



**WINTER 2019**



## **High Point Lodge Hosts Leadership Seminar**



On a rainy February 23rd, Elks traveled from across North Carolina to gather at the High Point Lodge for the annual Leadership Seminar. Over 120 members met to improve their knowledge of Elkdom, learn of changes with North Carolina ALE regulations, and listen to the many speakers explain what is required from the Officers and Directors of our Lodges for them to be successful during the coming year.

More information on the Seminar on the following page.

# Leadership Seminar



State Sponsor, PGER Jack Frost addressed the Membership discussing the need for all Lodges to download the Discrimination Manual and require all employees of the Lodge to read and sign. The signed copy is to be kept on file for the DD visit.

Jack also mentioned a revised Auditing and Accounting manual and changes that will affect the Lodges. The manual will be available to download in the coming week.

ALE Agent Jonathan Bowman answered questions from the Lodges concerning ALE rules and regulations and how they affect day to day operations for the clubs. Questions ranged from running raffles to the responsibilities of club personnel.



PSP Michael Bryant was one of many speakers to discuss the duties and responsibilities of Lodge Officers and corporations, the House Committee, membership, budgets, grants, and many other topics that Lodges are faced with each and every year.

## State Presidents Message



It is almost Spring already. Where did the year go? We have been extremely busy the past nine months visiting and learning how our neighboring Elks in South Carolina and Virginia do their thing. We visited the South Carolina Elks Association for their fall convention September 3<sup>rd</sup>-6th in N. Myrtle Beach. We had a great time with Vince and Vincent Whetsell and the rest of the South Carolina Elks.

Then Hurricane Florence had to come into North Carolina. It was so heart warming to get calls from State Presidents from Texas, Florida, Alabama, South Carolina and Virginia asking if they could do anything to help us. It really showed that **Elks**

### **Care and Elks Share!**

We immediately got our Disaster Relief Committee going and they have been busy ever since. So many Elk members from our Lodges jumped in and started helping those in need. Raleigh Lodge was very active in bringing food and cheer to Eastern North Carolina. They were taking food and supplies to all parts of the coastal NC. PSP Lee Littiken chaired the committee and they have been taking donations and distributing money and supplies to all those in need. **Great Job North Carolina State Elks!**

We attended the Virginia Fall Convention in Virginia Beach on October 11<sup>th</sup>- 14th. We renewed our friendship with the Virginia Elks. Paul and Bonnie Shoemaker along with PGER Ron Hicks and his lovely wife Nancy made us feel at home. We were able to visit the Virginia Beach Lodge #2268 and let it be known that they are not your Daddy's lodge. They played golf on the morning after Hurricane Michael hit Virginia Beach. We were lucky that there wasn't more damage to the area. But again Central North Carolina was hit by Hurricane Michael.

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## State Presidents Message Continued

Our Fall Convention in Greensboro was a blast. GER Michael T. Luhr and Barb were the life of the convention. The weather wasn't the greatest we have had but still Lisa was able to take the Ladies to Camp Carefree on Friday. Barb Luhr, Sharon Frost and Ann Boyd had never been to Camp Carefree.

It has been an honor to serve as State President for the Great Order of Elks. Lisa and I have enjoyed our trips to Lodges throughout the State of NC. We attended the East District Hoop Shoot and the State Hoop Shoot in Greensboro. We will be attending the Regional Hoop Shoot in Frederick, MD on March 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> and the National Hoop Shoot in Chicago in April.

It is time for the Camp Carefree Gala in Greensboro. The Gala is such a great way to support the Camp. We have invited the VA Elks State President Paul Shoemaker and the shining 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Bonnie as guests to the Gala.

I want to thank all the Lodges that have invited us to their functions. A Special Thanks to the Winston Salem Lodge and their ER Connie Shoaf for her housing arrangement & Don Hamby for inviting us to the New Year's Eve Party. **Great times with Great Elks!**

We also want to thank the Raleigh Lodge for their hospitality and their members for their friendship. Their Lodge was always part of our return trips from the Western part of the State. They also invited us to the Flag Day Ceremony and Veterans Dinner. They had a fund raiser for ENF in which they smoked full racks of ribs and sold them. They were Great! They also had a great Super Bowl Party.

Please make an effort to join us in Wilmington at the Ballast Hotel for the Spring Convention. We will be hosting our State Presidents and the First Ladies from Virginia and South Carolina. You can join in on the installation of our first Lady State President, Shari Driscoll.

