

Calabash Elks Donate to Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area

The Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of the Calabash Elks Lodge recently made a \$500.00 donation to the "Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area (HFCFA)," a non-profit organization dedicated to transporting United States military veterans to Washington DC to see the memorials of the respective wars in which they fought. HFCFA is one of over 130 Honor Flight "hubs" in 45 states. Honor Flight was founded early 2020 as a 100% volunteer nonprofit with the mission of flying WWII, Korea, and Vietnam era Veterans to Washington, DC for an all-expense paid day of recognition and remembrance. The trip is free to Veterans and is funded solely from donations such as this one, other individuals and groups, and corporate support. The next flight, scheduled for April 20, 2024 from ILM to Washington. Seventy-five Veterans from the Cape Fear area accompanied by 75 guardians and a support team will make the day-long trip to tour many of the national memorials in Washington. The community is invited and encouraged to come out to the ILM airport to welcome the Veterans back home at the end of the day. More details can be found at <https://www.honorflightcfa.org/>.

Pictured (Left to Right): VAC Member Gary Dobratz; VAC Chairman John Corbett; Lisa Toohey, Volunteer Coordinator for Honor Flight Cape Fear Area; and VAC Member Ed Hanson.

