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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### "CALABASH ELKS DONATE TO VETERANS MEMORIAL REEF"

~ Recognizing Veterans Who Have Honorably Served ~

By John Corbett

The Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of the Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679 recently donated \$3,000 to Veterans Memorial Reef to assist needy Veterans and their families in managing their final expenses. The mission of the Veterans Memorial Reef program is to provide final resting service to Veterans who have honorably served in our Armed Forces. The Veterans are interned in aquatic memorial markers that will be added to artificial reef ecosystems in a 160 acre area off the coast of Carolina Beach/Wilmington known as Artificial Reef 371. For more details on this nonprofit Veteran operated organization, see: <a href="https://veteransmemorialreef.net/">https://veteransmemorialreef.net/</a>. With this commemoration, we can honor their passing while sustaining marine life and helping to ensure the integrity of our coastline.

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Pictured (L-R) are Susan Scott, VAC Member; John Corbett, VAC Co-Chairman; Dr. Tom Marcinowski, Founder of Veterans Memorial Reef; Jerry Kimble, VAC Co-Chair, and Jim Kozlowski, VAC Member.