



***SPRING 2015***

## **GRAND LODGE MEMBERSHIP & PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER ADDRESSES NCSEA LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**

The NCSEA Leadership Seminar, held on February 21<sup>st</sup>, was honored to have Grand Lodge Membership and Public Relations Manager Rick Gathen as the guest speaker. Rick gave a very informative presentation on membership and stressed the importance of an active and well organized membership committee if Lodges are to reverse the membership decline. While our Order is doing a good job of Initiating new members lapsation continues to be chronic problem. As our Order ages, older members, those over 72, are lapsing at a greater rate than younger members. We need to stay in touch with these members and let them know how important they are to our Lodges. For a copy of his presentation to assist you and your Lodge with it's membership program contact Rick at [RickG@elks.org](mailto:RickG@elks.org). State Sponsor Jack Frost, PGER will be forwarding a copy of Rick's presentation to all Lodges via email.

Jack Frost also discussed the new online By-laws revision program which replaces the By-law booklets we have previously used. Jack requested that all Lodges conduct a general revision of their By-laws using the new online program. Once approved, the By-laws will be available to all members online.

A new and much improved Orientation video was presented and viewed. This will be distributed to the Lodges in coming months. The video is available to be viewed online at the [ncelks.org](http://ncelks.org) Website.



**Rick Gathen Addressing the  
Leadership Seminar**



**Steve Johnson Discussing the  
New State Website**

## NCSEA Presidents Message



This will be my last Presidents Message for the newsletter as my term ends at the Spring Convention May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Vickie and I both feel proud and honored to have represented the North Carolina State Elks Association throughout the 2014-2015 year. I will continue to perform my duties to the best of my ability as your elected (75<sup>th</sup> year) NCSEA President until the end of my term.

I hope the word has gotten out by now and all North Carolina Elks have checked out the new web site at [ncelks.org](http://ncelks.org). Please register on the lower left of the home page so that you can access the member only information. You can now read and print the state newsletter on the site which conveys the information relative to the activities of the Elks in the state of North Carolina. Our communications team is very proud of what this new site offers and all the hard work done by Steve Johnson from the Sanford Lodge updating the site, and PSP Ashley Buckwell from Calabash Lodge producing the newsletter. Steve reminds us all that it continues to be a work in progress and all Lodges and committees need to continue to furnish updated information to keep us current.

In the month of November, Elks Veterans Remembrance Month, I visited with many of the Veterans in our state at both local Lodges and the veterans homes in Fayetteville and Raleigh, NC. Each and every one of you make me proud to say I am an Elk for all you continue to do for the veterans and living up to the saying "so long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them". You made their Christmas special and they will never forget the Elks.

Its time now to finish the year strong by sharing your great lodges with family and friends and invite them to join. We can all make a difference for both the lodge and state with positive results in membership if we just get one new person each. Blow your own horn and tell folks what the Elks do for their communities. You can help close the gap between where we are and where we want to be.

Hopefully your lodges have had nominations and elections of new Officers for the coming Elk year. Good leadership is required for your lodge to grow and prosper. There is much to learn and I hope all attended the Officer/Member training held at the Greensboro Lodge 21 February.

By the end of my term I will have attended nine of twelve District Deputy Clinics this year. Three held in the East District, two in the East Central District, two in the West District, and two in the West Central District. The DDGER's are doing an outstanding job. All members should be encouraged to attend these clinics.

I will also have attended the state hoop shoot finals in Greensboro, NC on 14 February and the Hoop Shoot Regional finals held in Fredrick, Maryland on 14 March, 2015.

Please try to attend the Spring Convention being held in Wilmington, NC from 30 April-3 May, 2015 at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside Hotel located at 301 North Water Street.

In closing I want to say "Thanks" to all the state and district chairman that worked hard to accomplish the many works our state committees perform. It has been a pleasure working with all of you and I'm sure you will continue to support and assist your new State President. Thanks also to the Past State Presidents for their advise and support and especially to my personal adviser, Lee Littiken and my number one fan, your First Lady and my wife Vickie Acton.

This has been a year of action and you have all helped to support my motto of "be the Elk you know you can be." Thank You and God Bless.

