

Raleigh Elks Lodge #735 Honor Veterans

What an **AWESOME** day at the Raleigh Elks Lodge honoring our Veterans. We had 104 veterans and families that enjoyed a **WONDERFUL** meal prepared by Ricky Layton (Layton's Catering) and desserts prepared by Alice Morse, Linda Elliott and Tara Lee Gregory (Sweet Treats By Tara).

Someone during the day said it takes a village, but in this case it took an Elk family. I would like to thank everyone and I hope I don't leave any one out. Starting with Michelle Delaire, thank you for sharing all your resources with me from room set up to last minute Saturday night reminding me to get rolls, butter and salt and pepper shakers. Ben Sills for letting me aggravate him for at least two weeks to make sure everything was ready. Bo Williams for spreading the word to our veterans and the organizations that would spread the word to them. Dick Richard W. Hamm for lending us the blower to clean up the parking lot and Americanism Island and Dean Schaeffer for taking care of that task. To Boy Scout Troop#104 for presenting our flags and giving up their table for our honored guests. And the list goes on...Becky Hiller, Robin Elliott Miller, Kerry Brower, Susan D. Conder, Barb Amos, Shane Hakes and Rob Stevenson had the room set up in less than an hour (Thank you JB Barrow (Jackie Cramer Barrow), Linda Elliott, Larry and Nancy Cox and Jim and Terri Pendergast for coming to help as well. Norm Starr, Larry and Nancy Sue Cox, Linda Elliott, Terri Pendergast, Jim Pendergast, Kevin Nesline, Courtney Parnell Nesline, Cheryl Remson Howard, Angie Cox, Alice Morse, Cary Boster, and Justin Schaeffer **THANK YOU ALL!!**. Everyone pitched in and did whatever was necessary to make this a success.

I also would like to thanks the NCSEA officers that attended and our guest speaker David Samuels!! I hope to see everyone again next year and hopefully even more!

Angie Edwards



