

NC DAV CHAPTER 43 & AUXILIARY

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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: TBD
Adjutant: John Widener
Treasurer: David Tubergen
Chaplain: James Howell
Officer of the Day: Vince Capitano
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.

Treasurer's Financial report for Sept. 30, 2022: *Any unsolicited donations out there?*

Bank Ending Balance: **\$ 20,824.92 **Looking Good on funds folks. ****

Ending Balance CD Account: \$ 5,796.76 Looking Good on funds folks.

Number	Date	Description of	C L R	Debit (-)	Credit (+)	Balance
						\$11,492.76
2261	9/6/22	Ken Bolick Gravel for parking lot.	C	\$ 219.02		\$ 12,273.74
Deposit	9/6/22	R. Decker Donation 20 / chapter sale 2 / donation jug at Drexel Fair 103.87	C		\$ 125.87	12,399.61
Auto	9/12/22	Valdese Water Bill	C	\$ 36.65		\$ 12,362.96
Auto	9/12/22	Credit Card:	C	\$ 153.94		12,209.02
Deposit	9/12/22	Edwin Ware in Memory of Kent Southard	C		\$ 100.00	\$ 12,309.02
Deposit	9/12/22	Kathy Allen Calloway donation in Memory of Gene Calloway	C		\$ 5,000.00	17,309.02
Deposit	9/15/22	L Church 50 / Bush 25 / Ownbey 25 - all in Memory of Kent Southard	C		\$ 100.00	\$ 17,409.02
Deposit	9/19/22	AG Snipes 50 / Debbie Tallent 25 in Memory of Kent Southard	C		\$ 75.00	17,484.02
Deposit	9/19/22	Kermit Fox 3500 / Claude Huffman 200	C		\$ 3,700.00	\$ 21,184.02
Deposit	9/20/21	Jack Southard 100 / J. Ruby Searcy 25	C		\$ 125.00	21,309.02
Bank	9/21/22	Service Charges	C	4.00		\$ 21,305.02
2262	9/22/22	Mobil Services - New Fire Extinguishers	C	309.15		20,995.87
Credit Card	9/23/22	Credit Card:	C	179.71		\$ 20,816.16
Deposit	9/23/22	Wendell Shelton 100 / Jim Shuping 100 MBR Pmt / Chapter sale 20 / Westman 40 / Britt 40 / 50-50 51 / Misc donation 3.51	C		353.51	21,169.67
2263	9/26/22	Superior Plus Propane	C	389.67		\$ 20,780.00
Deposit	9/26/22	Napolean Avery 40 / chapter sale 65 / Larris Franklin 50	C		155.00	20,935.00
Deposit	9/27/22	Frank Moore Donation	C		100.00	\$ 21,035.00
2264	9/29/22	DAV - Jimmy Shuping MBR PMT	C	100.00		20,935.00
Auto	9/29/22	Electric Bill - Rutherford EMC	C	210.08		\$ 20,724.92
Deposit	9/29/22	Sharon Southard in Memory of Kent Southard	C		100.00	20,824.92

Balance of CD Account

Number	Date	Description of	C L R	Debit (-)	Credit (+)	Balance
						\$5,421.44
Deposit	8/3/2022	CFBC-Grill Foundation	C		\$ 375.07	\$ 5,796.76

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 Richard Burr 217 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 Phone: (202) 224-3154 https://www.burr.senate.gov/contact</p>	<p>Representative Virginia Foxx Post Office Box 2676 Boone, NC 28607 Phone: (828) 263-0093 www.foxx.house.gov</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 September 2022:

Special thanks to **Terry and Vince Capitano, and Judy Elkins**, for last Month’s dinner and tonight Salisbury Steak mash potatoes veggies 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 and New Officers 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
April 2022	20	20
May 2022	23	31
June 2022	14	24
July 2022	20	23
Aug 2022	20	23
Sept. 2022	30	41

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.

