



**WINTER 2016**

## **LEADERSHIP SEMINAR HELD AT GREENSBORO LODGE**

The annual "Leadership Seminar" of the North Carolina State Elks Association was held on Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Greensboro Elks Lodge with more than 115 members from across the state in attendance. The Seminar was highlighted by a presentation and updates from State Sponsor PGER Jack Frost and a discussion on leadership from Special Deputy John Boyd. Other highlights included a video of Camp Carefree showing the many activities enjoyed by the campers, followed by a presentation of checks to Camp Carefree staff in the amount of \$54,000. from the State Association and Camp fundraising from Elks Lodges.



State Sponsor  
PGER Jack Frost



Presentation of checks to  
Camp Carefree

Pictured L-R Camp Carefree Chairman  
Dennis Dowling; State President Ron  
Dickson; and Jerry Peters; with  
Camp Carefree Director Lynn Tuttle



Special Deputy  
John Boyd

## Message from State President Ron Dickson



As we close out the final two months of our calendar year for the NCSEA, it seems that “thank you” and “honor” are a couple of expressions that are used quite frequently. However, I’ll reiterate that it has been just that, an honor to serve as President of the NCSEA. It is quite the honor to be associated with the Elks of the NCSEA, when considering all the great work that we do. I will always remember this past year as being very special in my life. One of my proudest memories as an Elk came last July at the Grand Lodge Convention opening ceremonies in Indianapolis. Carrying the flag of our great state across the stage will forever be etched in my memory. I’m sure that all our past state presidents will agree with that sentiment.

There is no way to close the year without thanking everyone for all the kindness that you have shown to Linda and me. I can’t list all the names here but I will try to acknowledge everyone at future conventions. I will mention my advisor and friend, Steve Clarke, for all the advice that he has given to me over the past year. Thank you. My predecessor, Teddy Acton made my transition from President Elect to President a very smooth process. Thanks to you and all the Past State Presidents for the consideration that you have shown to me.

The vice presidents are to be commended for all the hard work and dedication to our state association also. Thank you so much. Much gratitude also goes to each of you that served as the chairman of one of our committees. Thanks to all the other officers of the NCSEA for your service. I don’t know if we mention our tiler and organist too often but thanks to Bruce Kinnaman and Nathan Hefner for stepping up to serve in those positions. Of course, many thanks to our chaplain, Pat Russell.

It has been a wonderful year to this point. To be received so warmly during visits to other lodges in the state will always be remembered. Before the end of the year, I will have attended at least two DD clinics in each district. Thanks to the members of those lodges for all the wonderful hospitality. I have visited Veterans facilities in Salisbury on several occasions and it is always an honor to be in the presence of these men and women. Another one of my proudest moments came when I visited the new Veterans Home in Kinston last October. As Elks, we can be very proud of our support of our Veterans.

What a great moment it was in Greensboro on Saturday, February 20, as we gathered for our annual leadership seminar. As you know, Camp Carefree is one of the major projects for our state. There were three representatives from Camp Carefree on hand that day to receive our donations. We presented the Camp with checks totaling more than \$54,000.

I will always be proud of our great program that is the Elks Hoop Shoot. I did attend the state finals in Greensboro on February 13. Before years end, I will have attended the Region Hoop Shoot Finals in Frederick, MD on March 12 and also the National Finals on April 16 in Chicago. Being there for the Hoop Shoot finals will afford me the opportunity to visit the Elks National Memorial. That is something that I have wanted to do for many years.

Let’s always be proud to be a member of the best fraternal organization in the world

Again, thanks to the Best People On Earth.



**William Bullock**  
**Past State President 1996-1997**

**William Cobb Bullock** age 68 of 110 Crestwood Drive died Monday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at his home. He was born in Person County to the late John and Virginia Stephens Bullock. William was a member of Roxboro Presbyterian Church. **He was currently president of the Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005; Past State President of the NC Elks Association in 1996-1997;** Currently Chairman of the Roxboro Saving Bank Board of Directors; member of the Person County Lake Authority. William was owner and operator of Bullock Lumber Company for approximately 45 years.

Surviving are his wife, Charlaine G. Bullock of the home; his daughter Virginia B. Crisp of Raleigh, his son, John Bullock and wife Maria of Roxboro; two grandchildren, Sam Hall and Lainey Crisp; two sisters, Nancy Ruth B. Connors of Cary and Sarah B. Fulp and husband, Dr. Jim, of Roxboro.

