



## Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm McPherson Addresses NCSEA Meeting



Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm McPherson and First Lady Pat visited North Carolina during the Fall meeting in New Bern. During his address to NC Elks GER McPherson stressed his slogan for the year **“Strengthening Elkdom Through Community Awareness”** and encouraged all Lodges to apply for the \$1500. Anniversary Lodge Grant. GER McPherson thanked North Carolina Elks for their work with Veterans at the North Carolina Veteran Homes and the support we provide for Camp Carefree. He also lauded us for our donations to the Elks National Foundation and indicated we receive a return of investment of over \$3. for every \$1. donated. GER McPherson and wife Pat spent time getting to know North Carolina Elks and enjoying the hospitality provided.

During his time in North Carolina, GER McPherson had the opportunity to visit the North Carolina Veterans Home in Kinston where he met with North Carolina Veterans Home Director James Woodard and Kinston Home Administrator Gwendolyn Woods, who both praised the North Carolina Elks for their commitment to the four Homes. GER McPherson toured the facility and met with many of the residents. Including a Purple Heart recipient and another who will turn 100 in December.

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## GL Membership Chairman Rick Gathen Makes Presentation at Annual Fall Meeting



Grand Lodge Membership and Public Relations Manager Rick Gathen attended the Fall meeting of the NC State Elks Association . During the luncheon Rick spoke on the 150th Anniversary of our Order and the support available through the Grand Lodge website to promote this event. He asked each Lodge to plan a special program next February to recognize the 150th Anniversary of Elksdom.

During his afternoon presentation, Rick gave a well received speech on membership and the resources available through the Grand Lodge to assist Lodges with their membership program. His presentation titled “ **We don’t grow membership by chance, we grow by change**” highlighted the “Membership Toolkit” available at [elks.org](http://elks.org) and the resources available on that site , including the “Build a Brochure” program, “Why we Join” video for prospective members and a

“Get Involved “ survey he encouraged Lodges to use. He also made note that New Members now receive a personal email from the Grand Exalted Ruler following their initiation. Rick also spoke on the idea of Lodges posting their charitable giving totals of their Lodge sign for everyone to appreciate the impact Elks are making in their community. Should your Lodge need assistance with any of these ideas Rick Presented , he asked that to contact him. His contact information is available at [elks.org](http://elks.org) .



# State Presidents Message



Summer has come and gone; fall is here and it will soon be winter. Time really does fly so we need to enjoy those times that we have. The holiday season is almost upon us with Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. Use this time to be with and enjoy friends and family, share, build memories and love each other.

In Elkdom there are many opportunities during the holidays to service our communities, youth and veterans. I am constantly amazed at all the great deeds we do for those in need and how we fill those gaps or supplement what our local, state and federal government often does not have funding to do. As I have traveled I have learned much this year. I do truly believe we are the premiere charitable organization in America and I am proud to be a part of this great, generous and historical organization.

To assist us in fulfilling our honorable programs there are many sources of grants that can aid us. Our Grand Lodge has many grants available to include this year's one time Anniversary Grant of \$1,500 that is there for the asking. Our State PER Association just awarded two grants and will now do so on an annual basis. At the Fall Convention our delegates voted to allow the NCSEA to provide up to twenty \$1,000 grants starting in our next fiscal year. Please utilize these opportunities for some of the funds needed to move your wonderful deeds forward. Let your communities know what you are doing for them. It is time that we are no longer the best kept secret in America but is a time that we rise high, beat ourselves on the chest and scream to all that can hear what Elkdom is and how large our hearts are. We can only grow stronger if others are aware of what we are putting back into our communities. We should all be proud and be loud!

We just wrapped up the NCSEA Inc. Fall Convention in New Bern. What a great city and the New Bern Lodge was a great host. The Convention Committee continues to work hard to provide interesting and hospitable locations for these very important conventions. We had the privilege of hosting our Grand Exalted Ruler, Malcolm McPherson, and First Lady, Pat, at this event. What wonderful representatives of our great organization they are. We visited the Kinston NC Veterans Nursing Home and was provided a tour where GER McPherson connected with the residents and staff in a one-on-one listening and sharing experience. It was a memorable event. Throughout their visit the McPhersons were engaged with our members, never hesitant to stop, talk and socialize with us.

We also hosted the Grand Lodge Membership and Marketing Manager, Rick Gathen, during the fall convention. Those who attended his workshop on Saturday afternoon received valuable information on how to move our organization further with the tools he provided. Rick presented a tremendous program with energy and excitement that is characteristic of his charismatic personality. Use those tools provided in your lodges and do not hesitate to reach out to Rick per his invitation with any questions or ideas.

