

# NC DAV CHAPTER 43 & AUXILIARY

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## November 24, 2022



### 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



**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: Tad Elliott  
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:

**FEB 21, 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.**



## 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 <a href="https://www.tillis.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-me">https://www.tillis.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/ email-me</a></p>	<p>Senator Richard Burr 217 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 Phone: (202) 224-3154 <a href="https://www.burr.senate.gov/contact">https://www.burr.senate.gov/contact</a></p>	<p>Representative Virginia Foxx Post Office Box 2676 Boone, NC 28607 Phone: (828) 263-0093 <a href="http://www.foxx.house.gov">www.foxx.house.gov</a></p>
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Chapter/Unsolicited Donations: Items needed: Needing Rolls of forever stamps. 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 Nov. 2022:

Special thanks to **Terry and Vince Capitano, and Judy Elkins**, for last Month’s dinner and today’s Outstanding breakfast. 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 and New 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



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

- *John Lefeber*, 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



## Driving Summary

Month	Trips	Passengers
May 2022	23	31
June 2022	14	24
July 2022	20	23
Aug 2022	20	23
Sept. 2022	30	41
Oct. 2022	22	22

## 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.

## DAV CHAPTER 43 PRAYER LIST sickness and distress:

**Billy and Shelby Bryant, Mr. & Mrs. John Lefeber; Linda McIntosh; Ken & Jessie Bolick; Gary Ledford; Franklin D.R. Moore; Gene Ray; Bill Buster; Erika Dietrich; 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; Charleen McConnell; Carol Stines; Jack and Maxine Carroll; Roy Willis. Please keep these folks in your daily prayers, it works.**



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

November birthday wishes to Billy Hensley (11/10); Hope Hoyt (11/1); Kenneth Bolick Sr. (11/17); December birthday wishes to Karen Widener (12/15); Edwin Ware (12/28)

## *For Planning Purposes*

Nov 11, 2002: Veterans event/Lunch at the Comma 10:30 am

Nov 28, 2022: Thanksgiving

Dec 07, 2022: Pearl Harbor Day (1941)

Dec 10, 2022: DAV Christmas Party: 1700 Social–1800 Dinner–1900 Game–2000 Going Home

Dec 25, 2022: Christmas Day

Jan 01, 2023: *New Year's Day*

Jan 16, 2023: *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

Jan 26, 2023: *DAV Chapter #43: 1700 Social–1800 Dinner–1900 Meeting–2000 Going Home*

Jan 26, 2023: *National Spouses Day*

## *Important Contact Information:*

DAV43 Chapter Commander Bobby Ledford: 828-292-5746

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DAV43 Chapter Junior Vice Commander- Vincent Capitano: 828-448-8798

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

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

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

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:**

Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the “Chapter #43 Service Center. 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. Bring in a \$10 gift for exchange.



**FULFILLING OUR PROMISES**  
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED



Donald Lynn Patterson, 78, of Morganton passed away November 7, 2022 after a period of declining health.

Born in Smithfield, NC he was the son of the late Lynn Clifford Patterson and Beulah Small Patterson of Hiddenite. Don was a long-time resident of Morganton & his

larger-than-life personality was well known and beloved in the community.

Don began his early career as a soldier then MP in the US Army serving in Vietnam, to be followed by a career in law enforcement. Don retired as a sergeant with the North Carolina Highway Patrol after 30 years of service. For most of his career and post retirement years, Don was active in a variety of organizations supporting law enforcement & veterans affairs (DAV, VFW, SEANC) as well as an active member of the Catawba Valley Masonic Lodge #217. Don loved spending time in the NC mountains and on the coast, he was a collector of many things and could teach a master class in delivering the punchline to a joke. Don was a great friend to so many and he enjoyed his many active roles in the community over the years and beamed with pride when he spoke of his favorite role as father and granddaddy to his girls.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Alva Jean Patterson; daughters Julie Patterson Broombaugh & husband Andrew of Concord and Leslie Patterson Mull & husband Travis of Morganton as well as his 3 beloved granddaughters Clementine Broombaugh, Evelyn Broombaugh and Kaiden Mull. Additionally, he is survived by sister Helen Jones and husband Ron of Florida; sister-in-law Connie Patterson of Hiddenite and many numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his brother Frank Patterson of Hiddenite.

The family will receive friends from 12 to 2 p.m., Monday, November 14, 2022 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The graveside service will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Burke Memorial Park with Rev. Ed Stephenson officiating. Honors will be provided by the NC National Guard, Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard, NC Highway Patrol, and Catawba Valley Masonic Lodge #217.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Chapter #43 PO Box 572; Morganton, NC 28680

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.



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**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SERVICE**



**FROM ONE VET TO  
ANOTHER VET**