

NC DAV CHAPTER 43 & AUXILIARY

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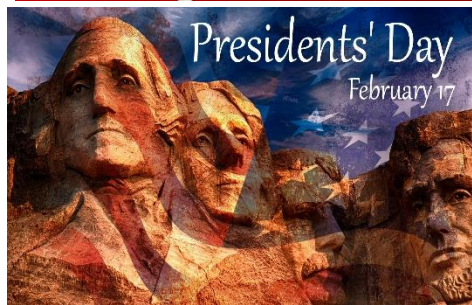
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February 23, 2023



DAV ORDER OF BUSINESS

Opening Ceremony
Introduction of Visitors
Roll Call of Officers
Reading Minutes of Last Meeting
Treasurer's Report (see page 2)
Bills against the Chapter
Sickness and Distress
Application for Membership
Introduction of New Members
Reading of Communications
Reports of Committees
Unfinished Business
New Business
Memorial Ceremony
Good of the Order
Adjournment



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**DAV Mission Statement: We are dedicated to a single purpose:
empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity.**

DAV CHAPTER #43 OFFICERS:

Commander: Bobby Ledford
Senior vice Commander: Jonathan Miller
Junior vice Commander: Vincent Capitano
Adjutant: John Widener
Treasurer: David Tubergen
Chaplain: James Howell
Officer of the Day: Barry Goodman
Executive Committeeman: Bob Hoyt
Building Manager: Ken Bolick

DEPARTMENT OF NC OFFICERS:

Commander: Grethel Humpheries
Senior vice Commander: William Tate
First Junior Vice Commander: James Hunter
Second Junior Vice: Tresa Dule-Sultan
Adjutant: Janice Weathers
Treasurer: Cleveland Bryant
Legislative Chairman: TBD
Membership Chairman: TBD

REMINDER

WE ARE ON AN **HONOR SYSTEM** FOR THE MEAL;
PLEASE CONTRIBUTE (\$5.00) ON THE MAIN
TABLE FOR YOUR MEAL. FIRST TIME GUESTS
ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND FIRST-TIME NEW
MEMBER ATTENDANCE IS ALSO **FREE**.
"IF TIMES ARE HARD, SEE THE TREASURER":
DAVE TUBERGEN

"Bingo" AT COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER IN OTEEN:

MAY 16, 2023 STARTING AT 1330HRS. NEED
VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST SOME OF THE VETS
WITH THEIR CARDS, SOME DON'T SEE OR
MOVE SO WELL. AUXILIARY – PLEASE
ARRANGE FOR SANDWICHES TO TAKE UP.
GAME STARTS AT 1330HRS. CHAPTER VAN
DEPARTING FROM DAV CHAPTER AT **NOON**.
HELPERS NEEDED.

Treasurer's Financial report for Jan. 31, 2023: *Any unsolicited donations out there?*

Bank Ending Balance: **\$ 20,280.00** ****Looking Good on funds folks. ****

Ending Balance CD Account: **\$ 6,610.12** Looking Good on funds folks.

Number	Date	Description of	C L R	Debit (-)	Credit (+)	Balance
						\$19,934.65
Deposit	1/4/23	Refund from Progressive	C		\$ 34.00	\$ 19,318.87
Deposit	1/6/23	Franklin D. R. Moore Donation	C		\$ 100.00	19,418.87
Auto	1/10/23	Valdese Water Bill	C	\$ 36.65		\$ 19,382.22
Credit Card	1/11/23	Capitol one - 401.91= Spectrum 77.97 / Staples 117.30 / Sirius 23.32 / Wal Mart Drinks 119.37 / DAV 63.95	C	\$ 401.91		18,980.31
2276	1/12/23	Carolina Energies - Propane	C	\$ 88.31		\$ 18,892.00
Deposit	1/17/23	Claude Huffman Donation \$300 / Chapter sale 47 / B Stamey 40 / J. Searcy 20.00	C		\$ 407.00	19,299.00
Deposit	1/19/23	Billy Bryant Donation	C		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 20,499.00
Bank	1/23/23	Service Charges	C	\$ 4.00		20,495.00
Credit Card	1/24/23	Chapter Van Gasoline	C	\$ 88.80		\$ 20,406.20
Deposit	1/26/23	Douglas & Doris Beam Donation	C		\$ 200.00	20,606.20
Deposit	1/27/23	50-50 40 / Lou Poda 20 / John Searcy 20 donation	C		\$ 80.00	\$ 20,686.20
2277	1/27/23	Voluntary Services - McIntosh meal for Veterans	C	\$ 800.00		19,886.20
Auto	1/30/23	Rutherford Electric Bill	C	\$ 116.20		\$ 19,770.00
Deposit	1/30/23	William "Billy" Smith & Shirley Parton Donation 500 / Goodman Hat 40	C		\$ 540.00	20,310.00
Bank	1/30/23	Safety deposit box rent for 2023	C	\$ 30.00		\$ 20,280.00

Balance of CD Account

Number	Date	Description of	C L R	Debit (-)	Credit (+)	Balance
						5,841.62
	12/31/2022	Deposit from CFBC	C		768.50	6,610.12

Legislative Report: These representatives are the ones who we write to or call-in hopes of getting support.

