



October November 2023



**Grand Exalted Ruler Randy Shook
Addressing North Carolina Elks
During the NCSEA Fall Convention**



More convention news follows.



Message from State President Mark Alderman

As Fall leaves us we can start to prepare for the holidays.

November is Veterans Remembrance Month, many Lodges have done something special for our Veterans and I can not thank our Lodges enough for what you continue to do to support our Veterans. Our newly wrapped Elk Trailers were used in Veterans Day Parades by three Lodges, Morehead City - Beaufort, Mount Airy and Southern Pines, if our fourth trailer had not been involved in an accident, I am sure all four would have been utilized. Please take the opportunity to use these trailers and help your Lodge be visible in your community. On October 31, 2023, I had the Privilege and Honor to attend along with several NC Elks, the Opening of the Kernersville, NC Veterans Home. Our Governor cut the ribbon for the long overdue opening. Also the new bus provided by NC Elks was put in to use by shuttling guest from the parking lot on that cold Halloween Day.

I also handed the Keys to the newest bus which was delivered on site, to the Director of the Kinston Veterans Home. I encourage everyone to continue to live by our Elk Pledge As long as there are Veterans, the Elks will never Forget them! We never have and never will.

If you did not attend the Fall Convention in Charlotte, you missed a good one! Our Grand Exalted Ruler Randy P. Shook and his wonderful wife Wanda were in attendance and we made sure that he knew that WE ARE THE ELKS from North Carolina. On Friday I had the opportunity to accompany our Grand Exalted Ruler on a tour of The James K Polk Historic Site, we had to let him know that we North Carolinians stake claim to President Polk as well as Tennessee ha ha! Thank you NC First Lady Mary Brim for making sure the First Lady of Elkdom Wanda, and all the other ladies had a wonderful Friday outing. The hotel had their two elevators down, but thank goodness the Service Elevator was operational and fast. The hotel staff was awesome and went out of their way to accommodate everyone.

During the Saturday business session all committee reports were brief and to the point. ENF State Chairman, PSP, Ron Delzer along with GER Shook held the Parade of Lodges for the Elks National Foundation and \$

5,562.00 was collected. Thank you to all that participated in the Parade for your donations. I must give a shout out to the Convention Committee for another outstanding Convention. Thank you, Salisbury Lodge for performing the Memorial Service. I must also thank Toni Deal and Michael Flock for their informative afternoon Breakout Sessions. Toni discussed Mass Marketing and Michael brought in several guest who were instrumental in the field of opportunities to provide items for our Welcome Home KIts and other materials for Veterans.

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State Presidents Message Continued

Our State Association Newsletter was recognized once again with a Grand Lodge Five Star Award which is the highest award given to any State Newsletter and it was presented to our Editor Ashley Buckwell., thank you Ashley for the great work on making our newsletter tops in the nation. John Lawrence presented Michelle DeLaire with a Citation of Thanks for her work on repairing and preparing the Elk Trailers for their New Wrapping Design. North Carolina received another Grand Lodge Membership Award for a gain in membership, thank you Al Harms for all the hard work you and the Membership Committees continue to do. John Lawrence now heads up the State Membership Committee and I know he and the committees will work hard to continue the growth here in NC.

Thank you All.... The State Major Project Fundraiser took in over \$ 28,000.00 and after expenses the remaining balance will be split between our two major projects, The Veterans Homes and Camp Care Free. I want to thank your President Elect, Joe Clancy for heading that up, Kyle Puryear for receiving all the tickets and handling the deposits and Lisa Parrish the Fundraising Chairman for holding the drawing of the five winners at the Sunday Morning PER Breakfast Meeting. Thanks to all who made a contribution to this important event. THANK YOU TO ALL ELKS and GUEST that attended the Fall Convention.

We currently have over 10,600 Elks on our rolls, but we continue to have many delinquents and others waiting to be initiated, I encourage every Lodge to get new members initiated, find ways to get your delinquents paid up and continue to bring NEW MEMBERS in to ELKDOM.

The MVS Scholarship deadline has passed, soon the Lodges will start grading them please do this, Lodge Scoring of the applications leads to higher scores in the overall ranking of the scholars. Please do not forget about the Legacy Scholarships that are available to children and grandchildren of Elks even if they do not live in the same state as the member. There are North Carolina Nursing Scholarships which will be graded by the State Scholarship Committee and the application can be found at ncelks.org.

Please attend the January District Deputy Clinics and I challenge every Exalted Ruler to bring at least one member that has never been to a Clinic before.

