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HAYESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

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COMMANDER	Robert Seibert
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2ND VICE COMMANDER	Joe Buckner
3RD VICE COMMANDER	Bill Christy
ADJUTANT/TRAINING OFC	Sommer Rector
FINANCE OFFICER	Floyd Phillips
CHAPLAIN	Carl Maxwell
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	Dwight McClure
HISTORIAN	Patriot Pete
JUDGE ADVOCATE	Jack Greve
POST SERVICE OFFICER	Phil Cantley

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Ricky Breed, Tommy Hooper, Bobby Rogers, Michelle Stegner, Jordan Rudin

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BOYS STATE PROGRAM: BOB BONDS

POST SAL REP. & COMMANDER: PHIL CANTLEY

JSSP: BILL CHRISTY

POST CALENDAR/: JACK GREVE

VET. MISS. COUNC. / ANNUAL VET. APPREC.: CARL MAXWELL

HONOR GUARD COMMANDER: DWIGHT McCLURE

ASST. ADJUTANT/ ASST. FINANCE OFC: MITCHELL SHIELDS

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: SOMMER RECTOR

SOCIAL COMMITTEE/ FUNDRAISER: MICHELLE STEGNER



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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

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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

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 fort 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





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

Article III --- Post Executive Committee

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall authorize all other designated accounts for the purpose of transacting Post busnines. 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 desingee 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 fized 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 whithout approval of the
Executive Committee for the
general maintenance of the
post financial affairs and notify
the Executive Committee by Email 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.





<u>Post Member of the Month</u> 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 iust a precursor for what lav 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 Gordan 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 Ш

Completing his advanced training in communications, Roger was assigned to the 369th 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

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

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

minutes of last meeting was not available.

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.

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 Pluming 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 planed/anticipated income. The budget can be amended as needed from 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 and 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





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

SOCIALS EVENTS COORDINATOR - M's. Michelle BOYS STATE - Bob Bond no 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.

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

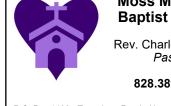
meeting, seconded by Shields, motion approved. One opposed.

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





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Moss Memorial **Baptist Church**

Rev. Charles Shelton Pastor

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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.











Carolina Christian Academy

259 Tusquittee St. Hayesville, NC



<u>Chaplains Corner</u> 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 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





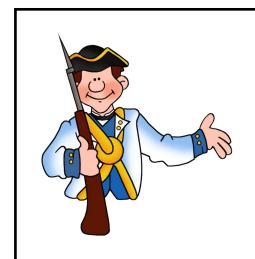
New Screening Procedures Begin Dec. 16

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.



County Service Oficer 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



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, lonizing 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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ONLY 200 TICKETS BEING SOLD

See Robert at Prints Plus
or a member of Hayesville Post 532 American Legion
Drawing when all tickets sold.

You do not have to be present to win.



January Meeting



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.

Dwight McClure Guard Commander 828 389-6120

"For God & Country"

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!





"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."

---Harry S. Truman, April 16, 1945

January Post Calendar

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





Unit 532 AUXILIARY NEWS DECEMBER 2022

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.

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. 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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