<p>Senator Thom Tillis 113 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 Phone: (202) 224-6342 https://www.tillis.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-me</p>	<p>Senator Ted Budd PO Box 97127 Raleigh, NC 27624 Phone: (202) 224-3154 Home - Senator Budd (senate.gov)</p>	<p>Representative Patrick McHenry Post Office Box 1830 Hickory, NC 28603 Phone: (828) 327-6100 Phone: (800) 477-2576- https://mchenry.house.gov/</p>
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JOBS A DAV CHAPTER #43 MEMBER COULD HELP WITH:

Driver Coordinator: A person who will be the central focal point for trips to Oteen and Hickory and schedule Drivers to take the trips as they come up. Riders would call with scheduled appointments with the VA. You verify the appointment, find the driver, and then you are done.

Kitchen Helpers: Second pair of hands can make lighter work. You would need to show up a little bit earlier to assist with this task. Anyone interested see Terri Capitano? You can earn a lot of LVAP credits for this.

Drivers Needed: A person who can transport Veteran's to Oteen and Hickory for their Appointments.

Yard Sale Helpers: Need help preparing, executing the yard sale, and to assist with the cleanup and pack-up afterwards.

Historian: Someone to keep files for the history of the Chapter. Gathering and condensing information.

Publicity Contact: Put notices in the paper for our events. Make and put out yard sale signs. Any volunteers to help?

Chapter/Unsolicited Donations: Items needed Bookcase & [Yard Sale Donations with prices on them](#).
 NOTE: * If for whatever reason, whatever the cause, maybe as a memorial for a departed loved one, you can always donate to our chapter by mailing a check made out to “DAV Chapter #43”, PO Box 572, Morganton, NC 28680-0572. You will receive recognition in our newsletter (this one) and a thank you letter from the Treasurer should follow quickly unless you ask us not to. We have been working hard improving our infrastructure and shall continue to do so. Give what you can as it all goes to the Chapter expenses. Our next main goal is to put in the pipe by the road and then plant bushes there.

LVAP Hours for January 2023:

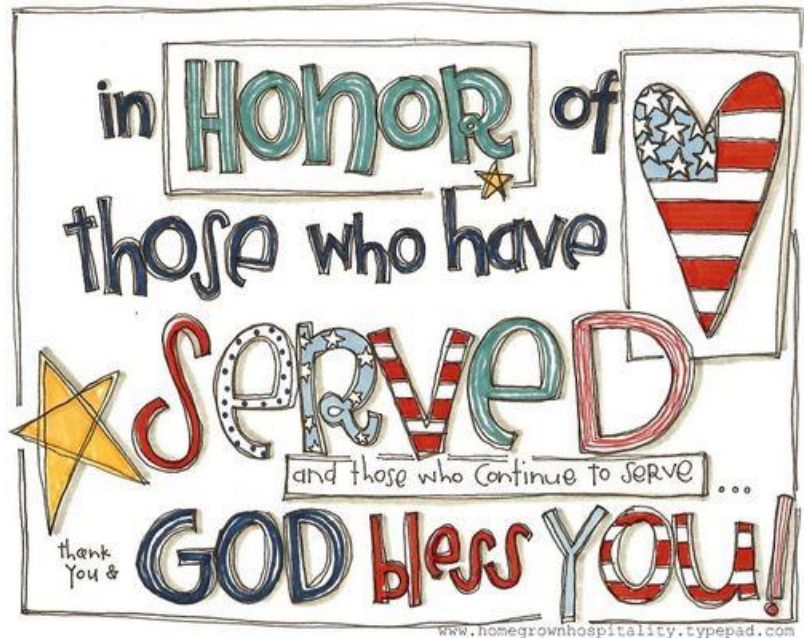
Special thanks to **Terry and Vince Capitano** for last Month’s dinner. Thanks to our Building Manager: **Ken Bolick for his outstanding support building maintenance** and the Auxiliary for your support at the DAV meeting and Saturday coffee calls. If you know of a Veteran who needs a spiritual visit please notify **James Howell, 828-448-0182**. An incredibly special **THANK YOU** goes out to **Linda McIntosh** for the Saturday donuts and Coffee. Thank you for the service officers, **Dave Tubergen, John Widener, James Howell and Bobby Ledford**. Thanks to the comrades who come in on Saturday Mornings, Salute. Next project is the ditch, looking for donations. ([A copy of LVAP is available, see Adjutant](#)). Thanks to all the new member’s support

VA VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION:

<http://www.asheville.va.gov> Click on “Volunteer or Donate” Go to the “Volunteer Handbook” to read and then at the end there are forms to print and sign and a 2- page application to complete and sign. You can give the Signed Forms to Dave for the next trip to Oteen or you can scan the signed items and e-mail the work to Volunteer Services. All done on the computer these days.

