

DAV Names Chapter After Two Veterans

The local chapter of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) has named its chapter after two local veterans, according to Frank Coggins, Commander.

The new name of Chapter 14 will be known as Beddingfield-Shytle Chapter after final approval by the National Headquarters.

One of the two veterans honored is the late PFC George Clyde Beddingfield, U.S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Woodrow Beddingfield of Bobs Creek Road. Beddingfield was killed in action in Vietnam on December 08, 1966. He was Henderson County's second fatality of the Vietnam war and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal for heroism posthumously.

First Lt. Joseph Edward Shytle, also honored, U.S. Marine, was killed in action on Saipan, July 08, 1944. Shytle was the son of the late William Seymour and Jane Sinclair Shytle of Chimney Rock Highway. He was a well known basketball and softball player here and was on the University of North Carolina basketball team.

Selection of a name was difficult, Coggins said, so the names of veterans of World War II and Vietnam were combined.

The local DAV chapter now has 70 members and meets the first and Third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Navy Recruiting Office, 317 N. Washington St.

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