Teddy G. Acton NCSEA President

## ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

### JANUARY 2015 GRAND LODGE NEWSLETTER MESSAGE

#### Budget ENF Grants for Veterans

It is time for you and your Lodge to plan next year's budget. Veterans have served for us and deserve our best efforts to plan, budget and fund programs for them. *"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."*

First and foremost, APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN ENF AND ENVSC GRANTS! The job of budgeting for Veterans programs becomes easier with the reasonable expectation of grants. Every Lodge can apply for a \$2,000.00 Beacon Grant. Every Lodge can make the GER's ENF per capita donation goal of \$4.60 and become eligible for a \$2,000.00 Gratitude Grant. Every Lodge can think big and apply for up to \$10,000.00 for an Impact Grant. And every Lodge can apply for one of the 140 grants of \$2,000.00 available for Veterans projects through the ENVSC.

If your Lodge has not yet settled on a continuing community project, what better project is there than to help veterans? To learn more, go to Elks.org and click on "Veterans Service". Read about Army of Hope, Adopt-A-Veteran, the Leather Program, Stand-Downs,

Comfort Care Kits, Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) in Veterans medical facilities, and much, much more. Find out what other Lodges are doing. Look around town and see what needs done.

Many communities have a local business that would like to contribute to support a Lodge charitable project, but needs a 501(c)(3) recipient to do this properly. This can be done by a restricted contribution through the ENF's Lodge Assistance Grant program (LAG). Again, learn more at "Elks National Foundation" at Elks.org.

Lodges want and need to expand the Elks' "brand" in their communities. A strong Veteran's project could be the impact for which you are looking. Wise use of grants will allow the Lodge to extend service to veterans without putting a strain on the rest of the budget. This could be a wonderful win-win for veterans and for your Lodge. Are veterans in your budget?

Fraternally,  
James L. Nicholson, PGER  
Vice-Chairman  
Elks National Veterans Service Commission

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### Kinston Gratitude Grant Aids "People and Pets"



Members of Kinston #740 donated bags of pet food and donated \$1,000 to the SPCA as part of their "People and Pets" Program.

Pictured with ER Jim McLain is Tammy Evert and Jerry Henderson of the Lenoir County SPCA.

Members of Kinston #740 donated bags of canned food for Lenoir County's Soup Kitchen. Kinston Elks donated \$1,000 to the Mary's Kitchen as part of our "People and Pets" Program.

Pictured with ER Jim McLain is Marilyn Wiggins, director of Mary's Kitchen.







Lady Veterans left to right: Carol Glover, Emma Hunter, Deanna Johnson, Ruby Simmons, Bea Bowman, Nancy McCoy, and Judith Johnston, Program Director.

### **Lady Veterans Honored at Gastonia Elks Lodge Luncheon**

Lady Veterans from Faith Farm were treated to a luncheon Saturday, November 8, 2014 in honor of Veteran's Day. Faith Farm is a home for homeless female veterans started by Lutheran Family Services in 2008. It is a safe place to help approved residents regain their rightful place in society. The Ladies were treated to a delicious ham luncheon with all the trimmings and a huge "Thank You Veterans" cake. In addition to the lunch, the Ladies were presented with an "old fashioned pounding" of many, many household items from members of Gastonia Elks Lodge and some needed Ikea furniture (3 wardrobes, 3 chest of drawers, and 3 bookcases) to help with their personal storage needs.

In addition to the Lady Veterans, two veteran members of Gastonia Lodge were present, Robert Morris and Robert Messer.

The luncheon was spearheaded by Auxiliary President Barbara Hostetter. Barbara and her husband, Larry Hostetter prepared the lunch with the assistance of MaryAnn and Steve Murray. Other members of Gastonia Lodge present were: Tom and Renea Brooks, Ken and Catherine Hoffman, Terry Jones, and Mary Humphreys. Special guests from Newton Elks Lodge were Wilbur Guernsey and his wife Francis. Wilbur is Vice President West District of NCSEA.

This was all possible when Gastonia Elks Lodge #1634 received a \$2,000 Freedom Grant from the Elks National Foundation for 2014. ENF Freedom Grants are intended to provide financial support to local Lodges with programs assisting and enhancing the lives of Veterans, the active military and their families. One hundred and twenty-five Freedom Grants of \$2,000 each were awarded for 2013-14.



