

## **North Carolina Elks Hold Spring Convention**

The weekend of May 5th thru 7th saw the NCSEA meet in Asheville NC for their annual meeting. During the business session Mark Alderman from the Mt Airy Lodge was sworn in as State President and Joe Clancy from the Sanford Lodge was sworn in as President Elect. More convention highlights and pictures on later pages.



L-R; President Elect Joe Clancy; State President Mark Alderman



# Message from State President Mark Alderman

I have just returned from the NCSEA Spring Convention held in Asheville and I am thrilled to be an Elk in North Carolina. Our organization is heading in the right direction. The membership is up again this year putting us over 10,200 Elks for the first time in many years. Thanks to the membership committee and the Lodge's membership committees.

North Carolina did not have a National Scholarship winner this year but the total scholarships awarded to NC students was over \$ 78,000.00. Thank you, Bruce and Dorothy Kinnaman and the scholarship teams.

This year's Thad Eure award was presented during the Saturday luncheon to Michael Flock. Michael is truly deserving of this award for his many years of tirelessly giving to the communities where he has lived and his Elk involvement in three different Lodges, in Lyons NY, Virginia Beach VA and Charlotte NC (Lake Norman), well deserved Michael.

The Charitable Trust Shoot Out had a profit of \$ 6,000.00 after the lucky winner received \$ 5,000.00 our Charitable Trust is doing good, Phil Driscoll was again installed as CT President for the upcoming year. Thank you, Phil.

The Exalted Ruler of the Year Award went to Robert Brisben of Hickory Lodge. The Eleven O'Clock Toast contest was won by Chanda Coomer and will represent NC at the Grand Lodge Ritual Contest. Mike Mitchell won the Flag Presentation but opted not to go to Grand Lodge therefore Justin Schaeffer will represent NC at the Grand Lodge Ritual Contest. Congratulations to all the winners.

The NC Elks continue to support all the Veterans Homes in NC and await patiently for the opening of the Kernersville Home. Thank you, Lee Littiken and all the Veterans Committees who work tirelessly for our Veterans. I have formed a new committee this year Veterans Activities Committee which will be chaired by Michael Flock, their mandate is to get Lodges involved with Veterans programs that we are not participating in and expand those that we are.

Camp Carefree is our other major project and is going strong as well. The camp has received over \$69,000.00 from NC Elks this year, fantastic work NC Elks for this worthy cause.

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## STATE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

The Convention Committee headed up by Michael Bryant and Shari Driscoll and several new faces revamped our convention with new technology with the registration and hotel reservations and the format of the business session and other aspects of our convention. Change is a work in progress with learning curves which they will continue to improve upon. Thank you, to all of the Convention Committee and to our members for being patient as we move forward.

I want to thank my Mount Airy #2061 Lodge members for their assistance in helping me to become your new State President. There are so many people I need to thank, but for the sake of not forgetting someone, I will just say thank you, thank you. But I must thank our Past State President, John Lawrence and his lovely wife Cheryl for all their guidance and help this past year. I look forward to working with Joe Clancy as your President-Elect. Hopefully your reservations are made for the Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis in July. I look forward to joining everyone for this fantastic event in Minnesota.

My slogan for this year is EMBRACE THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE AND FIDELITY! We must move forward with change, but we must never forget our principles. If we hold true to this in everything we do we will have a great year and future.

I again want to thank the North Carolina Elks for the opportunity to serve you as State President for the 2023-2024 Elk year. I pledge to serve to the best of my ability to this organization that I cherish and look forward to a bright future working with everyone.

Fraternally, State President Mark Alderman



## **Grand Exalted Rulers Message**



The Esteemed Leading Knight's charge to our new Members opens with: "The Emblem of this station is the Flag of our country; and its motto is Charity, the cornerstone of every Elk structure, the highest virtue of every Elk creed." New Members listening to this charge may gain an understanding of what the Flag means to us as Elks. Across our great country, Flag Day is observed on the 14th day of June each year to honor and commemorate the adoption of the American Flag. The Second Continental Congress adopted this date in 1777, and President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation in 1916 establishing June 14