The NCSEA Charitable Trust Inc. President, Ashley Garrison, is initiating a program to make lodges better aware of the Charitable Trust and what it gives back to them. Part of this will be a recognition program with plaques to lodges based on donations and with pins for individual donations to the Charitable Trust. Please consider donations to the Charitable Trust as that money will now be used to support the newly approved state grant program to go with the previous funding of the scholarship program, Camp Carefree and veterans. A photo of the pins to be used to honor those who donate to the 501(c) 3 certified Coates Endowment Fund is attached for various donations to include \$10, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 giving levels. Be generous and watch what will grow from our dedication.



## Presidents Message Continued

Did you know that Camp Carefree received a donation from NCSEA of \$30,000 at the fall convention to go along with the \$20,000 donation they received from lodge fundraisers in August for a total of \$50,000 this year? Did you know that NCSEA awarded \$42,000 in academic scholarships and \$8,000 in nursing scholarships for a total of \$50,000 this year? This is in addition to the Grand Lodge's Most Valuable Student Scholarships and the many scholarships individual lodges provide to our worthy students. Did you know that last year we provided yet another bus to the NC Veterans Nursing Homes to be used to transport residents to doctor visits, activities, etc. at a cost of over \$58,000? This again is in addition to everything else the local lodges provide the nursing homes and VA Centers on a regular basis through visits and donations. Did you know that there will now be grants available through the NCSEA totaling \$20,000 (twenty grants @ \$1,000 each) for local lodges to apply for and to use in their community improvement programs? This is in addition to the PER Association grants and the grants available from the Grand Lodge. What a wonderful time it is to be an Elk in North Carolina. I am proud to say that I am a member and I get great joy working on our programs with such dedicated and sincere members as you.

It has been an honor to represent the NCSEA Inc. these last six months and I look forward to working for the remaining portion of my tenure to advance Elkdom and our NCSEA Inc. on your behalf. Have a wonder holiday season; enjoy and share with those in need. Sharing is the best gift you can give!

Fraternally

Michael Bryant, NCSEA President

Keep your eyes out for a special fundraiser to commemorate the Elks 150 Year Anniversary.



The two items to be awarded, photo above, include; Jack Daniel's Single Barrel Select Tennessee Whiskey and Jack Daniel's Gentleman Jack Double Mellowed Tennessee Whisky inscribed; **"Elks-USA Celebrating 150 Years of Service 2017-2018 North Carolina Elks Association"** on each bottle.

The funds raised will go to the Charitable Trust for the Veterans Homes Bus Fund. These wonderful commemorative items were donated by our State Sponsor, PGER Jack Frost to be used for this fundraiser. Thank you Jack.

Tickets for the chance to win one of these two commemorative items will be sent to each lodge for sale by the lodge in early January, 2018. Additional details will be provided at that time. The drawings to select the winners will be held at the NCSEA Inc. Annual Convention in Ashville NC at the PER Breakfast, Sunday May 6, 2018. The winners will not have to be present to win.

Let's get excited about this one time only opportunity to own a piece of history that all Elks would be proud to own.

*November is  
Veterans  
Remembrance Month*



## Upcoming District Deputy Clinics

### January; 2018

EAST	January 7, 2018	Morehead City-Beaufort Lodge
WEST	January 14, 2018	Hendersonville Lodge
WEST CENTRAL	January 21, 2018	Winston Salem Lodge
EAST CENTRAL	January 28, 2018	Roxboro Lodge

### April 2018

EAST	April 8, 2018	Calabash Lodge
WEST	April 15, 2018	Hickory Lodge
EAST CENTRAL	April 22, 2018	Sanford Lodge
WEST CENTRAL	April 29, 2018	Salisbury Lodge, River Park

## Leadership Seminar

### Plan Now to Attend the February Leadership Seminar

The annual NCSEA Leadership Seminar will be held at the Greensboro Lodge on Saturday February 24th . We encourage all Elks, and especially new Officers, to attend this informative session to give you guidance in running your Lodge during the coming year. More information will be forthcoming at the January DD Clinics.



