

# North Carolina Elks News



## Summer 2018



Michael Luhr, of Petersburg Alaska Lodge #1615, was elected and sworn in as Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2018-2019 year during the Grand Lodge Convention in San Antonio.

GER Luhr and First Lady Barbara will be attending our Fall Convention in Greensboro. Plan to be there to welcome them.

State President Ron Delzer had the honor of presenting the North Carolina State Flag during the Parade of Flags at the opening ceremonies of the Grand Lodge Convention in San Antonio.



**Elks "Working Together to Make a Difference"**

## Message from State President Ron Delzer

150 years of Elkdom. Wow! If you missed the Opening Ceremony of the 154<sup>th</sup> National Convention. You missed one of the most exciting events in Elkdom History. It is now the starting point for another 150 years. Our new Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Luhr is ready to lead us. Michael was born and raised In Alaska and became an Elk in 1977. He was proposed and initiated by his father, Exalted Ruler Donald, along with ten of his lifelong school friends. His theme for this year is **Working Together to Make a Difference.**

Grand Lodge Convention was held in San Antonio in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of July. The Grand Lodge had a great 150<sup>th</sup> year celebration. The Lt. Dan band played for a couple hours after the opening Ceremony. I had the honor of carrying the NC State flag in the Parade of Flags on Sunday. Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm McPherson and his lovely wife were so loved by all. Mostly by the New Jersey State Elks Association which gave them the keys to a new Cadillac SUV for their service to our Great Order. I was asked by two State Soccer Chairmen to consider getting our state involved with the Soccer Shoot program again. Colorado and South Carolina are doing great with their programs.

Shari and Phil Driscoll did an outstanding job with the NC State Elks Hospitality Suite. Their team of Dennis and Kathy Dowling and I can't forget Hutch worked hard to keep the Hospitality suite open and show our Southern Hospitality. I want to also thank all the other Elks that help tend the bar and set up the food in the Hospitality room. I want to thank those Lodges which donated to this years Hospitality Suite. We were fortunate to be able to have a Hospitality Suite some hotels didn't allow the Elks to bring in any food or beverages.

Since May we have visited the Virginia State Elks Association at their convention in Richmond, Va. Ashley Garrison with Vanessa, Lisa and I went to support Paul Shoemaker getting installed as State President. Paul and his lovely wife Bonnie came to our Spring Convention in Asheville and they invited all NC Elks to come to their convention. Paul and I carried our flags in San Antonio.

I was invited by the Raleigh Elks Lodge to attend their Flag Day Ceremony in Raleigh. The Raleigh Elks did an outstanding job showing their respect for our National Flag. It was one of the best Flag Day ceremonies that I have witnessed. I gave a little speech on what our USA flag means to me.

Elks National Foundation is going to do the Anniversary Grant this year again for \$1,500.00. Please apply for this Grant. If you need assistance get up with Rich Penk or one of his district chair people.

The DD clinics have been scheduled and are posted on our website <http://ncelks.org>. Please visit our site it contains valuable information. I will be attending all the DD clinics this year as I did last year. Hope to see as many Elks as possible as we visit the different Lodges in the State.

Please let me know if you wish to have me present at one of your Lodge events and I will do whatever is possible to make it.

Remember, **Changing lives thru Elkdom.** Fraternaly, Ron Delzer

## PGER Ted Callicott



Past North Carolina State Sponsor, PGER Ted Callicott, passed away on May 18, 2018. Ted Callicott was sworn in as Grand Exalted Ruler in Atlanta in 1987, and following his term in office Ted became our Sponsor in 1988 and held that position until 1997 when our own PGER Jerry Coates became our sponsor. Ted also held that position for a short period following the passing of Jerry in 2007. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Past First Lady Betsy Callicott.

The following is a note sent to North Carolina Elks from Betsy.

Thank you to the members of the North Carolina State Elks Association for the donation to the ENF in memory of Ted. He was always a supporter of its mission.

I sincerely appreciate the gift.

