big thanks to our Honor Guard for the excellent work they have done over this past month.

Service Officer: Phil Cantley- At the Air Show ran into a Vet Center group that does counseling for military service members and their families. Trying to get them to come and speak to the post soon. The 2nd Annual Mountain Community Career and Resource Expo will be on Dec 7th at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Event Center. Breakfast served at 8:30-9:30am and the Event to start at 9am and go till 3pm. This email will go out to the post, which will have information on there about what will be at this event.

Judge Advocate: Jack Greve- Nothing to report at this time. Side Note- Anyone who would like to go to the Fall conference it is in Raleigh, on Oct 27th, 28th, 29th, please sign up now.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL): Phil Cantley- Got two possible candidates for the SAL at the Air Show. We also have a drawing going on still and have

tickets for that, so please come and see me.

Membership: Floyd Phillips- We have 135 members paid their dues for 2023, which we need 74 still to renew. We are sitting at 64 % of membership achievement, and with each year we lose about 10% of members so we need to get some new members to the post and make sure we renew the members we have now.

Oratorical Coordinator: Ronald Brown- Nothing to report at this time

JSSP Coordinator: Bill Christy- The range is now open for the kids, and we are looking forward to a good year.

Social Events Coordinator + Fundraiser Coordinator: Michelle Stegner-Oct 13th- Navy birthday and Honoring George Leduc ceremony will be at 6pm at the Truett Baptist Church in the fellowship hall. Oct 15th – District meeting hosted by post 532 at the Truett Baptist Church meal at 12pm with meeting to follow at 1pm. Nov 10th – event for Veterans at the school will be at 9:30 and followed by the ceremony for the county at 1pm. Nov 11th- Veterans Day event, and Family Day celebration and guest speaker will be the representative to the National Committee, this will be at the Veterans Memorial Park. Nov 13th- the Honor guard will be doing a Veterans Program at Mt

Zion. Nov 29th- post meeting with the meal being a pot luck theme, so participation is greatly appreciated. Dec 3rd- Will have children's day with Santa and story time for the kids and grandkids of the Post, from 11-1pm at the Hinton Center. The Post Adult Christmas Social will begin at 5pm and go through till 8pm. This will be held at the Hinton Center. Cost is \$20.00 dollars per person. We will either have a silent auction or a white elephant. Also bring in a can good to donate to the food pantry. Raffle for the two shotguns the winners' names have been drawn- Jim Gerard and David Bachelor. With this raffle we did not reach our goal and sell all 500 tickets. We still have the raffle for the one shotgun which will draw a winner once the rest of the tickets are sold. We still have 120 tickets left, so let's get these sold so that the post can make some money off of this raffle.

Old Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report at this time,

New Business: In November newsletter will put in Marine Core Birthday date.

Good of the Legion: Teresa McClure- Mr. Bill Daily has a birthday coming up in November on the 1st. He will be a young 98 years old. Would like to plan something for this.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be Oct 22nd 2022 at 8am at the Hayesville Church of Christ.

Next Post Meeting will be Oct 25th 2022, with guest speaker Department Commander Mike Donnelly. We are also handing out certificates of appreciation. The post monthly meal to start at 6pm and the post meeting to start at 7pm will be held at the Truett Baptist Church in fellowship hall.

Post Commander Robert Seibert asked Carl Maxwell to lead in closing prayer, POW/ MIA and Flags retired: monthly meeting closed.



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Do you want to see the Commander get a pie in the face? Adjutant Rector has set a goal for

our membership renewal, if the post is at 70% renewal by the November meeting Commander Seibert is going to get a pie in his face.



Post Meeting Menu
November 29 at 6pm
at TBD

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



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Nine Legion QR codes to download and use

The American Legion

QR codes are everywhere – on business cards, in restaurants for contactless menus, flyers, etc. – to drive people to websites, social media platforms and more. Department of New York Commander Dave Riley put a QR code on the back of his wrapped American Legion vehicle that links to the department’s membership join page.

Nine QR codes that direct to Legion.org pages were created for posts, districts and departments to use for flyers, brochures and other marketing purposes.

The QR codes drive people to the following Legion web pages: join, renew, Be the One, donate, find a post, find a service officer, The American Legion Media Alliance, Veterans & Children Foundation and Legion.org.



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OPERATION GREEN LIGHT

Operation Green Light is an initiative to shine a light on the plight of veterans in counties across the country who are having a hard time connecting with benefits after serving their country.

As of 2019, 11.7 million veterans are over the age of 65, which is about 61 percent of all Veterans. Veterans make up roughly 11 percent of adults experiencing homelessness. Some 70 percent of Veterans experiencing homelessness also experience substance abuse, and 50 percent live with mental illness like post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).


These numbers indicate that it is extremely difficult to transition from military to civilian life and there is no way to ascertain when veterans have moved or are currently living in a




particular county. This makes it very difficult to connect them to their earned benefits.

With Operation Green Light launching nationwide, counties will literally shine green lights from their county buildings from November 7-13 (Veterans Day is November 11) to inspire Veterans to reach out to their Veteran Service Officer for assistance with their health care eligibility, disability compensation, tax exemptions, educational benefits, etc.