Thanks again to all of you for what you do for our organization!

Remember, **Changing lives thru Elkdom.**

Fraternally, Ron Delzer



## Elks Hold Family Fun Day In Boiling Springs Lakes

On November 10th, the North Carolina Disaster Relief Team headed by Michelle Delaire, and assisted by Elks from the Raleigh, Calabash, and Oak Island Lodges returned to the town of Boiling Springs Lakes to hold a Family Fun Day. A meal of BBQ with all the trimmings was provided to all the residents and First Responders who attended. For the children there were bouncy houses, games, and crafts, as well as information and hand outs on Drug Awareness. Gift certificates to many businesses, such as Food Lion, Lowes, Home Depot, and Walmart were raffled off to assist the residents with their recovery efforts. While there is much work to be done the town is slowly recovering from the flooding.



# Elks Hold Family Day for Flood Stricken Residents in New Bern

The NC Elks Association and the New Bern Lodge presented a barbeque dinner with entertainment, children's activities, thousands of dollars in gift certificates and prizes Sunday, November 11th. The project was funded by the NC Elks Disaster Relief under the direction of Raleigh Lodge Past Exalted Ruler Michelle Delaire and New Bern Lodge Exalted Ruler Jody Pascarella.

Meals were supplied to over 1000 area church members, residents of Trent Court, RCS and The Salvation Army. All guests were given the opportunity to win gift certificates valued at over \$3000 from Walmart, Lowe's, Harris Teeter, Piggly Wiggly and Food Lion.

Entertainment for all ages was provided with music and songs by Tom & Dahlin' of Tom's-Tunes and Craig Cooper, "Say No to Drugs" exhibit & Elmo the Elk, Michelle's Lucky-Duck Pond, Magician Gary Shelton, Sel Moo's Fancy Face Painting, bracelet making by Gracie McCarthy and Sharon's ZUMBA Dancers. Hundreds of kid's toys and stuffed animals were supplied by the Omega Center and the Raleigh and Calabash Elks Lodge.

The BBQ dinner was prepared by Chef Mike Gerlach and an Elks crew of 50 members with desserts organized Mary Sheppard and the New Carolinians. This was the second large dinner served by the Elks to families affected by the flood. Just a few days after the flood, the Raleigh Elks Lodge sent enough food for 500 dinners. The New Bern Lodge with Jim Dunham and a crew of fellow Elks served the BBQ dinners at the Community Center to the hurricane victims of Fairfield Harbour.



## Camp Carefree Says Thankyou for the Recent Donations During the Fall Convention in Greensboro



How can we ever thank our greatest benefactors, the N.C. Elks?

Today I'd like to extend our specific gratitude for your collective ongoing support of our Alumni Weekend, where we reconnect old friends and rediscover the joy of Carefree.

Yours, Brooke + Adam

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so very much for your support of Camp Carefree not only for your monetary gifts but for all the work you do throughout the year. You are such a wonderful and giving group of people. Because of your support of our children, hundreds of kids get to fellowship with each other in place they think of as their home. Watching these Campers grow into loving and caring adults is very special. Camp Carefree provides a haven for them. A place where they don't have to focus on their limitations or medical ~~medical~~ needs but a place where they are just kids. Your gifts make this happen. Together we can continue this mission and your help is always there for us. The time you all spend raising money, helping us with maintenance and feeding the kids is greatly appreciated!

Thank you all!!!

Sincerely  
Shonda Redenbaugh

Thank you for all  
of your care and support!

Love,  
Your Friends at Camp Carefree



## Plan Now For Spring NCSEA Convention in Wilmington



The Spring 2019 meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association will be held at the Hotel Ballast (formally Hilton Riverside) May 3rd thru the 5th. Join us on the river in historic downtown Wilmington, stroll on the Riverwalk, shop in the many boutiques, or dine in the many restaurants overlooking the Cape Fear river.

