

North  
Carolina



August-September  
2022



## Adopt-A-Bear Program Ships 400 Bears

**The bears are on their way to the Ukrainian children!**

On August 14th members of Raleigh Elks Lodge tagged and packed 400 of the NCSEA Adopt-a-Bear bears for shipment to children in Ukraine.

Then on August 22nd, Michelle DeLaire and Cheryl Howard delivered 400 NCSEA Adopt-a-Bears to Crossing All Borders Ministry. These bears will be added to the container being shipped to the Ukraine through Poland to the children involved in this war.



# A Message From State President John Lawrence



Finally! Fall is here and hopefully with it will come some cooler weather. With the dog-days of Summer behind us we can start planning for the upcoming Holiday Season. One of our major events is right around the corner, the Fall Convention in Clemmons. It will be October 28, 29 and 30 at the Village Inn Hotel and Event Center. While the hotel registration date has passed, you can still register for the convention. For all you golfers, there will be a golf outing at Oak Valley Golf Course on Friday October 28. The Convention Committee has been working hard and making plans for an exciting Convention. Our Grand Exalted Ruler, Bruce A. Hidley, has been cleared to travel now and the First Lady of Elkdom, Helen Hidley, will be there as well. His motto this year is "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm" and I know the NC Elks can be a very enthusiastic crowd! This Convention will include some training and information sessions during the Saturday Business meeting, not just the usual reports of committees! Also, this year there will be a Convention feedback form that you can complete online and tell the Committee what you liked about this new format and what suggestions you might have to make the Spring Convention even better.

As I travel across the State, I get to see and participate in many exciting events at the Lodges. I am always amazed at the many diverse activities that our Lodges are involved in. Every Lodge in our State is unique, but they all have one common goal. Helping people and communities to have a better life. Whether it is students, Veterans, individuals, the people in Ukraine or entire communities, our Lodge brothers and sisters are providing a service to assist others. Regardless of how you serve your community, every Lodge has one common denominator, members! There are two things every Lodge needs, and that is members and money and they go hand in hand. Keep an active membership committee and promote your Lodge. We don't want to be the best kept secret in North Carolina!

Speaking of membership, we ended last year with an increase in membership with a total of 9988 Elks. In fact, we were ranked number two in the Nation by percentage of increase. A job well done by Al Harms and his Membership Committee team! We are now at 10,400 plus members with six months to go. Let's shoot for number one this year and strive to pass the 11,000 member mark! We can do it. Right now, there are over 1100 delinquent members out there. If we can reinstate just half of those, we should surpass the 11,000 mark! Initiate and reinstate!

By now you should have received your tickets for our Major Projects fundraiser. Please make your donation and send those tickets to Kyle Puryear. Someone is going to win the \$2000.00 Grand Prize, and it could be you! But only if you turn your tickets in. There is also a \$500.00 Second Place prize and Third, Fourth and Fifth prizes of \$100.00 each. You can also bring them with you to the Convention turn them in to Kyle there, along with your donation of course.

Be sure to read this entire newsletter to find out all the good things that our Lodges and members are doing and check the calendar for upcoming events. As always, "Choose Wisely" to do the best for Lodge and members! I'll see you in Clemmons!

Fraternally, John Lawrence

NCSEA President

# Message From Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A Hidley



October brings to us many Elks activities and family fun. Let's start with the most important program in our Order, the Elks National Foundation (ENF). As your Grand Exalted Ruler, I have once again established the goal of \$4.80 per Member per capita. When you do the calculation for this goal, that's just a little over \$.01 a day. For each Lodge dollar donated, ENF could potentially repay hefty dividends for the programs offered. Your Lodge can and should apply for the various grants to assist your communities: Beacon Grant, Gratitude Grant, Spotlight Grant, Promise Grant, Impact Grant, and Freedom Grant. Each grant has a specific deadline to apply for funding. I encourage all Lodges to take the time to educate yourselves about these grant programs.