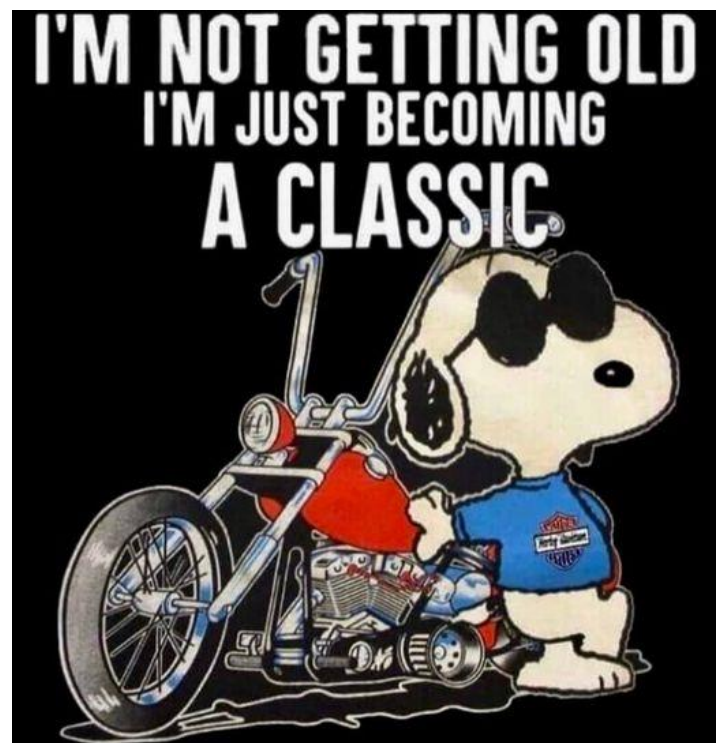


If you get a moment, please send an encouraging card to:

- **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
- **Donald Patterson** (Grace Heights) 109 Foothills Drive; Morganton, NC 28655

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; John Alspaugh; Claude Huffman; Rex and Peggy Shuping; Martin Braswell; Margaret Saunders; Charlie & Robert E Miller; Donald Herman; Don Paff; Bill Smith; Ed Yoder, Billy Smith, Cristy Bost; Charleen McConnell; Carol Stines; Jack and Maxine Carroll; Roy Willis (Just lost L Leg below knee). Please keep these folks in your daily prayers, it works.



DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK THEY DON'T DO IT VERY OFTEN



FULFILLING OUR PROMISES TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED



GEORGE MCINTOSH OBITUARY

Mr. George Daniel McIntosh, 76, of Connelly Springs, passed away Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022, at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, following a period of declining health.

Danny was born Jan. 1, 1946, in Yancey County, to the late William Lee McIntosh and Pansy Lee McIntosh. He was a member of New Life Assembly Church, and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Danny retired from Carolina Container following 45 years of service as a truck driver. He was also very involved with the local [Disabled American Veterans](#) Post 43, serving presently as the Commander. In 2018, he was awarded Volunteer of the Year by the [DAV](#); in 2019, he was given the award for Volunteer of the Year from Governor Roy Cooper; in 2020, he was given the Military History Award from the North Carolina Historical Society and in 2021, was the Volunteer of the Year for the Republican Party. In addition to the [DAV](#), he was a member of the American Legion Post 29, VFW, VVA, and the KIA Memorial Committee.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Scott McIntosh; sister, Ima (Jean) Ward; three brothers, Robert, Jerry and Phil McIntosh; grandson, Richard Reid; and great-grandson, Samuel Stoneking.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Dorothy Linda Deal McIntosh of the home; three children, Tammy Reid Duncan of Hickory, Bobby Wayne McIntosh (Dorcas) of Granite Falls, and William Lee McIntosh (Sparrow) of Icard; and a godson, Kelly Price (Michelle) of Hudson. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Savannah Duncan, Jerry Duncan (Darae), Stefanie Stoneking (Steven), and Jacob McIntosh; four great-grandchildren, Jaxon Young, Jahmod Duncan, Jyran Duncan and Silas Paul Stoneking; brothers-in-law, Ray Ward, Colin Deal (Juanita L.), Allen Deal (Juanita N.), and Del Deal (Terri); and a sister-in-law, Vicky McIntosh.



MELINDA HALL OBITUARY

December 21, 1952 - October 8, 2022

Melinda Jarecki Hall went to her heavenly home Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, after a sudden illness.

Born Dec. 21, 1952, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to parents, Betty Israel Jarecki and Joe Jarecki; she moved to Asheville with her family in 1967 and graduated from Reynolds High School in 1970.

Melinda graduated in 1974 from Western Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work. She devoted her professional career to assisting others in several facilities. She retired in 2016 from Black Mountain Neuro-Medical Center, where she used her kind heart and professional expertise to lighten the burden for the residents and their families. Her side professional interest was real estate which led her to earn her NC Broker's license.

Melinda was a devout Christian, working with the Child Evangelism Fellowship for years, serving two of those years as the program director at Nebo Elementary School. She was a youth leader and served on various committees at Mount Home Baptist Church in Morganton. Most recently, she enjoyed assisting her husband in leading an adult Bible study class at Garden City Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Her volunteer work also included being a life-time member of the Disabled Americans Auxiliary.

Melinda's many talents included decorating her home. She loved shopping for the perfect piece and especially enjoyed finding a bargain. Her eye for design was a natural gift. She was an avid hostess, entertaining friends and family with big holiday gatherings or impromptu get-togethers. Melinda would say she loved to cook "tasty" food, but friends and family would call it chef-inspired or out-out-this-world. Her recent years living in Myrtle Beach, she and her husband enjoyed attending shows, dining out and working in their yard, with Melinda especially loving her roses.