Applications are available on [ncelks.org](http://ncelks.org)

### Future Conventions

NCSEA	Fall 2019	Village Inn Hotel, Clemmons NC
		Oct 25-27
	Spring 2020	Double Tree, New Bern NC
		April 24-26
Grad Lodge	2019	St Louis MO
		June 30 - July 3
	2020	Baltimore MD
		July 5- 8



## **NC Elks Drug Awareness Contest Results**

**Theme "What wouldn't you give up for drugs"**

### **Essay Contest**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Kalyn Cole - Roxboro Community School<br>Roxboro Lodge #2005        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Moises Martinez - Brentwood Boys & Girls Club<br>Raleigh Lodge #735 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Benny Rodriguez – Brentwood Boys & Girls Club<br>Raleigh Lodge #735 |

### **Poster Contest**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Alisha Patel – Tramway Elementary School<br>Sanford Lodge #1679     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Savannah Isom – Deep River Elementary School<br>Sanford Lodge #1679 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Zoey Rochefort – Mangum Elementary School<br>Roxboro Lodge #2005    |

**Bob Miller - Drug Awareness Chairman**

# News From the Grand Lodge

## Rules Regarding Virtual Lodges

Rules regarding Virtual Lodges Membership records of current paid-up Members whose Lodge lost its Charter during the current year, either by revocation or surrender, have been transferred to the Virtual Lodge associated with the state to which the former Lodge was located. Virtual Lodge Members will receive a new membership card for the remainder of this current year. This card will have their new Virtual Lodge number on it and will be in effect until April 1, 2019. The card allows entry to all Lodges, the same as the previous card did. During the first weeks of 2019, a dues notice will be sent by Grand Lodge to the Virtual Lodge Members. Upon payment, they will gain another 12 months to find a new Lodge in the Order. If the current Virtual Lodge Members do not renew or they have not found a new Lodge by March 31, 2020, they will be dropped from the Order.

## 2018 Grand Lodge Statutes Now Available Online

The 2018 edition of the Grand Lodge Statutes is now available for download in Adobe PDF format. Log in to [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) and search under manuals to download your copy.



**Looking for a Project?**  
**Order Playing Cards and Visit a Veterans Home**



Elks National Veterans Service Commission  
Playing Cards for Veterans Program  
c/o Tom Jamison, Chair  
12102 Chandlerville Road Beardstown, IL,

**Playing Cards for Veterans Order Form**

For many veterans in hospitals, VA homes, nursing homes and care centers, time can move slowly between visits from family and friends. Veterans are often looking for ways to stay engaged and upbeat. Playing cards can offer an engaging and social activity to fill spare time.

Playing cards are intended to be used for charitable purposes, and to be used by veterans and military members in need. They may not be used for Lodge events, for personal use or for sale.

Please complete this entire form and mail it to the address listed above. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Title at Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

(i.e. Exalted Ruler, Vets Chair, VAVS Rep, General Volunteer, etc.)

Your Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the facility or facilities where the cards will be sent.:  
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Please list the full address where the cards should be shipped. Addressee:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip:  
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By signing this form, you certify that the information provided above is correct, and that the cards received through this program will be used for the purposes stated.

ER Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ER Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Vets Chair Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Vets Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(If your Lodge does not have a Vets chair, please have the Lodge Secretary sign this form.)

# News from the Lodges

## Fayetteville Lodge Hosts Gold Star Mothers

The Fayetteville Lodge hosted a "Gold Star Mom" dinner where they honored two "Gold Star Moms" by presenting them with plaques in memory of their sons who died in action. The mothers are Sue Kolean and Julie Bessa. (Julie is an Elk)

Julie also presented Sue with a framed piece of artwork with info about her son. It was a very nice program and everyone enjoyed the meal of lasagna, garlic bread, green beans, salad and banana pudding.

Retired Command Sergeant Major Rick Davis spoke, giving a brief outline of each soldier's life and awards and metals of which he was presented. (Rick is an Elk)

Leading Knight Ginger Cook also presented each "Mom" with flowers.



District Deputy Tom Liddy and ER Bill McCulloch presented plaques to Sue Lolean (L) and Julie Bessa (R)

Julie Presented Sue with a framed artwork with information about her son.



## Morehead City—Beaufort Lodge Holds Charity Thanksgiving Dinner



On November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Morehead City / Beaufort Elks Lodge held a Thanksgiving dinner for the children who attend the local Boys and Girls Club. There were over 200 children and staff that attended, many of whom are still displaced because of Hurricane Florence. Special thanks goes to Zenetex, LLC who provided the funding to make this event happen, Elk Sarah Willis who spent many hours preparing the food, and ELK Jane McClughan in coordinating everything.

