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TO: National Executive Committee
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FROM: Barry A. Jesinoski, National Adjutant

DATE: May 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Death of Retiree Darrel Babcock

It is with regret that I advise you of the death of retiree Darrel Babcock, who died on April 7, 2026. He was 81.

Born and raised in Naponee, Nebraska, Darrel served in the Army as a paratrooper with the 173rd Airborne Brigade during the Vietnam War. He was seriously wounded in combat and was medically retired in 1971.

Darrel began his career with DAV as a national service officer apprentice in 1972 in Lincoln, Nebraska. As an NSO, he also worked in San Antonio, Texas. In 1990, he became the personnel director at National Headquarters in Cold Spring, Kentucky. In 1993 he became a field director at the National Legislative Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and retired in 1996.

Darrel was preceded in death by his wife, Ginny. He is survived by his daughter, Faith Seeton; stepdaughter, Deloris Lundy; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A funeral service with full military honors took place on Tuesday, May 19 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas. Remembrances may be expressed [here](#).

We are immensely thankful for Darrel's contributions to DAV and for his service to his fellow veterans. DAV grieves along with his family and the many veterans and families he served through our sacred cause. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry A. Jesinoski', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barry A. Jesinoski
National Adjutant

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