Find some Members who would be willing to dedicate their time to apply for these worthy grants. Other programs ENF funds include: Scholarships, Youth Activities, Veterans Service, Elks Veterans Memorial maintenance, and much more. It is very important to let our Members know about the great work ENF does. A fine way of "Promoting Elksdom With Enthusiasm" is to support the Great Heart of Elksdom. The Elks' mission is to build stronger communities and ENF provides the resources to fulfill this mission. I charge you to get out into your communities with great pride and show them what the Elks do for them. For more information about the Elks National Foundation, go to [elks.org/enf](http://elks.org/enf). Another important program we must focus our attention on is Red Ribbon Week. This is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program. Red Ribbon Week is celebrated annually from October 23 to October 31. There are many ways to celebrate Red Ribbon Week in your communities. Have your local elected officials issue a proclamation declaring a Red Ribbon Week. Have your Members distribute red ribbons to our schools and encourage Members, friends and loved ones to wear red ribbons. Today, Drug Awareness has become an even greater challenge as we continue to fight the horrors of drug abuse and addiction. The staggering number that comes to mind is that in the United States alone, there have been nearly 71,000 overdose deaths each year. The amount of deaths from drug overdoses is the reason why the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks takes such a hard stand to prevent and educate our youth and adults. The Elks will always be there to support hugs are better than drugs. I can't think of any better way of "Promoting Elksdom With Enthusiasm" than to work hard to stop these dreaded drug diseases. October is also a time when most people enjoy a nice fall holiday with Columbus Day. Finally, October 31 is known as Halloween. A day and night when the ghosts and ghouls come out. Our children get to enjoy putting on their favorite costumes to go trick or treating. Please be safe when going door to door and stay in neighborhoods that you know well. God bless all of you, God bless our troops past and present, and, most of all, God bless America

## Grand Lodge Membership Poster

The Grand Lodge Membership team has developed a new poster for you to post in your Lodge and disseminate to your Membership.

**ELKS**  
*Promote Elkdom*



**Invite two friends to join  
your lodge this year.**

Community • Friendship • Charity

[join.elks.org](http://join.elks.org)



# NCSEA Fall Convention

As mentioned in the previous edition, we are returning to the Village Inn in Clemmons for the Fall Convention of the NC State Elks Association, October 28-30th.

The registration forms have been sent to the Lodges and are also available at [ncelks.org](http://ncelks.org).

Please note, that unlike previous conventions, hotel reservations need to be made directly with the Village Inn at 336-766-9121 or use the link on the registration form.

Convention and golf reservations will still be sent to Steve Clarke.

Make plans to be there and enjoy the hospitality with your fellow Elks and meet and greet our Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley and First Lady Helen.

Clemmons is a stone's throw from Winston-Salem and a short drive from the Yadkin Valley Wine Country. A Village filled with a rich history: old and new churches, fine and friendly restaurants, unique shopping, and distinctive artists.

Close by is the Winston Salem Lodge, where you can drop in for a friendly visit.





# NC STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION, INC

## 2022 FALL CONVENTION

October 28 - 30 – Clemmons, NC

### Schedule of Events

#### Welcoming Special Guests

*Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Hidley & First Lady Helen*

#### Friday, Oct 28

8:30 - 9:30AM	Charitable Trust Board of Directors Meeting	Lexington Room
9:30 - 10:30AM	Advisory Board Meeting	Lexington Room
10:30 - 11:30AM	NCSEAI Board of Directors Meeting	Lexington Room
10:30AM	REGISTRATION – NC Elks and Guests	Lobby Foyer
12:30PM	Golf Outing Event – Pre-registration required	Oak Valley Golf Course
2:30PM	Long Range Planning Committee Meeting	Lexington Room
3:00 - 11:00PM	Hospitality Rooms Open – All Districts	Salem & North Rooms
6:00PM - 7:00PM	NCSEA Advisory Board Social (Business Dress) <i>By Invitation Only</i>	Social Room
7:00PM - 9:00PM	NCSEA Advisory Board Dinner (Business Dress) <i>By Invitation Only</i>	Lexington Room

