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being informed of such.**

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



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Rondall Brown

Greetings
Legion Family,
Spring is
certainly upon

us, flowers and trees are blooming, pollen is blanketing everything like a heavy frost or young snow. The gardeners and farmers are planting crops and days are getting longer so we can all work longer hours. Polk Salad is ready for the picking and the ramps cooked with fried potatoes; these delicious, dainty, delicacies will delight your tastebuds. Isn't Life Wonderful?

A TREMENDOUS THANK

YOU, to Phil, Bob for leading way in the landscaping around the War Memorial Monument. Bob is a fast flower planter with the high wind blowing the flowers and containers all around the courthouse lawn. A tremendous thank you for all that was able to help plant the new flowers, etc. Mr. Phil, great job! George, Maria, your presence and expertise was

certainly missed.


During the Post meeting in May, we will be electing our Post Officers, Executive Committee Members at Large and Delegates to the Department Convention. We have some great people nominated in April and others can be nominated in the upcoming meeting. Please come on out and be apart of this very important meeting and election.

At the March meeting we had a guest speaker from Medical Transport Solutions. In **June** and **July**, we will have guest speakers to brief us on the two Air Medical Transport Contracts that Clay County has for all citizens. As you may have read in the paper one of the air medical contracts was recently renewed.

A TREMENDOUS THANK

YOU, to all the officers that made the Post function while I had the privilege of serving as Commander. The Adjutant, Mitchel Shiels always kept us

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on track. Mr. Numbers (Mark) kept us on budget. The Sergeant at Arms, Dwight kept us marching in the right direction and always uphill. Chaplain C. kept us prayed up. The 1st Vice kept us talking, the 2nd Vice kept us collecting tabs, The 3rd Vice kept us shooting, The Membership ship Chair, Mr. Floyd kept us recruiting. The Special Events Coordinator, Michel kept us guessing what the menu would be. The PIO, Mr. Paul kept the story told. The Historian, Mr. Derek kept it all written down. The Fund raiser, Mr. Bob kept us spending, buying and passing tickets. The Judge Advocate, Mr. Paul and Mr. Jack kept us updated. The

Special Projects Officer, Mr. Joe kept us building something. The Service Officer, Mr. Larry kept us looking for something and him; and I got to see it all. What a tremendous blessing!! To all our officers and Post Members, you are dynamic people and you diligently labor caring for Veterans and their families, keeping the Flag Flying high before our general population. I am honored to be among you. Thank you for serving God and Country!!! Ladies Auxiliary, YOU ARE THE BEST!!! A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!! Forgive me if I failed to make mention of someone, space does not permit everyone.



**Joe Buckner
hard at work on
the new flag pole
and memorial at
the school.**

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Post Officer Nominations

Commander: Robert Seibert

1st Vice: Rondall Brown

2nd Vice: Joe Buckner

3rd Vice: Bill Christy

Finance Officer: Mark Runge

Chaplain: Carl Maxwell

Historian: open

Sergeant at Arms: Dwight McClure

Members at Large: Ricky Breed

Tommy Hooper

Bobby Rogers

Michelle Stegner

Nominations will be accepted at the May meeting followed by voting. Please be sure to attend and be an active member of the Post.

***Never STOP
being
patriotic,
always
VOTE***



They sacrificed their lives, entered the gates of hell,
Onward they stumbled, while all around them fell,
War weary, ragged, faces dirt encrusted, black.
Impatient for the whistle, ready for attack.

In their hearts burned everlasting hope,
Carrying love letters and handwritten notes,
Tiny mementos and gifts tucked into pockets,
As shells blasted like exploding rockets!

They died as all good soldiers die,
Hoping for a better world for you and I,
Wanting to set the world free,
But many would shudder if they could see

The selfish world we live in today.
Would they be pleased with its uncaring ways?
Because "for our today, they gave their tomorrow,"
So let us be grateful, not wallow in sorrow.

Let us make their sacrifice worthwhile,
And help each other with willingness and a smile,
For at our darkest hour, our country they did save,
With their lives, which they so bravely gave.

Source: [Soldiers Bravely Giving Their Lives For Our Freedom,
1914-1918 War, Memorial Day Poem](#)





Commander Sergeant-at-arms *Dwight McClure*

Reminder: With the Daylight-Saving Time change we have changed to the summer uniform which means **SHORT** sleeve shirt with **TIE**. If any change, you will be notified.

