

North
Carolina



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2022-2023 NCSEA Officers Sworn In



**NCSEA President John Lawrence
taking the oath of office.**

The annual meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association was held the weekend of May 6th-8th in Charlotte, and saw the 2022-2023 Officers sworn into office. Year end reports from the standing committees were read and awards and certificates were presented to Members and Lodges for their dedicated work over the past year.

Special guests at this convention were Ray Dameron State President from Virginia and Tim Anderson State President from South Carolina.

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Message From State President John Lawrence



Wow! What a great time it is to be a North Carolina Elk! Having just returned from the NCSEA Spring Convention I am full of pride and joy for the direction this great organization is headed. The membership is up by a whopping plus 752 members putting us over 9,900 Elks. What a great job by Al Harms and his Committee!

North Carolina again has a first place National Scholarship winner, Breanna Fowler sponsored by the Salisbury Lodge. This year the total scholarships awarded to NC students was \$162,000.00. In fact, North Carolina had four of the top twenty Scholars in the nation among the over 21,000 who applied! Another great year for Bruce and Dorothy Kinnaman and their terrific team! The 2018 National Scholarship winner, Shiv Patel, sponsored by the Roxboro Lodge was at the Convention to share his story and thank the NC Elks.

This year's Thad Eure award was presented during the Saturday luncheon to Teddy Acton. Teddy was not only a great Elk who served as our 2014-2015 President, he has worked tirelessly with the Government Relations Committee and assisted with many more. Teddy was also in law enforcement in Washington DC and eventually became a judge in Northern Virginia. He truly deserved this Top Award!

The Charitable Trust Shoot out had a profit of \$7890.00 after paying out the \$5,000.00 to the lucky winner. Even with the Market as it is today the Charitable Trust is in good hands. Phil Driscoll was again installed as CT President for another term. Thank you, Phil.

The award for Exalted Ruler of the year ended in a tie, so both ER's received the award. One went to Addison Johnson (Steve's son) from the Sanford Lodge and the other to Joe Knight from the Winston-Salem Lodge. The Eleven O'Clock Toast contest was won by Justin Schaeffer who turned in a near flawless performance. Congratulations to all of the winners!

The NC Elks are busy with the Veterans Homes, getting prepared for the opening of the Kernersville home. Along with purchasing another bus we are also assisting with replacing some of the worn-out TV's and other items in the existing homes. Lee Littiken was not able to make the Saturday meeting, but his work with the homes is always very evident. Thank you, Lee.

Our other major project, Camp Carefree, is going strong as well. Camp Carefree is hoping to open again for campers in June. The Camp has received over \$70,000.00 from the NC Elks this past year. Be sure to do your part to help this worthy cause.

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State Presidents Message Continued

Michelle DeLaire spoke of the Adopt-A-Bear “Something to Hold on to” program in support of the children of Ukraine. The NCSEA has agreed to take on and sponsor this important project. Please see Michelle’s article in this newsletter to see how you and your Lodge can help’

The Convention Committee headed up by Lee Littiken and Steve Clarke, along with new Committee member Kathy Hulla and the rest of the Committee gave us a great hotel and conference center. The prices may have been a bit high, but the food was the best of any convention I have ever attended and the rooms were spacious and clean. The hotel staff went out of their way to make us all comfortable. The Hospitality Area was well laid out and lots of fun for all. Speaking of people going out of their way, Michael Bryant and Steve Johnson were up very early in the morning setting up the audio and visual equipment for the Convention. Their talents with the visual equipment and placing microphones in strategic locations help streamline the program. Thank you, Michael and Steve! If you were one of those who didn’t attend this convention, you missed a good one! The Long-Range planning Committee is working on ideas to streamline the convention, so look for some changes to be implemented over the next few years.

