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

“CALABASH ELKS DONATE TO BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE PAVE PROGRAM”

~ Helping Fund Work Study Program for Veterans ~

By Michael Trescak

The Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of the Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679 recently made an \$800.00 cash donation to the Brunswick Community College's (BCC) "Partnership for American Veteran Employment" (PAVE) Program. The funds are earmarked to give our Veteran students real-life experiences in the civilian work place through work study employment at BCC, which then may increase their marketability in the workplace upon graduation.

The mission of the PAVE Program is to support an institutional work study program designed to help Veterans. Many Veterans are able to attend Brunswick Community College due to the GI Bill, however they may need additional resources to supplement their living expenses. As a result, they may need to seek employment. The donors to the PAVE program hope to minimize stress for our Veterans through the funding of this institutional work study program. For Additional Information about the PAVE Project, or to find out how you can help, please contact ELINA DICOSTANZO, Director of Resource Development c/o Brunswick Community College Foundation, P.O. Box 30, Supply, NC 28462, Phone = 910.755.8517 , or e-Mail to dicostanzoe@brunswickcc.edu

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 the South-Eastern North Carolina area, 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 making the presentation of an \$800.00 check to the Brunswick Community College's PAVE Program (Partnership for American Veteran Employment) -- On behalf of the Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of Elks Lodge ~ 2679 located in Calabash, NC is (Left to Right), - John Corbett, Co-Chair of the VAC, - Richard "Rich" Back, VAC Member, - Agnes Norcia, VAC Member, - Vincent Walsh, a student at BCC, attending on the GI bill after honorable military service in the U.S. Marine Corps, and beneficiary of the PAVE Program, - Elina DiCostanzo, Director of Resource Development, Brunswick Community College Foundation, - Gerald "Jerry" Kimble, Co-Chair of the VAC, and - Austin Sammon, Chairman, Veteran's Affairs Committee

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