## Upcoming Conventions

### NCSEA

Spring 2018	Asheville NC	May 4-6
Fall 2018	TBD	October 26-28
Spring 2019	Wilmington	May 3-5

### Grand Lodge

2018	San Antonio TX	July 1-4
2019	St. Louis MO	June 30-July 3

## Plan Now To Join Us In Asheville Spring 2018



The Spring meeting of the NCSEA will be held in Asheville NC May 4—6, 2018. Plan to join us in this beautiful mountain city, which sits on the Appalachian Trail. There is so much to do, take a tour of Biltmore Estate, walk the lovely gardens of the Arboretum, or take a side trip to Maggie Valley or the Great Smokey Mountains. Special guests will be the State Presidents from Virginia and South Carolina. Lets give them a big North Carolina welcome. Go to [ncelks.org](http://ncelks.org) for registration forms.

**See y'all there!!!!**

# Convention Pictures



GER McPherson visiting with Kinston Veterans Home resident Isaac Pope, who will turn 100 in December, along with Home Administrator Gwendolyn Woods.



State President Michael Bryant and Camp Carefree Project Chairman Dennis Dowling making a presentation of \$50,000 to Brooke Wilson of Camp Carefree.



GER McPherson and Home Administrator Gwendolyn Woods visiting with Purple Heart recipient Beryle Mazingo.

GER McPherson receiving ENF donations during the Parade of Lodges





## ***Hoop Shoot Dates***

### **District Hoop Shoots**

East - January 6, 2018 Morehead City  
East Central - January 27, 2018 Roxboro  
West - January 28, 2018 Morganton  
West Central - January 27, 2018 Winston Salem

### **State Hoop Shoot**

February 10, 2018 Greensboro, NC

### **Regional Hoop Shoot**

March 10, 2018 Middletown, MD

### **National Finals**

April 21, 2018 Chicago, IL

## Let's ensure long-time Members remain on our rolls

By RICK GATHEN  
Membership and Marketing Manager

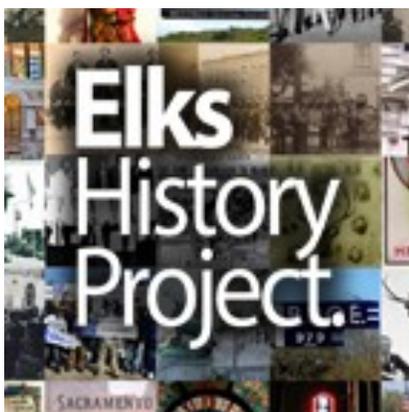
Many of us understand the responsibility of taking care of aging family members, or helping friends who are struggling financially, or those in poor physical health. As charity begins at home, please give consideration to delinquent Members who may be facing hardships. **Remember, "Living or dead, an Elk is Never forgotten...Never Forsaken."**

Let's stand by these words and carefully review your Lapsation rolls, especially emphasizing those Members with many years serving our Order. Likely some have been loyal dues-paying Members for decades. Discuss the loss of these "at-risk Members" with your Lodge's Standing Relief Committee. Per Statute Section 13.010:

"The Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Loyal Knight and Lecturing Knight, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute the Standing Relief Committee of the Lodge, which shall examine the merits of all cases suggesting the necessity of aid or relief."

Upon committee recommendation, your Lodge may legally vote on assisting with their dues. Any Member present at a Lodge meeting may make that motion. Because this process is often overlooked, the Lodge Secretary is forced to cancel memberships of those worthy of assistance. Instead, allow your Lodge Members their right to vote.

Make sure your Lodge Standing Relief Committee assumes this responsibility. Only then do we act with Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.



## Share Your Story!

Do you have a piece of Elks history? Please share it with us! You can upload photographs or other graphics in jpg, gif, or png format, or scanned documents of any kind in PDF format.

Go to [elks.org](http://elks.org) for more information.

## What Kind of ELK Are You?

*Are you an active member  
The kind that would be missed  
Or are you just content  
That your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the flock.  
Or do you stay at home  
To criticize and knock?  
Do you take an active part  
To help the work along  
Or are you satisfied to be  
The kind that just belongs?  
Do you ever go to visit  
A member who is sick,  
Or leave the work to just a few  
And talk about the "clique"?  
Think this over  
You know right from wrong,  
Are you an active member  
Or do you just belong?*

~anonymous

Submitted By Ben Bulluck

# News Of the Lodges

## Morehead City—Beaufort Lodge Receives Grant



L-R: Zenetex employee and ELKS Lodge Est. Leading Knight - Gary Melillo Sr., Zenetex VP - Todd Thurman, and ELKS Lodge Exalted Ruler – Bob McClughan.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, Zenetex VP Todd Thurman honored the Morehead City / Beaufort ELKS Lodge with a check in the amount of \$750 as part of the “Zenetex Cares” community involvement program.