#### Saturday, Oct 29

7:30 - 9:30AM	REGISTRATION – NC Elks and Guests	Lobby Foyer
9:00 - 11:00AM	Ladies/Spouse/Guest Social	Lexington Room
9:00 - 11:30 AM	NCSEAI Business Meeting (Business Dress)	Ball Room
11:30 - 12:00 Noon	NCSEAI Memorial Service (Business Dress)	Ball Room
12:30PM	NCSEAI Business Luncheon Buffet (Business Dress)	Ball Room
2:30PM - Until	PGER/State Sponsor Frost III Meetings	¼ Ball Room
	Bob Miller- Drug Awareness State Chairperson	¼ Ball Room
	Break Out Meetings – To Be Announced	Ball Room
3:00 - 11:45PM	Hospitality Rooms Open – All Districts	Salem & North Rooms

#### Sunday, Oct 30

NC Elks & Guests PER Breakfast Buffet and Meeting	Ballroom
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2022 NCSEAI Fall Convention Ends  
*Travel Home Safely!*

## **ELKS HONORING THE 21<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **GL Membership/Public Relations Committee Press Release**

Chicago, IL – Local Elks Lodges throughout the United States, Guam, Philippines, Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal celebrated Patriots Day on September 11, 2022, with appropriate celebrations and observances. Contact your local Elks Lodge for more information.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has made more than \$12 Billion in donations since we first began 154 years ago. Last year alone, the Elks donated approximately \$350 million in cash, gifts, and time to make our communities better places to live. The Elks are one of the premier patriotic and charitable organizations in the United States of America.

Since 1931, the Elks National Foundation has helped students recognize their academic dreams. Each year, we award more than \$3 million in college scholarships to at least 800 outstanding, service-minded high school seniors. Once you're an Elks scholar, you're family.

The Elks Community Investment Program will award nearly \$16 million towards enriching our communities. The Elks National Foundation also granted \$10 million to the state Elks associations through State Charities Grants, Special Project Grants, and Bonus Grants, which help fund each state's charitable activities.

The Elks National Veterans Service Program will direct \$4.6 million to our nation's veterans and military members, with a special focus on service to those in need. Our volunteers direct service to veterans in more than 330 facilities each month.

There are 1,856 Elks Lodges across the country with a total membership nearing 800,000. Elks' members must be American citizens who are at least 21 years of age and must believe in God.

**Elks Care – Elks Share**

# VETERANS DAY



**November 11th**



**Treat a Veteran to Lunch**

**Visit a Veteran in a Home or Hospital**

**Attend a Veterans Day Service**

**Most of All—Thank a Veteran**



# News From the East District

## Calabash Ladies Donate School Supplies

Every year, for the past 10 years, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Elks Lodge in Calabash have collected and purchased School Supplies for students in need who attend the Waccamaw School in Ash, NC. Due to the hard work of the Ladies, and the generosity of the Elks Lodge's Members and Friends, the ladies recently delivered a huge quantity of varied school supplies to the school, so much so, that it took 3 vehicles filled to the brim to transport them. The school administrators and the guidance counselors determine which students are in need and distribute the supplies accordingly.



Pictured above (Left to Right) Auxiliary members Rose Henshaw; Diane D'Angelo; and Carol Haack; Jane Browning, Waccamaw School Assistant Principal; Sue Stanley, School Office Member; and Mary Chestnut, School Guidance Counselor.

## Goldsboro Lodge Presents Air Force Family Scholarships

Goldsboro Elks Lodge #139 presented the AF Family Scholarship to five deserving students heading to or continuing their college or vocational education this year. In total, \$23,000 was presented. The Air Force Family Scholarship Program is administered by the lodge and funded through a grant from the Patriot Foundation. The program funds college scholarships for the children and spouses of disabled or fallen Airmen. In attendance for the presentation was Colonel Lucas Teel, who is the Commander of the 4<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.



Pictured left to right: PER Doug McGrath, Kiera Negron, Taylor Brotjan, Jacob Volk, Branna Martin, McKenzy Schinsky, ER Alex Wingate, and Colonel Lucas Teel.



