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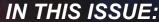
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Main St in Robbinsville renamed

Carry Flag Suicide Awareness

Casey Davis Tournament

Paws 4a Warrior Open House



25 Riverside Circle HAYESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

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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

The day is drawing near for our suicide

awareness walk. THIS IS IMPORTANT. Even if you can participate in the walk come sit at the pavilion and show the support. Mark your calendar, set your alarm, tell your spouse to kick you out of the house the morning of April 29th.

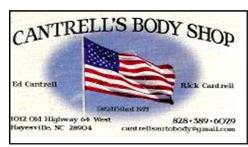
May 6th is the district meeting. I want to encourage all of you to consider attending. If you would like a ride please let me know.

We will be nominating and electing our district officers.

I would like to thank Phil for the hard work reorganizing the front board with the pictures and awards.

The Department Convention is in June. We are allowed 5 delegates. If you are interested in attending please contact me. We will need 5 names as attendees whether they go or not.









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.



History of the Purple Heart

The Purple Heart is also known as the nation's oldest military award. Although it has changed in title and use over the years, its roots can be traced back to the Badge of Military Merit ordered by then-Gen. George Washington on Aug. 7, 1782. That's why the gold medal on a purple ribbon bears the profile of Washington.

The original badge was directed by Washington to be "the figure of a heart in purple cloth, or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding." But that award fell out of use after the Revolutionary War through just after World War I. In 1932, Douglas MacArthur, then the Army chief of staff, reestablished the award, renaming it the Purple Heart and directing it into the design we know today.

Exactly who is eligible to receive a Purple Heart has been expanded or reduced over time. For example, from 1942 to 1997, some non-service members serving with the military such as Red Cross workers or civilian government employees were eligible to receive the Purple Heart.

An estimated 1.8 million Purple Hearts have been awarded to U.S. troops.





EMERICAN LEGION

The Four Pillars of THE AMERICAN LEGION

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

National Security

Americanism

Children & Youth

BETHEONE





Main St in Robbinsville is renamed Veteran's Memorial Hill

Over 100 people attended the renaming of Main St. The national anthem was sung by an 88 year old veteran. Commissioners, tribal leaders, civic leaders and Legion and VFW members were present for the occasion. This was great event. Members of the Cherokee post presented the colors and there were great speeches about the Vietnam wall and about a non-profit for homeless women veterans.



COME CARRY AN AMERICAN FLAG

Walk 2.2 Miles
Suicide Prevention Campaign

April 29, 2023

8am - 2pm

Clay County Rec Center

American Legion Post 532
For info contact Michelle @ 828-361-1156

End the Stigma
Be The One to Save a Veteran











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<u>Chaplains Corner</u> Carl Maxwell

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. Are you

thriving for excellence in your life? God wants us to be successful and attain excellence in our lives, no matter what we choose to do. I know most of us are past our prime and our physical work is limited these days. With that said. let's concentrate on the most important thing, our spiritual excellence. God created us to spread the word of God. You don't have to be pastor, deacon, Sunday school teacher, or even a chaplain to be a witness and help spread God's word. When Jesus told the disciples to go out and spread his word, they asked, what do we say? He told them to say what He had taught them. If we fail to go to church and Bible studies, how will we know what to tell people? The Bible is God's true word. We are in the last days and things are only going to get worse,

much worse. It is our responsibility to witness to as many people as we can. I got an e-mail this morning that Patricia Hooper is back in Union General Hospital. Please remember her as well as many other members who are going through rough times. Prayer is one of the greatest gifts that God gives us, so remember to pray for one another. For God and Country, Carl

American Legion Birthday cake at March's meeting







The American Legion

The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans' service organization with a membership of 2.4 million men and women.

All veterans of honorable service during a wartime period, and those currently serving on active duty, are eligible to belong to The American Legion. Congress chartered The American Legion in 1919 as a veterans service organization. Since its founding, The American Legion has remained focused on activities that honor God and country.

The American Legion is also the most active veterans organization in striving to protect benefits earned by all veterans through honorable military service. The American Legion continues to fight for the full repeal of the Disabled Veterans Tax (sometimes called "Concurrent Receipt"), a strong veterans health care system and a strong quality of

life for U.S. military members and their families.