as national Flag Day. In our great Order of Elks, the Grand Lodge, by Resolution, designated June 14 as Flag Day. In 1911, the Grand Lodge adopted a mandatory observance of Flag Day in all of our Lodges. Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the red, white, and blue in front of homes and businesses. Flag Day events are held by Lodges all across our great country with ceremonies, parades, essay contests, and, most importantly, our Elks Flag Day Ceremony. The American Flag is the emblem of the "land that I love." Our Flag symbolizes the land of the free and home of the brave for all Americans. June also has another special day for all of us as we honor and celebrate Father's Day. This year the holiday falls on Sunday, June 18. No matter how far away you may be, take the time to reach out and say happy Father's Day. This is not only a special day for your father but it is also special for your grandfather, your greatgrandfather, your brother, and your special uncle. Happy Father's Day. June is the beginning of our summer months. Children are home from school, graduation ceremonies are held, and families begin summer vacations. Celebrating our Flag and participating in June activities in our homes and at our Lodges truly show "Elks Care — Elks Share." I encourage each of you to continue "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" by bringing joy, happiness, love and lots of sunshine to one another. God bless all of you. God bless our troops, past and present. Most of all, God bless America.





The NCSEA Drug Awareness trailers have been rebranded and given a new look. The trailers were recently wrapped to represent many of our programs. Whether for a Lodge function, festival, parade, or some other event, this is a wonderful tool to promote Elkdom and the many community projects Elks are known for. In addition we now have available pop up tents in each District for use by the Lodges.

To reserve the trailer or tent for your Lodge event contact your District Drug Awareness Chair.





## SPRING CONVENTION NEWS



Members of the Sons of the American Revolution presented the Colors at the opening of the business session.



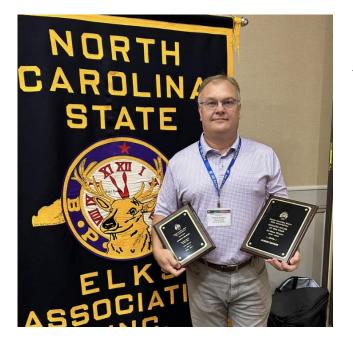


Female and Male Veteran Volunteer of the Year awards were presented by PSP Ron Dickson to Samantha Bowman of the Hickory Lodge (above) and Vic Jones of the High Point Lodge (below).



Michael Flock of the Lake Norman Lodge received the Thad Eure Distinguished Service Award, presented by BOD Chairman Ron Delzer.

## SPRING CONVENTION NEWS



Hickory Past Exalted Ruler Robert Brisben was presented the NCSEA 2022-2023 Exalted Ruler of the Year award, competing as West District Exalted Ruler of the Year. Now Past State President John Lawrence addressed the NCSEA and thanked them for the opportunity to represent them and for their support during the past year.



NCSEA Major Project, Camp Carefree, was presented with a check for \$66,775. Making the presentation were Co-Chairmen Dennis Dowling and Dean Schaeffer along with State President John Lawrence.



### WINSTON SALEM ELKS DONATE TRAIN TO CAMP CAREFREE



Recently Camp Carefree had expressed interest in obtaining a mobile device of some sort for the kids. Winston-Salem Lodge made contact with a member who had access to this used train. So Winston Salem purchased it, had it repainted and decaled, and will have It delivered by the end of May for Camp use. Along with donations from the Winston Salem Lodge, Raleigh Lodge also made a sizable contribution to the Train Fund. Hopefully it will be a great asset to the operation of Camp Carefree and bring pleasure to the campers.



**A NCSEA Major Project** 

# New NC Veterans Service Committee Focuses on Homeless Veterans And Welcome Home Kits

#### Here at the ENVSC, we know... There's no place like home.

That's why we created the Welcome Home Kit program. Because every veteran deserves to feel safe and comfortable at home. And you can help make that happen!

#### . What is a Welcome Home Kit?

It's a bundle of household supplies, new or donated, designed to help formerly homeless veterans get settled into permanent housing.

#### Why do veterans need Welcome Home Kits?

Veterans face higher risk of homelessness than the general population. Many veterans are moving directly from shelters and have no supplies. Elks can help make their new residence feel like home.

How can my Lodge participate?

Getting started is simple. Just follow these four steps!



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Connect with veterans in need.

Start by contacting your local VA facility, or a transitional center or homeless shelter for veterans. They can refer newly housed veterans to your Lodge.

#### Submit an online reimbursement form to ENVSC.

This allows us to pay you back for the money you and your Lodge spend on Welcome Home Kits.