Sincerely,  
Betsy Callicott



## **THANK YOU!!!!!**

**The NCSEA thanks 2017-2018 PDDGER's for their dedication and service to  
Elkdom and the North Carolina State Elks Association**

**Pictured L-R Richard Penk, Frank Brady, PGER Jack Frost,  
Steve Johnson, Rick Pittman**



**Meet your District Deputies for 2018-2019**  
**Sworn in at the Grand Lodge Convention in San Antonio**



**Pictured L-R; DD West Central Michael Flock, DD East David King,  
PGER Jack Frost,  
DD East Central Thomas Liddy, DD West Mickey Lail**

**District Deputy Clinics for the 2018-2019 year  
are listed on the following page**

## **District Deputy Clinics: 2018-19**

### **AUGUST; 2018**

West Central District	August 5	High Point Lodge
EAST District	August 12	Wilson Lodge
WEST District	August 19	Ashville Lodge
East Central District	August 26	Raleigh Lodge

### **January; 2019**

East Central District	January 6	Southern Pines Lodge
West Central District	January 13	Charlotte Lodge
West District	January 20	Hickory Lodge
East District	January 27	New Bern Lodge

### **April 2019**

East District	March 31	Elizabeth City Lodge
East Central District	April 7	Fayetteville Lodge
West District	April 14	Gastonia Lodge
West Central District	April 28	Winston -Salem Lodge

***Mark your Calendar!!!***

**NCSEA Leadership Seminar**

**February 23, 2019 Greensboro Lodge**

**Details will be posted on line as they become available.**



**Congratulations go out to the Raleigh Lodge and the Calabash Lodge who both finished First in their division in the ENF donation per member contest.**

**Raleigh in Division II—\$89.147 per capita  
Calabash in Division III—\$30.422 per capita**

## **“All American Lodge” Contest**

**Congratulations to the Calabash Lodge, they finished in 2nd place Division III of the “All American Lodge” Contest.**





# GER to Attend the NCSEA Fall Convention



Mark your calendar, and plan to travel to Greensboro for the North Carolina State Elks Association Fall convention, October 26th—28th. Come out and show our special guests, GER Michael Luhr and First Lady Barbara

an old fashion North Carolina welcome.

**Applications available at [ncelks.org](http://ncelks.org)**

## Future Conventions

<b>NCSEA</b>	<b>Spring 2019</b>	<b>May 3-5</b> <b>Hotel Ballast, Wilmington NC</b> (Previously Hilton Riverside)
	<b>Fall 2019</b>	<b>October 25-27</b> <b>Village Inn, Clemmons NC</b>
<b>Grand Lodge</b>		<b>June 30-July 3, 2019</b> <b>St. Louis MO</b>



# NCSEA Past Exalted Rulers Association

## Exalted Ruler of the Year Contest

The North Carolina State Elks Association Past Exalted Rulers Association has made changes to the Exalted Ruler of the Year Contest. The PER Association requests that each and every Lodge nominate their Exalted Ruler for this prestigious award.

### Key changes to ER of the Year

- There are 15 areas all equaling the same value. This evens the playing field between small and large lodges.
- This just asks if the lodge “applied” for grants. Not if they were awarded. This awards for effort.
- This gives the opportunity for any member of a lodge to nominate their ER. It doesn’t have to be the ER him/her self. In some instances perhaps a lodge will want it to be a surprise.
- It still requires the Secretary to verify.
- We still need the final report to be attached. This gives us data on membership gain as well as ENF donations in the event we need a tie breaker.
- This will also be on-line and can be completed either hard copy or electronic.
- Deadline is April 1, 2019