## Hickory Elks Take Christmas Spirit to Veterans Home

The Hickory Lodge gave presents of clothing items such as tee shirts, lounge or sweatpants, calendars, socks, candy and cards all delivered in colorful Christmas bags to each room at the Black Mountain Veterans Home. In addition, Joe Elko was able to purchase a big screen tv and pub snacks. The three female Veterans received soft throws with elks on them. The residents really got a kick out of Santa as usual with all the Hickory elves visiting from room to room. A Christmas cookie assortment was purchased for all four nurses' stations and the administrative staff. This really kicked off the holiday spirit for the Hickory Elks Lodge.



## Calabash Elks Donate Food Certificates to Hope Harbor



The Calabash Elks lodge donated \$1500.00 to Hope Harbor Home for battered women and children. The food certificates insured that mothers and their children would have food during the holidays.

Pictured L-R: Trustee Mark Kerr, Community Resource Director Karmen Smith, Executive Director of Hope Harbor Lynn Carlson, Exalted Ruler Richard Rust, Leading Knight Bob Paoletti, and PER Juanita Adams.

## Raleigh Elks Participate in Veterans Day Parade



Twenty Five members of Raleigh Elks Lodge 735 participated and marched in the Veterans Day Parade this year.

The State Drug Awareness vehicle and several member vehicles carried the message to parade watchers of our involvement in community projects.

American Flags, and Elk Drug Awareness items were handed out by our Drug Awareness mascot throughout the parade route.

## Raleigh Elks deliver Thanksgiving Turkeys to families of National Guard troops deployed overseas

The Raleigh Elks lodge arranged through Harris Teeter to provide meals for 60 families in need through the NCNG family Services office .

Members picked up the food and a chain of sixteen members bagged tagged and delivered the meals to North Carolina National Guard headquarters

These efforts were supported by the Elks Gratitude Grant and Raleigh Lodge donations. The Raleigh Elks Lodge has been involved with this effort for the past 15 years.



## Shallotte Elks Donate to Toy Run



Shallotte Elks donated \$500.00 from the Gratitude Grant to the Brunswick County Annual Toy Run. The toy run sponsored 120 children and families, with each child receiving \$125.00 of which at least half has to go towards clothes.

Pictured left to right, Paul Salerno, Shallotte Elks Trustee, Shawanna Munna, Organizer, Jerome Munna, Organizer, John Alcorn, Elk member, and Walter Wilson Exalted Ruler of the Shallotte Elks.

## Elizabeth City Uses Grant to Provide Sundries for Veterans

The Elizabeth City Lodge made a trip to the NC Vets Home in Kinston. Using their Anniversary Grant, they provided tote bags filled with necessary sundries to all vets in the home. Jack Strickland and Raymond Murphy from Kinston also participated.

PDD Jack Strickland of the Kinston Lodge; Judy King, J R Inman, Nikki Jerkins, Raymond Murphy ER Kinston Lodge.



ER J R Inman and a resident of the home.

## Shalotte Elks Use Grant to Replace Books Lost in Flood



The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$1,500.00 from the Anniversary Grant to Town Creek Elementary School. This is to be used towards new books to replace those that were destroyed by flood water from Hurricane Florence.

Pictured left to right Esteemed Leading Knight Robert Kordiak, Librarian Cortni Lemon, Secretary Carol Desmond, Vice Principal Jennifer Faircloth and Exalted Ruler Walter Wilson.



## Hickory Elks Donate \$35,000 to Backpack Program

The Hickory Elks Lodge announced that this year's 7th Annual Food and Funds Drive surpassed their goal once again donating \$35,000.00 and a truck load of food to the Catawba County Backpack Program. Donations start pouring in September each year from lodge members, the community, charitable grants, and businesses. The fundraiser ended with a BBQ chicken dinner and music with Little Johnny Trailer Trash Band and dance on November 4th.

Backpack Program Coordinator, Amanda Freeland, accepted the \$35,000.00 check at the Hickory Elks Lodge on Saturday morning, December 1st, at the Lodge's famous ham breakfast. As Amanda so eloquently does each year, she spoke about the program and how it has impacted her life as well as the children's lives. "The Elks continue to be our largest donor to the program by surpassing each year the previous year's donations. I look forward each year to being a part of this great organization with their commitment to our community and truly making a difference." said Freeland.



Pictured (L-R) Valerie Arbogast and Kathy Long, Co-Chairs Hickory Elks Lodge Backpack Program Fundraiser and Amanda Freeland, Backpack Program Coordinator

## Calabash Members Bring Christmas to Calabash



Santa (Trustee Mark Kerr) and Mrs. Claus (PER Juanita Adams) were the highlight of the Calabash Christmas parade. Santa rode atop a fire truck as it wove its way through Calabash following a parade of brightly decorated floats from many local businesses.