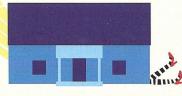


#### Buy Welcome Home Kits for veterans.

Whenever possible, meet or talk with veterans to learn about their unique needs and preferences. You can even go shopping together!

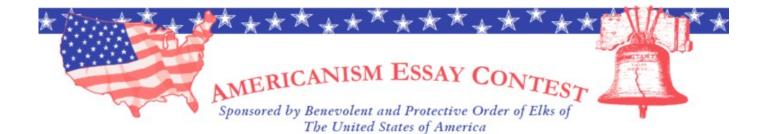
#### Stay in touch!

Newly housed veterans benefit from community support. Welcome them into the Elks family and learn how you can continue to give back to veterans.



#### Ready to get started? Visit elks.org/vets/kits

**Questions?** We are here to help! Contact us at 773-755-4736 or Vets@elks.org



### NCSEA AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

#### **STATE WINNERS**

Division l	5th Grade	Name	Lodge	District
1st Place		Aila Braswell	Oak Island Lodge	East
2nd Place		Rebekah Francis	Goldsboro	East
3rd Place		Avery Hawley	Hickory	West
Division II	6th Grade			
1st place		Kartik Tyagi	Winston Salem	West Central
2nd Place		Adalee Barker	Roxboro	East Central
3rd Place		Quinn Teel	Goldsboro	East
Division III 7th Grade				
1st Place		Jebediah Joyner	Hickory	West
2nd Place		Alivia Ragland	Roxboro	East Central
3rd Place		Mary Woodall Dixon	Winston Salem	West Central
<b>Division IV</b>	8th Grade			
1st P	lace	Kelte Teel	Goldsboro	East
2nd Place		Sam Bridges	Hickory	West
3rd Place		Damaris Estala-Saesee	Hickory	West

#### **Randall J Zigmund**

**NCSEA Americanism Chair** 



## **SALISBURY VETERANS HOME UPDATE**



The North Carolina State Elks Association recently donated portable CD players and a variety of CDs to the NC State Veterans home in Salisbury.

An important mission of NCSEA and all Elks' chapters is to honor the service and sacrifice of veterans. In the past, the Elks have donated hygiene items, clothing, hats, wheelchair gloves, DVD players and TV's. In January, the Elks sponsored a luncheon for the residents and staff of the State Veterans Home. Many volunteers from Salisbury Elks Lodge #699 were there to set up, serve food and clean up.

Ron Dickson is the Elks representative for the Veterans home in Salisbury, For many years he has coordinated state resources with local veterans' needs. He works closely with Kandace Lewis, Director of Recreation Services at the Salisbury home. Dickson is a long-time Elks member and will be leaving Salisbury to serve as the NCSEA representative for the new Kernersville State Veterans Home.

Kenny Martin has been selected to serve as representative for the Salisbury Veterans Home. He is a member of Salisbury Elks Lodge #699 and was recently voted Exalted Ruler. Martin is a retired 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant and served for 32 years with the NC Army National Guard.

"We really want to thank Ron for his time and dedication to the State Veterans Home in Salisbury," said Martin. "He has been a great representative. We will miss him and appreciate all that he's done to serve and to care for the needs of our veterans."

The NC Elks will be hosting another luncheon for residents and staff on May 30. Per the Elks pledge, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."



**<u>Pictured L-R</u>**; Ron Dickson, NC State Elks Representative; Paige Allison, Recreation Services; and Kenny Martin, Salisbury Elks #699 Exalted Ruler and new NC Elks Representative assisted with recent donation delivery to the NC State Veterans Home in Salisbury.

## **News from the East District**

## MOREHEAD BEAUFORT ELKS DONATE TO MirIAM's





Morehead City/Beaufort Elks recently presented a \$1000 check to MirIAM's .

MirIAM's is a Christian based center for drug and alcohol rehabilitation for women.

## CALABASH ELKS DONATE TO FIRST TEE

The Calabash Elks Lodge donated \$1500 to First Tee of the Carolinas. First Tee is a youth development organization that enables kids to build the strength of character that empowers them through a life-time of new challenges. By seamlessly integrating the game of golf with a life skills curriculum, they create active learning experiences that build inner strength, self-confidence, and resilience that kids can carry to everything they do.

Presenting the check is Ron Binetti, Calabash Golf Committee Co-Chair.