## Goldsboro Elks Co-Sponsored Boys & Girls Club Luncheon

Goldsboro Elks Lodge #139 and Speedway Gas Stations partnered to sponsor an end of summer luncheon for the members and staff of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County. Between 28 June and 11 July, anytime a pizza or hot dog was bought at a local Speedway franchise, an in-kind donation was made to the club. At the end of Speedway's donation campaign, over 1000 pizzas and almost 500 hotdogs were donated which supplied lunch for 150 kids and staff but also filled club refrigerators for use during the upcoming school year. In turn, the Elks donated drinks, chips, and cookies for the luncheon. And together, Speedway employees and Elks members helped serve lunch and spend time with the kids. The idea for this donation campaign originated with Elks member and Speedway franchise owner Jackie Blalock, who quickly brought the two organizations together to sponsor this successful event.



Pictured are leadership from Speedway, the Elks, and the Club. From left: Steve Kornegay, Doug Miller, Jackie Blalock, John Lawrence, Karen Sullivan, Alex Wingate, Latoya Stallings, Charlie Waters, and Goldsboro City Councilman Greg Batts. Kneeling in front from left: Jeff Barnes and Raytrell Caldwell



Elks member, Speedway Franchise Owner and originator of the Speedway donation campaign Jackie Blalock (center) delivers donated pizza and hot dogs to club members and Raytrell Caldwell, Boys and Girls Club Teen Director.

[More Pictures on Following Page](#)

## Pictures from Donation to Boys & Girls Club



**BOYS & GIRLS  
CLUB**



## Shallotte Elks Donate to Christian Recovery Center

The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$2000.00 from their Beacon Grant to Brunswick Christian Recovery Center. This is a faith base organization that provides 18 to 30 weeks of structured rehabilitation for those suffering from substance abuse who voluntarily enter the program. Individuals live on campus, are taught a trade and then under supervision, work at this trade while recovering. BCRC originally opened for male addicts but has recently expanded to include female addicts.



Pictured from left to right, Paul Salerno Shallotte Lodge Trustee and PER, John Olear Shallotte Lodge Leading Knight, Sue Berardi Shallotte Lodge Lecturing Knight and PER, Joshua Torbich CEO of Brunswick Christian Recovery Center and Robert Kordiak Shallotte Lodge Exalted Ruler.

## Calabash Lodge Collects Empty Pill Bottles for Animal Shelters

The Calabash Elks donated 3 large bags of empty pill bottles to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office, Animal Protective Services. Michael Maloney presented the donated bottles to Deputy Belinda Musgrave (left), Director of the shelter for Brunswick County and Deputy Katelyn Treadway (right).



## Calabash Elks Donate to Camp Carefree



The Calabash Lodge recently held a Community Day in the Park with proceeds going to Camp Carefree. The event included games, rides, music, and of course the sale of food to those attending.

The event raised \$2000 which was presented to Camp Carefree Treasurer Rhonda Rodenbough by PER Shorty Dennenay.

## Shallotte Lodge Donates Grant to Addiction Program



Shallotte Elks Lodge # 2854 donated \$2,000.00 from their Beacon Grant to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Anchor Initiative Program. This is a care, recovery and treatment program for those suffering from addiction. Addicts must voluntarily agree to participate in the program. The individual, if socially or self referred to the program and remain in the program, will not be charged with possession of drugs or paraphernalia found in their possession. Once admitted to the program, the addict will be put in contact with an Anchor program Coordinator for assessment.

## **Goldsboro Lodge Sponsors Donation Drive To Help Local Community**

Goldsboro Elks Lodge #139 sponsored a donation drive for the ROCC Foundation, a local non-profit organization helping those in need in our local community. In total, the Elks collected 10 boxes of men's, women's and children's clothes and hygiene items.

Pictured left to Right: Elks Member Eric Ostendorf and ROCC Foundation Director Mr. Rodney Robinson



## **Shallotte Elks Donate to American Legion Post**

The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$1000.00 from their Freedom Grant to The Richard H. Stewart Jr. American Legion Post 543 St. James, NC.

Pictured from left to right Robert Kordiak Exalted Ruler Shallotte Elks Lodge 2854, Steven H. Ratti Commander of Richard H. Stewart Jr. American Legion Post 543, John Olear Leading Knight Shallotte Elks Lodge 2854, Steve Muir Service Officer of Richard H. Stewart Jr. American Legion Post 543, Paul Salerno Trustee and PER, Shallotte Elks Lodge 2854.