The graveside service was held at Burchwood Cemetery with the Rev. Evan Walker officiating. Pallbearers were John Winslow, Fred Pittard, Tommy Wagstaff, Sam Newton, Gary Plough, and Alex "Buff" Burnett. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Roxboro Elks BPO Lodge #20005, Roxboro Savings Bank, and the Person County Lake Authority.

Memorials may be made to NC Elks Charitable Trust, P.O. Box 29452, Greensboro, NC 29452.



## **Bill P. Allen**

**Past State President 1981-1982**

**Bill P. Allen** died January 6, 2016. He was born August 19, 1942 in Spartanburg, South Carolina to the late William Allen and Emma Mae Ward Allen. He graduated from Fairforest High School in 1960. Bill joined the U.S. Navy in August 1960 and served on the U.S.S. Manley until July 1962. For most of his career Bill was in Finance, working 21 years with M&J / Lincoln Finance, and serving as Finance Manager for many years within the Automobile industry. In his earlier days, he was an avid golfer and a phenomenal piano player. Bill was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church, serving as Sunday School teacher and Steward. He was also an active volunteer for Hospice. Bill was very involved socially, having served in numerous positions such as Newton Elks Exalted Ruler and State President of the North Carolina Elks, as was also a member of the Catawba Masonic Lodge #248 AF and AM and a longstanding member of the Oasis Shriner's Temple.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Gayle Elaine Fowler Allen as well as a brother, Crawford Allen. He is survived by his son Jeff Allen and wife Sandy of Charlotte, and his daughter Suzanne Allen Seagle and husband Jeff of Hickory, a sister Shirley Allen Millwood and husband Doug of Inman, S.C. and a brother Larry Dean Allen and wife Linda of Myrtle Beach, S.C. Bill has four grandchildren, Morgan Allen Davis, Spencer Allen, Heather Seagle and Hailey Seagle.

Memorials can be made Trinity Baptist Church or to Catawba Regional Hospice, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658.



## Raleigh Member Honors Veterans

Approximately 190 flags were tended to in six local cemeteries in the Raleigh suburb of Knightdale, N.C. for the observance of Veterans Day 2015. Raleigh Lodge #735 member, Richard Hamm, a 43 year member of the B.P.O.E. has been attending to this effort for 13 years taking over from a neighbor who had passed away. This year Brother Hamm was assisted by his son, Jeffrey, also a member of Raleigh Lodge #735 and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Cost of the flags for years has been covered by the Veterans Service Committee Raleigh Lodge # 735 and are placed each year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.



Thank you Mr. Hamm for your continued dedication !

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## Veterans Recognized in Salisbury Service



Veterans were recognized in a service at the Veterans Hospital in Salisbury in honor of Veterans Day. Pictured are the Veterans in attendance.

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## Winston Salem Elks Veterans Appreciation Dinner

Winston Salem Elks Lodge #449 hosted a veteran's appreciation dinner to pay tribute to local area veterans for service to their country. Ninety veterans and their guest were entertained by the show duo, "Letters From Home".

Picture L-R: Jerry Bryant Elks Veterans Chairman, Serah Haley "Letters From Home", Frank Perry WWII veteran, Erinn Diaz "Letters From Home", and Dewitt Wells WWII veteran.



## Calabash Kicks Off “Pin-A-Vet” Program

In a ceremony conducted on Friday, November 20, 2015, the Calabash Elks Veteran’s Affairs Committee kicked-off its New “Pin-a-Vet” Program by recognizing 21 Veterans who are current residents of the Summit Place Assisted Living facility located in Little River, SC.

The program is the brainchild of Robert “Bob” Kaelin, a relatively new, and active, member of the Veteran’s Affairs Committee (VAC). The Ceremony entails Mr. Kaelin, a Viet Nam Veteran himself, “Pinning” a crossed American Flag/Elks pin on the recipient, - presenting them with Personalized, Individually Inscribed, Parchment Certificates recognizing the Veteran’s Military Service to our country and Thanking them for protecting the freedoms we enjoy today, and - finishing off the presentation with a “Military Salute.” The above sequence was repeated 21-times last Friday at the inaugural presentations.

