



PRESS RELEASE

Veteran's Affairs Committee
Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks ~ Lodge 2679
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

“CALABASH ELKS SUPPORT CAPE FEAR AREA HONOR FLIGHT”

~ Honoring Our WWII, Korea, and Vietnam Era Veterans ~

By John Corbett

The Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of the Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679 recently donated \$2,000 to Honor Flight of the Cape Fear Area (HFCFA). 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 29, 2023 from ILM to Washington, will include one of our VAC members. 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/>.

The mission of the Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, Lodge ~ 2679, is to provide occasional funding, fraternal activities, and general support for our local Veterans, various Veteran's Programs, and our Military located throughout the South-Eastern North Carolina area. For more information about other ways our Elks Lodge supports our Veterans' and Military Community, visit their web site at <https://www.calabashelks.org/> and click on the [Veterans Affairs] TAB.

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Honor Flight Representative, Jerry Kimble, VAC Co Chair and 2020 flight veteran, and Gary Reynolds, VAC Member and 2022 flight veteran.