This grant from Zenetex will be used as part of the ELKS community outreach efforts. These efforts include mentoring and providing school supplies to local children, sponsoring Christmas families, assisting the homeless with basic needs and employment, and providing a broad range of assistance to military veterans. Recently the ELKS lodge has become a primary sponsor for the “Wreaths Across America” program. The goal, with the assistance of 5 other local sponsors, is to provide wreaths for all 7500 military veteran gravesites at the New Bern, NC National Cemetery.

The ELKS lodge would like to thank the entire Zenetex team for this most generous contribution.

## ROXBORO ELKS PROMOTE DRUG AWARENESS AND PASS OUT THOUSANDS OF U.S. FLAGS AT FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

The Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 partnered with the Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce and the Person County Tourism Development Authority for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Roxboro 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The Roxboro Lodge purchased over a thousand American flags to distribute to all of the patrons that were in attendance on Monday. Over a dozen Roxboro Elks were on hand to volunteer their time at the parade which saw record numbers in attendance.

The North Carolina Elks Drug Awareness Trailer and Elroy the Elk were also on hand at the parade. Elroy was a big hit and took many photo opportunities with the kids before the parade while local Elk volunteers handed out drug awareness materials to the young crowd.



## ROXBORO ELKS ANNOUNCE 2017-18 WILLIAM C. BULLOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 is pleased to announce that Brandon Andrew Evans has been selected to be recipient of the William C. Bullock Memorial Scholarship Winner for 2017-18. This is a four year scholarship where the Roxboro Lodge will pay \$1,000 each year towards his tuition at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Bobby graduated from Roxboro Community School and plans to major in Nursing.

The Roxboro Elks named the annual scholarship after William C. Bullock, who served as the North Carolina Elks State President in 1996-97 and the Exalted Ruler of the Roxboro Lodge for 17 years. The proceeds for the scholarship are raised from the Roxboro Elks Golf Tournament.

Roxboro Lodge Exalted Ruler Kyle Puryear presenting Brandon Andrew Evans with the 2017-18 William C. Bullock Memorial Scholarship.



## ROXBORO ELKS HOLDS 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SENIOR LADIES NIGHT

On Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Roxboro Elks held its 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Senior Ladies Night. About 60 widows in the community enjoyed a relaxed evening of fellowship with one another while being treated to dinner and prizes by members of the Roxboro Elks lodge. This special event has been held each year on the Friday before Mother's Day since 1966. Many members consider this project their favorite. The dinner was held at the lodge where members were in the parking lot to greet attendees as they arrived and assisted them with parking.

Once inside, each woman received an envelope with \$10.00 cash in it. Later in the evening, tickets were drawn for more cash prizes and the potted geraniums decorating the table. Member and other volunteers served attendees dinner and dessert. The evening wound down with more mingling as everyone collected their prizes and some their carefully wrapped leftovers. The Roxboro Elks look forward to continuing with the tradition of this project for many more years to come.

## Jim Mclain Receives Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award



During the District Deputy Clinic in Wilmington on August 27th Jim Mclain was presented with the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for community service. Jim, a Past District Deputy from the Kinston Lodge, was surprised when Mae West, also from Kinston, made the presentation.

Jim stated he was proud of his many years of community service and his years of serving Elksdom.

## Goldsboro & Kinston Elks Take Veterans On Wings Over Wayne Air Show Field Trip



The Blue Angels—precision flying!

The Field trip to the Wings Over Wayne Air Show took place on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and was attended by several Veterans and staff from the Kinston Veterans Home in addition to the Volunteers from the Goldsboro, Kinston and New Bern Elks Lodges.

That day, the Air Show is closed to the public and only VIP's are allowed in, which allowed the Veterans to bypass the long lines and security delays so our group of Veterans could enjoy a special treat.

The privilege of this field trip for the Veterans from the Kinston Veterans Home was possible due to the personal support by the SJAFB Wing Commander, Col Christopher Sage. Upon learning of the concept, Col Sage assembled a group of All-Stars, led by Maj Matthew Olde, Capt Sande Penuliar and MSgt Benjamin Simmons.

The guests were treated to streamlined processing thru base security, a private VIP area that included tents, refreshments and facilities which took into consideration the needs of the Veterans. The area was a mere 100 yards from the flight line and they enjoyed an incredible day with lots of VIP treatment. The Veterans group used the buses which had been donated by the NC Elks to transport the group from their home in Kinston. With the first pass of the Blue Angels, one of the residents (a 99 year old Army Veteran) shared his story of surviving the Battle of the Bulge.