**See application form on the following page.**

**It may be downloaded from [ncelks.org](http://ncelks.org)**

## NORTH CAROLINA ELKS PAST EXALTED RULER ASSOCIATION



EXALTED RULER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION NORTH CAROLINA PER ASSOCIATION

Lodge name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exalted Rulers name : \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Each category has a value of 4 points	YES	NO
Did the ER compete in the Eleven O'clock Toast Contest?	_____	_____
Did the ER attend the Officers Training Seminar?	_____	_____
Did the ER attend the DD Clinic April 2017?	_____	_____
Did the ER attend the DD Clinic August 2017?	_____	_____
Did the ER attend the DD Clinic January?	_____	_____
Did the ER attend the Spring State Convention?	_____	_____
Did the ER attend the Spring PER Breakfast?	_____	_____
Did the ER attend the Fall State Convention?	_____	_____
Did the ER attend the Fall PER Breakfast?	_____	_____
Did the ER attend the National Convention?	_____	_____
Did the lodge sponsor a Hoop Shoot?	_____	_____
Did the lodge have a membership gain?	_____	_____
Did the lodge sponsor a Drug Awareness Essay or Poster Contest?	_____	_____
Did the lodge sponsor an Americanism Essay Contest?	_____	_____
Did the lodge enter the "All American Lodge Contest"?	_____	_____
Did the lodge conduct a Memorial Service?	_____	_____
Did the lodge conduct a Flag Day Service?	_____	_____
Did the lodge publish a Lodge Bulletin (either print or e-mail)?	_____	_____
Does the lodge have a Facebook or social media page?	_____	_____
Did the lodge achieve \$4.75 per member in ENF donations?	_____	_____
Did the lodge apply for Gratitude Grant?	_____	_____
Did the lodge apply for Beacon Grant?	_____	_____
Did the lodge apply for the Promise Grant?	_____	_____
Does the lodge have an active PER Association?	_____	_____
Did the lodge sponsor a Student of Month or Student of year program?	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____

The ER of the year form must be accompanied by the lodge final report.

NOMINATED BY \_\_\_\_\_ VERIFIED BY \_\_\_\_\_

Elk member name

Lodge Secretary name

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

# News from the Lodges

## Goldsboro Lodge Hosts “Wings Over Wayne” Military Appreciation Festival

The Goldsboro Elks hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wings of Wayne Military Appreciation Festival in downtown Goldsboro, NC on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. The festival brings SJAFB and the community together in a family friendly setting while recognizing the military for affording us the freedom we enjoy.

The event turns an empty lot in downtown Goldsboro into a Festival park for Memorial Day weekend. Attended by approximately 2,000 people the festival allows the community to show their support for the Troops that protect our freedom. The Highlights of the Festival were –

**The Military Appreciation awards** – the pinnacle of day 1 of the festival, this allows the Goldsboro Elks an opportunity to provide community recognition for top achievers from SJAFB.

**Kinston Veterans Home visit** – the DownEast Rolling Thunder motorcycle rally begins with a formal ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, Goldsboro, NC. The ceremony includes a laying of a wreath at the memorial followed by a police escort for a large group of motorcyclists as they travel 30 miles to the Kinston Veterans Home where they spend the day visiting with the Veterans that call that facility home. This day of fellowship with our Heroes is always a moving experience.

The Wings of Wayne Military Appreciation Festival is led by Doug McGrath, Exalted Ruler, and a committed team of volunteers. It included; 11 cook teams, 24 community sponsors, 15 vendors, 3 bands and over 50 volunteers. The festival not only allows the community to show their appreciation to the Troops but it also serves to promote the work done by the Goldsboro Elks thru their support of various local causes.



Airman of the year award winner Chaya Lambright. From left to right, CCMSgt Adams, Col Meyers, Elks member, Doug Miller, SrA Lambright, PER, Joe Lawrence, ER Doug McGrath, Elks members; Kaitlyn Campbell & Renee' Kennedy

More pictures on following page.

## “Wings Over Wayne” con’t



Spouse of the year, Stephanie Martin. From left to right, CCMSgt Adams, Col Meyers, Elks member, Doug Miller, SrA Lambright, PER, Joe Lawrence, ER Doug McGrath, Elks members; Kaitlyn Campbell & Renee' Kennedy

## DownEast Rolling Thunder motorcycle rally to the Kinston Veterans Home





## Winston Salem Elks Hold Awards Banquet

The Winston-Salem Elks 449 held their annual awards banquet and recognized teens for their submissions to the Elks Americanism Essay contest and the Elks Lodge Scholarship. The banquet was held at the Winston-Salem Elks Lodge with over 50 teens, parents, school officials and Elks members in attendance.