### **CALABASH DONATES TO TOY DRIVE**

The Calabash Lodge and Ladies Auxiliary completed their annual Christmas Toy Drive with a spaghetti dinner fund raiser. Toys collected were donated to the Brunswick County Sheriffs Department for their Toys for Tots program, which benefits needy families throughout the county.

Pictured L - R; Exalted Ruler Tom O'Brien, Major Brian Sanders, and Chief Deputy Charles Miller of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

# *CHRISTMAS AT THE FAYETTEVILLE VETERANS HOME*



Santa (Glen Autry) visiting with  
Veteran Home residents  
Paul Rikley (L) and  
Carlton Pearson ( R )



Santa and State President Teddy  
Acton wishing the Home  
residents a Merry Christmas



Southern Pines Lodge donated  
three TV's to the Home.  
Pictured is SP Teddy Acton  
thanking Bill Hanley,



Veteran Home resident Charlie  
McDonald with SP Teddy Acton  
and First Lady Vickie



Home resident Mr. Brayboy  
with Elks L - R Lee Littiken,  
Teddy Acton, Ashley Buckwell  
& Phil Saunders

Veterans Home residents  
enjoying the celebration with a  
Christmas feast.







### West Central Lodges Assist Santa with a Visit to the NC Veterans Home in Salisbury

Above is a picture of helpers at the Dec. 11th visit to the Salisbury Veterans Home. **Elks from Winston-Salem, Salisbury, Lexington & Greensboro** helped to fill 100 gift bags, one for each resident. The bags contained several pairs of socks, mouth wash, deodorant, body spray, energy bars, snacks, apples, sugarless gum & fruit juice. We also presented gift items to the staff members whom without we would never get the job done.

Among the helpers were past state presidents Stephen Clarke, Michael Curran, Pat Russell, past first lady Bonnie Russell, president-elect Ron Dickson and various members from the Lodges.

The residents really look forward to the N.C. Elks visit this time of year, according to the staff of the Home. We are grateful for the opportunity to be there for them.

### Brunswick County Elks Hold Hoop Shoot

The Elks of Brunswick County held their annual "Hoop Shoot" contest at Shallotte Middle School. **Calabash, Oak Island and Shallotte** Lodges hosted the local finals and the winners were as follows. In the 8-9 year old girls Palynna Pedrus, 8-9 boys, Colton Gandek, 10-11 girls Isis Banks, 10-11 boys Kenton Stafford, 12-13 girls Alisha Gore, 12-13 boys Adan Fulford. The runner ups were 8-9 girls Ja'Lashia Murlow, 8-9 boys Jeramiah Gore, 10-11 girls Samantha Beck, 10-11 boys Andrew Gause, 12-13 girls Portia Driggen, 12-13 boys Tytavis



Front row L to R on picture #1 Adam Fulford, Alisha Gore, Isis Banks, Kenton Stafford, Palynna Pedrus and Colton Gandek. Back Row L to R ER Calabash Tom O'Brien, ER Oak Island Jason Young and ER Shallotte Sal Gentile

### Hickory Lodge Receives Impact Grant

Thanks to an Impact Grant, the Hickory Elks will continue to provide food and supplies for people in need with the "*Helping Hands*" project. Once a month, Elks provide a warm, healthy meal for as many as 200 community members in need, along with a sack lunch for the next day. That's not all, Elks also provide gifts for the many children that attend, and, welcome guests to visit their pantry and pick up clothing and other essentials.

## Calabash Bingo Donates to Boys & Girls Home of NC



The Calabash Bingo Committee made a \$300.00 donation to the Boys and Girls Home of NC in Lake Waccamaw.

Pictured L-R are Bingo Chairman Frank Blue, Vito Ramaglia, Home Vice President Ray Cockrell, and Andy Carr.

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## WILMINGTON to HOST SPRING CONVENTION

The Spring Convention of the North Carolina State Elks Association will be held in Wilmington May 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hilton Riverside. Make plans now to attend this annual meeting of your Association. The highlight will be the election of the NCSEA Officers for the 2015-2016 year and the visitation of the South Carolina and Virginia Elks Presidents. Enjoy the Riverwalk and shopping in the convenient downtown area. Deadline to register is

March 25<sup>th</sup>, forms are available at [ncelks.org](http://ncelks.org)



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## Calabash Sends Care Packages



Members of the Calabash Lodge Veterans Affairs Committee proudly stand behind their work of preparing 26 Care Packages to be sent to our Armed Forces serving abroad for the holidays.