Melinda leaves husband, Thomas Hall of the home; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Beverly Hall of Rutherfordton; sister-in-law, Jane McCall of Spindale; numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews; a very special and dear friend, Breanna Swartz of Morganton; and furbabies, Willie and Charlie.

DOUGLAS BRANCH OBITUARY



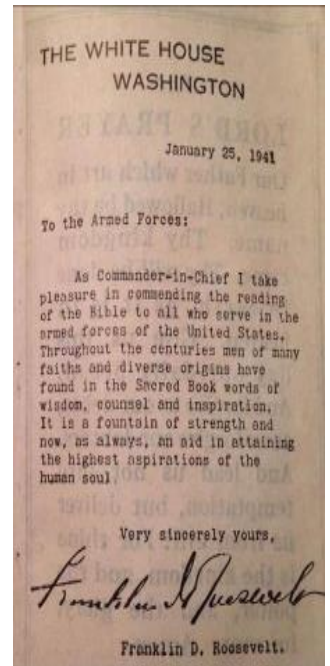
July 31, 1956 - October 7, 2022

Douglas Wayne Branch, 66, of Connelly Springs, passed away peacefully at his home Friday, Oct. 7, 2022.

Born July 31, 1956, in Burke County, he was the son of the late Richard Donald Branch and Lillie Mae Carswell Branch. In addition to his parents, Doug was preceded in death by his wife, Linda West Branch; and sister, Debra Goins.

Doug graduated from Nurnberg American High School in Germany in 1975. He was a longtime member of Amazing Grace Community Church in Valdese, where he was heavily involved. A disabled U.S. Army veteran, Doug was a lifetime member of DAV Post #43 in Morganton. He was also a member, Adjunct, Chaplin, and held various other offices with the Sons of Confederate Veterans-Col. Samuel McDowell Tate Camp 836.

Survivors include six siblings, Patty Hartmann (David), Sherry Havner (Andy), Ken Branch (Paula), Tina Branch, Becky Chavis (Mike) and Barbie Artherton (Ray); brother-in-law, Fred Goins; uncle, Howard (Pam); three aunts, Alma, Rita and Kathy; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and loved ones.

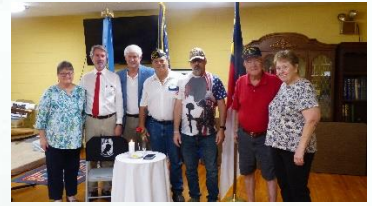


Roy Chapman 10/28; Richard Duckworth 10/29; November birthday wishes to Billy Hensley (11/10); Hope Hoyt (11/1); Kenneth Bolick Sr. (11/17); December birthday wishes to Karen Widener (12/15); Edwin Ware (12/28)

DAVA OFFICERS

Commander - MARY MURPHY
SR Vice Comm. - PAT BRANCH
JR Vice Comm. - TERRY CAPITANO
TREASURER - CHERYL YODER
Adjutant. - DOROTHY WHISNANT
CHAPLAIN - KAREN WIDENER

"DAV AUXILIARY"



A GREAT BIG "THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE POW/MIA CEREMONY AND MADE IT SUCH A SUCCESS. I BROKE MY HEART NOT TO BE HERE, BUT AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL. I AM SO VERY PROUD OF ALL OF YOU! DON'T FORGET! THE POT LUCK LUNCH AND TEA IS COMING UP NOV. 17TH AT 12:00 NOON. LET TERRY CAPITANO KNOW WHAT DISH YOU WILL BE BRINGING. GOOD FOOD AND DOOR PRIZES! WE WILL BE MEETING TO PUT CHRISTMAS BAGS TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS IN NURSING HOMES IN EARLY DECEMBER. MORE INFO AT OUR OCTOBER MEETING. NATIONAL FALL CONF. IN LEXINGTON, KY. WAS WONDERFUL. LOT'S OF INFO.



COMMANDER MURPHY WITH THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN. CHRISTOPHER FASLEY.



AT THE FALL CONFERENCE - LEXINGTON KY.

BIRTHDAYS

BARBARA GRIMM - NOV. 12TH

TAMMY DAVIS - NOV. 15

For Planning Purposes

Oct 29, 2022: Annual JROTC Drill Meet and Military Appreciation Day!

Nov 06, 2022: Daylight Saving Time Ends

Nov 11, 2022: Veterans Day Breakfast at the Chapter for all vets: 7am – 10am

Nov 11, 2022: Veterans Lunch at the Comma starting 10AM

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

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

DAV43 Chapter Junior Vice Commander- TBD

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:

Nov 11th, 2022, at the “Chapter #43 Service Center. Social hour starts at 0700hrs; Breakfast will be served at 0700hrs; and with meetings to follow, meeting generally over by 1000hrs, and home by 1030hrs.” If you cannot drive at night; come at least for a great breakfast.