I want to thank my New Bern #764 Lodge members for their assistance in helping me to become your new State President. The list of people I need to thank is long, so for the sake of not forgetting someone, I won’t list them all here. But I would be remiss if I didn’t thank your Past State President, Frank Brady, and his lovely wife Sandy for all of their help and guidance this past year. I know that you will be in good hands with Mark Alderman as your President-Elect. Hopefully you have made reservations for the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta Georgia in July. I would like to have you join me, my wife Cheryl and Mark for this great event in Georgia. So, don’t delay on getting your reservations in!

My slogan this year is not new and is only two words. It is being used by a fast-food chain now, and it was famously used in one of the Indiana Jones movies. That slogan is “Choose Wisely”. Choose to do the right things for yourself and your Lodge. When you are an ER or Lodge Officer, you will make many choices throughout your term. Think about those choices and choose to make the right decision. If you think before you act, and you will Choose Wisely.

Again, I want to thank the North Carolina Elks for the opportunity to serve you as State President for the 2022-2023 Elk year. I pledge to do my very best to serve this great organization that means so much to me and I also look forward to the challenges that await me! Together we will have an outstanding year! NC Elks, you are The Best!

Fraternally, State President John Lawrence

Message From Grand Exalted Ruler Keith Mills



We are two months into our Lodge year and time is moving fast. June 14 is Flag Day—a mandatory service the Elks are asked to perform. Try to get one of your local service youth groups to participate in your ceremony. This will not only serve as your observance of Flag Day, but it will also help educate our youth about our history associated with “Old Glory.” Reach out to your local veterans facilities or Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and invite them to the ceremony. Offer them a chance to participate, or just perform our ceremony for them. Later in the month is Father’s Day. My father was the one who sponsored me into this great Order. I can honestly say there were times we did not see eye to eye.

Now that I am older, I understand what he was teaching me and how those conversations helped shape me into who I am today. Since my father’s passing over 14 years ago, I still stop and reflect on what his advice and wisdom would be now as I continue on my daily path. Whether your father is still with you or not, use this day to honor fathers everywhere. Our Order does not have a ceremony for this day, but I would suggest you hold an event to honor them. Let this serve as your last reminder that if any Members have sponsored or reinstated three Members, send in the request for them to receive the Grand Exalted Ruler Award pin. The deadline for this is June 15. I hope to see you at the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta, Georgia from July 3–6. If this is your first convention, congratulations. The information and the experience you will receive will be second to none. Use your time wisely. Take time to visit the Exhibit Hall and examine the Grand Lodge Committee and State Association booths. Attend the Grand Lodge Sessions. Attend the seminars that are offered every afternoon. Spend some time with your own state delegates. Use this opportunity to visit other state gatherings and meet Elks from across the nation. Some of the best ideas have come from the interaction between Elks from different states. Let them know what is working for you and let them tell you what is working for them. By exchanging ideas and taking them back to your Lodge, you will be successful in “Meeting the Challenge.” For returning attendees, I can assure you the Grand Lodge Convention Commission will put a fantastic convention together for all of us to enjoy .

Elks Care - **Elks** Share

North Carolina student awarded female “Top ENF MVS Student Award”!

The Elks National Foundation has announced the winners of the Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest for 2022. **Breana Fowler** from our Salisbury Lodge was awarded the “Top ENF MVS Female Student Award” in the amount of \$50,000. North Carolina is allocated seven ENF quarter finalists; there are a total of 500 quarter finalist in the nation, with a guaranteed award of \$4,000 each. Further competitive steps such as additional essays and interviews resulted in four of our seven students advancing to the semi-finals, hence after, the top winners were announced. Below you will see the results relative to our seven North Carolina students:

Breana Fowler	Salisbury Lodge #699		\$50,000
Sydney Loflin	Salisbury Lodge #699		20,000
Michelle Chen	Raleigh Lodge #735		20,000
Caden Robinette	Rocky Mt. Lodge #1038		10,000
Jaylen Adams	Shelby Lodge #1709		4,000
Nathan Hoyle	Shelby Lodge #1709		4,000
Michael Angell	Winston-Salem Lodge #449		4,000

These awards will be distributed over a four year period. You may recall in 2018 North Carolina’s Shiv Patel won the TOP ENF MVS Male Student Award in the amount of \$50,000. In 2021 Shiv was awarded one of ten ENF Gunter & Lee Weigel Medical School Scholarships, in the amount of \$21,700. This award is offered exclusively to ELK scholars entering their first year of medical school.