As the war on terrorism continues, U.S. forces remain deployed in countries around the world. Today's servicemembers are some of the finest men and women ever to put on uniforms, yet they are over-deployed and under-paid. Working with the Commander-in-chief, Congress and the Department of Defense, The American Legion seeks to ensure that the military's pay, benefits and force readiness needs are met.

Although The American
Legion has an international
presence, it is more than
simply a veterans organization
– it is very much a communitybased service organization.
Among the programs
conducted regularly are
community Veterans Day and
Memorial Day observations,
Blue Star Salutes honoring
local military families and
supportive businesses,

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American Legion Baseball, Junior Shooting Sports, a High School Oratorical Contest and American Legion Boys State and Nation. The American Legion is one of the nation's largest supporters of Scouting and the largest single donor organization of blood to the American Red Cross. Members of local American Legion posts provide volunteer funeral details to render military honors for fallen comrades The American Legion's Child Welfare Foundation donates over a quarter of a million dollars each year to worthy children and youth programs. The American Legion's National Emergency Fund provides immediate financial assistance to fellow Legionnaires and their families displaced by natural disasters. Legionnaires record over a million volunteer-hours annually in VA medical facilities throughout the nation and they reinvest millions of dollars back into local communities through cash donations.

The American Legion continues to provide gifts and

recreational items to servicemembers recovering in U.S. military hospitals and warrior transition units around the globe through Operation Comfort Warriors. Through "Heroes to Hometowns," the Legion coordinates the transition of severely wounded soldiers back into civilian life in communities across the country. The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund enables the children of military members killed in action after Sept. 11, 2001 to receive a college education while its Family Support Network helps families of deployed service members.

The American Legion truly is a large organization of men and women who have stood to defend our nation in times of war and who continue to stand for a strong national defense in a changing world. These members steadfastly work to preserve the fabric of the United States of America.



Carolina Christian Academy

259 Tusquittee St. Hayesville, NC



We will have officer nominations at the April meeting and voting at the May meeting. Please do your best to attend these meetings. Also consider where you can be involved. Even if you can't be an elected officer there are still plenty of ways for you to serve.



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<u>JSSP</u> Bill Christy



The program emphasizes safe firearms handling and provides postal competitions for those individuals, 18 years of age and younger (or high school seniors no older than 20) are welcome, within the State of North Carolina sponsored by and/or affiliated with a Department of North Carolina American Legion Post.

The program goals are to provide an opportunity for young people to learn firearms safety and basic marksmanship. To introduce the shooting sports to community members and educate them about shooting. To provide shooting competitions for existing and beginning shooting programs. To use the shooting sports as a vehicle to help young people develop discipline, concentration, sportsmanship, and responsibility.

Who Can Participate?

In shooting sports, you don't have to sit on the sidelines: Anyone under 18 (or high school seniors no older than 20) can participate. Physical ability and size are no match for mental toughness and discipline in this co-ed skill sport.



After demonstrating knowledge of safety techniques, you will join the centuries of Americans who have mastered marksmanship for survival and sport. But the appeal doesn't stop at our nation's borders — the best marksmen from around the globe vie for Olympic gold. In fact, 2002 American Legion Three-Position National Champion Jamie Corkish won a gold medal at the 2012 Olympics. As you become a better marksman, you'll gain responsibility, confidence and self-reliance. To hit your mark, you will also have to improve your ability to concentrate. Plus, you'll develop a skill you can enjoy and hone throughout vour life.



Sons of the American Legion Philip Cantley

We Want to welcome our 2 newest members Ruben

Seibert and Bob Strawecker III. It is Great to have you on board with squadron 532. Our membership stands around 110% Thanks to everyone that paid their dues. We are going to start our Five Point Program of Service, so I will give you a couple questions and I need you to email or call me with the answers. First point is about Patriotism: love of flag: love of country. **Question #1**, Is it correct to sing the national anthem while saluting the flag? **2nd question**, When was your state first represented by a star on the national flag? The reason for this is our Squadron members can get awards for learning this information about Patriotism. So please try and do this to better

My info to get back to me is: pcantley1951@yahoo.com 828-361-3497 For God and Country.

ourselves and our Squadron.