### **OAK ISLAND ELKS SUPPORT HONOR FLIGHT VETERANS**

Oak Island Elks Lodge #2769 recently donated \$1000.00 to the Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area in Southeastern North Carolina. Four members of the lodge then accompanied 4 veterans to Washington to visit a variety of monuments and memorials honoring their sacrifices and service made to keep our nation free.

Pictured at the Navy Memorial are the four Elks Guardians wearing red shirts and their assigned Honor Flight Veterans wearing blue shirts. From left to right are: Bob Ludwig; Ed Drzewiecki; Denny Smith; Kevin Swenie; Barry Metheny; Carl Schnepf; Ed Charboneau; and Frank Bellini.





## **CALABASH ELKS DONTE TO FOOD PANTRY**

The Calabash Lodge presented a \$1,500 check to The Lords Food Pantry. It is their hope to improve the quality of life to neighbor s and continue the healing ministry of Christ. Primary services are the Weekly Food Pantry, Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Boxes.



## CALABASH LODGE DONATES TO SEA HAVEN

The Calabash Elks donated \$1500 to Sea Haven. The Housing Our Youth program provides scattered site housing services to young adults ages 18-24 who are at-risk, experiencing homelessness, or fleeing domestic violence situations. Residents of our Housing Our Youth program receive the necessary support to find or maintain employment, enroll in school, or even find affordable childcare. Through our housing program, residents can safely transition from crisis to stability.

Pictured L-R; Elk Bill Allen; Laura von Herrmann, Development Director; and Elk Ellie Allen.



#### **CALABASH ELKS DONATE TO PROJECT LIFESAVER**

The Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Calabash Elks Lodge recently made a \$1,000.00 donation to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office in support of their "Project Lifesaver," a rescue program for individuals with "Wandering Syndrome," a symptom common to many brain related disorders. Veterans, if eligible, are serviced by this program.



Pictured L-R; Mary Torza, VAC Member; Neil Floor, VAC Member; John Corbett, VAC Chairman; 1st SGT T. K. Nowell, BCSO, IMPACT Division; Dennis Chiocco, VAC Member; Dawn Phillips, VAC Member .

## SHALLOTTE ELKS PROMOTE LODGE AND DRUG AWARENESS AT FARMERS MARKET



The Shallotte Lodge handed out goodie bags containing coloring books, crayons and other items children would enjoy to the kids and their parents at the Shallotte Farmers Market. They also distributed information to raise awareness of drug abuse.

Pictured are Loyal Knight Dick Wilson, and Trustee Paul Salerno. Leading Knight John O'lear was also participating. The two local children took advantage of the giveaways. The Shallotte, Elks Lodge will have a booth set up at the farmers market throughout the summer to promote drug awareness and boost membership.

## CALABASH LODGE SUPPORTS LOCAL MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

The Calabash Elks Lodge recently donated \$1500 to the Coastal Carolina Active Living Center for their Meals on Wheels program. The funds will be used to assist in purchasing of food for the many seniors in the Calabash area who are home bound, including many Veterans. The funds were a grant from the North Carolina Elks Charitable Trust. The Elks Lodge is active in volunteering at the center, including Dan and Cyndi Shaw.



Pictured L-R; Heather Puglisi, Assistant Center Director; Holley Joyce, Center Director; Mark Kerr, Elks Lodge Trustee; Dan Shaw, Elks Lodge House Committee Chair; Cyndi Shaw, Elks Lodge Secretary.



## **News from the East Central District**

### **RALEIGH ELKS TREAT NATIONAL GUARD TO PIG PICKN'**



On April 7th the Raleigh Elks Lodge fed members of the National Guard. Jim Pendergast, through the Army of Hope, has done this for the last 6 years! Our own Matt Lundgren and The Wandering Moose Food Truck and Catering Co. cooked and served a pig pickn' to approximately 60 members of the Aviation Squadron of The National Guard.

Thank you to our Service Men and Women!





## **RALEIGH LODGE HOSTED**

### **"MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD" BALL**

The Raleigh Elks Lodge hosted the Month of the Military Child Ball. This was organized for the children of service members of the NC National Guard. The event was catered by our own Elk member, Matt Lundgren of Wandering Moose and served by Terri Pendergast, Ronnie Nelson and Tara Lee Gregory. Music was provided by another of our members, DJ Barry Atkinson and his daughter/assistant Emmy.