Fly-overs bring back memories



## **Goldsboro & Kinston Elks Salute Kinston Home Veterans With Visit From DownEast Rolling Thunder**

DownEast Rolling Thunder was a motorcycle rally from Goldsboro to the Kinston Veterans Home. This was part of a day-long festival, Wings of Wayne which was a Military Appreciation Festival held on Saturday May 27th. The Rally was made possible as the Goldsboro and Kinston Elks worked in concert with each other and with the staff from the Kinston Veterans Home. Strong financial support was received as this was sponsored by BoJangles'.

The group of riders included; Bikers for Christ, Guardian Brotherhood, Fallen Saints, American Legion Riders, The Ghost Riders and more. The event kicked off with an opening ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park which included the singing of the National Anthem, an Opening Prayer and the Laying of a wreath.

The bikers (over 150 in total) were then provided a police escort the entire way (35 miles) and upon their arrival at the Kinston Veterans Home they completed a salute to the Veterans by riding around all four buildings and then they gathered and parked in front of the facility.

Upon their arrival, refreshments were provided by Kona-Ice. Once inside, the bikers and the residents were treated to a special program which included; a dancing duet & the reading of poetry by artists arranged by the Wayne County Arts Council. There wasn't a dry eye in the room and the Veterans were thrilled by the huge crowd of people that had travelled there to spend time with them. New friendships were formed and the ongoing support from the bikers to recognize the sacrifices made by the Veterans which afford us our freedom was an amazing thing to witness. As the bikers left to return to Goldsboro, the Veterans were treated to a meal funded by the Goldsboro Elks.



Riders arrive at the Kinston Veterans Home



## Sanford Elks Use Grant to Provide Shoes for Lee County Students

The Sanford Lodge has used a grant to purchase 57 pairs of shoes for Lee County students to start the new school year. The project is a joint effort between Elks, their families and a committee of local students.

The youth committee consisted of Tim Fischer (chairman), Justin Cleary, Sam Singer and Jan Hofman. They used recommendations from several teachers along with their personal knowledge to select shoe recipients. This committee also identified the types and sizes of shoes needed, helped make the purchases and distributed the shoes.

Shoes were distributed to students from Tramway, Broadway, Greenwood Elementary schools, San Lee Middle, and Lee County Senior High School. Additionally, 6 pairs of football cleats and 12 pair of track shoes were purchased for Southern Lee High School.

Lisa Cleary coordinated the efforts of Elks Lodge members and the youth committee. Other Elks that were heavily involved were Addison Johnson, Nathan Cochrane, Kevin Cleary and Mike McGraw. The Elks thank Cooks Shoes and Rack Room Shoes #670 of Sanford, NC for their help and the extra discounts in support of this community event.



Pictured L-R, Nathan Cochrane, Mike McGraw, Lisa Cleary, Kevin Cleary, Tim Fischer, Joe Clancy, Steve Johnson, Ed Wesley with some of the shoes for local students in need.

## Shallotte Elks Recognize Eagle Scouts



On Saturday August 19, 2017 the Shallotte Elks Lodge 2854 had a dinner to honor 4 Eagle Scouts from Troop 262.

Pictured from left to right are Hunter Long, Brian Troy, Walt Wilson, Exalted Ruler, R J Thomas and Dave Walters.

## *Adopt-a-Veteran*

**In 2016-17,**



**7,634  
Elks**



**served  
38,342  
veterans**

**and  
volunteered  
37,400  
hours**



**through  
the Adopt-  
a-Veteran  
program.**



**Learn more at [www.elks.org/vets/adoptaveteran.cfm](http://www.elks.org/vets/adoptaveteran.cfm)**

## Raleigh Elks Support the North Carolina National Guard “Back to School Gala “

Raleigh Elks in conjunction with John Deer and The Dollar Store Corporation hosted 86 National Guard families at our local lodge for their ‘Back to School’ event. The event was well attended by National Guard families and 44 school age children.

With the participation of the John Deer and Dollar Store corporations and monies provided to the Lodge thru the Elks Gratitude Grant, we were able to provide such items as backpacks, and school supplies for the school age children. In addition to the school supplies, Raleigh Lodge purchased 4 bicycles for these children. Some Lodge members upon hearing there was only monies for 3 bicycles took it upon themselves to purchase additional bicycles for these children.,

Our Lodge Bar manager James Pendergast set up a Donation Jar in the Social Quarters area for any member that wanted to donate monies for this event. Enough money was raised by lodge members to provide each child that attended a \$25.00 Gift for additional back to school items.