The First Pin was presented to a Veteran who served in World War II, - the Korean Conflict, and in Viet Nam. Among the other 20 Honorees, 10 of them had served in World War II with 3 of them also serving in Korea; - A total of 7 Honorees served in Korea with 3 of them also serving in Viet Nam, and; an additional 3 Honorees served in Viet Nam. They are, in fact, a distinguished group of Military Veterans! (Names and Photos are unavailable to the public because of HIPAA (Privacy) regulations)

The new program continues honoring the pledge, adopted by the Elks National Service Commission in 1917, which shows the commitment the Order has made in serving our Veterans over the past 98 years:

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## Calabash Members Bring Holiday Cheer



Santa and Mrs. Claus came to town in Calabash thanks to the help of Lodge Members Joe and Juanita Adams who were the highlight of the Town Christmas Parade and Tree lighting ceremony.

The Lodge co-partners with the Town on many youth related projects.





## Raleigh Elks Prepares Thanksgiving Meals for North Carolina National Guard Families



Assembly Line at lodge filling Thanksgiving bags for NCNG



Raleigh Elks Dan Campbell, Jeff Hamm, Cheryl Hamm filling Thanksgiving gift bags.

Raleigh Elks Lodge 735 as it has done for the last several years provided 55 thanksgiving turkeys and the fixing's for the North Carolina National Guard families and disabled women veterans that are in need. Funds for this event are made possible by the Elks gratitude grant with support from a local Kroger Supermarket. Showing Elks Care Elks Share are volunteers from the local Elks Lodge. Collectively put together by Jim & Terri Pendergast the Hamm family Richard, Laurel, Jeff and Cheryl, Dan Campbell, Tommy Kirk and Steve Petrycki.



Mrs. Laurel Hamm affixing labels to Thanksgiving Bags



55 Thanksgiving Bats and Turkeys loaded in Raleigh Elk Steve Petrycki Van for transport to North Carolina National



**Helping North Carolina Elks**

**Help Veterans**

## Veteran's Day Celebration at the NC State Veterans Home – Fayetteville



Front Row – Phil Saunders, Veterans Homes District Chm  
2nd Row – PER Lou Martinez, Fayetteville Lodge, President Elect Peter Breidenbach & Joan, Fayetteville ER Dallas Brisson  
3rd Row – Tommy Byrd, Esquire to the EC DD & Lee Littiken



The Resident President Mr. Braboy & PER Lou Martinez



Mr. Braboy, with water bottle is Sgt Major Houston, Guest Speaker Chaplin McCormick & his wife, no name available for the two enlisted man and woman.



## Did you know that there is an Elk Preserve in the United States?

On a recent trip to Montana, I discovered the answer to the question posed above, and the answer is - "Yes we do!" (Have an Elks Preserve in the U.S.) The Official name of the organization is the "Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)," and (one of) the preserves is located within the International Head quarters in Missoula, Montana. The Elk Visitor Center is located at 5705 Grant Creek Road in Missoula, located at Exit 101 of Interstate Route 90. In 1984, several hunters had a concern that the Elk herd would disappear over time, and - they set about talking to the local people to get their ideas for creating a preserve. What eventually happened was the creation of the RMEF, and - they set aside an initial 84,000 acres. The Elk stay up in the mountains in the Summer, and when the snow comes, the Elk come down to the meadows to feed and shed their antlers. The Foundation collects the antlers and the Boy Scouts take them into Jackson Hole, WY where they are sold, the proceeds going to the Foundation to help fund the feeding of the Elks. The 4 corners of the town square in Jackson are guarded by "**Antler Arches**," a huge tourist attraction, the arches being built from actual antlers shed by the elk each year. As a member of the B.P.O.E. for over 47 years, I was never aware that there was an Elk Preserve anywhere, let alone here in the U.S. It's a great place to visit, and I share the story of the preserve with my fellow Elks.

Submitted by PER Frank Blue, Calabash

To learn more about the RMEF and all they do, and have done, to protect the Elk and other wildlife, visit their Web Site at <http://www.rmef.org/>

Editors note: If you ever have a chance to visit Jackson Hole, WY during the winter, as I have, they offer sleigh rides which will take you out into the elk herd. Approximately 5,000 to 8,000 elk seek shelter in the National Elk Wildlife Refuge annually. As stated above they migrate down from the mountains to the refuge where they are able to find food.