Driving Summary

Month	Trips	Passengers
Aug 2022	20	23
Sept 2022	30	41
Oct. 2022	22	22
Nov. 2022	18	24
Dec. 2022	21	26
Jan 2023	23	25



DAV CHAPTER 43 PRAYER LIST

sickness and distress

Billy Bryant, Max Quarles; Mr. & Mrs. John Lefeber; Linda McIntosh; Ken & Jessie Bolick; Champ & Shirley Ray, Gary Ledford; Franklin D.R. Moore; Gene Ray; Bill Buster; Erika Dietrich; Donald Paff, John Alspaugh; Claude Huffman; Rex and Peggy Shuping; Martin Braswell; Margaret Saunders; Charlie & Robert E Miller; Donald Herman; Bill Smith; Ed Yoder, Billy Smith, Cristy Bost; Jack and Maxine Carroll; Roy Ray Willis; Tommy Branch. Please keep these folks in your daily prayers, it works.

Call 1-844-724-7842
within 72 hours to
report Non-VA
Emergency or
Hospital
Admission

If you get a moment, please send an encouraging card to:

- [John Lefeber](#), (Autumn Care of Drexel)307 Oakland Ave., Morganton, NC 28655
- [Frank Moore](#) 2601 Garden Hill Dr. #110 Raleigh NC 27614-6518
- [Billy Bryant](#) PO Box 1 Drexel, NC, 28619
- [Erika Dietrich](#) 103 Glasbrook St Morganton, NC 28655-6922

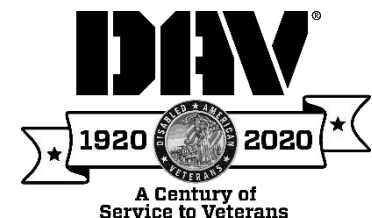
**DAV #43 – Best Chapter east of Raleigh and probably all of the state.
We challenge all chapters for Membership, we are 27 over goal.**



In honor of Danny George McIntosh

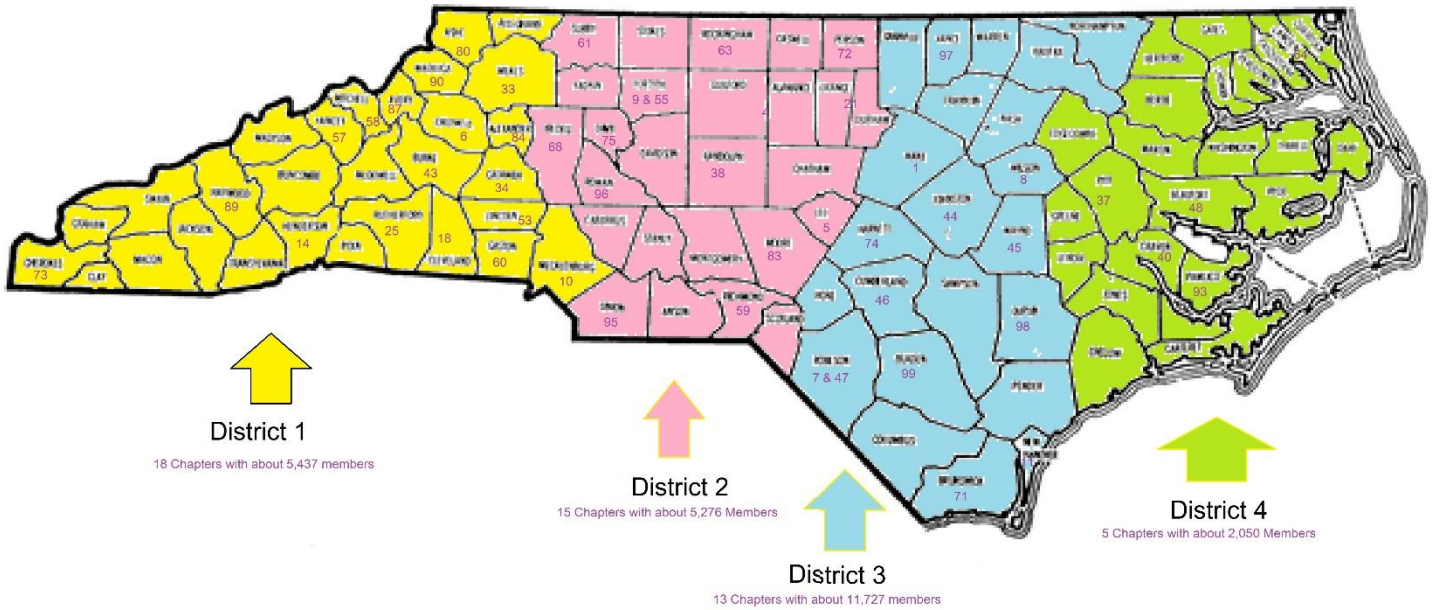
The May special luncheon at the Long Term Care and other patients who happen to be at the Charles George VA Medical Center will be treated to a special meal. One that they couldn't otherwise afford to provide to the patients.