In addition to the National ENF scholarships, the North Carolina State Elks Association annually awards forty \$1,000 scholarships to twenty young women and twenty young men. We also annually award ten \$1,000 scholarships for students entering the Nursing field. ENF and NCSEA have awarded a total of \$162,000 to North Carolina youth for 2022!

More information on ENF scholarships as well as NCSEA Nursing scholarships can be found by visiting <https://ncelks.org> or feel free to contact your Local Scholarship Chair.

Bruce Kinnaman
State Scholarship Chair



**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIPS**

NCSEA Officers for the 2022-2023 Year

NCSEA President	John Lawrence
NCSEA President Elect	Mark Alderman
Vice President East	Juanita Adams
Vice President East Central	David Greiner
Vice President West Central	Kathy Hula
Vice President West	Mike Pace
Secretary	Michael Curran
Asst. Secretary	Ron Dickson
Treasurer	Gary Plough
Asst. Treasurer	Kyle Puryear
Directors	Ron Delzer
	Shari Driscoll
	John Bullock
	Frank Brady
Chaplain	F. Patrick Russell
Tiler	Steve Johnson
Parliamentarian	David King

Adopt-A-Bear For Ukraine Refugees



Bears will be sent to Poland for distribution.

All Proceeds to be donated to
Samaritan's Purse and Ukraine Relief.

Please make checks payable to
North Carolina State Elks Association.

Thank you for your support!!

Adopt a Bear

“Something to hold on to”

for a Ukrainian Child

\$20 Donation

За що триматися
“Something to hold on to”



з любов'ю з Північної
Кароліни, США

“With love from
North Carolina, USA”

**To order your tags to sell contact , please contact Michelle DeLaire at
919-612-7112 or email mdelaire4010@gmail.com.**

We are asking that, monthly, any cash monies that are collected are deposited into your Lodge Account and a check be cut to North Carolina State Elks Association. All checks are to be sent to Raleigh Elks Lodge. Raleigh Lodge will tag the bears and ship the bears to Poland and surrounding villages that are housing the Ukrainian children that have been misplaced in this unfortunate situation. Some bears will be sent with Samaritan’s Purse and others will be shipped an air freight company that donating the shipping costs.

Address for Raleigh Elks Lodge is PO BOX 20067, Raleigh, NC 27619-006

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Adopt-A- Bear

“Something to Hold on to” for a Ukraine Child

At the May Convention this year, an Adopt-A-Bear for a Ukraine Child was approved as a State Project to support the children and Ukraine Relief Organizations.

This project was started in Raleigh Lodge #735. We discussed doing something to support the Ukrainian citizens during this time of need. We came back to the children time and time again.

We as adults, most time, can process events in our lives that are outside of our control. Children on the other hand do not have the ability to comprehend why this is all happening. Most were hurried away from home with the clothes on their backs or very few items.

We found these adorable teddy bears online and came up with a slogan of “Something to Hold on to”.

The bears cost us just over \$5.00. The remainder of the \$20.00 donation will be donated to Samaritan’s Purse and other Ukraine Relief Organizations.

We have contacts at Samaritan’s Purse and an international freight company who has offered to get our bears to the field centers in Poland for distribution.

What can you do to help?

We did pass some bear tags out to only 13 Lodges at Convention including Calabash, Goldsboro, Kinston, Oak Island, Raleigh, Sanford, Lake Norman, Greensboro, Mt. Airy, Salisbury, Winston Salem, Hendersonville, Hickory and Newton. Your Exalted Ruler or Secretary picked up some tickets. Sell Sell Sell and let us know when you need more tags.