## **Elks National Veterans Service Commission**

### **has joined forces with the Department of Veterans Affairs to help end veteran homelessness.**

The Elks have joined forces with the Department of Veterans Affairs to help end veteran homelessness. The Elks National Veterans Service Commission has pledged four million dollars in support over the next four years to ensure the success of this initiative. Along with pledging funds, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission is enlisting the help of their 800,000 members in all 50 states. Together, we can provide the tools and support necessary for homeless veterans to transition successfully into healthier and more stable lives. “We’re so excited about partnering with the Elks on this important issue facing the lives of so many Veterans,” said Department of Veterans Affairs’ Secretary Bob McDonald. “As we move closer to the end of the year, partnerships like these will be critical to ensuring that all Veterans have access to safe and affordable housing.”

The program will launch this winter at three facilities in the Chicago area; Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital in Hines, Ill.; Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago, Ill.; and Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago, Ill.

Specifically, the Elks will assist the VA with 8 targeted objectives, all aimed at helping veterans find safe, stable homes.

#### **1. The Elks will facilitate a national public awareness campaign ... that will touch thousands of communities.**

- View this video. Share it with your friends and family. Talk to your neighbors and local officials about the issue of veteran homelessness and how you’d like to help end it in your community.

#### **2. The Elks will promote the Housing Navigator model to all of its Lodges and encourage them to participate in this effort in all communities they serve.**

- [Contact your local VA](#) and ask how you can help. The VA is not allowed to solicit donations, so they depend on people like you to offer help. If you have time to give, register as an official VA volunteer. Transitioning veterans can always use a hand establishing a home and building a support system in the community.

#### **3. The Elks will motivate each of its Lodges to facilitate at least one event and/or partner with coalition members within the next year to assist in the coordination of ending veteran homelessness.**

- The Elks will work with each of their Lodges to spread the word about this issue, and hold at least one event a year to address it. So many of our Lodges are already working hard to support homeless veterans by participating in local Stand Downs, cooking meals at transitional shelters, holding support groups, donating supplies, running veterans' resource centers and more.

#### **4. The Elks will take on the mission of ending veteran homelessness in three pilot cities in phase one: Chicago, New York and D.C./Alexandria.**

- We’ve already met with dedicated and inspiring partners in the Chicago area, and are ready to launch the program here any day now! If you live in one of these three areas and want to help, please email [Vets@elks.org](mailto:Vets@elks.org) or call 773-755-4736.

#### **5. The Elks will lead and coordinate community entities and efforts to provide Welcome Home Kits to veterans who receive HUD-VASH vouchers in pilot cities.**

- Most veterans move into their homes with nothing. Help veterans establish their homes by building a Welcome Home Kit. Generally, this kit would include some small furniture, kitchenware, and cleaning supplies. Items can be new or used, donated or purchased. [Click here](#) for a suggested list of Welcome Home Kit supplies.

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**6. The Elks will work with coalition partners in pilot cities to provide rapid rehousing assistance (first/last month's rent, utilities, co-signing home loans) for veterans who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.**

- Preventing homelessness is also priority, and often times a small amount of assistance at the right time can make a big difference. The Elks will partner with the VA to ensure that veterans in need of emergency assistance don't fall through the cracks and lose their housing.

**7. The Elks will conduct housing fairs or participate in existing housing fairs hosted by VA facilities or other VA partners in the pilot cities, as well as encourage Lodges to encourage landlords to accept HUD-CASH vouchers and not discriminate against veterans.**

- The Elks will help spread the word about the importance and the advantages of renting to veterans in need. Watch this video of First Lady Michelle Obama encouraging landlords to help end veteran homelessness and be sure to talk to your friends and neighbors who are landlords about the importance of this issue.

**8. The Elks will be willing to assist in housing navigation process as deemed appropriate.**

- The Elks will act as catch-all volunteers, ready to assist at the drop of the hat. Often times, this can be as simple as being a friend. It can be difficult to change habits and transition from a life on the street. We encourage Elks to set up a monthly visit or dinner at the Lodge, and call transitioning veterans a few times each month to check in. Welcome veterans home, and into the Elks family.

For further information, contact the Elks National Veterans Service Commission office at Vets@elks.org, or at 773-755-4736. Or, visit [www.va.gov/homeless/](http://www.va.gov/homeless/).

*"So long as there are Veterans,  
the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them!"*







## Christmas at NC Veterans Home - Fayetteville



Residents of the Fayetteville Veterans Home enjoyed a Visit from Santa, entertainment from a local Blue Grass band, and plenty of good food provided by the Home.