It was a great event to thank 100+ Military members and to show appreciation to their families for the sacrifice they make on behalf of their parents.



### RALEIGH MEMBERS HELP MEMBER IN NEED

If ever there was an example of Elks Care, Elks Share, this is it! A dozen Elk volunteers showed up at Baker's Brentwood Castle, as it's called, on Sunday, 4/16. Raleigh Elks, Debra and Charles Baker had a tree taken down recently and had planned on getting their yard in shape for several seasons (since Charles' heart transplant) when Charles got sick and landed up in Wake Med Hospital.

Say no more! Power tools and heavy machinery were involved in what was a long day. No blood has been reported, but plenty of sweat!







## RALEIGH LODGE HELPS DISTRIBUTE DRUG AWARENESS COLORING BOOKS

The Raleigh Elks Lodge #735 has had an ongoing relationship with The Inter-Faith Food Shuttle in Raleigh for 5 years. We have supported them through many food drives, cash donations, a monthly volunteer date for Backpack Buddies and now with 3750 Drug Awareness coloring books. These books will be provided to children in Wake, Durham, Orange, Johnston, Edgecombe and Nash Counties by The Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, and on behalf of The Raleigh Elks.

A group of 30+ Elks got together to place 3750 labels noting "Elks Drug Awareness Program" and the website on each coloring book.



## SANFORD LODGE INSTALLS FIRST FEMALE EXALTED RULER



The Sanford Lodge meeting on April 12, 2023 was truly a historical moment. Chanda Coomer was installed as the 2023 -2024 Exalted Ruler. Chanda is the first female Exalted Ruler to ever be elected at the Sanford Elks Lodge. Chanda was initiated into our lodge on August 27, 2014 and has always been a very active member. She has held the positions of Lodge Esquire, Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight and Leading Knight. She has chaired several committees and is responsible for the weekly news blast that started this year.

## RALEIGH ELKS HOLD "FIELD OF DREAMS" BASEBALL TORNAMENT

The friendly baseball tournament, **Field of Dreams**, for high school special education students was the brainchild of The Junior ROTC. Back in 2016, Michelle Delaire (Raleigh PER at the time) set a partnership in place between the Wake County High Schools and The Raleigh Elks Lodge.

Special needs students are paired up with varsity baseball buddies from local High Schools for a great day of baseball fun and lunch, provided by The Raleigh Elks. Special Needs students feel more like part of their school!

On May 11 the 8th annual Field of Dreams was held with10 High Schools participating. In all, more than 500 students, teachers, parents and community volunteers participated. Raleigh Elks served lunch consisting of hot dogs, chips and drinks and have done so every year.



#### **RALEIGH ELKS CELEBRATE YOUTH WEEK**

The Raleigh Elks celebrated "Youth Week" with a hot dog, cheeseburger and tater tot dinner, complete with "make your own sundae" table for Scout Troop #104. All Lodges choose their own way to engage youth groups and we chose the Scouts. Thank you to Jennifer Marshall and Billy Carrington Smith for putting this together!





### **ROCKY MOUNT ELKS PARTICIPATES IN**

#### **"BLOOMING FESTIVAL" PARADE**

The Rocky Mount Lodge participated in Nashville's 25th Blooming Festival Parade. This event is held annually over Mother's Day weekend. It' a time where the community comes together to share their talents, kids enjoy rides, and famous entertainment comes back to their hometown. This year our very own Chandler James came home to take the stage and entertain the community.

Our participation in the parade allowed us to touch approximately 750-800 children about drug awareness through Elroy the Elk passing out DAP balls, Elk bags packed with DAP brochures, rulers, coloring books, and crayons. You can see through the pictures how much the children lit up and were excited to receive the packets.







## **News from the West Central District**

## HIGH POINT VETERANS COMMITTEE HOLDS CLEAN UP DAY AT TRANSITIONAL HOME FOR VETERANS

The High Point Lodge's Veterans Committee joined other volunteers in the community for a "Clean Up Day at the Cassell Transitional Home for Veterans". They help veterans transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing. The Lodge purchased for them Military Flags and flagpoles and a smoker/grill, as well as, helped clean up the facility."







## **News from the West District**

### NORTH WILKESBORO ANNOUCES SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



NCSEA Scholarship Winners Pictured Left L-R; Karlie Keepfer; Presley Barker; Anthony Wellborn; and Brooklyn Settle.