## Morganton Receives Impact Grant

For children with out much food at home, weekends can be stressful.

Now, thanks to an Impact Grant, each Friday afternoon the Morganton Lodge is packing, and delivering backpacks full of food to 83 students at three local schools through the "No Hunger on Weekends" project.

Children return the backpacks on Monday and the Morganton Elks start the process all over again.

Since the project began, students receiving backpacks have improved in both attendance and grades.

# ADOPT-A-VETERAN PROGRAM

For over thirty years the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been actively involved in our Adopt-A-Veteran-Program. The Elks' commitment, "*So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them*", is as relevant today as it was many years ago. We must not ignore the needs of our Veterans, especially those who are without family and friends close by. We can help brighten their lonely days by adopting them and involving them in Lodge activities, providing outings and dinners and making them feel special and honored for their sacrifices.

Lodges can become involved by following these five simple steps:

1. The VAVS Representative (or chairman at a state facility) secures the names of Veterans without family or friends nearby and forwards the list to the State Elks National Veterans Service Commission Chairman.
2. The State Elks National Veterans Service Commission Chairman will divide the list among the Lodges in close proximity to the facility and forward the names to the appropriate District Chairman.
3. The District Chairman will determine how many Veterans each Lodge wishes to adopt. He will then provide the Lodges with a like amount of names.
4. The Lodge should publish the names and birthdays (without year) of its adopted Veterans in its bulletin each month and encourage members and their families to schedule visits with our deserving Veterans. You can talk about their service, sports and current events, etc. Calling them occasionally would also be very much appreciated.
5. Gifts for Veterans should consist of personal care items, reading material, games and similar items of nominal cost. Luncheons and dinners at a restaurant or the Lodge are also recommended.

**Let us make sure our Veterans are never forgotten, Adopt-A-Veteran today!**

Stewart G. Israel, Chairman  
Adopt-A-Veteran Program







## Gastonia Elks Auxiliary makes Donation to "As One Ministries"

Gastonia Elks Lodge Auxiliary President Barbara Hostetter (right) presented a \$500 check to Angela Dreher, Executive Director of As One Ministries (left), to help with their programs. The Mission of "As One Ministries" is to provide daytime shelter, supportive services, referrals, and housing opportunities in order to assist Gaston County's homeless adults, youth, and families in returning to self-sufficiency. The Auxiliary is glad to be able to help AOM in their worthwhile mission to the homeless in the Gastonia community. The Elks Auxiliary also donated a collection of toiletries and other miscellaneous items. The Auxiliary raises their funds for donation to worthwhile projects with two semi-annual yard sales at the Gastonia Elks Lodge in May and October each year. They have other fund raisers throughout the year and from member donations.

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*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share

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## Calabash Elks Team Up to Provide Christmas for Children in Need

The South Brunswick Islands Rotary Club, with support from the Calabash Elks Lodge, - the Toys for Tots Foundation, and - West Brunswick High School's Interact Club, hosted their annual Christmas Party for Brunswick County students. A total of 38 children of the Waccamaw School (K – 8) in Ash, NC, and their families attended the party. The various Brunswick County community organizations and clubs worked together with Santa to provide for a successful Christmas Season event.



Pictured Leftt: The "Ice Cream Crew," Dishing-Up the Ice Cream at the Christmas Party held for Waccamaw School Students on December 16, 2014. (L to R) Toni Titone (SBI Rotary Club), Al Harms, Sheryl Newmann, Judy Harms, and Juanita Adams (Calabash Elks). In addition, Pizza, was also served.

Pictured right on the Left is Juanita Adams, Chairperson, Calabash Elks Youth Programs Committee, holding Santa's List which had already been checked twice. Seated is Santa (Joe Adams). And yes, - the beard is Real!