Following the parade Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted the many children to hear what they wanted Santa to bring them on Christmas Day. Children were also encouraged to write letters to Santa which Elk members will respond with a hand written note.

## Hendersonville Elks Host Hospitalized Veterans



Hendersonville Elks Lodge invited twenty-three hospitalized veterans from the Charles George V.A. Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina, to have dinner with veterans from Hendersonville Elks Lodge and its members. All veterans were treated to the complete menu of the Lodge including steaks, ribs, fish and desserts.

Top row: Charlie Campbell, PDDGER, and Frank T. Brady, PDDGER.

Bottom Row: James Mulligan, Air Force Pilot who flew the F4, F111, and SR71; and Harvey Foust, Veteran Retired.

## Calabash Elks Send Care Packages to Troops



Just in time for Christmas the Calabash Lodge Veterans Activities Committee packed 30 Care Packages for shipment to our Military Personnel Overseas, and sent them on their way. This was made possible by a grant received from the “Committee to Honor America’s Veterans” in Sunset Beach, NC. The items in the packages include personal care items, games and puzzles, candy and snack items, and socks.

## Winston Salem Elks Deliver Christmas Food Baskets



Winston Salem Elks delivered food boxes totaling over \$500 in food products to needy families for the Christmas holiday.

L-R; Greg Truell, Marylee Zigmund, Mike Curran, Kay Houser, Randy Zigmund and Hollis Boardman. Charlie Davis, Don Hamby and Heather Kiger also assisted with logistics.

## Wilmington Elks Support Purple Heart Veterans



In August the Wilmington Elks Lodge donated \$1500 to help with a dinner to honor Purple Heart Veterans.

## Shalotte Uses Grant for Supplies for the Homeless



The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$500.00 from the Gratitude Grant to Street Reach for supplies for the homeless. Street Reach gives out about 150 packages a week which includes toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, washcloth, towel and sleeping bag.

Pictured left to right Walter Wilson, Elks Exalted Ruler, Donna Phelps, Co-organizer for Street Reach, Salvatore Gentile, PER and Gerry Phelps, Co-organizer for Street Reach.

## Morganton Elks Bring Christmas to Veterans

The Morganton Elks Lodge delivered bags of Christmas cheer along with deserts, provided by a local church, to hospitalized Veterans at the VA Hospital in Asheville. Music was provided by “Ulysses” of America’s Got Talent fame. Also there was Santa Claus, who helped hand out gift bags to our Veterans.



# Goldsboro & New Bern Lodges Treat Veterans at Kinston Home With Breakfast and Christmas Presents

Once again this year, the Goldsboro & New Bern Lodges joined forces to deliver Christmas to the Veterans at the Kinston Veterans Home. There are 100 Veterans that live at that facility and most do not have family or friends that check in on them. For the past three years, our two Lodges have worked together to purchase and deliver a gift to each Veteran and we always do this on Christmas Eve. We also have personnel from SJAFCB, Goldsboro join us. For the Veterans, seeing Troops in uniform is a special treat. As you will see in the photos, we try to push the Troops to the forefront as we deliver the gifts as we know that is very special to them. Our day starts with a complimentary breakfast at the Goldsboro Lodge for the volunteers and then we travel to the Veterans Home and spend time with each Veteran as we deliver their gift to them. This year, we had approximately 45 volunteers.



New Bern Lodge members, John Serumgard, June Kent & Guy Pascarella



Airman Boyton & Mr. Starling

Airman Boyton & Mr. Griffin



Mr. Daniels & Airman Boyton



Col McPike & Mr. Arena

Col McPike & Mr. Gooding



Goldsboro ER Doug McGrath, Mr. Rouse & Wing Commander Col McPike



VAVS Representative Jack Strickland oversees loading of presents for Veterans, and supplies for the breakfast

## **News from the Roxboro Elks Lodge**

### **William Bullock Memorial Scholarship Winner**

Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 is pleased to announce that Oscar Powell has been selected to be recipient of the William C. Bullock Memorial Scholarship Winner for 2018-19. This is a four year scholarship where the Roxboro Lodge will pay \$1,000 each year towards his tuition at UNC-CH University. Oscar graduated from Person High School and plans to major in Law.