If you are in one of the 19 Lodges not on this list, please have your Exalted Ruler or Secretary reach out to Michelle DeLaire and we will send you bear tags to sell in your community. Phone: 919-612-7112 or email mdelaire4010@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of this project and the children and families of Ukraine.

With your help we can make North Carolina State Elks Association Shine!!!!

NC Elks Charitable Trust Convention Update

The Charitable Trust held its annual meeting on May 7th at the Spring Convention in Charlotte. The Board of Directors officers were reelected and each district Board member whose term was expiring was reelected. Details of all Board Members can be found on ncelks.org on the Charitable Trust link.

The annual Parade of Lodges was very successful raising \$5960, so thanks to all the Lodges who participated.

Also, the Charitable Trust Shootout was a big hit and a lot of fun. The Charitable Trust Shoot out had a profit of \$7890 after paying out the \$5,000.00 to the lucky winner.

Your support of our fundraising efforts is important for us to be able to continue supporting the NCSEA programs and projects. A special thank you to all who made donations this year!

Remember, the Charitable Trust Community Grant program opened on May 15th and the amount was increased to \$1,500. This is a great way to show your support of local nonprofit organizations.

HOW CAN I DONATE?

- Mail a check to: NC Elks Charitable Trust -PO Box 29452, Greensboro, NC 27429-9452.
- Give cash, credit card or check to Lodge Secretary.
- Online at ncelks.org. Click on Charitable Trust link.
- Scan code on mobile device.



Spring 2022 Convention Pictures



Left; South Carolina State President Tim Anderson

Below; Virginia State President Ray Dameron



PSP Teddy Acton addressing the members after receiving the Thad Eure Distinguished Service Award



Newly installed SP John Lawrence presenting outgoing SP Frank Brady with his PSP badge

Convention Pictures





Three Regional Champions from North Carolina advanced to Elks National Hoop Shoot Finals in Chicago.

Mason Hurdle 8-9 Boy, Jason Womble 10-11 Boy, Emily Bridges 10 -11 Girl. Emily Bridges finished 3rd in the Nation.

Congratulations to all of the participants.

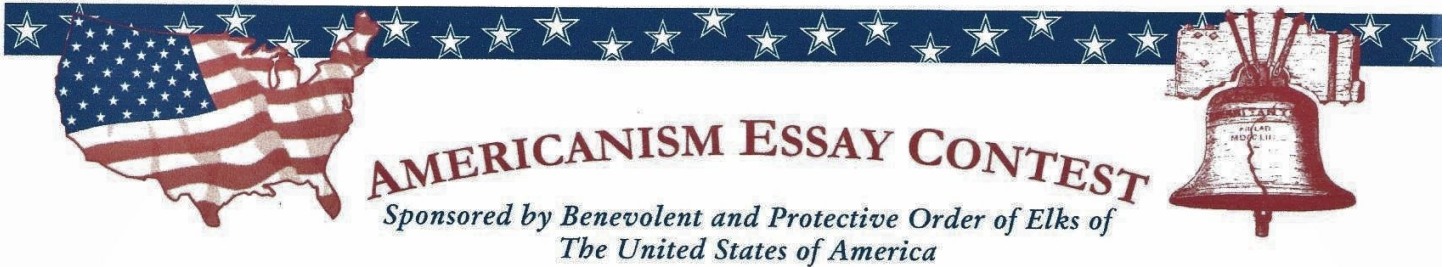


Pictured are the six North Carolina Hoop Shoot Winners. Left to right Boys; Mason Hurdle 8-9 Roxboro, Jason Womble 10 -11 Lake Norman, Bryant 12-13 Salisbury.

Girls: Aunica Tomlinson 12-13 Morganton , Emily Bridges 10-11 Hickory, Skyler Sidberry 8-9 Raleigh.

