



PRESS RELEASE
Veteran's Affairs Committee
Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks ~ Lodge 2679
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

“CALABASH ELKS DONATE TO WOUNDED WARRIOR BATTALION & FISHER HOUSE”

“Gift Cards for Both Regional Wounded Soldiers and Support for Their Families”

By Michael Trescak

In dual presentations, the Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of Elks Lodge 2679 in Calabash, NC, recently donated \$500.00 each in Wal-Mart Gift Cards to Both the U.S. Army's Warriors in Transition Battalion (WTB) located at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, NC, and the “Fisher House,” also located on Fort Bragg.

The Gift Cards are especially valuable to the Wounded Warrior Transition Battalion at Ft. Bragg's Womack Army Medical Center, and the “Fisher House,” because they allow the Battalion Headquarters to purchase necessities such as Incidentals, Clothing, Snacks, and some other Operational Items for the recovering Soldiers and their unit which are not funded through normal appropriations, and would otherwise not be able to be obtained. The same goes for the “Fisher House,” – they are able to purchase what they need when they need it.

The focus of the WTB at Fort Bragg is to provide all Warriors in Transition as 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. A “Fisher House” is “a home away from home” for families of patients receiving medical care at Major Military and Veteran's Administration (VA) Medical Centers, in this case, Fort Bragg. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available. There are 70 Fisher Houses located on 24 military installations and 27 VA Medical Centers. Many more houses are under construction or in design. Learn more about the “Fisher House” Organization and/or how you can help by visiting their web site at <https://www.fisherhouse.org/>

The mission of the Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Lodge ~ 2679, is to provide occasional funding, fraternal activities, and general support for our local Veterans, various Veteran's Programs, and our Military located throughout South-Eastern North Carolina, as well as for our Retired and Wounded Warriors located in the Fort Bragg area of Fayetteville, NC, and Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville, NC. For more information about other ways our Elks Lodge supports our Veterans' and Military Community, visit their web site at www.CalabashElks.Org and click on the [Veterans Affairs] TAB.

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Pictured above (L to R) after having received the most recent donation of \$500.00 in Wal-Mart Gift Cards for the Troops are: Thomas Patterson, Social Services Assistant for the (Wounded) Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Bragg, NC, and – Mr. Austin Sammon, Chairman, Calabash Elks Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC). Mr. Sammon is holding a Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Calabash Elks by the Commander of the Battalion, Roy L. Walker, LTC, USA, for the VAC's continued support of the Battalion and their mission.

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Pictured above on the Left, - after having received a donation of \$500.00 in Wal-Mart Gift Cards is Patricia Leake representing the "Fisher House" at Fort Bragg, NC. Patricia is the mother of a soldier in the (Wounded) Warrior Transition Battalion at the Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg. Patricia has been living in the "Fisher House" and doing volunteer work for them since February 2016. Pictured on the Right alongside Patricia is Austin Sammon, Chairman, Calabash Elks Veteran's Affairs Committee.

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