



# ***THE POST***

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and By-Laws

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***HAYESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA***

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COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: SOMMER RECTOR  
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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

## **CONSTITUTION & BY-LAW CHANGES FOR POST 532**

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In order to bring our present document up to date the following additions and changes have been approved by our Post Executive Committee and are in accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws and the required procedures as set forth by our Department. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the following individuals within the next 30 days.

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## **CONSTITUTION CHANGES; Article V – Officers**

Section 1. The administrative affairs of this Post of the American Legion Shall, except as may be otherwise provided by the By-Laws, be under the supervision of an Executive Committee which shall consist of all Post Officers, plus **three** additional Executive Committee members **at large**. - - - - -

## **BY-LAWS CHANGES**

### **Article I**

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of all officers of the post plus **three** additional Executive Committeemen. - - - - - All elected officers and the **at large**


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executive committeemen (3) shall be by ballot, show of hands, or acclimation - - - - -

**Article III --- Post Executive Committee**

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall authorize all other designated accounts for the purpose of transacting Post business. The chairperson of each program shall maintain their checkbook for their specific program/account. Each program shall chair shall provide monthly expense and income totals to the Post Finance Officer. Each account chair or desinee is authorized to sign required checks. The Post Finance Officer shall receive monthly totals from each chair and maintain the combined financial books for all Post programs. Surety bonds will be provided by the Post in such a sum as shall be fixed by the Post Executive Committee.

**Article IV—Duties of Officers**

Section 1. - - - - - The Commander may choose to authorize the Finance Officer to disperse up to \$150.00 per item without approval of the Executive Committee for the general maintenance of the post financial affairs and notify the Executive Committee by E-mail of said action. - - - - -

Section 4. - - - - - The Finance Officer shall sign all checks distributing the moies of the Post, and shall furnish such surety bonds in such sum as shall be fixed by the Post. - - - - -

When you review the above changes be advised that those changes in **GREEN** are additions to our present Constitution and By-Laws Third Edition August 2020. Those in **RED** ae being deleted from this document.

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## Post Member of the Month

Rondall Brown

### **ROGER I. ELLIOTT**

He was fresh out of high school and deliberating all the choices of life to chart his course among the stars, contemplating his destiny, when his Uncle Sam, delivered an irresistible invitation for him tour the world. Roger is a real live, bonified, native of Clay County. Born and Reared in Oak Forest Community, he has resided in the county all his life until his invitation to see the world, courtesy of the U.S. ARMY in 1969. Roger departed the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains for the hot flat land of Georgia. FORT GORDAN, to be exact, would be his home for Basic Training and the heat was just a precursor for what lay before him. The Vietnam War was hot with death and dying along with the miserable climate that would plunge him into an unforgettable lifetime experience. Fort Gordon was originally established in WWI northeast of Atlanta and later move near Augusta, GA. During the Vietnam War, Fort Gordon was home to Camp Crockett, an area of the post conducting 9-week advance airborne infantry training courses for soldiers in line to attend the remaining 3 weeks of Airborne training at Fort

Benning. During the 1950's and into the 1970's Fort Gordon served as a basic training facility under the U.S. Third Army. Roger would depart from Fort Gordon to lovely Fort Monmouth, NJ. to train in communication, operating microwaves equipment with an MOS of 26V20. Fort Monmouth has a long and rich history from WWI to its closure in 2011. Fort Monmouth was sometimes referred to as the "Soul of the Signal Corps". It housed the official Time Capsule of the Army Signal Corps until June 21, 2010. The Fort also hosts the Avenue of Memories, a set of trees and monuments dedicated to Signal Corp soldiers who died in World War II.

Completing his advanced training in communications, Roger was assigned to the 369<sup>th</sup> signal company and was off to a lovely garden spot in a small town /post in Soc-Trang Vietnam. What gorgeous vacation spot to spend the holidays, 51 years past. Roger operated long lines for telephone microwaves communication for 11 months. After returning to the states Roger was honorably discharged from the Army in '71, but his memories are

inescapable and possess a distinct residence in his mind. Roger wasn't the only one in his family to serve in the military, his father served in the U.S. Navy. After military service, Roger began working for American Components and Clifton Precision, both company's produced products that were used by the military in various equipment. After retirement Roger continues to reside in Clay County. He and

the love of his life, Patricia, have two wonderful children and 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Roger and Patricia, **A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU** for your faithfully service to 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.**

## EC Minutes 19 Nov 2022

800 CALL TO ORDER –Ron Brown, 1st Vice Commander

minutes of last meeting was not available.