Military honors were provided at five veteran funerals during the month of April. One of those being Tammie Sue Garrett/Army, a step-daughter of one of our post members, Bnjmn Lygh. Our sympathy is extend to the Lygh family.

Thank you to Post 532 Hayesville, Post 96 Murphy and VFW Post 6812 honor guard members for your continued support and dedication in serving on the Honor/Color Guard.

Commander Brown has requested our support at the Unaka Baptist Church Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 29 at 9am. The service will be held in the church cemetery on the hill just across from the church.

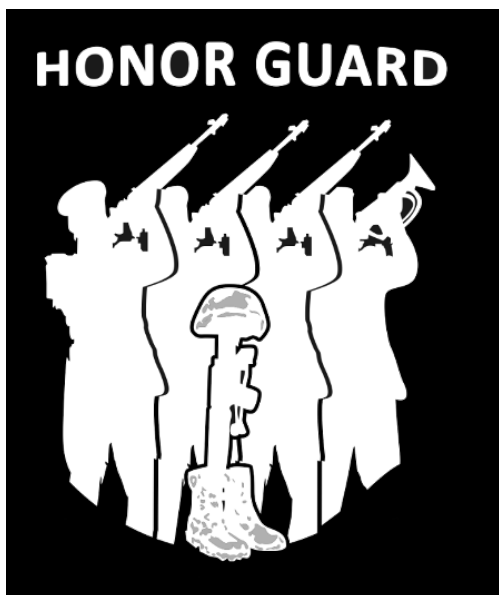
We will be offering support at

the Memorial Day Service to be held on the Town Square at the Veteran's Monument on Monday, May 30 at 11am.

Mark your calendar for these two dates. Further details for both of these events will be sent out by email at a later date.

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

Dwight McClure
Guard Commander
828 389-6120





Chaplains Corner *Carl Maxwell*



Summer is here and time to get busy. The VA facilities and the nursing homes are still a small problem to get into. You are only allowed to visit one person at a time in Clay County Care Center. I will be glad when we can get the veterans together in the cafeteria all at once. Mitchell and I did get to have a short visit with Ernest Ott in Brasstown Manor. He is a 98 year old WWII veteran who fought under General Patton. Please remember George Leduc and all the others on our prayer list.

Plans are going well for our "Welcome Home Veterans" program on September 24th. Remember, it will be a full blown air show this year along with classic cars, music, food, and Bengazi riders. Memorial day is fast approaching. There will be several programs available in the area including at many churches. Many thanks to all who called to check on my wife. She is still limping and going through physical therapy and getting slowing better. God Bless you all and remember to pray for one another. ----Carl



**Post Meeting
Menu
for May 31 at
6pm**

**Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, Baked beans and
dessert. Come and enjoy the
fellowship.**

Flag Day History

JENNIE COHEN

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the war for independence against the British fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army—a unified colonial fighting force—with the hopes of a more organized battle against its colonial oppressors. This led to the creation of what was, essentially, the first “American” flag, the Continental Colors. For some, this flag, which was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too similar to that of the British. George Washington soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom for the soon-to-be fledgling nation.



On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and that “the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked

the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day. As you celebrate the anniversary of the Stars and Stripes, here are some fast facts about “Old Glory.”

Bernard Cigrand, a small-town Wisconsin teacher, originated the idea for an annual flag day, to be celebrated across the country every June 14, in 1885. That year, he led his school in the first formal observance of the holiday. Cigrand, who later changed careers and practiced dentistry in Illinois, continued to promote his concept and advocate respect for the flag throughout his life.