Jack Grimm & Bill Hanley, representing the Southern Pines Lodge arrived with gifts of flannel shirts for all the residents



Santa (Glenn Autry) visits with the residents of the Home, passing out candy canes.



## **Future Conventions**

### **NCSEA**

Spring 2016 Asheville, May 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>  
Fall 2016 Concord, October 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>  
Spring 2017 Wilmington, May 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>  
Fall 2017 New Bern, October 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

### **GL Conventions**

2016 - Houston, TX July 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>  
2017 Reno, NV July 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>  
2018 San Antonio, TX July 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>

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## **Don't Miss the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association in Beautiful Asheville**



Plan now to attend the annual Spring Meeting and election of Officers of the North Carolina State Elks Association in beautiful Asheville at the Crowne Park Plaza Resort May 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>.

With so much to do in this historic city you might want to come early or stay late to enjoy the many venues Asheville has to offer, there is something for everyone. Visit Biltmore Estate and try wine tasting at their award winning winery, or explore the more than 20 craft breweries in "Beer City USA". Downtown offers a wide variety of unique shops, art galleries, the Thomas Wolfe House, and many great restaurants. The Blue Ridge Parkway is a wonderful day trip where you can drive to Mount Mitchell, the highest point east of the Mississippi, or travel to the Smokey Mountains National Park and the Cherokee - Maggie Valley area.

While at the Crown Plaza you might check out Adventure Center of Asheville located behind the resort: a Zipline Canopy Tour, a Treetops Adventure Park (ages 4 and over), a KidZip park (ages 4-10), a Mountain Bike Park (with rentals), and a Quick Jump off a 75-foot tower. Watch the enclosed video: <http://www.ashevilletreetopsadventurepark.com/about-us>

**Registration Deadline April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016**

**We hope to see you there.**

**Applications for State Association and GL conventions available at [ncelks.org](http://ncelks.org)**

## Raleigh Elks Welcome Returning Marines

Raleigh Elks Lodge 735 provided a special treat to over 600 returning Marine Veterans arriving at RDU Airport via the USO from recent combat action in Iraq and Afghanistan. To show how dedicated Raleigh Elks are to our Veteran community, Notification of their arrival was made known just 3 days prior, and a call went out to the membership for help pull off this task. A large contingent of Raleigh Elks heard the call and participated in this huge effort. The gifts were delivered to the Raleigh-Durham Airport USO in time for our Veterans to receive upon their arrival.

A tribute to our mission: “ *So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them* “



Gifts for returning Marines



Food Supplies being delivered to Lodge by Raleigh Elk Dan Campbell to provide gift bags for Marines.

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## Raleigh Elks Provide a special Holiday treat to NC Veterans residing at the Veterans Nursing Homes in Kinston and Fayetteville

In December 2015, Raleigh Elk Alice Morse went to Veterans nursing home in Kinston N.C. to take Christmas presents to women residing in the home. They were given a Christmas Gift bag containing personal articles such as a pocket book, nail polish, scarves, toothpaste, brush, socks, lotion, body wash, make up bags. A special gift for each of the women was a crochet lap cover personally made by wife of Raleigh Elk Jeff Hamm.

Also in December 2015 Raleigh Elks ; Alice Morse, Patty Garrett, Jennifer Stormer, and Mary Lynn Whitaker traveled to the Veterans nursing home in Fayetteville N.C. to provide a special holiday treat for the residents. Gift Bags were prepared with many personal items including body wash, lotion, gloves, Kleenex, toothpaste, tooth brush, socks, combs, nail file, nail polish, deodorant, necklace and ear rings. We also took one pair of 4x pants for a male patient and 30 pair of diabetic socks for any patient that needs them.



## CALABASH ELKS DONATE \$3,000.00 TO WOUNDED WARRIOR BATTALIONS

### Gift Cards for Regional Wounded Soldiers & Marines Just in Time for Christmas

In dual presentations, the Calabash Veteran's Affairs Committee recently donated \$1,500.00 each in Wal-Mart Gift Cards to both the U.S. Marine Corps' Wounded Warrior Battalion – East, located at Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville, NC, and the U.S. Army's Warriors in Transition Battalion, located at Ft. Bragg in Fayetteville, NC.

Just in time for Christmas, the Gift Cards are especially valuable to the Battalions at Camp LeJeune's Naval Hospital and Ft. Bragg's Womack Army Medical Center, because they allow the Headquarters, as well as the Marines and Soldiers, to purchase necessities such as Incidentals, Clothing, Snacks, and some other Operational Items for the units which are not funded through normal appropriations, and would otherwise not be able to obtain.