OPENING PRAYER – in absence of Chaplain Carl Maxwell, Comrade Tommy Hooper led in prayer

COMMANDER COMMENTS – Robert Seibert  
Due to Sommers medical conditions, we are looking for someone for Mitchell to train as Adjutant. Communication coordinator; asking for your permission to discuss the Communication Coordinator responsibilities (not the PIO responsibilities, not Honor Guard call outs) with Mrs Midge Roach at the Progress. Midge has volunteered to do the Post and EC contacting. Commander Seibert made a motion to move the communications to Midge Roach. Seconded by Bill Christy; motion was approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG – Ron Brown, 1st, Vice Commander

Adjutant: ROLL CALL – in absence of Sommer Rector, Adjutant; Mitchell Shields, Assistant Adjutant called roll: Attending- Seibert, Brown, Buckner, Christy, Phillips, McClure, Breed, Hooper, Rogers, Stegner, McClure, Shields, Greve, Dempsey. TOTAL: 14 members and 1 guest. Adjutant report -Quorum in attendance and stated



During discussion of Communication Coordinator Teresa McClure volunteered to send emails for Honor Guard call outs.

All program/event coordinators should have sent budgets to Finance Officer by now.

\*Community Room Status: hopefully we will be back in the room by EOM January 2023.

\*Christmas Parade, 1800/6:00 pm, 10 DEC 2022: have small flags to pass out. Honor Guard can ride on the trailer up to the church and dismount to march the remainder. Gary Dempsey volunteered the use of his 2022 Mustang Convertible if needed. Floats need to be in place NLT 1630.

\* Status of fund raiser - shot gun – 100 Tickets remaining

\* District 25 Meetings – 10 DEC 2022, Brevard, NC

#### OFFICER REPORTS:

ADJUTANT – Sommer Rector , no report (medical)

2ND VICE COMMANDER –Joe Buckner; Mark Runge may be coming home around first of December and may need a ramp built. Just to keep in mind.

3RD VICE COMMANDER – Bill Christy: JSSP has 22 students/ athletes signed up. Training is taking place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and

might have to add Friday.

Owner of Joe's Plumbing made a \$630.00 donation to purchase a new rifle for JSSP. JSSP will be selling window decals at @ \$25 each for a fundraiser.

Discussion continued about school relationship and participation of homeschoolers and promotional signage. Post will give recognition to donor for his gift.

CHAPLAIN – Mr. Carl Maxwell; no report. (medical) Information provided by members.

\* Health and Welfare report.

Carl Maxwell family has flu, Phil Cantley family has flu, \* Tri-State Missions Counsel

\* Blairsville Cruisers – received \$250.00 for general fund.

(Tremendous Thank you to all who came out and manned the booth)

HISTORIAN – no report (position not filled)

FINANCE OFFICER – Floyd Phillips/ Assistant Finance Offers – Mitchel Shields \* Financial Report – submitted and explained a new report form. Attached.

• The Post EC, by email, authorized the opening of a check account for the "Welcome Home". Funds were raised from donations and moved from the airport to the account and is a designated



account. Carl Maxwell and John Bandy are signatures. These funds are seed money for the next "Welcome Home" event.

- Because this account is under our tax ID we will have to watch the income for this specific account. If the donations to this account puts the Post over \$50,000 in any one year the Post will have to file a long form.

- There are two freezers at the airport we may need to find a storage place for. They were given to Post 532 for use during the Welcome Home event.

- Budget preparation: the EC voted to go to a calendar year for our finances/budget. So when you develop your budget you have 6 months of 2022 available for financial information. A budget is a guide for spending/planning. COVID prevented the Post from spending funds for the last two years. This budget should be based on projected expenditures and planned/anticipated income. The budget can be amended as needed from time to time.

- Phillips made motion to accept report, seconded by Shields and motion was approved. • Shields made a motion: at the end of the fiscal year, deposit 10% of the amount in the Post general fund into the Post savings account. Seconded by Buckner

discussion followed, motion approved.

SGT AT ARMS – Commander Dwight McClure

- \* Honor Guard – Thank you all participants for funerals. Foul weather gear is available contact Commander McClure.

- \* Unusable Flags Ceremony -

SERVICE OFFICER – Mr. Phil Cantley no report, not present (medical).