## ***HICKORY HOSTS SANTA AT BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME***

Thirteen members and five guests from the Hickory Elks Lodge #1654 made the trip up the mountain on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> for their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Christmas visit to the NC Veterans Home at Black Mountain. They began in the activity room for those who were able to come from their rooms with Santa, Rudolf and the other elves singing carols and distributing their Christmas bags and cards. Each bag contained a battery-operated toothbrush, scarf, hat, calendar, water bottle and candy. The toothbrushes were expensive but the Newton Elks Lodge helped by purchasing 44 of the 100 needed. Thanks go out to them. A Christmas fairy from Hickory crocheted 21 afghans for the staff to hand out to those most needy. In addition, the Hickory Lodge purchased 5 CD Boom Box Players for the wings. A beautiful white tree in the activity room was also donated by one of their Lodge members. After leaving the activity room they visited every room in this large, state-of-the-art facility to make sure they brought Christmas cheer to everyone. Santa was a really big hit. He brought smiles to all those who knew his presence. The visiting family members were very touched by the visit. It was a special treat to meet a resident, Joe Hudgins, who was the Past Exalted Ruler of the Ft. Lauderdale Florida Lodge many years before. This is truly and example of Elks Live - Elks Give and Elks Care - Elks Share.



Home resident Ft. Lauderdale Lodge  
PER Joe Hudgins with ER Mickey Lail



## FAYETTEVILLE ANTLERS PLAY SANTA

On the 3rd of January 2015 the Fayetteville Elks Lodge Antlers presented many of the veterans at the Veterans Home with gift bags filled with toiletries donated by the Reidsville Elks Lodge. There were many smiles as the veterans enjoyed meeting the young people from the Fayetteville Lodge. They ALL enjoyed the visit.



## Burlington Hosts BINGO with Veterans!

On Saturday, December 20, members of the Burlington Lodge met at the Lodge and car pooled to Durham, to play **Bingo at the Durham VA Hospital**. It was a good time to have fun, and also to distribute comfort items to those people who served our Country and now are hospitalized.

## Calabash Bingo Makes Donation

BINGO Committee of the Calabash Elks Lodge donated \$300.00 of the monies garnered from their Charity Game to Both the Calabash, NC Fire Department, and the Little River, SC Volunteer Fire Department.



L-R: Bingo Volunteer Diana Rettig, Chief Randy Bork Calabash FD, Fireman Tim Nugent Little River VFD, & Bingo Chairman Frank Blue.



## Past National Champion Attends Hickory Hoop Shoot

Hickory Elks Lodge #1654 held their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoop Shoot at the Lenoir Rhyne University gym on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. The Hickory Elks invited 33 area schools to participate with 19 sending winners on Saturday. Each of the attendees received a certificate and the first and second places received a trophy and tee shirt. Lunch was served for all who attended along with their families. The winners for both girls and boys in each age group will represent the Hickory Elks Lodge in the Western District Elk Hoop Shoot. The Hickory area had a national winner in the past. **Jennifer Howard** made it all the way to the nationals for 5 straight years in the mid 1990s. She won twice and came in runner up twice. This year was very special as her daughter competed, won at her school and came in second at our competition.



Two time National Champion  
Jennifer Howard Wolgerista  
and her daughter Alexis



8 & 9 year old 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
place winners



10 & 11 year old 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
place winners



12 & 13 year old 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
place winners

## Future NCSEA Conventions

### NOTE

Due to the schedule of the Grand Exalted Ruler the date and location of the Fall Convention for this year have changed.

Spring 2015	May 1-3 Hilton Riverside, Wilmington, NC
Fall 2015	October 23-25 Hilton Doubletree New Bern, NC
Spring 2016	May 6-8 Crown Plaza Asheville, NC
Fall 2016	October 28-30 Embassy Suites Concord, NC
Spring 2017	May 5-7 Hilton Riverside Wilmington, NC
Fall 2017	October 27-29 Hilton Doubletree New Bern, NC



## Shelby Honors Eagle Scouts

Shelby Lodge honored 23 Eagle Scouts by presenting them with certificates and US Flags.

Pictured Is Shelby Member Tom Jones presenting a certificate to Charles Benton III.