POST CALENDAR

Month – Day	Task – Activity	Up-Dates	Point of Contact
JUNE			
14	Army Birthday	Info Item	Info Item
9 thru 12	Department Convention	Raleigh Hilton	5 Post delegates authorized
14	Flag Day	Info Item	Info Item
14	Disposal of Used Flags	Location and Time TBD	Phil Cantley and Dwight McClure
19-25	Boys State Project	Catawba College Salisbury, NC	Bob Bond, Chairman Unable to obtain a candidate for this program
??	Student Trooper Project	Trooper Headquarters Raleigh, NC	Phil Cantley, Chairman Unable to provide a candidate for this program
25	Executive Meeting	8 AM --Post Meeting Room or via Teleconference	Rondall Brown 1 st Vice Commander
28	Post Meeting Formal Officer Installation	Post Meeting Room 6 PM Meal 7 PM Meeting	Robert Seibert Commander and Dept. or Dist. Officer (Past or Present)
TBD	Gibson Memorial Dedication	Jennifer Gibson Memorial Hayesville High School Time - TBD	Joe Buckner Special Projects

22 HUMP MICHELLE STEGNER

22 Hump set May 29

Murphy – There is a staggering statistic that 22 veterans or active service military members take their own lives per day in the United States. The Hump 22 event hosted by Warriors Veteran Outreach...

80 people have signed up for **22 Hump**, a **22-mile** walk to bring awareness to veteran suicide. If you are driving

between **Murphy** and **Marble NC** today, please approach the walkers with extreme caution to keep everyone safe. Walkers will be using the outside lanes of Highway 19/74. Motorists can pass by slowly using the inside lanes.

This has been going on for years. Not sure what the anniversary date is, but more than 10 years

Post Member of the Month

Rondall Brown

CARL MAXWELL

Carl grew up between Hickory and Morganton N.C. and graduated from Hildebran High School in 1965. He was very active in sports and even played semi-pro baseball for two years before he really became a high flyer. He joined the U.S. Air Force and served for four years on active duty (1966-1970). He launched into the wild blue yonder and landed in the great state of Texas for his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB). Upon completion of his basic training, he took off to aircraft maintenance school and arrived in Amarillo by the early morning light. He was later stationed at Charleston AFB for the duration of his career except for Temporary Duty (TDY'S) at various locations. Upon his promotion to Sergeant, Carl became a crew chief on the awesome C-141. During his assignment at Charleston Air Base, there were 56, C-141 assigned to the base and 85% of their missions was in support of the Vietnam war. Carl states that he was most fortunate to attend engine run school; since there were only two personnel per shift qualified in that area. Carl states that it was a thrilling experience, beyond imagination, to be sitting in the pilot's seat

running the engines at take-off rated thrust speed (TRT). Carl states that the C-141 was a fairly easy aircraft to maintain; especially with the highly skilled crew; he worked with. Carl and two other crew chiefs were promoted to E-5 six months early; if you recall the Air Force used a quota system for promotion; and this was in the middle of the war (what was the Air Force thinking in those days?). Carl states that he would have re-enlisted, but the Air Force planned to transfer him from his beloved C-141 to Dover AFB to perform his magic on the mighty C-5's, but he chose to land and begin a new phase in his career. Carl attended Piedmont Aerospace Institute and earned his FAA A&P license. He worked general aviation aircraft for six years and then made a career change and began working at Dupont performing industrial maintenance. Nothing, however, has brought to him the thrilling experience and fun as working with aircraft! Carl retired from Dupont after 27 years of faithful service and moved from Charleston to the beautiful mountains around Hayesville. Carl serves as the Post Chaplain leading us in caring for veterans and their families, as

well as being involved in numerous other Post project. He especially enjoys working with the Veterans Mission Council and coordinating the care for Veterans and their families in Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Towns, and Union counties. Carl states that the Post and Mission Council has been successful because "we have kept God at the fore front of our endeavors". Carl reveals that he has one other goal and that is the construction a housing facility for homeless veterans in our area of Western Carolina. Carl states that there are grants available if land was available.

Carl's family certainly has a military heritage, his father served in the Army Air Corps and was on Tinian Island when the Enola Gay launched to bomb Japan. His Dad's older brother was a B-17 pilot. Both his uncles, on his mother's side of the family, also served in WW II, one in the Navy and one in the Army infantry in Germany. Carl and Susan continue to serve God and Country; we are honored to serve with you in Post 532. You are a real high flyer. **"OFF WE GO INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER"**

Go Getters

The following individuals have been awarded the North Carolina Department "Go Getters" award for achievement in membership retention and enlistment for 2022.

These awards will be awarded at the May Executive Committee and the Post Meeting.