The Gratitude Grant was instrumental in purchasing all the food and drinks for this affair.

A special thanks to the Elks Gratitude Grant and to all our members who helped with this event making this a special occasion for these National Guard Families.



## Morehead City — Beaufort Elks Provide Hurricane Harvey Relief

The Morehead City Beaufort Lodge purchased and packaged 70 hygiene kits to be sent to victims of Hurricane Harvey. We had many comments and questions while were shopping. We also had offers for help from the other shoppers in the store.

All of the Elks that helped in this project were very happy that they had the opportunity to serve.



## Morehead City—Beaufort Elks Treat Kids to Back to School Shopping

This year the Morehead City-Beaufort Lodge had the opportunity take 31 children shopping for back to school clothes, shoes, socks and many other items including food. We also went to Chick-fil-A for lunch. On both of our trips every one had a FANTASTIC time.

Some of the children changed into their new clothes as soon as we returned. I mean changed everything from underwear to shoes to socks and to the new outfits.

Thanks to Chic-fil-A for lunch. Thanks to the Promise Grant.



## Morehead City—Beaufort Treats Teens to a Spa Day

The Morehead City-Beaufort Lodge hosted a session on skin care. This was attended by the teens from the Boy's and Girl's Club. As you can see they felt beautiful after using all of the products in order to have great less breakouts and great looking skin. Our Lodge donated a package of the most important products and provided lunch. Fun was had by all.

Later we took these same teens to for manicures and pedicures to the Community College. The College did not charge us. What a great field trip. The teens felt very special. They had a chance to visit with the students at the cosmetology department within the college. This was a learning experience as well as a feel good day for the teens.



## Calabash Elks Make Donation to School Library



Calabash lodge presented Gratitude check in amount of \$2500. to waccamaw school to upgrade library books.

Pictured with school staff and students are Dick Wilson PER, Nancy Grant, ENF chair and Juanita Adams, Exalted Ruler.

## Wilmington Lodge Honors Lodge Veterans

On August 13th the Purple Heart Dinner was held in Wilmington at the Convention Center. Local Purple heart recipients and WWII Veterans were honored. From our lodge Johnny R. Wilson was our Purple Heart recipient. He attended with his lovely wife Donna.



Johnny R. Wilson

Also in attendance from our lodge was Henry Phillips our WWII Veteran. Henry was awarded the French Legion of Merritt Medal for his liberation of France. He landed with the Allied army troops on D-Day June 6, 1944. He served in many campaigns and marched all across Europe to Berlin as he fought through the Battle of the Bulge. Henry was accompanied with his two adult grandsons by his side. We were all saddened by Henry's death two days later. Henry was a proud Elk. He always supported our programs financially. We had a great conversation that day about Elkdom and how proud he was of our lodge.



Henry Phillips

## Calabash Elks Recognize First Responder

The Calabash Elks Lodge held their first annual First Responder Dinner in September. Exalted Ruler Juanita Adams contacted the Calabash Fire Department and asked the Chief to name one person to receive this recognition. Chief Randy named one of their volunteers, Daniel Moore.

Mr. Moore was honored for over 50 years of service as a firefighter, he served for 47 years in Bethel Park Pa, 30 of those years as Fire Chief. Daniels's fire department was one of the first to respond to the plane crash in Pennsylvania on 9/11/2001. He described it as horrible.

Since moving to North Carolina he has, for 3.5 years been a volunteer in the Calabash Fire Dept. He oversees project "Fourth of July" in Calabash, he teaches, and he serves in whatever capacity is needed.

Mr. Moore was presented with a proclamation and a medal for service above and beyond the call of duty.



Pictured is Exalted Ruler Juanita Adams and Daniel Moore

## Mt. Airy Elks Use Grant to Aid Local Organizations

The Mt. Airy Elks Lodge opted to split their Gratitude Grant between two local organizations who provide support for individuals and families in crisis; The Shepherd's House and Maranatha Homeless Outreach. Supplies for the organizations were purchased and presented to the organizations on June 22.



## Mt. Airy Elks Motorcycle Committee Raises Money for Scouting

The Mt. Airy Lodge Motorcycle Committee sponsors an annual motorcycle ride through the mountains of Northwest North Carolina and Southwest Virginia. Money raised from the ride and associated activities is donated to local organizations for the betterment of our community. This year, the Motorcycle Committee donated \$1600 to Boy Scout Troop #553, Boy Scout Troop #541, and Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troop #564.