Phil Cantley Commander SAL Squadron 532





CASEY DAVIS MEMORIAL

Golf Tournament

Saturday - June 24, 2023

Chatuge Shores Golf Course 828 389-8940

Benefit: Provides annual scholarship to an HHS Student

Four Person Team

Entry Fee: \$50 per person

Tee Off Time: 9am

Format: Captain's Choice

* Winners Receive CASH Prize *

Complimentary Lunch, 50/50 Drawing, Prizes

Contact: Teresa McClure 828 389-6120 tbmcclure@brmemc.net

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March Post Meeting Minutes

Post meeting was held at the Clay County Community Services Building.

The gathering of Post Members began at 1800hrs/6:00pm with a meal. Commander Seibert opened with prayer and guest were placed first in line.

Guest speaker: Brenda K. Ledford, Auxiliary member and author. Read some of poems and donated sales from her book to the Post general fund.

1900hrs/7:00pm Commander Seibert called the meeting to order and dismissed guests.

Commander: opened the meeting by ringing the bell and asking the Adjutant, in absence of Chaplain, to lead in prayer.

Commander emphasized POW/ MIA Chair recognition. Vice Commander Brown donned the POW/MIA drape.

Sergeant-at-Arms: posted colors.

Commander: led Pledge of Allegiance and Legion Preamble.

Adjutant Report: quorum is present. Total of 15 post members present.

Commander recognized Rob Holder for preparing the "low country boil", there were supposed to be two Clay County Sheriff Deputies attending to receive recognition from the Post for services in rescuing an individual. They are not here. Commander Seibert presented a plaque to Mitchell Shields for his contribution in developing and organizing the Tri-States Chaplains Corps Veterans Mission Counsel.

Commander Seibert (comments)

reminded members to get one of the "Be The ONE" buttons. There are about 75 raffle tickets for the 12gage, lever action shotgun remaining. Mr Cantley made the display rack that goes with the shotgun.

The Post is searching for a permanent home. We have contacted one individual and are waiting on a response. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please contact Commander Seibert. The Post has been active since 2008 and this is the 3rd location.

OFFICER REPORTS:

1st Vice Commander: (Brown) no report.

3rd Vice Commander/JSSP: (Christy) We have more new air rifles coming. 3 were donated by Mr Christ's Doctor. Post members are invited to attend the training on Tuesday's at 1500hrs to observe and challenge the students.

Finance Officer: reported on general fund and any Post

Member may get the information by contacting Floyd Phillips, Finance Officer.

Chaplain: (by Seibert) Maxwell will be out for about a month for his medical procedure. Mark Runge is continuing to recover at home, Bob Epperson is home and here tonight, after a week in the hospital.

Post Sargent at Arms: nothing to report.

Post VSO/Historian/SAL Commander: (Cantley) not present due to a family emergency in West Virginia. Post Judge Advocate: (Greve)

no report

Boys State: (Bond) no report.

Membership Coordinator:
(Dempsey) nothing to report.

Post Fund Raiser/Event/Social
Coordinator: (Stegner)

the meal was special, but the attendance was low and we are about \$200.00 short. The Post is sponsoring a 2.2 mile walk on April 29, registration at 0800, to focus on veteran suicide awareness. The walk will start/end at the Clay County Rec Park. Also, National American Legion has made April 29 Legion Family Day. We will have food, music and activates for veterans and family members.

The Post is researching the designation of "Purple Heart Community" for Clay County.

An event is being developed to recognize as many Purple Heart recipients in Clay County as we can find. If you know a Purple Heart recipient or you are one, please let Michelle Stegner know. The individual does not have to be a member of the American Legion. Stegner is needing help with this program, contact her.

Old Business: none New business: none Good of the Legion

Another invitation to Post
Members to challenge the JSSP
students on Tuesday afternoons.
Next month we will take
nominations for Post Officer
positions and voting in May. All
nominations are welcome.

Next Executive Committee meeting will be April 22 at 0730, here in the Community room. All Post members are welcome to attend. Pleat let a Post Officer know for us to have everything you will need. Next Post Meeting will be April 25 starting with a meal from 1800hrs to 1845, 6:00pm-6:45pm and the Post meeting at 1900hrs.

1945hrs Commander concluded meeting by asking Derick Tilley to lead in prayer, 1st Vice to recover POW/MIA drape, Sargent at Arms retire the Colors.