The focus of effort for the Wounded Warrior Battalion is taking care of wounded, ill, and injured Marines, and their families, as they proceed through the Integrated Disability Evaluation System process, while – the focus of the Warriors in Transition Battalion is to provide assist wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers, and their families, the best possible care from reception through disposition, whether they return to duty or separate from Service.



*Pictured (L to R) after having received the most recent donation of \$1,500.00 in Wal-Mart Gift Cards for the Troops are: SgMaj Edward D. Parsons, USMC - Austin Sammon, Chairman, Calabash Elks Veteran's Affairs Committee holding a Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Calabash Elks by the Marine Command, and Col. John Kelly, USMC, Commanding Officer, Wounded Warrior Battalion – East, Camp LeJeune, NC.*

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## Statesville Local Hoop Shoot

Statesville Elks Treasurer Rick Kaufman and Secretary Mark Gryder present trophies to the winners, Telley Carter, Nehemiah Thompson, and Dylan Sparks of the Elks Hoot Shoot contest held at the Statesville YMCA on December 5. They look forward to competing against other lodge winners in January at the District competition in Winston-Salem.



## **Calabash Elks Team up with Rotary Club to Provide Christmas for Needy Students**

On Thursday evening, December 17, 2015, the South Brunswick Islands Rotary Club and the Calabash Elks Lodge, with support from the West Brunswick High School's Interact Club, hosted their annual Christmas Party for Brunswick County students. A total of 25 children of the Waccamaw School (K – 8) in Ash, NC, and their families attended the party. The two Brunswick County community organizations and club worked together very nicely with Santa to provide for a successful Christmas Season event.

Conducted in the school's appropriately decorated cafeteria, the evening's festivities began with Reindeer Games and a Fishing Pond coordinated by the West Brunswick High School's Interact Club. The children enjoyed doing what children do best, -- having a good-'ole-time running around, devouring pasta & pizza, washing it down with sodas, and - topping it off with an ice cream dessert.

After the reading of the story, - "Twas the Night Before Christmas," the highlight of the evening was a visit by Santa himself, who (Checking his list twice) gave out presents to the children.



"Twas the Night Before Christmas" reading.

Santa and Mrs. Claus getting ready to hand out gifts.



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## **Santa Goes on Traveling Gavel Visit**



Shallotte Exalted Ruler Sal Gentile sits on Santa's lap and receives a gift of a Gavel from Santa (Calabash Exalted Ruler Malcolm Jaggard) during the District VP visit of Rick Pittman last December.

This Traveling Gavel visit added a little Holiday spirit in addition to the fellowship and hospitality.

## **Raleigh Elks Deliver Christmas Presents to North Carolina Raleigh Area National Guard Families**

This Christmas season Raleigh Elks supported the Army of Hope angel tree. We were proud to distribute Christmas presents to 51 children and two families from the North Carolina National Guard. Over 60 Raleigh Elk members participated in this endeavor.

Between the Gratitude Grant and the members of the Lodge there are some happy children in NC.



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## **Raleigh Elks Provide a special Holiday treat to NC Veterans at the Durham VA hospital.**

On December 17 1915, 4 Elks from Raleigh Lodge went to the Veterans Hospital in Durham N.C. to play bingo with 21 patients. Patients were given five dollars to participate in the games. All were winners and received a gift. The money for the VA hospital patients is raised by the weekly Bingo sessions held at the Lodge. All the patients were given a Christmas Present containing several items including a Raleigh Elks Shirt, and several miscellaneous items which included flashlight, socks, pads and pens, toothbrush with paste, caps, calculator, crackers, snack packs. In addition to these nice gifts, each patient received a crochet lap throw personally made by Karen Schaeffer, wife of Elk Dean Schaeffer and others from the Raleigh Lodge. A total of \$699.21 of gifts and monies were donated to these needy veterans. Many thanks to Raleigh Lodge for their continued support of our Nations Veterans.



Bob Interligi with VA Patient



Alice Morse a devoted Elk for over 20 years to our VA Patients preparing Gifts for the evening



Elks Shane Hakes (l) and Bob Interligi (r) presenting personal crochet lap throw to VA hospital patient.



## Calabash Elks Make Donation to

### “Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center”

The Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Calabash Elks Lodge recently made a \$2,000.00 cash donation to the “Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center” located in Little River, SC.