At this time, when we especially honor our Veterans, let us all make a deeper commitment to recognize the sacrifices made by those who have served our country. If you recognize a *Veteran that needs assistance let him/her know that Clay County supports him/her with a service to assist. OUR VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE.*

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Chaplains Corner *Carl Maxwell*



Happy fall y'all. What a beautiful time of year. Well, the Welcome Home event is over for this year. Many thanks to all who helped make this event for our veterans a huge success. There were some disappointments though. Three scheduled aircraft cancelled the week before the event. Our parking was a total mess. We planned for 10 thousand folks and ended up with around 13 thousand. Our five parking lots would not hold all of them. We will learn from our mistakes. We will not have an air show next year because of cost, but we will have the event. Our planning

committee is already working on next year. We had a big turnout for George Leduc receiving his Quilt of Valor. As many of you know, Mark Runge is now in Florida and has Covid. Ron Weppleman has a new pace maker and is doing well. I have been on my yearly visitations to churches in Clay and Cherokee counties for our Veterans Mission Council. It is good to see old friends and thank them personally for supporting our organization. As always, call me if you need me, and remember to pray for one another. For God and Country,
Carl Maxwell



Veteran's Day Speaker

DAVID S. SHORE

Spouse Cathy Y. Shore

3 children

2 step sons

5 grandchildren

7 step grandchildren

1963 graduate of Boonville High School

1970 graduate of Appalachian State University

US Army 1967-1969

- Retired US Postal Service rural mail carrier
- Retired farmer
- Presently contract crop insurance adjuster
- Retired volunteer fireman
- Secretary-Treasurer board of directors Boonville VFD
- 10 years president of the Yadkin County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association
- Bone marrow donor for an 8 year old boy living in the Netherlands
- Regular Red Cross donor of plasma, platelets, and blood products with 86 gallons donated
- 2004 NC Dept. VFW gold

medal firefighter of the year award

- 2006 Duke Power citizen of the year for Yadkin County
- Member of the Yadkin Veterans Council
- Life member of F. E. Walker DAV Post 61, Mt. Airy, NC
- Life member of VVA
- Member and Deacon of Boonville Baptist Church
- American Legion Post level Vice Commander Joseph E. Martin Post 336, East Bend, NC 2002-2003
- Commander Post 336 2004-present
- District Level
- District 18 Membership chairman 2004 — 2005
- District Commander 2005 — 2010
- Race To The Top Winner 2005
- Division Level Division IV Commander 2013 - 2015





Commander Sergeant-at-Arms Dwight McClure

Honor Guard Update

those who provided support for the October veteran funerals and during the Welcome Home Event at the Andrews Airport!

With the Daylight-Saving Time Change on November 6th we will switch to the Winter uniform: **LONG** Sleeve shirt with **TIE**. If any change for special events, you will be notified.

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

The Honor Guard has been requested to participate in the following upcoming events in November. Please mark your calendar—Details will be sent out prior to the events.

Dwight McClure
Guard Commander
828 389-6120

Nov. 9 Veterans Day Program
1pm at DSS

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

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

Nov. 13 Veterans Day Program
at Mt. Zion Baptist Church
11am

We receive many compliments from the deceased veteran's family members about the Honor Guard for honoring their loved one. Much appreciation to



November Post Calendar

POST CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

	TASK-ACTIVITY	UP-DATES	POINT OF CONTACT
6	Daylight Savings Time Ends	Info Item	Info Item
9	Dept. of Social Services County Vet Program	DSS Building in front of New Courthouse at 1 PM	Robert Seibert Dwight McClure
10	Marine Corps Birthday	Info Item	Info Item
10	HHS and Middle School Vet Day Program	High School Gym 9:30 – 10 AM	Rondall Brown Dwight McClure
11	VETERANS DAY Guest Speaker David S. Shore The American Legion Dept. of NC National Executive Committeeman	Veterans Park 11 AM Family Day Post Social following program.	Robert Seibert Dwight McClure Jack Greve Michelle Stegner
13	Special Honor Guard Presentation	Mt. Zion Baptist Church Time – 11 AM	Dwight McClure Guard Commander
26	Executive Meeting	Hayesville Church of Christ 8 AM	Rondall Brown 1sr Vice Commander
29	Post Meeting	Truett Memorial Baptist Church Recreation Hall Meal 6 PM (Pot Luck – Bring Dish) Meeting 7 PM	Robert Seibert, Commander Michelle Stegner, Social Chairperson
24	Thanksgiving	Info Item	Info Item

**MONTHLY
Meeting
Reminder**

**Tuesday,
Oct. 25**

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

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

**Due to
planned
Renovations
at the
Community
Services
Building the
October
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,
ongoing rehab &
wife Marie Leduc, Caregiver
Auxiliary member,
Julie White/Knee Surgery

November Birthdays



2 Carol Gaines
15 Joan Cantley
19 Michelle Stegner

**Dates
to
Remember**



November 11 Veterans Day Service 11:00am
Clay County Veterans Park (near ballfields)
American Legion Family Day following service at the
Pavilion below the Rec Gym.

Complimentary Lunch to Veterans and their families at
Peachtree Memorial Baptist Church sponsored by
Townson-Rose Funeral Homes.

December 3 Post 532 Social
Hinton Center \$20 per person
RSVP to Michelle Stegner 828 361-1156
(More details to be announced at a later date)

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

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