Bobby Rogers: NC State

Michelle Stegner: Silver

Phil Cantley: Silver

Tommy Hooper: Silver

Gary Dempsey: Silver

Rex Ledford: Silver

Rondall Brown: Gold

Jack Greve: Silver

Sommer Rector: Silver

Dwight McClure: Silver

Ricky Breed: Silver



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ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Mitchell Shields

It's time to help members understand the cost of being an American

Legion Post. A Post is composed of individual members paying annual "dues" to the Post, Department and National organization.

TODAY, the annual dues are \$32.00. Your \$32.00 dues are divided in these amounts:

National	\$18.50
NC Department	\$ 9.00
Post 532	<u>\$ 4.50</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$32.00</u>

During the June 2022

Convention of the American Legion Department of North Carolina the delegates will vote on an increase of \$5.00 in the Department dues. That will increase the Department to \$14.00. That makes the TOTAL \$32.50 for National and Department. That means that Post 532 would not receive anything from your dues.

This was discussed during the March Post meeting and a recommendation was made to increase annual Post Dues to \$40.00 effective with the 2023 renewals. The new breakdown of your annual dues will look like this:

National	\$18.50
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NC Department	\$14.00
Post	<u>\$ 7.50</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$40.00</u>

This was not a decision the Executive Committee made by themselves. The recommendation was presented to the Post Members attending the March Post meeting, voted on and approved. When you receive your renewal notice for 2023 the new Post Dues of \$40.00 will be indicated.

Thank you for your continued support of YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST and the many veterans you help.

If you need help with your dues Please, Please let someone on the Executive Committee know.



District Meeting

On Saturday, May 7th, members of our local American Legion Post 532 attended the District 25 Meeting in Franklin. Ten different posts from western North Carolina met together to discuss accomplishments and concerns of each post. Those representing Post 532 (LtoR) were post Judge Advocate Jack Greve, Summer Rector, Robert Seibert and 2nd Vice Commander and SAL Commander Phil Cantley.

Jack Greve presented the Post 532 report. He reported that as of May 7th, our Honor Guard, under the direction of post Sergeant-at-Arms, Dwight McClure, has provided 23 graveside and memorial services since the first of the year. Showing respect for those who have served is one of our primary goals. Mr. McClure state we need more veterans to join the Post and more members to assist with the Honor Guard. Our Post was awarded 1st place in the Web Site Competition at the Department mid-winter conference, the post site (www.post532.org) is maintained by post member Mark Runge. Greve also reported on the Gibson Memorial

Plaque Project at the Hayesville School Complex. He stated due to material delays the formal dedication has been delayed until a later date, but work is still on going. Our American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP) Chairman, Dr. Bill Christy, successfully obtained a grant and received funds for the purchase of an additional rifle, pellets, and targets. The JSSP is conducted in cooperation with the school. Clay County Schools Superintendent Dale Cole has been very supportive of the program. The aim of JSSP is to work with all interested students 8th grade and above and provide them with a supportive team structure. The Post conducts a Buddy Check which continues to check on members to verify that the health and needs of Legion members are met. The Legion along with the VFW continue to work on a Veterans Memorial Park Project near the Black and Gold Center.





District Meeting Minutes *Jack Greve*

TO: Post 532
Executive

Committee

FM: John E. (Jack) Greve

SUBJ: District 25 Meeting

Report May 12, 2022

On May 7, 2022 myself, Phil Cantley, Robert Seibert and Sommer Rector traveled to Franklin Post 108 to attend the subject meeting. A luncheon was offered by the Post at 12 noon followed by the District Meeting at 1 PM. District Commander Doug Estep, opened the meeting at 1 PM. The meeting agenda provided for opening prayer, POW/MIA chair, Pledge, Preamble, etc. Some agenda item normally conducted were left out. He then requested a roll call of posts attending which is as follows.

ROLL CALL BY POST

Post 88 Brevard – Present Post

370 Highlands - Present

Post 61 Canton – Present Post

96 Murphy – Not Present

Post 143 Cherokee – Not

present Post 192 Robbinsville -

Present

Post 108 Franklin – Present

Post 104 Sylva – Present

Post 532 Hayesville – Present

Post 47 Waynesville – Not

Present

Based on the above a quorum was declared to conduct business.