## Shalotte Lodge Donates Gratitude Grant to Local Charities



The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$300.00, from their Gratitude Grant to Communities in Schools. The mission of Communities in Schools of Brunswick County NC. is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

Pictured from left to right Robert Kordiak Exalted Ruler, Tamara Morales Development Officer Communities In Schools, and John Olear Leading Knight.

The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$200.00 from their Gratitude Grant to Warm Homes Warm Hearts which helps with utility bills for Columbus and Brunswick County residences.

Pictured L-R; Robert Kordiak Exalted Ruler, Sherry L. Skumanick Communications Specialist Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, and John Olear Leading Knight.



The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated \$500.00 to the Brunswick County Toy Run from their Gratitude Grant. This is the 30th year for the Toy Run which assists with Christmas gifts. This year they have approximately 235 children of which each child gets \$150.00 to spend. At least half of this amount is for necessities with the rest going towards toys that the children can pick out.

Pictured left to right Robert Kordiak, Exalted Ruler, Jerome Munna, Chairman of the Toy Run, John O'Lear, Leading Knight.

## Calabash Lodge Recognizes Local Heroes



The Calabash Elks Lodge recently honored Brunswick County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Rebecca Allen as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and presented her a certificate and a Service medal from the Grand Lodge.

Sgt. Allen began her law enforcement career with Ashville Police Department in 2001, then moved to Buncombe County Sheriff's Office in 2005 before transferring to Brunswick County Sheriff's Office in 2016. Since being with the Sheriff's Office Sgt. Allen has been assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division, Bailiff Division, Narcotics and Detective Divisions as well the IMPACT Unit until being promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the School Resource Division. Sgt. Allen is currently assigned to Jesse Mae Monroe Elementary School. Sgt. Allen also has current responsibilities in overseeing 7 additional schools and assigning School Resource Officers.

Since moving to Brunswick County Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Allen has been instrumental in implementing a partnership with the Special Olympics and our Sheriff's Office. Since 2018, Sgt. Allen has organized the law enforcement torch run each year, volunteered at the local games, participated in the Pender County Torch Run, and organizes at least 2 fundraisers every year in Brunswick County.

The Calabash Elks Lodge recently recognized and honored Jay Bertha with the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Certificate along with a Service medal from the Grand Lodge.

Jay Bertha started his long first responder career as a young firefighter with the Port Ewen Volunteer Fire Department in New York State where he was born. He worked his way through the ranks up to chief of the department before retiring and moving to Calabash, North Carolina, after 40 years of volunteer service. Jay then volunteered with the Calabash Fire Department for 23 years and held the rank of captain of the traffic squad.

After the terrorist attacks on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, Jay, along with his brother firefighters, traveled to Ground Zero and joined in the rescue operations. To this day, on September 11<sup>th</sup>, barring major things like a pandemic, Jay and firefighters from his Fort Ewen department return to Ground Zero and reflect.

Jay is also a Vietnam veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. He is a member of Calabash VFW 7288, where he serves as a Trustee in addition to volunteering wherever he is needed.



## Goldsboro Elks Donate to “Cures for the Colors” Run



Goldsboro Elks Lodge #139 donated \$1000 to help sponsor Southeastern Medical Oncology Center’s annual “Cures for the Colors” Run. Money made through this event goes directly back into the local community to help cancer patients with financial stresses and basic wellness needs.

Pictured left to right: Loyal Knight Shelby Ostendorf, SMOG Medical Director Dr. Samer Kasbari, and Elks Member Eric Ostendorf.

## Oak Island Elks Donate Beach Survival Kits

Oak Island Elks Lodge # 2769 recently donated 2 beach survival kits to the Jack Helbig Memorial Foundation. We gave the money (\$500) to Melanie Roberts, president of the foundation. The foundation's main goal is to prevent drowning. To achieve this goal they:

- Educate the public about water safety through community interaction.
- Increase access to swim lessons for all children.
- Collaborate with schools to implement water safety curriculum in the classroom.