NCSEA Nursing Scholarship Winner Angela Landaverde



N. Wilkesboro Scholarship Winners Pictured above L-R; Gabriel Walsh; Bethany Settle; Kaitlyn Wayne; and Hailey Dills

### HENDERSONVILLE LODGE RECEIVES THANKYOU FOR

#### WORK ON NEW PLAYGROUND



Henderson County commissioners presented the Elks Lodge 1616 with a photo of the Historic Courthouse as a thank you for work Elks did on behalf of the new inclusive playground at Jackson Park.

"They're responsible for raising more than \$150,000 toward our new playground," County Commission Chair Rebecca McCall said of the lodge members. Elks helped build the fence, designed sidewalks and "spent hours trying to make the grading work cheaper and more workable. Along with Donnie Jones, who is in charge Special Needs Sports, they have made the dream a reality."

Elks Exalted Ruler Connie Stewart, who accepted the gift, credited the county manager for inspiring the Elks lodge to get on board. "John Mitchell asked to meet with me and Tommy Laughter to come to lunch," she said, and told them, "I want the Elks to get behind the all-inclusive playground so the players when they get out of Special Needs baseball — they can ask their moms if they can go to the play-ground and play like the other kids."



#### HICKORY ELKS DONATE WELCOME HOME KITS



The Hickory Elks Veterans Committee with partnership with Veterans Services of the Carolinas Housing Specialist Fran Harvey, assisted Veteran, Marty Boyd in obtaining a home. The Elks Lodge provided a Welcome Home Kit containing household goods, small appliances and a bed.

Pictured below: Exalted Ruler, President Cary Bowman; Veteran Marty Boyd; Elks Veterans Committee Chair Samantha Bowman; and Fran Harvey Veterans Services of the Carolinas.

Hickory Elks Lodge Veterans Committee placed another Veteran with a place to live. A Welcome Home Kit was presented to Mr. Michael Charlow, a six year Air Force Veteran, that had fallen on hard times after eight surgerie s.

Pictured L-R;Cary Bowman, Exalted Ruler; Samantha Bowman, Veterans Committee Chair; Veteran, Michael Charlow; and Catawba County Public Health Social Worker, Rachel Dodson.



## HICKORY LODGE HOSTS MILITARY SPOUSES APPRECIATION BALL

The Hickory Elks Lodge helped host a Military Spouses Appreciation Ball for the Black Mountain Veterans Home on May 12th. The Veterans Committee provided the entertainment.

Pictured below: Samantha Bowman, Veterans Committee Chairperson; Linda Brinson, Activities Director NC State Veterans Home; Cary Bowman, Exalted Ruler; Gill Kanupp, Lodge Member; and Mike Caldwell.



## **HICKORY SPONSORS POKER RUN/VET RIDE**

Cary and Samantha Bowman presented a check for \$250 to Operation Battle Horse on behalf of the Hickory Elks Lodge Veterans Committee to be a sponsor of Walk With Me Farms upcoming Poker Run/Vet Ride to raise money for Veterans Recovery therapy programs. The ride is June 24th.

"Ronan", the horse is a rescue and was scheduled for slaughter and this organization saved him, trained him and now he's one of their best therapy horses.

Pictured L-R; Jennifer Bandy, Program Director; Elks Veterans Committee Chair Samantha Bowman; ER Cary Bowman; "Ronan" the horse; Mykela Lofendo and Elizabeth Wise with Walk With Me Farms.



## HICKORY ELKS SPONSOR SOCCER TEAM

The Hickory Elks Lodge sponsored a Youth soccer team through the Hickory YMCA. With the partnership with the YMCA the Elks will develop the first Soccer Shoot later this year.





## HICKORY ELKS PRESENT WELCOME HOME KIT

The Hickory Elks Lodge Veterans Committee presented a "Welcome Home Kit" to Marine Veteran Johnny Damewoods.

Pictured on left is Marine Veteran, Johnny Damewoods with pup Monkey and Elks Lodge member Blake "Bee" Watts.

This publication is produced for and by the North Carolina State Elks Association. The NCSEA Communication Committee encourages all member Lodges and Committee Chairmen to submit articles to be included in future issues. All submissions may be forwarded to Ashley Buckwell, Editor at ashbuc@atmc.net