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 were raised from the Roxboro Elks Golf Tournament which was held this spring.

### **Youth Fall Fishing Derby**

The Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 partnered with Person County Parks and Recreation Department for a Youth Fall Fishing Derby. The Youth Fishing program in general give kids another recreational perspective from athletics or arts programming and can lead to an appreciation and respect for the natural world. It also opens interest for other outdoor recreational activities. It also exposes youth to nature which is a good thing in this time when youth are spending more and more time indoors than in the past. This allows youth to learn about this specific ecosystem by being exposed to it through fishing. They will learn what fish eat, what fish need to live other than just water.

The youth fishing derby also give youths a chance to go fishing who may not otherwise have the opportunity. Physiologically, fishing itself, and our programs teach balance, hand eye coordination, responsibility, courtesy, and ethics (not to needlessly harm fish or litter). The Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 would like to thank the Person County Parks and Recreation Department and look forward to continuing future partnerships in an effort to make our community a better place.

### **School Supply Fund Raiser**

Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 Past Exalted Ruler Association held a fund raiser drive this winter for school supplies for teachers in the upcoming school year. The Roxboro PER Association identified that this need existed in our community. Teachers can contact and provide a list of needed supplies to the Roxboro Lodge and the Elks will fulfill their needs.

## Veterans Christmas Dinner at the High Point Lodge



The High Point Elks, along with several members of the Antlers, had the honor of hosting a wonderful group of veterans from Salisbury VA Hospital for dinner at the Lodge. The veterans enjoyed a delicious meal and were presented with Christmas of simple but much needed items.

The look on their faces as gifts were opened brought tears to the eyes of both young and old. The conversations between the veterans and the young Antlers left them with meaningful and lasting impressions. The consensus of all the volunteers was that we received much more than we gave, with one volunteer stating, "I wouldn't trade this for the world."

## Wilmington Elks PER's Provide Items for Homeless Veterans



Wilmington PERS toured the Eugene Ashley House for homeless Veterans. They brought linens and toiletries for the Vets and have partnered with them to provide needed items when they get their apartments.

## Calabash Elks Receive Certificate of Appreciation from Warrior Transition Battalion



Pictured (L to R), Carol Corbett, VAC Secretary, John Corbett, COL, USA (Ret), VAC Co-Chair, LTC Steven Robins, Commander, Warrior Transition Battalion, and Martha Brown, Director of the Soldiers and Family Assistance Center.

The Calabash Veteran's Affairs Committee recently donated \$1,000.00 in Walmart gift cards to the Warrior Transition Battalion and its affiliated "Soldier and Family Support Center," which are parts of the Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg.

The Mission of the Warrior Transition Battalion is to provide all wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers, and their families, with Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual healing services, as they make their transition either back to Military Service, or to separate from Service and return to civilian life as productive Veterans.

## Shallotte Elks Donate to "Warm Homes, Warm Hearts"



The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$250 from the Gratitude Grant to Brunswick Electric's "Warm Homes, Warm Hearts" to help people with heating bills during cold months.

Pictured from left to right Exalted Ruler Walt Wilson and "Warm Homes, Warm Hearts" Coordinator Heather Holbrook.



## High Point Ladies Auxiliary and Antlers Help Needy Family



The High Point Elks Ladies Auxiliary and Antlers teamed up to give a family in need and the Leslie House at the West End Ministries a joyful Christmas this year. The Ladies, through the West End Ministries Boys & Girls Club, adopted a family for Christmas. They were given a Christmas list and bought, wrapped, and delivered over \$600 in gifts for a needy family in High Point. The Antlers helped out by hand making blankets which were donated to the Leslie House.

## High Point Antlers visit NC State Veterans Home

“Merry Christmas and Thank You for Your Service” was heard over and over as the High Point Antlers spent one Sunday afternoon delivering handmade blankets to veterans at the NC State Veterans Home in Salisbury. The blankets were made by the Antlers and High Point Lodge members. Each one was hand delivered with a smile by the Antlers. The veterans were thrilled to spend time with these great kids and really appreciated the thoughtful gifts.



## Statesville Lodge Hosts Veterans



The Statesville Elks Lodge has kicked off the 2019 Veterans Dinners at the lodge working with the Salisbury V.A. to make sure our Veterans have a great night away from the hospital for a road trip.