## Southern Pines Lodge Collects 3000 lbs of Food for Food Bank



**LOYAL KNIGHT Chris Deanes with EXALTED RULER Tom Liddy Proudly smile as they hold food that was donated to Chris Deanes project to collect food for the Sandhills Food Bank.**

Chris & Betsy Deanes ran the Lodge's first ever Food Bank drive. Two extremely busy people who claimed not to have artistic talents pulled off a great event. First they successfully called for volunteers, organized us all, applied for a Parade permit, solicited help to develop a float educating the Community on what the Elks stand for & what we do for them, encouraged members to march with them and contribute food & their enthusiasm made it all come true & we all had a great time. It was Betsy & Chris who did the work traveling to pick up the soup Campbell's gave us and who encouraged their fellow Elks to donate food for the drive & who got the food to the Food Bank. We are thankful for the food given by others but their leadership is what got so many members to give. To all Elk members you also did a wonderful job in donating and; it was obvious it came from your heart. Betsy & Chris what you did was spectacular & unbelievable for a first effort. And to think throughout the whole endeavor you held down full time jobs while raising two very special little girls.



**Wow! This is what 3000 lbs of food looks like.**

L - R Tom Mortenson, Robin Savoie, Bill Savoie, Tom Liddy, Betsy Deanes, Chris Deanes and in front Allie and Regan Deanes





## Calabash Lodge Takes Valentines Day to Boys and Girls Home



The Calabash Elks Lodge recently delivered Boxes of Chocolates, Valentine's Cards, and Cuddly Stuffed Bears to every resident of the Waccamaw Home for Boys and Girls just in time for Valentine's Day.

Every child and young adult at the home each received either a Valentine heart filled with assorted chocolates, or a cuddly stuffed bear. Every resident also received a Valentine's Card from the Elks signed, **"Cupid and the Calabash Elks send their Best Wishes."** The idea for this event was the brainstorm of Ms. Juanita Adams, Chairperson, Youth Activities Committee, Calabash Elks, who personally shopped for all the gifts and delivered them to the home.

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## ENF Grant Enables Calabash Elks to Donate to School Library

For the second consecutive year, the Calabash Elks Lodge made a cash donation of \$2,000 to the Waccamaw School (K-8) in Ash, NC to enable the school to purchase books for their Media Center thanks to a grant from the Elks National Foundation.

As a Title 1 school, the books in the school's media center (Library) are sorely outdated, and they have been in need of acquiring new hard-copy reading materials for quite some time. The school has a large population of students who often have limited access to computers, the internet, or other reading materials at home with which to supplement and reinforce their learning experiences acquired at school.



Pictured above in the foreground are students of the Waccamaw School. Standing (L to R) are Dick Wilson, PER and District ENF Chairman, Janet Cate, the school's Media Coordinator, Thomas "Tom" O'Brien, Exalted Ruler, Beverly Marlowe, Principal of the Waccamaw School, and Cindy Wilson,

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## SON OF ROCKY MOUNT MEMBER RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS



While on patrol out of Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan the actions of Major Jeremiah "Bull" Parvin and his wingman, Capt. Aaron Cavazos, saved the lives of six Marines.

In recognition of his selfless and heroic actions, Maj. Gen. H.D. Polumbo Jr., Ninth Air Force commander, presented Parvin with the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor.

Major Parvin is the son of Rocky Mount Treasurer Joe Parvin.



# NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION

## CHARITABLE TRUST

The following is a small explanation of the NC Charitable Trust and the Gerald and Lea Coates Endowment fund.

The Charitable Trust is a North Carolina State Elks Association corporation founded October 28, 1993, and if you belong to a Elks Lodge in good standing in NC, then you are a member of the NC Charitable Trust. Currently all lodges in NC are members.

The Trust was established to ensure that the Charitable and Benevolent Works of the Elks Lodges in North Carolina will remain financially viable into the future. The Charitable Trust is governed by its By-laws-Article I through Article XII.

North Carolina State Elks Charitable Trust funds make it possible for us to pursue a variety of valuable endeavors for North Carolinian's each year. When you contribute to the NC State Charitable Trust, Inc. you are insuring that we will be able to continue our state major projects in the years to come. Trust funds are dedicated solely to projects deemed important in NC by the NC Elks and the NC Elks State Charitable Trust Inc. These projects include purchasing transportation vans, televisions, power wheel chairs, comfort items, and sponsoring activities for NC State Veterans in Veterans nursing Homes and VA Centers as well as supporting Camp Carefree, a camp for children with chronic illnesses.