JUDGE ADVOCATE – Mr. Jack Greve

- \* Review By Laws and Constitution:

1. Constitution & By-laws Changes: each recommended change was discussed. Final revision for Edition 4 completed and will be submitted to all Post members. The revised Constitution & By-Laws will be voted on during an upcoming monthly Post meeting.

2. A report of attendance at the recent Department Fall Conference be presented. 3. Motion made to accept changes for Constitution & By-Laws, Seconded and passed. 4. Made a summary report on the Department Convention.

OLD OR UNFINISHED

BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Dwight

McClure updated members on

mail box usage at the Community building. Phil Cantley is checking on the use of the box by SAL. The front door locks will be changed and new keys will be issued to users.

The Progress published an article about a teenager going to Hawaii to participate as a cheerleader in the Peral Harbor Remembrance Day. She is raising funds to help with travel expenses. Commander Seibert made motion to donate \$100.00 to her. Seconded by Brown, discussion: Seibert we will need pictures of presentation for PIO. I would like for her to give a report and pictures as a show of our support for students and our teaching/encouraging Americanism. Dwight will coordinate with family/school the presentation of gift. Motion approved.

Cristy, discussion: question about homeschoolers participating in JSSP with regular students. Seibert: Is JSSP a Post program or a school program? (Christy) It is a

Post program with tremendous support from the school. The school administrator has stated that JSSP is covered under the school liability insurance, the JSSP coaches are required to be approved by the school and school provides transportation after school to training. Seibert: Question, we don't have our own insurance for that? (Liability to cover JSSP activity) We need to check with Burch Insurance to determine if JSSP activities are covered under our Post Liability Insurance. If so then all homeschoolers should be welcome to participate. Floyd Phillips will check on coverage.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Standing & New)

#### FUNDRAISERS

COORDINATOR – M's. Michelle Stegner

\* Tickets left on the shotgun fundraiser. Still have about 100 tickets left.

#### MONTHLY MEAL

COORDINATOR – M's. Michelle Stegner

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Meal Menu – Post Meal,  
(potluck) 29 November 2022,  
members need to bring side  
dishes.

## SOCIALS EVENTS

COORDINATOR – M's. Michelle Stegner

\* Children's Christmas Social –  
3 DEC 2022, 1100 – 1300,  
Reading the Christmas  
Story, Photos with Santa,  
Hinton Center.

\* Post Christmas Social –  
Hinton Center, 3 DEC 2022,  
1700-2000 / 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

\* Should we have a February  
social?

- Wreaths Across America do  
we want to participate in an  
event in Blairsville. Report  
back on the 29th.

- MEMBERSHIP / RETENTION  
TEAM – Floyd Phillips, Gary  
Dempsey: we have 146 paid,  
64 unpaid. Goal is 210, the  
responses indicate that the dues  
increase is a concern,  
Commander Brown "I will pay  
the \$5.00 increase for all 64 if  
they will sign up. Sibert, please  
send a list of the 64 to me.

ORATORICAL – Mr. Ron  
Brown / Mr. Jordan Rudin:  
information has been given to  
school contacts and have not  
received a response.

BOYS STATE – Bob Bond no  
report

CLAY COUNTY MEMORIAL  
VETERANS PARK – CDR.  
McClure / CDR. Bond no report

OTHER COMMITTEES'  
SPECIAL REPORTS –  
AUXILIARY REPORT - Teresa  
McClure: Department  
Commander will be in Cherokee  
for a breakfast at 0800 at the  
Cherokee Post. The new  
Department Commander has  
invited all veterans for  
breakfast. When we have  
special guest, would someone  
please let me know if spouse  
is coming. We would like to  
insure they are welcomed.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN  
LEGION (SAL) – Commander  
Phil Cantley: no report

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PIO) –  
Commander Robert Seibert. No

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report

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES  
COMMUNICATIONS**

**COORDINATION** – Please change to read David Shore has requested a copy of the Progress article showing his participation at our November Veterans Day Program. Jack Greve will insure he is mailed a copy.

**GOOD OF THE LEGION** – The Post was given a certificate for the Memorial.

Received a thank you card from George Leduc

Rogers: of the 3 WWII vets Harry 95 is doing very well.

Took Bob Epperson to visit Kenneth Woodard (101) in Peachtree, Bill Dailey (98), his story in the Progress Veterans Day special, Bill isn't doing very well.


**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**  
**NEXT EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE MEETING** –  
0800, 17 December 2022:  
Dwight McClure made motion to forego the December EC

meeting, seconded by Shields, motion approved.  
One opposed.

