

Statement provided by Duane Vestal to Parents for Kids Health:

My name is Duane Vestal, 49 years old, married to Bonnie Zabilansky and I have a 9-year-old son Bryson. Bonnie is a registered nurse and Bryson attends Cornatzer Elementary. I was born and raised in Davie County. After graduating in 1992, I headed to Fort Benning Ga for 13 weeks and completed Army Boot Camp. I completed 8 honorable years with the Army. In 2001, I decided to do something different militarily, so I enlisted in the US Air Force. I conducted several combat tours in Iraq and received 2 accommodation medals from the Army and Air Force. I retired in 2013 after serving 20 honorable years of service.

Currently, I work at Dollar General part time which resides on Farmington Road. Being in retail for the first time in my life has been a great experience. It's hard work and I am accustomed to working smarter not harder. What I enjoy most, are the people.

Why am I running for Davie County Commissioner: First and foremost, the county has been run by one small section of the county and that needs to change. Some areas of the county have been overlooked economically except for taxation. The tax rate between the Town of Mocksville, The Town of Cooleemee, and the Town of Bermuda Run needs to be equitable but at the present time it's disproportionate.

Finally, if I am fortunate enough to earn the voter's choice for Commissioner, as an elected official, I will not be accepting a monthly stipend as the county's servant. Each month, that monthly stipend will be donated to a local charity in Davie County. I look forward to the future as we work together to make Davie County the best place to live and work in the state.