Commander Sergeant-at-arms Dwight McClure

The Honor Guard will be returning to Summer Uniform (short sleeve shirt) as of April.

We have been asked to present colors at the Opening Ceremony of the 2023 Cherokee/Clay County Senior Games which will be held at the Clay County Rec Park gym on Saturday, April 22 at 10:00am. Support of all honor guard members will be appreciated since only Post 532 Honor Guard will be participating in the Clay County event.

We recognize the continued dedication of our Post & Honor Guard Chaplain, Carl Maxwell and wish him a speedy

recovery following recent surgery.

April has been somewhat of a quiet month for the group but we will be soon preparing for the always busy month of May with Memorial Day ceremonies and veteran grave flag placement at the various cemeteries.

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

Dwight McClure Guard Commander 828 389-6120

"For God & Country"

HELP NEEDED

We need volunteers to help place flags on all of the veteran's graves in Clay County for Memorial day. You can choose how involved you want to be.



Unit 532 AUXILIARY NEWS APRIL/MAY 2023

Meeting Date: April 25

Meeting location: Community Services Building ***

Upstairs Meeting Room 25 Riverside Circle Hayesville, NC

(brick building below the Hayesville Post Office)

Menu: (Food provided by the Auxiliary)

Meal at 6:00pm

Meeting at 7:00pm

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.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP DUES (2023 Membership ends June 30, 2023)

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

Marie Leduc's husband, George, Rehab Paula Walters' husband, Bob.

Paula Walters' husband, Bob, March surgery recovery

Julie White's husband, Wayne, Kidney surgery recovery

Kathy Breed, broken wrist

Patricia Hooper, Hip replacement

Post Chaplain, Carl Maxwell, Surgery recovery Joan Cantley's husband, Phil, Heart attack



May Birthdays

- 4 Marilyn Bailey
- 11 Billie Drawdy
- 19 Teresa McClure
- 21 Jo Ann Hutchinson

Dates to Remember . . .

April Meeting

Auxiliary will be providing the food for the meeting.

The auxiliary unit will purchase the meat —

Ladies, please bring side dishes and desserts.

Auxiliary Concession Fundraisers:

2023 Cherokee/Clay Senior Games

Saturday, April 22 Rec Park Pavilion & Grounds Opening Ceremony 10am Rec Park Gym Auxiliary will be the vendor for the event

Summer Concerts on the Square

(Auxiliary provides food for sale — Contact Marsha Christy for volunteering 828 389-8110)

5/26 Alex Key 6/2 The Murphs

6/9 1st Train

7/14 Southern Vantage

7/28 Sugah and Thuh Cubes

8/4 Gnarly Fingers 8/18 Wyatt Espalin)

June 24

Casey Davis Memorial Golf Tournament

Sponsored by the Auxiliary Unit (Benefit: HHS Student scholarship)
Chatuge Shores Golf Course

May Post Calendar

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Day	Task – Activity	Up-Dates	Point of Contact
4	National Day of Prayer	Hayesville Square Noon & 6pm	Commander Seibert
6	District 25 Meeting (Election of Officers)	Sylva Post 104 Meal – 12 Noon Meeting - 1PM	Mike Shanahan District Commander Robert Seibert Post Commander
20	Armed Forces Day	Info Item	Info Item
24	Membership Retention Team	Post Meeting Room 6 PM	Chairman
26	National Poppy Day	Recognized and observed by the Post	Info Item
27	Executive Meeting	7:30 AMPost Meeting Room or via Teleconference	Rondall Brown 1ª Vice CMDR
29	Memorial Day	Flags to be placed at cemeteries. Services on the square TBD by VFW	Phil Cantley Service Officer/ Historian
30	Post Meeting Election of Officers and Appointments for 2023-2024	Post Meeting Room 6 PM Dinner 7 PM Meeting	Robert Seibert Commander Jack Greve Judge Advocate

Paws 4a Warrior

Veterans Open House

All veterans are welcome. Bring your family, bring your dog. Experience our canine confidence course.

Complimentary K9 exams by Nottely Oaks Animal Hospital. Have your blood pressure and heart rate checked.

Water will be provided. Drawings for Door Prizes





LOCATION: 262 ED MOORE RD HAYESVILLE, NC 28904

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023, TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 PM







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