

Who We Are

DAV14 is a nonprofit charity that provides a lifetime of support for veterans of all generations and their families, helping more than 1 million veterans in positive, life-changing ways each year.

What We Do

We are dedicated to a single purpose:

EMPOWERING Veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

CHAPTER 14 NEWS

Disabled American Veterans

Reporting on the Sacrifices, Needs, and Great Accomplishments of Veterans

Top Stories and more:

Chapter 14 HQ Celebrates 50 years Serving Henderson, Polk, Transylvania

DAV14 continues advocating for Veterans in Buncombe County, 95 years strong

Chapter 14 "Road tour 2022" concluded in Tryon, NC

Pact Act 2022 Becomes Law

DAV CHAPTER 14 Annual Meeting

18 OCTOBER 2022 1pm-2:30pm

American Legion Hall Post 77
216 4th Ave W
Hendersonville, NC 28739

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DAV14HQ Celebrates 50 years serving: Henderson, Polk, Transylvania

DAV14HQ named after 2 Veterans from Henderson County, both killed in action. Beddingfield k.i.a while serving in Vietnam and Shytle k.i.a during WW2. To read more details visit *Adjutant's section* dav14.org

Since the naming of DAV Chapter 14, our mission EMPOWERING VETERANS has remained strong 5 decades later! Our very own Adjutant recipient of the 2015 DAV National Volunteer of the Year.

We welcomed members of Buncombe County Chapter 2, during the great merge of 2019. Our members have ranged from POW and survivor of Bataan Death March, Survivor of Battle of Normandy, Bomber pilot flying missions over Korea, endured the jungles of Vietnam, the grueling long game during cold-war, taking the fight throughout South America, bared the heat and sand in the Middle East, to the high-Tech battles of today's modern U.S. Military.

In recent years, a new US military branch has formed US Space Force. Whereever they go, our mission of support follows! While this 50 year celebration is historic, so are the challenges DAV14HQ faces from life post-covid. However difficult the future, we know how resilient Disabled Veterans are! That's why we are confident in DAV14HQ to continue our mission empowering Veterans for another 50 years!



To commence this opportunity, we have available challenge coins for members to display! Contact Chapter 14 for ways you can get a challenge coin.

**while supplies last*

DAV14 Continues advocating in Buncombe County, 95 years Strong

Dating back to 1927, Buncombe County was the first NC county to have a chartered a DAV Chapter - Following the completion of the great merge of 2019, DAV14 continues advocating for Veterans Empowering Veterans and seeking from Community leaders for Veterans:

- Affordable Housing
- Job Training
- Benefit assistance

Chapter 14 "Road Tour 2022"

The "Road Tour" started with Chapter meeting in Buncombe County- and concluded in Polk County (July). A special thanks to American Legion Post 70 (Asheville) and American Legion Post 250 (Tryon) for accomadations.

PACT ACT is LAW

According to VA.gov, the law expands healthcare and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. Veterans are encouraged to contact your local County Veteran Service Officer to file a claim.

- Vietnam Era Veterans served in:
- Thailand
 - Laos
 - Cambodia
 - Guam or American Samoa
 - Johnston Atoll

Contact local County Service Officer to see if you are eligible for VA healthcare or benefits under presumptive conditions

Gulf War Veterans: served on or after 9/11/2001

- Afghanistan
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Syria
- Uzbekistan
- Yemen
- Airspace above any these locations

Gulf War Veterans: Served on or after 8/02/1990

- Bahrain
- Iraq
- Kuwait
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Somalia
- The United Arab Emirates (UAE_
- The Airspace above any these locations

Contact your local County Service Office to see if you are eligible for healthcare or benefits under presumptive conditions

Message from Adjutant

Bob Scruggs

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Since COVID Shutdown, the Chapter has held 3 General membership meetings, and 5 executive meetings. Communication amongst Chapter officers increased during COVID, varying from US postal service, emails, phone, and in-person (parking lots) keeping Chapter business operating during these challenging times.

Chapter 14 is Headquartered in Hendersonville and covers: Buncombe, Henderson, Polk, and Transylvania Counties.

The Executive Board has sent out 3 newsletters. Due to increasing cost, not all future newsletters will be mailed: digital copies are available on Chapter website: dav14.org

DAV14 Road tour 22' - Chapter meetings began in Hendersonville Oct2021, Asheville Mar2022, and concluded in Tryon July2022. Optimistic traveling meetings would increase member participation, the results were unfortunately dismal. In addition to low member turnout, facility rental cost, and extremely high gas cost the board has decided to only hold an Annual Meeting (as allowed by National Constitution and By-Laws) in Hendersonville.

We know COVID, inflation, and future challenges are and will be a problem, but we **urgently** need member participation in order to sustain our mission empowering Veterans.

Eventhough the past few years have challenged our operations, this time has allowed us to impliment new ways of accomplishing our mission: Focused on:

- Supporting VAMC-Asheville programs
- Assisting Veterans with Benefits
- Advocating for Veterans and families

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Message from Commander

John Collins

Difficult times formed us after WW1 challenges times defined us after WW2, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storms, and the Global war on terror.

Our individual injuries and illnesses may vary from one another, so might the era and military branch we served. Let's be reminded as Disabled American Veterans Chapter 14 members, we stay dedicated to a single purpose- Empowering Veterans to lead high quality lives with respect and dignity

I call on members past and present to become an active part of our team - building a platform to better serve our current members and for future Veterans for generations to come. Contact Chapter 14 for ways you can help!

Looking forward seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting!

Local Business Owner and Life member DAVA Donates Lepal Pins

Gary, owner of [Tours By Clark](#) and long time DAVA member donated lepal pins to the chapter recently.

We sat down and talked with Gary about his local company and involvement as a DAV Auxiliary Life-Member

Q1: what does your busniess do?

Gary: We specialize in Riverside Cemetery tours. Riverside Cemetery is an Asheville City park established in 1885 with 9000 Headstones. The resting place to Writers, Lawyers, Aristist, Senators, Governors, and Military personnel having a major impact on the history of Asheville.

Q2: How can people interested in learning more about your tours contact you?

Gary: visit us online toursbyclark.com for tour pricing and more or by calling 828.231.7782 - we offer military and Veteran discounts

Q3: Can you tell us about your involvement as a life member of DAV Auxiliary?

Gary: Years ago my wife (also DAVA member) and I helped support DAV chapter with meals before the meeting and then I helped volunteering as a DAV driver up at the VA. Like many, COVID Shutdown delayed in person tours - but it also opened

opportunity for me to help DAV14 chapter with community serivce projects - from tree cutting, deck replacement, weatherizing, and various transportations. DAVA is a great way for those with a passion to serve those who served this great nation. My brother served in the USMC and is a Disabled Veteran, as well as, I am a VA caregiver to my son who served in Iraq.

Volunteering and donating to such a great organization is my way of paying back to America's heroes.



Lepal pins and other merch will be available at Annual meeting 18OCT2022

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**Contact us for ways you can join
DAV AUXILIARY & Support DAV14!**

Dates for Calendar:

- DAV Chapter 14 Annual Meeting
18OCT2022
- Veterans Day
11NOV2022
- Wreath's across America
17DEC2022
- Veteran info Seminar (Franklin, NC)
31MAR2023

Special Request

**Members and Guest Attending
Annual Meeting asked to bring one
of following to support VAMC-AVL:**

**Debi Cakes (any kind)
Individually packaged snacks
Canister of coffee (any brand)
Adult Reader Glasses (any number)
#2 Pencils
Box of Color Pencils
Coloring books
Canned food**

Items will support VAMC-A

canned food will support AL77 food Program

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