

Davy Hite – Bio and Resume

Davy Hite grew up on the shores of Lake Murray in a small cottage with his grandparents. A hard-working retired couple of limited means, Davy's grandparents raised him on their social security incomes. Money was tight, but their home provided him with plenty of love, southern home cooking, lakefront access to a great fishery, and a 14' johnboat. Davy's trolling motor was a hand-operated boat paddle. Thus were the humble beginnings of one of the greatest legends in the sport of professional bass fishing. In 1993, Davy took a risk, giving up a rock-solid career in the Army National Guard to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a professional angler.

Over the course of twenty-four seasons, he excelled and anchored his professional resume with four major titles: Bassmaster Classic Champion, 2-Time BASS Angler of the Year, and Forrest Wood Cup Champion. With a total of nine BASS and FLW wins and 14 Bassmaster Classic appearances, Davy keeps company with very few anglers whose career statistics rival his own. Always a fan-favorite, his educational and humorous Southern style makes him a popular booking for seminars, trade shows, radio shows, webcasts and podcasts. In recognition of his impact on the sport, Davy was inducted into the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame in 2019.

In the fall of 2016, Davy landed the "retirement" job of his dreams as co-host and analyst for Bassmaster LIVE and The Bassmaster television shows currently airing on FS1. Davy's insightful and humorous commentary backed by his exceptional credentials and vast tournament experience began delivering to fans a new perspective in LIVE tournament coverage.

While he favors South Carolina's resources, Davy has fished professionally and recreationally, both freshwater and saltwater, all over the United States. He has competed on most of the great freshwater fisheries from California to New York to Florida to Texas. He is familiar with conservation efforts and management practices nationwide. Davy is also an avid hunter.

In 2025, Davy was appointed to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Board by Governor Henry McMaster, representing the 3rd Congressional District.

Davy and his wife Natalie live in Ninety Six, South Carolina and have a second home on Lake Marion. They have two sons, Parker and Peyton. Parker is a 2015 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He is currently serving as a Major in the US Army. Parker and his wife, Tori, have one daughter. They are currently stationed at Ft Moore. Peyton graduated as valedictorian of Ninety Six High School's Class of 2015. He received a degree in English Education from Newberry College and his Masters from the University of South Carolina. Peyton is currently serving as Assistant Principal at Dawkins Middle School in Spartanburg. Peyton and his wife, Hayleigh, live in Spartanburg. They have two daughters and a son.

Davy Hite Career Highlights & Service

Education

- Saluda High School Graduate, 1983

Military Service

- South Carolina Army National Guard, 1982–1996
 - Enlisted 1982; Honorably Discharged as Staff Sergeant (SSG)
- SCARNG Technician, 1984–1993

Professional Bass Fishing Career

- Professional Bass Angler, 1993–2016
- BASS Angler of the Year, 1997 & 2002
- FLW Cup Champion, 1998
- Bassmaster Classic Champion, 1999
- Inducted into the Professional Bass Fishing Hall of Fame, 2019

Broadcast & Media

- Co-Host and Analyst, *Bassmaster LIVE* and *The Bassmaster*, 2016–Present

Public Service & Leadership

- Board Member, South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families, 2017–2022
- Founding Member, South Carolina Boating and Fishing Alliance, 2020-2025
- Board Member, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, 2025–Present