**CLOSING PRAYER** – in absence of Carl Maxwell, Chaplain, by Mitchell Shields  
**ADJOURNMENT** – Ron Brown, 1st Vice Commander



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# Post Meeting Menu January 31 at 6pm

## Sliders

**Thanks to all who helped and attended the  
Christmas Social for kids and adults.**



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## Chaplains Corner *Carl Maxwell*



For those of you who were not at the last post meeting, I want to give every one an update on my latest bout with cancer. I had a PET scan and have met with my cancer doctor. The cancer has not spread. There is one small spot on top of my prostate. They will go in and freeze it and I should be done with this. Praise God ! Continue to pray for George Leduc, Jack Grieve, and Mark Runge. Mark is doing much better and making plans to move back here in January. I am sure there are many others who are going through rough times. I know several members

that have had one or more of our flu variants. Many thanks to all of you that had to take up my slack as I went through flu, strep, and cancer problems. Our Welcome Home committee is making plans for 2023. It will very likely be moved out of Cherokee county next year. If there are any of you that do not know Jesus as your Lord and savior, please let me or one of our pastors know. We are more than willing to come pray with you. Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to all,  
Carl



# New Screening Procedures Begin Dec. 16

**Beginning Dec. 16, 2022, we will no longer have contract screeners stationed at our main entrances.**

There will be signage in place to remind all Veterans, visitors, and staff to self-screen. **Surgical masks will still be required** and will be available in the respiratory stations at each main entrance.

To assist with wayfinding, general guidance, and increased customer service, we will be hiring permanent Security Assistants to support both the main campus as well as our CBOCs. We hope to fill these positions within the next few months.

*Thank you for your assistance as we move forward with this change*



**Patriot Pete says,**

**Make sure you  
have paid your  
renewal fees.**

An advertisement for IvIE Funeral Home. On the left is a sign with the IvIE logo (a square with a crest), the text "IVIE Funeral Home", and "Our Family Serving Your Family Since 1934". Below the sign is the website "IvieFuneralHomeInc.com". On the right is a black and white photograph of a vintage hearse with a man standing next to it.



County Service Officer  
Rex Ledford

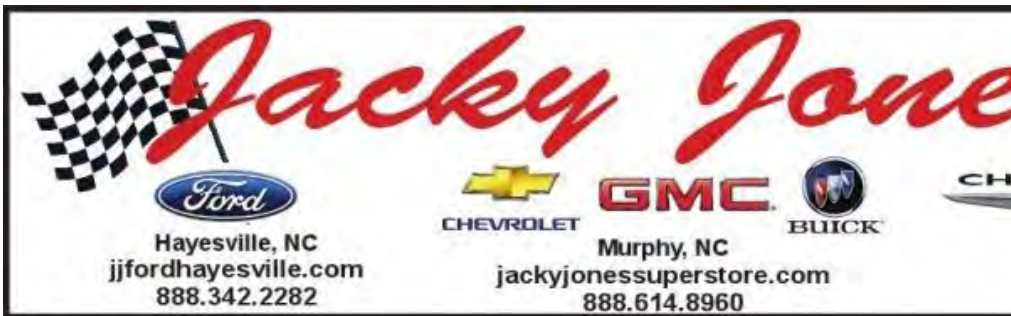
## TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING

If you are enrolled in VA health care, you can now receive the toxic exposure screening at VA medical centers and clinics across the country. If you are not enrolled but meet eligibility requirements to enroll, you will have an opportunity to receive the screening after you enroll.

During the screening, you will be asked if you believe you experienced toxic exposures during your military service. If you answer yes, you may be connected to support and resources, including a review by your primary care team or provider.

As the screening becomes a regular part of your health care, you may have some questions. Here are some quick facts to get to know the process:

- It's quick. The screening is a series of questions that takes around 5-10 minutes and can occur as part of one of your regular health care appointments.
- It documents a variety of exposures. *There are several types of possible exposures or hazards you may have experienced during your military service. This includes open burn pits and airborne hazards, Gulf War-related exposures, Agent Orange, radiation, Camp Lejeune contaminated water exposure and others.*
- It helps support your long-term care plan. The purpose of the toxic exposure screening is to make your VA health care team aware of any potential exposures to toxins during your military service. This allows for ongoing care that ensures early diagnosis and treatment of any health concerns that may arise in the future related to your exposure(s). If you report a



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potential toxic exposure, it will be noted in your health record. Your primary care team will be made aware of your concerns and will connect you with resources to address your follow-up questions.