The Gerald and Lea Coates Endowment Fund was established October 24, 1997 and is an entity for the charities of the North Carolina State Elks Association Charitable Trust, Inc. A perpetual endowment fund set aside for the sole purpose of preservation of the principle and the generation of income. When you contribute to the NCSEA Charitable Trust endowment fund, your gift is permanently invested. The principle of the endowment fund will never be spent; however the accumulated growth may be utilized as needed by NCSEA Charitable Trust to insure the continuation of our programs that we value.

You can make your contribution a thoughtful gift. Your gift to the Gerald and Lea Coates Endowment Fund for the Charities of the NCSEA can honor the memory of a deceased friend, relative or associate. It can also be a gift in observance of someone's birthday, anniversary, recovery from an illness, or other special occasions. If you wish, you can give cash or check through your lodge to the fund. When your gift is received a card will be sent in your name to the family of the deceased or to the person honored in observance of a special occasion. The amount of the gift will not be indicated. You will receive an acknowledgment of your gift, which may be tax deductible. The NCSEACT is a, by law, Non-Profit Tax Exempted Organization as described in IRA section 501©(3).

Planned gifts include bequests, gifts of life insurance and retirement plans, and other contributions made through a donor's estate. Through a will, living trust, or retirement plan, individual can make gifts that are larger than anything they could imagine in their lifetime. The process is very simple for most individuals. You need only to include appropriate language in your will.

Gifts through wills, living trust, or retirement plans offer a number of advantages such as: They are revocable by the donor if circumstances change. They realize the donor's vision for the future in a tangible way without an uncomfortable financial burden during his or her lifetime. Individuals may choose to designate their support to any part of the Trust. For individuals who wish to support at the North Carolina State Elks Association Charitable Trust Inc. levels that will produce an endowment in perpetuity, separate endowment agreements can be created to spell out the donor's wishes. They may reduce estate tax for the surviving family members.

For more detailed information go to the direct link [ncelkscharitabletrust.org](http://ncelkscharitabletrust.org) The site offers much more information on the trust Officers/Board of Directors, planned giving wording for a simple bequest, and how to contact the leadership and who to forward your checks to if you decide to make a donation.

**Donations may be forwarded to  
NCSEA Charitable Trust  
PO Box 29452, Greensboro, NC 27429**

**Application on next page.**

Article by Teddy G. Acton  
NCSEA President 2014-2015

## CALABASH PROVIDES "Valentines" LUNCHEON FOR VETERANS

On Friday, February 13, 2015, Eleven (11) members of the Calabash Veteran's Affairs Committee traveled to the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville, NC to serve their Special "Valentine's Luncheon" to resident Veterans and others at the hospital. Approximately 75 disabled Veterans, visiting family members, and hospital staff participated in the event which included special "Home-Made" Valentine's treats and Decorations!



Pictured Left are: Eugene Hawks, seated in the foreground; Standing (L-R) Mrs. Frieda Hawks, their Daughter Cheryl, and Jerry Kimble, Member Calabash Elks VAC.



Pictured above are: (L-R) Anita Barrientes, Joyce Dorsa, Member Calabash Elks VAC, and Manuel Barrientes



If you have not checked out the new North Carolina State Elks Association website you might be missing out on keeping up to date with what's going on in your Association. **Thanks to Steve Johnson from the Sanford Lodge** who spent countless hours designing and updating this site, we have a whole new look. We ask that each Lodge forward articles of your Youth, Veteran, Americanism, and Charitable programs to Steve, [stevej@silversax.com](mailto:stevej@silversax.com), to be posted. Committee Chairmen who wish to have information regarding their committee posted, are also encourage to send articles to Steve.

## Make a Donation to the Charitable Trust Today

NORTH CAROLINA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE TRUST			
INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE		Please make checks payable to: <b>NCSEA CHARITABLE TRUST</b> PO BOX 29452, GREENSBORO, NC 27429-9452	
<a href="http://www.ncelkscharitabletrust.org">www.ncelkscharitabletrust.org</a>			
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Gift Type:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my one-time donation of \$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to pledge \$ _____ (total amount)	
Please send me reminders: <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually		<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly for installments of \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to make a tribute of \$ _____ In Memory of: _____		In Honor of: _____	
The name & address of person you wish to be notified of your tribute: _____			
Your Signature: _____		Today's Date: _____	
Lodge Name: _____		Lodge Number: _____	
		Lodge Membership Number: _____	