They went on to compete in the Regional Finals in Fredrick Maryland

GL Fraternal Committee Announces 2022-2023 Americanism Essay Contest



THEME:

“What is your American Dream?”

RULES:

1. At the time of the contest, eligible participants must be Students enrolled in one of these four divisions: **I**—5th grade; **II**—6th grade; **III**—7th grade; or **IV**—8th grade.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

AWARDS:

Plaques will be awarded by Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Divisions I, II, III, and IV. Monetary awards will be disbursed for each grade level for 1st Place—\$1,000; 2nd Place—\$500; and 3rd Place—\$250. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in Minneapolis, MN, July 2-5, 2023.

ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2022.

The Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed for each level of competition and remain attached to the Essay.

NEWS FROM OUR LODGES

Calabash Elks Donate to Veterans Tiny Home Project

Standing in front of a tiny home sponsored by the Calabash Lodge, PSP Ashley Buckwell is presenting a \$1500 check to Scott Dulebohn, managing director of Veterans Welcome Home Resource Center. This home is being refurbished to meet ADA requirements in preparation to receive a Veteran in transition to civilian life. The Center is planning two communities of tiny homes.



Morganton Elks Donate Greenhouse Supplies for Veterans

The Morganton Elks Lodge adopted the greenhouse at the Warrior Recovery Unit at the Community Living Center in Oteen and with funds from their Freedom Grant purchased \$300 in plants and gardening essentials. In addition they took desserts and Easter cards from an elementary school for the Veterans.



Hickory Lodge Donates to Help Veterans in Need



Army, Lieutenant Colonel, Cary Bowman, of the Hickory Lodge #1654, presented a \$2000 check to Saint Michaels All Airborne chapter. Saint Michaels is a nonprofit that helps Veterans in need.

Calabash Elks Donate to High School Band

The Calabash Lodge donated \$200 to the West Brunswick High School marching band to thank them for providing instruments which were used by the Lodge during the N Myrtle Beach St. Patrick's Day parade. The donation will be use to refurbish instruments.



Pictured L-R: PDD Al Harms; students Isaiah Nuchles-Johnson, Brendan Provost, Kevin Seip, and Hannah Gibson; band director Jason Seip; and ER Gene Bellando.

Hickory Elks Participate in Easter Egg Hunt



The Hickory Elks Lodge #1654 participated in the 35th annual City of Hickory Easter Egg Hunt on April 9 at Henry Fork River Park. The Hickory Elks Drug Awareness trailer along with “Elroy the Elk” was there to present and greet over 600 children with free gifts.

Calabash Elks Sponsor 3 Soccer Teams

The Calabash Lodge recently donated \$500 to Brunswick County Parks and Recreation to sponsor 3 soccer teams this coming Fall. The teams will play every Saturday in the Ocean Isle Park.

Pictured L-R; Dan Rabon, Brunswick Parks Recreation Director; PER Juanita Adams; and Exalted Ruler Gene Bellando.



**The Brunswick
County Parks &
Recreation
would like to
Thank The
Calabash Elks
Lodge No 2679
for All of Your
Support!**

Shalotte Elks Award Scholarships

Shalotte Elks Lodge 2854 awarded 3 scholarships to local senior students. Scholarship recipients are Senior Anna Frazier of West Brunswick High School, Senior Presley Cerrillo of Brunswick County Early College High School, and Senior Peyton Blosser of South Columbus High School. Also Peyton Blosser was awarded the North Carolina State Elks Association Scholarship. Peyton received \$400, Presley and Anna received \$200 each.



Pictured left L-R; Esteem Leading Knight John Olear; Senior Presley Cerrillo; Exalted Ruler Robert Kordiak

Pictured below L-R; Senior Peyton Blosser; Exalted Ruler Robert Kordiak presenting the North Carolina State Elks Scholarship Award.



Pictured above L-R; Exalted Ruler Robert Kordiak; Senior Anna Fraizer.