Statesville Elks have a bulletin board of thank you letters that the Veterans have mailed back to the lodge thanking them for a great dinner and letting the Elks know what it means to them that **Elks Care Elks Share**

January 17 was the first dinner, and the members were pleased to feed 33 Veterans from the V.A. and 5 Veterans from the Statesville Veterans Transitional Home that opened Jun 14, 2016. Statesville Elk Members stop by the home to help meet needs around holidays to make sure the Veterans in transition have plenty of food and supplies to help them out.

## Calabash Elks Bingo Donates \$8000. to Charities

The BINGO Committee of the Calabash Elks Lodge ended their fiscal year by donating \$8,000.00 of the monies garnered from their Charity Games to 10 local charities. Boys & Girls Home of North Carolina, the Brunswick County Sheriff's Animal Protective Services, Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity, Brunswick Family Assistance, the Calabash Fire Department, Hope Harbor Home, Little River Volunteer Fire Dept. & Horry County Station #2, the Lower Cape Fear Hospice, Providence Home of Family Emergency Teen Shelter and, Sea Haven Shelter Home for Youth,.



Back Row L-R: Rich Rust, ER; Chris Hippensteel, President, Little River Volunteer Fire Dept.; Randall Bork, Chief, Calabash Fire Dept.; Gary Greene, Boys & Girls Home of North Carolina; Warren Mortley, Providence Home; and Diana Rettig, Chairwoman, Calabash Elks Charity BINGO Committee. Front Row L -R; Officer Powell, Animal Control Officer, Brunswick County Sheriff's Dept; Stephanie Bowen, Brunswick Family Assistance; Anne Hewett, Lower Cape Fear Hospice; and Deanna Antonio, Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity.

## Fayetteville Lodge Assists Homeless With Grant



The Fayetteville Lodge presented Operation Inasmuch with a \$2000 check to help with the purchase of new laundry equipment. These funds were from the Gratitude Grant that the lodge earned through ENF donations. Operation Inasmuch feeds the homeless and offers other services like showers, laundry, assistance in finding a job, etc. This is the 3rd check they have given them from grants.

## Calabash Elks Donate Computers to Senior Resource Center

Thanks to a grant from the North Carolina Elks Charitable Trust, the Calabash Lodge recently donated two computers to the Brunswick Senior Resource Center in Calabash. The new computers will allow access to a computer for the 1500+ Brunswick County seniors who are registered at the Center, who do not have home computers or internet access. The Elks Lodge will also be providing volunteers, as requested, to assist any seniors that need advice on how to use a computer or navigate the web.



Pictured with the new computers are Holley Norris, Assistant Director of the Center, Lodge Trustee Mark Kerr, and Leading Knight Bob Paoletti.

## North Carolina Elks Charitable Trust



“Guiding North Carolina Forward”

## Charlotte Lodge Looks to the Future



The Charlotte Lodge recently held a meeting of Stray Elks and past Members in an effort to grow their membership. Michael Flock and Kathy Hulla along with John Boyd gave a history of the Lodge and discussed their plans for the future.

(Picture by SDGER John Boyd)

## Shallotte Elks Use Grant for Special Olympics and Youth Baseball



The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$500.00, from the Gratitude Grant to sponsor 5 teams for the Dixie Youth League. Pictured from left to right front row Brian Moore, Athletic Superintendent, Daniel Rabon, Athletic Coordinator, Walt Wilson Exalted Ruler, Paul Salerno Lodge Trustee, Robert Kordiak Leading Knight, Back row John Alcorn Exalted Ruler Elect.

The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$500.00, from the Gratitude Grant to Brunswick County Special Olympics. Pictured from left to right front row Steve Goodwin Special Olympic Coordinator, Walt Wilson Exalted Ruler, Paul Salerno Lodge Trustee, Robert Kordiak Leading Knight, Back row John Alcorn Exalted Ruler Elect.



## Raleigh Elks Lodge 735 host Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

Raleigh Elks Lodge 735 were honored to host their annual Veteran's Appreciation Day luncheon on, November 18th. Over 100 local Veterans and their families from throughout the area attended this year's luncheon. Hospitalized veterans from the Durham Veterans Hospital were transported to the lodge and veterans from as far away as the Fayetteville Veterans home using the NCELKS Mobility Van, donated to them by our State Elks Association, also attended the event. Our local Boy Scout troop presented the colors and Pledge of Allegiance.



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***“Making A Difference”***

**Elks**

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The NCSEA Communication Committee encourages all member Lodges and Committee Chairmen to submit articles to be included in future issues.

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