POST REPORTS

Each Post that was represented gave a report as to their present status and their activities including events performed and future plans. Prior to giving our report, I introduced the other members of the post attending the meeting. Attached is the report provided for our Post which was formally given and a hard copy provided to the District Vice Commander as required for all District Meetings. For your information a copy of this formal report is included at the end of this memo report.

DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Vice Commander Mike

Shanahan read the minutes of the District Meeting held on



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February 27, 2022. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes which were unanimously approved by all present.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PAST OFFICERS

Past Past Officers recognized were Jack Greve, Ed Harwood, Jim McGill, and Jerry Smith for their various District and Department offices they have held.

OLD BUSINESS

The concern about notification to posts regarding upcoming district meetings was voiced since some posts have not been receiving any notification. The District Vice Commander said he would be looking into this concern. Commander Estep then gave a statement of his appreciation of serving as District Commander for the past year.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was provided by anyone attending.

DIVISION 5 COMMANDER INFORMATION

Prior to the commencement of the election process

Commander Jim McGill provided the following information.

- Dues increase of \$5.00 by the department has been approved.
- A resolution to appoint vice elect the Department Judge Advocate will be coming up at this years convention.
- A resolution regarding the reporting process of the Department Adjutant concerning his present reporting be coming up at this years convention.
- Post audits should be conducted as required by each post on an annual basis.
- The Colon Furr Scholarship should be supported by all posts. In 2023 the scholarship will be increased to \$2000.00. This is a competition project and each post is requested to follow the form used to submit your candidate which will be decided by the Legion Riders Scholarship Committee.
- The Legion Riders will again be conducting a legacy scholarship run.

DISTRICT ELECTIONS
Commander McGill then



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proceeded with the election process which was properly conducted with the following positions being filled for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

- District 25 Commander - Mike Shanahan
 - District 25 Vice Commander – Jerry Smith
 - Delegate to the Legion National Convention – Mike Shanahan
 - Alternate Delegate to the Convention – Jerry Smith
- This concluded the election process for District 25.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- Commander McGill advised that he will be running for Division 5 Commander again this year.
 - All in all there were approximately +/- 45 legionnaires from the various posts that attended the meeting.
 - District Commander Elect Shanahan will be providing information regarding upcoming meetings for the 2022-2023 season to each post.
- There being no further business the meeting was closed by

Commander Estep with prayer by Post 108 Chaplain at 1:57 PM.

END OF REPORT

As Provided during the above District Meeting: POST 532 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PLANS

(Report as of May 7, 2022)
Funerals and Memorial Services since last District Meeting

- As of May 7th our Honor Guard has provided 23 graveside and memorial services since our last report. We perform this service with Murphy, Post 96.
- Other Activities

- Our Post was awarded 1st place in the Web Site Competition at the Department mid-winter conference.
- Conducted our Post nomination process at our April Post meeting. Will conduct final nomination and election of post officers and appointees during our May Post meeting for 2022-2023.
- Some problems with access to our computer system occurred which were resolved allowing clean access by required

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executive committee members.

- Our March post meeting featured a representative from MASA – Medical Transportation Solutions which is a nation wide organization offering transport and support to all veterans.

- In light of an upcoming increase in dues, a motion was made to increase our dues from \$32.00 to \$40.00 per year and passed to be effective July 1, 2022.

- The Gibson Memorial Plaque Project – Hayesville High School Complex. Due to material delays the formal dedication has been delayed until a later date but work is still on going.

- Our Fund Raiser Coordinator Bobby Rogers, is working on some projects and we will be moving forward with his upcoming recommendations.

- Post Member George Leduc was diagnosed with COVID and during his recovery period suffered a severe stroke which left him unable to walk or talk. George was our first post commander and played a major roll in establishing Post 532. He was eventually released from the hospital and therapy to

go home but is still suffering the results of the stroke. Post members erected a ramp at his home and are providing daily support for George and his wife which is badly needed for his daily functions.

- Our JSSP Chairman Bill Christy, successfully obtained a grant and received funds for purchase of needed equipment i.e. additional rifles, pellets, targets, etc.

- Buddy Check List Project – On going through our Membership Retention Team.

- Veterans Memorial Park Project – On Going.
Post Concerns

- Membership renewals continue to be down. Presently 206 members have renewed, and we are striving to meet the Department goal of 219 for our post.