## Winston Salem Elks Present Colors at Ballgame

The Winston Salem Elks Lodge was honored to present the colors at the Winston Salem Dash Flag Day game along with hosting veterans for some free ballpark food, a hat, and game admission. Not only were we able to promote our lodge and membership with the Elks but to honor our flag and the freedom it stands for!



## Shallotte Hosts Pizza Social



The Shallotte Lodge hosted a pizza social at Autumn Care nursing home. Money for the pizza came from Belks Charity Day sales.

Pictured in front, Lillian Joy a resident at Autumn; in back, from left to right Esteem Leading Knight Robert Kordiak, Chaplin Carol Gentile, and PER Sal Gentile.

## Calabash Elks Veterans Committee Holds Fundraiser

The Calabash Elks Veteran Affairs Committee held their 10th annual indoor yard sale to raise funds for the Committee's work throughout the year. All Proceeds are used to fund about a dozen events a year which strictly benefit local Veterans and Veterans' programs. All of the items offered for sale were donated by either the Members of the lodge, or our friends and supporters in the Community.



Unsold merchandise from the Calabash Elks Veteran's Affairs Committee's Annual Indoor Yard Sale was donated to Brunswick Family Assistance in Shallotte, NC to be sold in their Thrift Shop.



## Winston Salem Elks Support Veterans Helping Veterans Heal

The Winston-Salem Elks Lodge is honored to continue its support of our nations Veterans graduating from the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal program through donations of furnishings, toiletries, and other necessities to start their new endeavors off right. Without the support and donations of our lodge, these meaningful gifts would not be possible.



## Winston Salem Elks Participate in Clemmons Community Day



Winston-Salem Forsyth County is our home, and the Winston-Salem Elks Lodge #449 believes in supporting it! We were honored to participate in the Clemmons Community Day along with over 130 other area organizations. Sharing information on drug awareness, raising awareness of Elks USA, and interacting with kids and families made this a meaningful event!

## Gastonia Elks Use Beacon Grant to Help Schools



The Gastonia Elks Lodge used their Beacon Grant to provide much needed supplies to two Gaston County Schools. At the end of November, 2017, member Evelyn Leggette obtained personal hygiene items and delivered them to Warlick Academy. Principal Curt Hovis said the products would be used for their school-wide hygiene clinic.

Also Gastonia Lodge ER Larry Hostetter, along with Lodge members Barbara Hostetter and Tom Brooks, worked with Chapel Grove Elementary School Principal Chad Carper to provide needed supplies for the 25 teachers at Chapel Grove to use in the classrooms for the 430 students enrolled there. Mr. Carper polled his teaching staff and provided a list of items that served both instructional and hygiene purposes. Once the shopping was complete and the supplies delivered, each teacher was provided with needed supplies.

## Winston Salem Elks Host Fishing With a Vet

Winston Salem Elks were honored to host its first fishing with a vet fishing tournament at our lodge. This family friendly event was a huge success both in the dollars raised and the fun had by all. After a warm morning of fishing the event was celebrated with a hot dog cookout and fellowship among guests





## Gastonia Lodge gives Boost to BCMS Summer Enrichment

On June 21, 2018, Fran DaCanal, Principal of Bessemer City Middle School, was presented a \$2,500.00 check by Larry Hostetter, Exalted Ruler of Gastonia Lodge 1634. Present at the presentation were BCMS Counselor Hannah Clements and Lodge Grant Coordinator Tom Brooks.



The donation, made possible by a Gratitude Grant to Gastonia Lodge from the Elks National Foundation, will help fund the Bessemer City Middle School summer enrichment program. The Summer Enrichment Program targets first generation college students, and in some cases, first generation high school graduates. The program works with two groups of 30 students, with each group participating in a three day program. The first day of the program has a campus tour of Gardner Webb University with lunch in the dining hall and hands on activities led by university instructors. On the second day the students visit Crowder's Mountain State Park where they learn about overcoming obstacles through experiences such as fishing and hiking the mountain in hopes they can apply lessons learned to their daily lives. The last day is a career day when students meet with a local business owner, receive mentoring, have lunch, as well as visit other local businesses to learn about career options, preparing for careers, and decision making skills to keep them focused on their goals. The students also learn to write resumes and practice appropriate interview skills through role playing.