You will receive additional information. After your screening, you will also receive information about benefits, registry exams, and clinical resources to address any concerns you may have.

You can ask about the toxic exposure screening at your next VA health care appointment. You will be screened at least once every 5 years.

You can decline. If you choose not to be screened, you will have the option to decline until the following year.

There are a couple of things to keep in mind:

- Screenings are not diagnostic. The screenings identifies and documents potential exposures.
- Screening is not part of the VA Benefits claims process.
- Being screened is separate from joining a VA environmental health registry. VA has six registries: Agent Orange, Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pits, Depleted Uranium, Gulf War, Ionizing Radiation, and Toxic Embedded Fragments. You will receive information about registry participation after your screening.

One of the best ways to manage your health is to proactively develop a long-term care plan with your care team. The new toxic exposure screening can be an important part of that discussion.

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# January Meeting



## POST EVERLASTING

Donna McClure-Allen a Social Worker with  
the CGVAMC Home Based Primary Care  
Program

# February Meeting

## 4 Chaplains Ceremony





## Commander Sergeant-at-arms Dwight McClure

### **Honor Guard Update**

As always, we welcome new recruits. Please contact me for more information on serving.

I would like to express sincere thanks to the Honor Guard members for their dedication during 2022 in providing military honors for our fallen comrades as well as participation in various other post and community events.

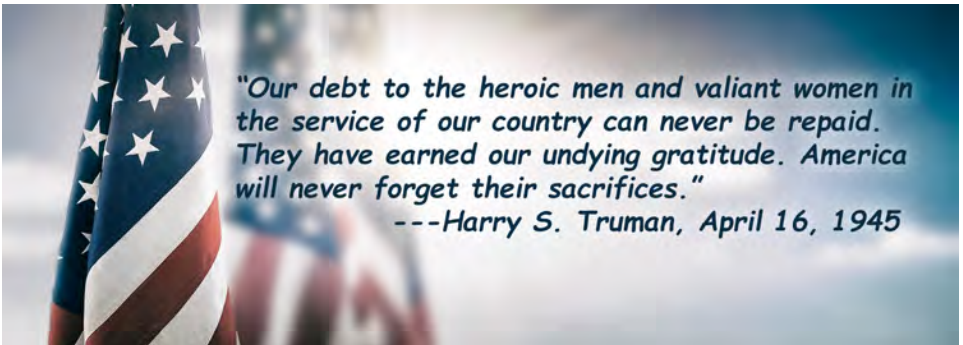
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It is not always easy to take time out of personal schedules to participate but I appreciate your attendance and support and I know that the veteran's family members are very appreciative as well.



Best Wishes to you and your family for a Merry Christmas and a happy and blessed 2023 New Year !



# January Post Calendar

DAY	TASK - ACTIVITY	UP-DATES	POINT OF CONTACT
1	New Years Day 2023	Info Item	Info Item
15	Post Oratorical Contest	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Ron Brown</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice CMDR
17	SAL	<b>Post Meeting Room</b> <b>6 PM</b> <b>(Community Svcs. Bldg.)</b>	<b>Phil Cantley</b> Commander
28	Executive Meeting	<b>Post Meeting Room</b> <b>8 AM</b> <b>(Community Svcs. Bldg.)</b>	<b>Ron Brown</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice CMDR
31	Post Meeting	<b>Post Meeting Room</b> <b>7 PM</b> <b>(Community Svcs. Bldg.)</b>	<b>Robert Seibert</b> Commander
31	Post Everlasting	Held during Post Meeting	<b>Carl Maxwell</b> Chaplain





**Meeting  
Reminder**

**NO  
MEETING  
WILL BE  
HELD IN  
DEC.**

**The  
January  
Meeting will  
be a Post  
Everlasting  
Meeting**

**Updated  
details will be  
sent later for  
January  
meeting  
location.**

**Hopefully,  
renovations  
will be  
completed at  
the  
Community  
Services  
Building  
by then.**

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.**

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***Delinquent Memberships require payment for 2021 and 2022 in order to be current. Memberships become delinquent status January 1, 2023.***



**Prayers & Concerns**

Post Member George Leduc, Rehab  
Auxiliary member, Mary Shelton,  
Cancer treatments  
Post Member Carl Maxwell,  
Test Results

Paula Walters' husband, Bob , Test Results





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