Pic's Top to Bottom  
Donation to Boy Scout Troop # 553 in the amount of \$ 400.00,  
Donation Boy Scout Troop #541 in the amount of \$400,  
Donation to Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troop # 564 in the amount of \$ 800.00



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## Shallotte Elks Treat Autumn Care Residents

The Shallotte Elks Lodge sponsored a pizza social at Autumn Care Adult Facility in Shallotte, NC. There were 25 residents in attendance who enjoyed the social. Money was raised through Belks Charity Day Event.

Pictured left to right are resident Martha Bolton, Regina Lowry AD, Leading Knight Bob Kordiak and resident Eva Williamson.



## Calabash Elks and Leroy Support Drug Awareness

On Saturday October 7th, the Calabash Lodge participated in the [Sunset@Sunset](#) festival. Lodge members were available to talk about Elkdom and our Lodge. Elroy the Elk also showed up handing out Drug Awareness literature to the many youngsters who came by.



L-R Elroy (Inner Guard Ed Sackal) and Leading Knight Rich Rust with three of the many children who attended the festival.

## New Bern Elks Contribute to Blue Star Highway Marker

Recently, members of the Veteran's Committee of the New Bern Elks Lodge attended the dedication of a Blue Star Highway Marker at the North Carolina Rest Area, Clarks Road, New Bern. The Lodge was a recognized contributor to the marker. Blue Star Markers recognize the sacrifices made by our military and their families.



Pictured are Elks Tom and Kathy Perretta, June Kent, Exalted Ruler Jody Pacarella, National Blue Star Marker Chairwoman Andrea Little, Elks George Burrens and Carole Graham.

## Raleigh Elks Work With USO to Supply Snack Bags to Troops

The Raleigh Elks Lodge in coordination with the Raleigh Durham Airport USO has begun a program to supply travel snack bags to troops who travel through the airport are returning from missions in Afghanistan & Iraq. The Elks Anniversary Grant has been instrumental in getting this program off to a success start. Raleigh Elks members have been very enthusiastic about this project. Elk members Robin Miller, Jay Dixon, Roger Neal, Larry Hertzberg, Gary Bush, Steve Masnicki, Hugh Norfleet, Cary Boster, Susan Conder, Barb Amos and our ER Dean Schaffer helped pack over 1000 bags with snacks and goodies for these troops. Raleigh Elks Lodge will continue this program thru the direction of the USO Director regarding when the bags will make the greatest contribution (highest travel dates, special programs and deployments etc..) Most importantly, This programs supports our motto that " As long as there are Veterans, the Elks will be here to support them

## Newton Elks Lodge Honors Fireman and Police Officer of the Year

The Newton Elks Lodge honored the Newton Fireman and Police Officer of the year at a recent banquet. The annual banquet recognizes members of the Newton Fire and Police Departments and thanks them for their public service to our city.

Honored at the banquet were Sarah Evans, Newton Police Officer of the Year and Brandon Drum, Newton Fireman of the Year.



(L to R) Josh Farmer, Newton Elks Exalted Ruler; Kevin Yoder, Newton Fire Chief; Brandon Drum, Newton Fireman of the Year; Sarah Evans, Newton Police Officer of the Year; Donald Brown, Newton Chief of Police; Rob Hoard, Newton Elks PER.

## Sanford Elks Distribute Red Ribbons

Sanford Elks Lodge #1679 recently distributed nearly 5100 red ribbons to Sanford area students grade K-5. The red ribbons celebrate national Red Ribbon Week and promote Drug Awareness in our school systems.

Jackie Keith, Drug Awareness Chairperson, organized this year's event for the Lodge. With the help of Lisa Cleary, ribbons were distributed to Bullock, Broadway, Deep River, Greenwood, Floyd, J. Glenn, Tramway, Ingram, Warren and Bragg elementary schools.



## Newton Elks Install Ramp for Veteran



Three members of the Newton Elks Lodge installed a ramp for a veteran living in Maiden, NC. Lodge ER Josh Farmer and Board of Directors Michael Morgan and Kris Kearns visited William Turley at his Maiden, North Carolina home to install a ramp purchased by the the Newton Elks Lodge. Turley, who served three tours in Vietnam, has very limited mobility and is cared for by his wife and sister. The new ramp replaced vehicle ramps previously used by Turley.

(LtoR) - Framer, Morgan, Turley, Kearns)

## Wilmington ER Visits Kinston Veterans Home

Wilmington Elks Exalted Ruler Nancy Blanton spent a lovely afternoon conversing with the residents at the Kinston Veterans Home and passing out candy.