The Resource Center is a private, all volunteer, non-profit South Carolina Corporation unaffiliated with any government agency, including the Veterans Administration. The focus of the Center is helping local Veterans make the necessary adjustments when transitioning back into Civilian Life. They help our Veterans obtain Benefits to which they are entitled; provide job placement assistance; help with obtaining treatment for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) issues; help with housing needs; provide financial counseling, and assist with general life adjustment issues.

You can view their website at

<http://veteranswelcomehomeandresourcecenter.org/home.php>

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## BINGO RAISES DONATIONS TO CHARITIES



Pictured L-R: John Goryance, Elks BINGO Committee Volunteer - James Bruno, Assistant Chief, Calabash Fire Department, - Randall Bork, Chief, Calabash Fire Department, - Malcolm Jaggard, Calabash Exalted Ruler - Leon Noorigian, PER and a Founding Father of the Calabash Elks Lodge, - Diana Rettig, Bingo Chairwoman, - Walter “Skip” Davis, Fire Fighter and EMT, Little River Volunteer Fire Dept. & Horry County Station #2, and – William “Will” Jones, EMT, Little River Volunteer Fire Dept. & Horry County Station #2.

The Charity BINGO Committee of the Calabash Elks ended their 2015 fiscal year by donating \$5,000.00 of the monies raised from their charity games to 10 local organizations. Recipients of the Benevolent Donations were:

- The “Boys & Girls Home of North Carolina, Inc.,” at Lake Waccamaw, NC
- The “Brunswick Animal Shelter,” Supply, NC
- The “Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity,” Southport, NC
- “Brunswick Family Assistance,” Shallotte, NC
- The “Calabash Fire Department,” Calabash, NC
- The “Calabash Volunteer EMS,” Calabash, NC
- The “Hope Harbor Home,” a home for Battered women in Brunswick County, NC
- “Little River Volunteer Fire Dept. & Horry County Station #2,” in Little River, SC
- The “Lower Cape Fear Hospice” in Bolivia, NC
- The “Providence Home of Family Emergency Teen Shelter,” Southport, NC

BINGO is held every Tuesday evening at the Elks Lodge. During the night of BINGO, one Game is selected every evening and the monies raised from that game are set aside to be donated to local charities. A group of volunteer lodge members, along with a group of regular BINGO patrons, meet and select the charities to which donations will be made.

# Hoop Shoot

The annual North Carolina State Elks Hoop Shoot final was held in Greensboro on Saturday February 13 with the winners from the four District competing for the honor of representing North Carolina at the Regional Hoop Shoot next month in Middletown, Maryland. The winners of the Regional tournament will have a chance to compete for the National title in Chicago in April.

The winners are: 8-9 Boys - Owen Cannon representing Hickory Lodge; 8-9 Girls - Aniston Chapman representing Hickory Lodge; 10-11 Boys- Grant Malloy representing Charlotte Lodge; 10-11 Girls - Alexis Wolgemuth representing Hickory Lodge; 12-13 Boys - Breon Pass representing Reidsville Lodge; 12-13 Girls - Brianna Lewis representing North Wilkesboro Lodge.

Also pictured are State President Ron Dickson and Hoop Shoot Chairman Mark Alderman.





## Calabash Elks Give Veterans A Special Valentine



On Friday, February 19, 2016, Six members of the Veteran's Affairs Committee from the Calabash Lodge traveled to the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville transporting all the food and materials necessary to serve their Traditional "Valentine's Luncheon" to resident Veterans and others at the hospital.

Approximately 60 disabled Veterans, visiting family members, caregivers, and hospital staff participated in the event which included "Sweet Treats" in a Valentine's Day theme.

Pictured are five of the Calabash Elks along with VA Medical Center staff.

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## Raleigh Elks Weekly Bingo Raises Money for Charities

This weekly event provides much needed money to a number of charitable organizations throughout the Raleigh area, not the least of which is the Raleigh Lodge itself. Charitable recipients include the Durham VA Medical Center where a group of members play Bingo with patients and provides prizes, Boys and Girls Clubs of Wake county, Helping Hands Mission who provide food and clothing to low income and homeless, USO at Raleigh-Durham airport, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Transition Life Care (Hospice of Wake County).

Annually we inform the Bingo players where any profits from the money they spend goes. Generally we donate \$4500 or more to the charities listed.

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