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FROM: Barry A. Jesinoski, National Adjutant

DATE: July 22, 2025

SUBJECT: Death of Past National Commander Wallace E. "Wally" Tyson

It is with regret that I advise you of the death of Past National Commander Wallace E. "Wally" Tyson. He passed away July 20, at 73 years old.

A service-connected, disabled Vietnam era veteran, Wally enlisted in the Army in 1972, and served assignments including with the 101st Airborne Division, 1st Armored Division, 37th Transportation Group and 2nd Armored Division. After 14 years of service, he was medically retired as a sergeant first class. He joined DAV in 1985.

In those early days, Wally served as a chapter service officer and a chapter adjutant. In 1989, he became the adjutant for the Department of North Carolina. In 2005, he was elected to national office as the 4th junior vice commander and was elected as DAV's national commander at the 2010 national convention in Atlanta.

During his term, Wally championed DAV's ongoing advocacy to support advance appropriations for veterans benefits and health care at a time when lawmakers were looking at making cuts.

Additionally, he served as a member of the National Executive and Finance Committees (1997-1999), Chairman of the National Finance Committee (1998-1999), four years as a member of the Interim Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, President of the State Commanders and Adjutants Association (2002-2003), and as a member of the National Service Foundation Board of Directors (2004-2006).

Wally also served as President of the North Carolina Veterans Council and was named the North Carolina Disabled Veteran of the Year in 1995. In 1996, he received "The Order of the Long Leaf Pine," the highest civilian honor bestowed by the governor of North Carolina.

He is survived by his wife Joan, a son, and two grandchildren. We will share memorial service information when it becomes available.

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Wally will be remembered for his steady leadership, unwavering commitment to his fellow veterans and a lifetime of dedicated service. His legacy will live on in the countless lives he touched through his work with DAV and beyond. We extend our deepest condolences to Joan and the Tyson family during this difficult time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry A. Jesinoski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a period at the end.

Barry A. Jesinoski
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