## Raleigh Elks Hold Fund Raisers for ENF & Camp Carefree

### ENF

Coming up in December (in time for Christmas gift giving), Raleigh Lodge #735 will have the Second bi-annual Country Ham and Sausage Sale with the proceeds again being donated to The Elks National Foundation. The First Sale was held in June 2017, with strong membership participation numbers and netted a very successful 1500.00 + of Member Donations.

Congratulations to all the Raleigh Lodge #735 Members, Does, Officers and friends for making the efforts to participate and support our Elks National Foundation and It's crucial works.

### Camp Carefree

Organized by Dean Schaffer ER of Raleigh Elks 735 Lodge who purchased 500 Camp Carefree Lapel pins from his own funds to help support Camp Carefree located in North Carolina. With the help and support of Raleigh Elk 735 member Cary Boster, they were proud to announce that over \$1500.00 was raised by selling lapel pins to the individual lodge members.

## Calabash Elks Greet Wounded Warriors



As Wounded Warrior bikers cycled their way through Brunswick County, Lodge members Pat Broscius, Charlie Mundon, Kathy Smith, Fran Quigley, and Judy Harms greeted them with American Flags as they rode past.



## Mt. Airy Elks PER's & Motorcycle Committee Assist Veteran



The Mt. Airy Elks PER Association helping Harvey Heath, a Veteran of WW2 and a POW during WW2, make his house accessible by wheelchair.



WWII Veteran Harvey Heath asked our guys to help him setup a makeshift flag pole when they were working on his front door. The Mt. Airy Elks Motorcycle Committee went one better; they purchased and installed a nice flag pole and supplied both a United States Flag and a POW Flag for him.

## ROXBORO ELKS HOLD SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT TO SUPPORT THE WILLIAM C. BULLOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 held its annual golf tournament on October 21<sup>st</sup> at Roxboro Country Club with 100% of the proceeds going towards the William C. Bullock Memorial Scholarship. The tournament had great participation and the weather was very cooperative. The Roxboro Elks award a 4 year - \$1,000 scholarship every year to a deserving local student with strong extracurricular engagements and that is in good academic standing.

The Roxboro Elks named the annual scholarship after William C. Bullock, who served as the North Carolina Elks State President in 1996-97 and the Exalted Ruler of the Roxboro Lodge for 17 years.

## CALABASH ELKS SUPPORT WOUNDED WARRIOR BATTALION



In conjunction with the kick-off ceremony for “Warrior Care Month” held at the Warrior Transition Battalion, which is part of the Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, NC, the Calabash Elks Veteran’s Affairs Committee, donated \$1,000.00 in Wal-Mart Gift Cards to their “Soldier and Family Assistance Center.”

Pictured L to R, Dempsey O. Whitt, Command Sergeant Major, Warrior Transition Battalion; Lawrence “Larry” Tedesco, Member, Calabash Elks VAC; Martha Brown, Director, Soldier and Family Assistance Center, WTB; John Corbett, COL, USA (Ret), Co-Chair, Calabash Elks’ VAC; and Phillip B. Brown, Jr., LTC, SF, Commander, WTB.

## Sanford Lodge Treats Potential Members to Oyster Roast

The Sanford Elks Lodge had their annual oyster roast on November 2, 2017. The oyster roast, held for more than 25 years, is used to introduce potential new members to the lodge and the benefits of becoming an Elk. About 150 current members and prospects attended the roast. 5 new applications for membership were submitted during the evening.

The crowd enjoyed the 17 bushels of oysters prepared by a team Elk volunteers led by Richard Hall and Tommy Cameron. Additionally, 80 quarts of an amazing chicken and sausage gumbo, prepared by Gordon Anderson and Chris Black, was consumed by the crowd.

The PER Association raffle for a Henry Golden Boy .22 cal. lever action rifle was won by Paraminder Singh. The raffle raised \$1700 for the Student of the month program.



Left— Going for the Gumbo

Right— Shucking Oysters



## Hickory Elks Treat Veterans to a Day at the Ballpark

The Hickory Elks Lodge treated 10 resident Veterans, 14 staff members and 5 children from the Black Mountain Veterans Home to a day out at the ballpark of the Hickory Crawdads, minor league team. The trip down the mountain was made in the two vans donated by the NC Elks. This was the second outing of this type this summer with more able to make the trip down this time. The tickets were donated by the Hickory Crawdads staff, the Hickory Elks Veterans Committee paid for their meals.



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