Mt Airy Elks present Check to Homeless Charity

The Mt Airy Lodge recently presented their \$2000 Spotlight Grant to the Mt Airy Men's Shelter to aid in efforts to open a new homeless shelter for local men.

Pictured L-R; Kevin Markham and mother Ann Simmons; and NCSEA President Elect Mark Alderman



Newton Elks Host Poker Run to Support Veterans

The Newton Elks Lodge hosted their 2nd Annual Veterans Poker Run on May 7th. A total of 40 bikes and over 60 riders enjoyed their ride to the designated stops throughout the county and ended back at the Elks Lodge for food, hospitality, and prizes. Proceeds from the Poker Run were presented to the Newton Elks Veterans Committee to benefit and support their charitable projects for veterans in our community.



Oak Island Lodge Awards Scholarships



Oak Island Elks Lodge recently awarded several scholarships. The awards were presented to these candidates on May 1st 2022 at the Oak Island Elks Lodge. Veterans Committee Scholarship winners received \$500 each.

Pictured L-R: Noah Caudle; Frank Belini Veterans Committee Chair; and Jonah Caudle.



Pictured L-R: Robert Cole Lewis and Emma Stone received John Zebraski Scholarships of \$1000 each.

Noah Harrell received an Oak Island Elks Legacy Scholarship of \$1000 and Jonah and Noah Caudle received Veterans Committee Scholarships of \$500 each

Hickory Elks Present Eagle Scout Award



The Hickory Elks Lodge #1654 presented Benjamin Matthews the, “Eagle Scout Recognition Award” for receiving the highest rank of Eagle Scout in The Boy Scouts of America. Ceremony was held at Geitner Park on April 3.

Shallotte Elks Cook for Town Employee Lunch

Town of Shallotte held a lunch for their Employees, Police, and Fireman with the cooperation of the Shallotte Elks Lodge who chipped in to cook the hamburgers and hotdogs for this event.

Pictured L-R: ER Bob Kordiak; Secretary Carolyn Garamone; Elk Charles Bdeskuthy; Leading Knight John Olear; Elk Rick Picerno; and PER Paul Salerno.



Mt Airy Motorcycle Committee Donates to Children's Center

Members of the Mount Airy Elks Motorcycle Committee present a check for \$1650 to the Children Center of Northwest North Carolina at the Surry County Home to finish their 2021-2022 Beacon Grant Project. The Mount Airy Elks Lodge and the Motorcycle Committee have been working with the Children Center for nearly 20 years.



Mt Airy Presents "Fly the Flag" Certificate



Mark Alderman of Mount Airy Elks 2061 presents the Fly The Flag Properly to Darin Manuel of Northern Regional Hospital

Hendersonville Lodge Initiates New Members

Membership growth across the state in recent months says much about the efforts of North Carolina Lodges to increase membership. The NCSEA finished the last Lodge year with 9919 members. The Hendersonville Lodge grew by 119 members, while Oak Island had an increase of 153 members, followed by Greensboro with 106. Kudos to all Lodges that showed an increase in membership.

Pictured below is the February class of new Elks at the Hendersonville Lodge.



Roxboro Lodge Announces Essay Winners

The Roxboro Elks Lodge would like to announce the winners of its 2021-22 Americanism Essay Contest. This year's theme was "What Does It Mean To Love Your Country?" and over 300 students participated in this year's contest and the Roxboro Lodge Americanism Committee had a tough task in selecting the top essays since they all were all outstanding. The contestants are divided into two divisions. Division I is composed of 5th – 6th graders and Division II consists of 7th – 8th graders. The three local winners from each Division advanced to the District level which is composed of Roxboro, Reidsville, Raleigh, Sanford, Southern Pines and Fayetteville. After District, the top three would advance to the state level against the other District winners. In Division I for East Central District, Lyndley Gentry had the third place entry. Layla Fitzgerald finished second place. Meredith Cates took first place honors in the District. In Division II for East Central District, Alexander Jones had the third place entry. Kenden Lawrence finished second place. Lyla York took first place honors in the District. Roxboro Lodge #2005 is exceptionally proud of all of the participants and would like to thank Beth Stultz, Charis Shattuck and April Cobb for encouraging their students to participate in the contest.