106.57% of goal attained.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Tad Elliott 03/07; Kenneth Bolick 03/17



This is the New layout for the 4 districts of the DAV Department

This deck is stacked against the District one chapters. There are no military installations in our District to give us high membership (aka votes) numbers. Could I start a letter writing complaint to National and have them come back down with a reasonable “Adviser” and go back to the 13 districts we used to have, more recognition of the Chapter members. We have not had a district meeting since the one man dictated what we would do and destroyed the Espirt de Corp of this state. As a Chapter we have done everything right but we have no real recognition other than the National Streamer for membership. What is your opinion on weather or not we should split the state right down the District 2 and 3 lines? Have our own western department. I will not go to a Department Convention again until they make some major changes to the Department Constitution and Bylaws to go back to what we used to have and it worked very well until a national dictator wanted to do it his way and he made threats to take away the charter, what does our national commander think about this problem with morale. This is just Dave’s two cents worth. Have an article you want in the newsletter, contact John Widener for inclusion in this newsletter.



For Planning Purposes

Mar 12, 2023: Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar 17, 2023: St Patrick's Day

Mar 20, 2023: Spring Begins

Mar 23, 2023: Chapter #43 – 1700 Social / 1800 Dinner / 1900 Meeting / 2000 Going Home

Mar 29, 2023: National Vietnam Veterans War Veterans Day

Apr 9, 2023: Easter

Apr 14-15, 2023: Chapter Yard Sale 7AM – 3PM A lot of new items coming in?

Apr 27, 2023: Chapter #43 – 1700 Social / 1800 Dinner / 1900 Meeting / 2000 Going Home

May 14, 2023: Mother's Day

May 20, 2023: Armed Forces Day

May 25, 2023: Chapter #43 – 1700 Social / 1800 Dinner / 1900 Meeting / 2000 Going Home

May 29, 2023: Memorial Day

Jun 14, 2023: Flag Day

Jun 18, 2023: Father's Day

Jun 21, 2023: First Day of Summer

Jun 22, 2023: Chapter #43 – 1700 Social / 1800 Dinner / 1900 Meeting / 2000 Going Home

July 4, 2023: Independence Day

Important Contact Information:

DAV43 Chapter Commander Bobby Ledford: 828-292-5746

DAV43 Chapter Senior Vice Commander- Jonathan Miller: 828-544-5142

DAV43 Chapter Junior Vice Commander- Vincent Capitano: 828-448-8789

DAV43 Chapter Adjutant John Widener: 828-640-5605

DAV43 Chapter Treasurer Dave Tubergen: 828-437-0177 or 828-475-9994

DAV43 Chapter Chaplain James Howell: 828-448-0182

NC State Veterans Home, 62 Lake Eden Road, Black Mtn., Phone: 828-257-6800

DAVA Unit 43 Chaplain Karen Widener: 828-929-9255

NC Department Headquarters: 919-833-5567 or 1-888-432-8838

DAV National Service Officer: 336-631-5481 or fax: 336-724-2101

Change Your Appointment: 828-298-7911 (option 3) 1-800-932-6408

Pharmacy Refill: 828-298-7911 (option 2) 1-800-932-6408

VA Benefits Office at Winston-Salem NC: (800) 827-1000

Primary Care 1 @ CGVAMC: 828-298-7911ext. 4422

Primary Care 3 @ CGVAMC: 828-298-7911 ext. 4442

DAV Office at Winston Salem NC (336) 631-5481



NEXT DAV & AUX. MEETING:

March 23, 2023, at the "Chapter #43 Service Center. Social hour starts at 1700hrs; Dinner will be served at 1800hrs; and with meetings to follow, about 1900hrs, meeting generally over by 2000hrs, and home by 2030hrs." If you cannot drive at night; come at least for a great dinner.