- Our JSSP program has suffered delays due to the COVID crisis but we hope to provide our youth with the quality the program previously established; hopefully by the upcoming fall semester. Our Committee chairman Bill Christy, is working closely with

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school officials to make this happen.

•Boys State Chairman Bob Bond, solicited the school for anyone interested in attending this years session but was unable to attain any candidates for this years session. We will continue to pursue this program

in 2023.

•Chairman for the Oratorical Competition 2022 Rondall Brown, made considerable effort to obtain candidates for the program but was unsuccessful. We will continue to pursue this program in 2023.

Clay County Memorial Work

We've all seen cemeteries that are run down and look abandoned. That is not the case with the Veteran's Memorial on the Hayesville square. It's not a cemetery, it's not for one person and it belongs to all of us. It reminds us freedom isn't free and it must be fought for to keep it. As we stop at the corner, it will be a chance to slow down our busy lives and remember why we are free and to say a little thank you to those who made it possible and still do.

The Memorial, which honors those from Clay County who have fought for our Country is, and has been kept up by members of our local American Legion Post 532. Even members who have moved in and never knew these men and women help in the preservation of their memory. For years, member George Leduc and his wife, Marie, have spent hours



caring for the memorial, but due to health problems they can no longer maintain it.

American Legion member and Commander of Sons of the American Legion, Phil Cantley, has started preparing the ground for new flowers. Cantley said, "Lewis Nursery has donated the flowers again." Post Commander Rondal Brown and member Bob Bond assisted planting. Soon the corner will be transformed with a new bed of colorful flowers. Beautifully landscaped areas



of worn out flags. Also, associated with the post is the Tri-state Chaplains Corp Veterans Mission Council which provides assistance to active-duty, veterans, reserves and their families to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual assistance. The American Legion Post 532 meets the last Tuesday of each month at the Community Services building across from the library. Supper is at 6pm and the meeting starts at 7pm.

don't maintain themselves. There is always weeding, fertilizing, watering, planting, and so much more. The Soldiers who stand guard on each side take a beating from the weather and must be painted. Our local American Legion Post 532 is currently involved in many projects around the area to promote patriotism and honor veterans. Currently, the post is assisting in moving and replacing the flag pole at the Hayesville School. Under the guidance of the post Special Projects officer, Joe Buckner, the new designed layout includes a memorial to beloved band director Jennifer Gibson. Routinely, the post assists with replacing and properly disposing



All veterans are encouraged to attend and are welcome.

GREAT JOB MEN!
You are blessing
to our Post.

**MONTHLY
Meeting
Reminder**

**Tuesday,
May 31**

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

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

**Post Location:
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Circle
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NC
(brick
building
below the
Hayesville
Post Office)**

**Memorial Day
Service on the
Town Square
at the
Veteran's
Monument
Monday,
May 30 at
11am**



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)**

July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022 Mbrshp Year

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 renewed their 2022 dues. We are 92% now after one renewal last week.

2022-2023 Auxiliary Unit Officer Election Results

President Teresa McClure, VP Paula Walters, Treasurer Donna Crowell, Secretary Marsha Christy, Chaplain Cecelia Phillips, Asst Chaplain Lois Nicholson, Sgt at Arms Patricia Hooper, Exec Comm Diann Buckner, Mary Cook, Linda Bond.

Prayers & Concerns



George Leduc, rehab after stroke

**Julie White's husband, Wayne,
health issues & upcoming surgery**

Note from Marie Leduc: George welcomes visits but please call before coming as rehab appointment times vary. Phone number 828-389-2536.

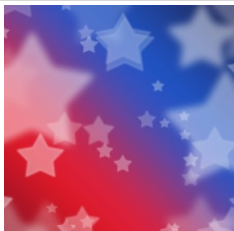
Happenings

Casey Davis Memorial Scholarship and American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship Presentations were held at HHS Awards Night May 12 6pm in the HHS Gym. Congratulations to Cecelia Jones, Casey Davis Memorial Scholarship \$1500 and the Nannie Norfleet Auxiliary Dept Scholarship \$1000; Thomas Urbaniuk, American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship \$1000.



CC CRA Summer Concert Series
begins Friday night, May 27

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.



June Birthdays

24 Mary Carson
29 April Deese

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