Pictured L-R - BCMS School Counselor Hannah Clements, Principal Fran DaCanal, Gastonia Elks Lodge ER Larry Hostetter, and Grant Coordinator Tom Brooks.

## Fayetteville Elks Support Veterans Home & Operation In As Much



PER Phil Saunders presenting \$100 check to VA Nursing Home to go towards purchasing fireworks for the 4th of July.

PER Phil Saunders, Melissa Bender and ER Bill McCulloch presenting Sheri Duarte of Operation In As Much with a \$1500 check to help with feeding the homeless.



## Hickory Elks Honor WWII Vet During Flag Day Ceremony



Hickory NC Elks Lodge 1654 conducted the 2018 Flag Day observance and ceremony on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. This is an annual tradition observed by Elks Lodges across the U.S. and its territories. The Grand Lodge designated June 14 as Flag Day in 1907, making it a mandatory observance for all Lodges in 1911. President Truman, an Elk himself, recognized June 14 as a national observance of the flag. Since then all Americans honor the flag on this day.

Replete with the 13 Folds Ritual, a most impressive ceremony describing the meaning of and honoring our nation's flag with an inspiring rendition of America the Beautiful by Lodge Brother Ulysses Long. During the ceremony Hickory Elks honored Staff Sergeant Arthur Huffman, US Army, a 97 year old veteran of World War II, as the 2018 Hickory Elks Patriot of the Year. Following WWII and his return to Hickory, SSGT Huffman worked in the furniture industry for 38 years retiring from North Hickory Furniture in 1996. He is the eldest member of the American Legion, Post 48. To commemorate the Patriot recognition, a name plate honoring SSGT Huffman will be affixed to the Lodge's Patriots Pole along with 8 other local Patriots recognized since the re-dedication of the Lodge flagpole 9 years ago.

## Flag Day at the Fayetteville Veterans Home

Veterans Home residents and Fayetteville Elks bearing the Flags





## Calabash Elks Treat Boy Scouts

Aiming for that hole in one! The Calabash Elks Lodge Youth Outreach Committee, hosted Boy Scout troop 201 for a game of mini golf. These great young men were joined by their leaders, parents and grandparents for a fantastic outing! After a robust game of 18 holes the Elks treated everyone to ice cream at the Back Porch in Calabash. A great day was enjoyed by all!



## New Bern Elks Recognize Americanism Essay Winners

The Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest is geared toward students in the 5th through 8th grade to promote patriotism among young people. The topic for this year's contest was "Why our Veterans are America's Heroes"

Winners sharing \$250 in prizes were Catherine Wellspeak, Sage Wassink, Sophia Wagner, and State winner Gracie Edmundson. They are pictured with Marie Masotta and Brenda Williams, Americanism Committee Chairman and New Bern Elks Exalted Ruler Jody Pascarella.



## Asheville Elks Recognize Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients



Asheville Elks Lodge Ambassador, Terry Wallen, presented 6 Silver Awards and 1 Gold Award at the Buncombe County Girl Scout Recognition Ceremony on June 8, 2018. The Gold Award is the highest achievement award for a girl scout.

At the Buncombe County Girl Scout Recognition Ceremony on June 8, 2018 Katherine (Katie) Childers received the Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest achievement award for a girl scout. Asheville Elks Lodge Ambassador, Terry Wallen, presented Katie with a Gold Certificate and an American Flag to recognize her achievement. Katie's Grandfather and Great Grandfather were Elks. Her Grandfather was the Exalted Ruler for several years at the Lodge in Winston-Salem. Her twin brother, Samuel, was a recipient of an ENF Scholarship.





## Calabash Lodge Veterans Committee Hosts Veterans Day at the Lodge

The Calabash Lodge Veterans Affairs Committee hosted a “Veterans Day at the Lodge”. 18 Veterans from two local nursing homes and the North Carolina Veterans Home in Fayetteville were treated to a day out which included a fishing trip to the Sunset Beach Pier followed by lunch and Bingo at the Lodge.



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