Pictured L-R; Lyla York, Meredith Cates, Layla Fitzgerald, Lyndley Gentry, Alexander Jones, Kenden Lawrence, and in the back Roxboro Elks Exalted Ruler Kyle Puryear

Goldsboro Elks Hosts Student Recognition Night

Goldsboro Elks Lodge #139 held their annual Student Recognition Night on Wednesday, 4 May. Students present were recipients of MVS and Nursing scholarships, American Essay Contest winners, and Hoop Shoot participants. Over 45 children and their parents attended dinner prior to the ceremony.

Americanism Essay Contest winners were: Claire Boney, Tristan Geier, , Gracyn Perry, Autumn Moore, Dylan McDonough, and Soriah Moret (who also won 1st Place State Division I and will move on to National competition).

Nursing Scholarship winners was Jalyn Lewis and Cassid King. MVS Scholarship winners were Catherine Eubanks, Graycen Faulk, Solomon-Amire Mubashir, Noah Hinnant, and Cassidy King.

Hoop Shoot Contest Winners were Latvian Flowers, Zyannah Jones, Mikayla Lamb, and Kaeydin Armstrong.



Pictured (L-R): ER Alex Wingate, MVS and Nursing Scholarship winner Nicholas Jones, and Spring Creek Highschool Principal Stephen Clingan.

Goldsboro Elks Participate in Army ROTC Golf Tourney

Goldsboro Elks Lodge #139 participated in Goldboro Highschool Army ROTC's first annual golf tournament fundraiser. 16 lodge members competed in the tournament with ER Alex Wingate and PER Joe Lawrence having the added privelage of playing on a team with ROTC cadets. In total, the participation of our lodge members raised over \$1500 to benefit the ROTC program and its students.



Pictured (l to r): ER Alex Wingate, Goldsboro Highschool Principal Ryan Nelson, Goldsboro Highschool ROTC Instructor Chris Williams, Goldsboro Highschool ROTC cadet and senior class validictorian Jeremiah Gains, and PER Joe Lawrence

Goldsboro Lodge Sponsors NC Freedom Fest

The Goldsboro Elks Lodge was a proud sponsor of the City of Goldsboro's annual NC Freedom Fest. NC Freedom Fest honors the service and sacrifices of our military members, first responders and their families. The week-long series of military themed events culminated with a free all day music festival which over 10,000. people attended. During the festival, the Goldsboro Elks Lodge hosted NC State President John Lawrence, who along with local and state Elks members, sold over \$480 of Teddy Bears to support the children of Ukraine. PER Doug McGrath also assisted Seymour Johnson Air Force Base (SJAFB) Commander Colonel Lucas Teel present annual military awards to the deserving Airmen of Seymour Johnson.



Pictured (l to r): Colonel Lucas Teel and PER Doug McGrath

Calabash Elks Donate to Committee to Honor America's Veterans

Calabash NC Lodge Charity Golf Tournament recently made a \$1500 donation to the Committee to Honor American Veterans in Sunset Beach. The Committee to Honor America's Veterans is a group of residents of Brunswick County who came together with a goal of constructing a Veterans' Memorial in our region. The CHAV Veterans Assistance Program, works with local organizations to provide assistance to local veterans and service members in need.



Pictured L-R: Gordon Coulson, CHAV Chairman; Gene Bellando, Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler; Karen Joseph, CHAV 2nd Vice Chair; Charlie Nern, CHAV Treasurer; Dave Foulds, Elks Lodge Treasurer; Lou DeVita, CHAV Asst Treasurer; John Corbet, CHAV 1st Vice Chair and Elks Lodge Member; Shorty Denny, Elks PER.

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North Carolina Elks A Beacon of Light