## Goldsboro Lodge Donates to Crimestopper's Capers Chase Run



Goldsboro Elks Lodge #139 donated \$1000 to help sponsor Wayne County Crimestoppers annual "Capers Chase" run to help decrease crime in our community.

Pictured (L to R): Crimestoppers Representative Mr. Phil Hardy and ER Alex Wingate



# News from the East Central District

## Fayetteville Elks Use Grant to Support Firefighters

Fayetteville Lodge #1081 recently donated \$1,500 via the North Carolina Charitable Trust Grant, to the Stedman, NC Volunteer Fire Department. This money will be used to purchase Personal Protective Gear for the volunteer firefighters. This is inline with supporting our local first responders in the North Carolina Sandhills.



## Southern Pines Elks Lodge Annual Veterans and First Responder Golf Fundraiser

The Southern Pines Elks Lodge recently held their annual fundraiser golf tournament . The 18 teams hit the links raising a little over \$11,000 dollars! These dollars will be used to support Veterans and First Responders in several ways. Examples include; continued support of MMIA, (Military Missions in Action), veteran centered construction renovations, Fayetteville Veterans Home and service dog purchase support.



Pictured above; David Rudd (Veterans Committee), David Greiner (Exalted Ruler) and Bill Savoie (Golf Committee)

## Fayetteville Lodge Donates Schools Bags and Supplies

Fayetteville Lodge #1081 recently donated \$4,000 worth of school bags and supplies to local Falcon, NC Falcon Children's Home. The Fayetteville Lodge earned the monies via the 2022 Beacon Grant. Elks donated their time to purchase, assemble, and present these much-needed school bags to the Home administrators.



## Fayetteville Elks Support Local Organization with Cook-out and Pool Party

Fayetteville Lodge #1081 recently organized and supported the Cumberland Residential and Employment Services and Training (CREST) annual summertime cook-out and pool party at our Fayetteville Lodge. CREST is a non-profit agency whose mission is to provide effective services and support to persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families.



# News from the West District

## Hickory Elks Lodge Donates \$4500 to Backpack Program

The Backpack Program serves children in forty+ local schools who face hunger on the weekends in Catawba and Alexander County. Each week school is in session, over 800 children receive a bag full of food weighing up to 7 lbs. The food supplied is either bought in bulk (at cost) or donated by various community members and local businesses. Through their calculations, it costs \$150 for one child to receive meals each weekend, all school year long.

The Backpack Program exists thanks to the community's constant support and continued dedication. The program is driven by volunteers who give their time, talent, and treasures. These special volunteers work hard packing bags, stocking shelves, organizing inventory, fundraising, and seeking community support to secure financial contributions.

Their sole mission is to remove hunger as a barrier to good education and reduce the impact of poverty on children and families. Hickory Elks are thrilled to partner with service organizations like The Corner Table to make the backpack program happen.

Committee Chair Carole Anderson, President Robert Brisben with Elk Members presented the \$1000 check provided by a Grant from the Elks North Carolina Charitable Trust and \$3500 provided by the Elks National Foundation, to Backpack Program Coordinator, Amanda Newton at the Backpack Warehouse on July 25, 2022. . Amanda accepted the check on behalf of the program as she spoke about the program and how it had impacted her life as well as the children. The Elks will continue to support the program each year through grants and fundraising. I am grateful for the support of this great organization in our community who truly does make a difference." Said Newton.



## Hickory Elks Provide Welcome Home Kit for Veteran and Family

The Hickory Lodge provided a Welcome Home Kit of household goods for a Veteran and his wife of 50 years, their grown daughter and her child who were all starting over. The Veterans Administration helped by placing the family.

Pictured below; Samantha Bowman, Veteran Chair and Cyndee Austria of LCSW HUD-VASH case manager.



## Hickory Delivers Welcome Home Kit

The Hickory Elks Veteran's Committee delivered a "Welcome Home Kit" to a local Veteran starting fresh. Thanks to Elks ENF for the donation and Lodge members Sandy and Mickey Lail.

From left to right: Mickey Lail; Veterans Committy Chair Samantha Bowman; and the proud Veteran. We wish him the best!



# **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**Wishing you and your family a  
safe and enjoyable holiday with family  
and friends.**

**Your Communications Committee**



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