Please continue TO EMBRACE THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





Message From Grand Exalted Ruler Randy P Shook

There are so many ways to reflect during the month of December. As Elks, on Sunday, December 3 we pay a just tribute of affection and honor to all of the Members who no longer answer when their names are called. The Elks Memorial Service is a very solemn day when we hear the chimes of Eleven ring in honor of our deceased Members. The Members we honor on Memorial Sunday spent many hours of service to their Lodge. It is a fitting tribute to them to have their families with us at this ceremony as their names shall endure forever in our tablets of love and memory. "An Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken." May all of our deceased Brothers and Sisters rest in peace. Pearl Harbor Day is a time to remember and honor all who died in the horrific attack on December 7, 1941. President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated in a speech to congress that the bombing of Pearl Harbor was a date which will live in infamy. Please take the time to lower the flag to half staff on Pearl Harbor Day in honor of all who perished in this horrific attack. We will all be very busy with family and friends, shopping, sending cards and waiting for Santa to bring those very special gifts. The Christmas season brings out the best in Elks. Christmas baskets will be distributed by our great volunteers spreading goodwill and cheer during this season. Needy families will have presents under their trees and food on their table because of the efforts of Elks throughout the country. While we should always be aware of those in need, this is a time when we seem to have a greater sense of family and those who need our assistance. It is this time of the year Elks really show their communities "We Are THE Elks." Wanda and I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas. May the joy and happiness of the Christmas season be with you always. Have a very safe holiday season. God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

"We are THE Elks"

Because

Elks Care — Elks Share

GRAND EXALTED RULER RANDY SHOOK'S VISIT TO NORTH CAROLINA

Grand Exalted Ruler Randy Shook and First Lady Wanda graced the North Carolina Elks Fall Convention with their visit. While in Charlotte GER Shook had the opportunity to visit the James Polk Birthplace Visitors Center. While born in NC, Polk was elected President from Tennessee, the home of GER Shook. The Grand was also given a tour of the NASCAR Hall of Fame, while North Carolina Ladies treated Wanda Shook to a tour of the Billy Graham Library.

Addressing NC Elks members, during the Saturday luncheon, GER Shook gave an emotional speech on the what separates the Elks from other organizations and the great work our Order provides to Veterans, and the local communities served by our Lodges. He finished by promoting his motto **WE ARE THE ELKS!!!**



L-R; GL Activities Committee Chair Michael Bryant; President Elect Joe Clancy; President Mark Alderman; Special Deputy John Boyd; GER Randy Shook; and PGER Jack Frost.

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Convention News



GER Randy Shook and First Lady Wanda

GER Randy Shook accepting donations for the Elks National Foundation during the “Parade of Lodges” during the business meeting Saturday morning.



PSP John Lawrence presented Michelle DeLaire with a plaque in recognition of her work in refurbishing and getting the NCSEA trailers rewrapped.



GER Shook presented a “4 Star” certificate to the Sanford Lodge for their Lodge website. Accepting the award was Exalted Ruler Chanda Coomer.



More Convention News



Terry Westbrook, Director of the NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, addressed the convention attendees during the Saturday luncheon. Terry discussed the dedication of the Kernersville Veterans Home and the amenities afforded to residents of the Home. Terry praised the NC Elks for their commitment to Veterans and their donation of TV's in each residents room and for the handicap bus.



L-R—PSP Ashley Buckwell; GL Committee Chair PSP Michael Bryant; Grand Exalted Ruler Randy Shook; State President Mark Alderman; State Sponsor PGER Jack Frost; Special Deputy PSP John Boyd; and President Elect Joe Clancy.

KERNERSVILLE VETERANS HOME RIBBON CUTTING



After years of waiting the Kenersville Veterans Home is finally open with a ribbon cutting on October 31st with Governor Cooper in attendance and several NC Elks. A major project of the North Carolina State Elks Association, we provided TV's for all the patient rooms and a handicap bus to transport the Veterans. Several NCSEA Members attended the dedication.



NCSEA officers and members attended the Ribbon Cutting at the new Kenersville Veterans Home on October 1st. They are pictured in front of the new handicap bus for the Kinston VA Home that was at the event and was purchased by the State Association and the Charitable Trust. Previously, both organizations purchased a similar bus for the Kenersville Veterans Home.

UPCOMING DISTRICT DEPUTY CLINICS

East District

January 7, 2024

April 7, 2024

David King, District Deputy

Elizabeth City Lodge

Oak Island Lodge

East Central District

January 14, 2024

April 14, 2024

Michelle DeLaire, District Deputy

Wilson Lodge

Raleigh Lodge

West Central District

January 28, 2024

April 21, 2024

Toni Deal, District Deputy

Salisbury Lodge

Reidsville Lodge

West District

January 21, 2024

March 24, 2024

Gary Gantt, District Deputy

Hickory Lodge

Morganton Lodge



LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING
LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR.**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024
GREENSBORO ELKS LODGE #602**

It will soon be time to start planning the 2024-2025 Elks year and installing new officers and committees.

The annual Leadership Training Seminar is an important part of preparing them for a successful year.

More detailed information will be sent to all Exalted Rulers and Secretaries after the holidays and will be posted at ncelks.org and in the NCSEA newsletter.

Grand Lodge Ritual Committee Announces Change In The 11 O'clock Toast

The Grand Lodge Ritual Committee has announced a change in the 11 O'clock Toast. In the recent past, there have been two versions of the Toast, a "remind" version and an "impress" version. Now, we have only one version of the Toast. At all times, places, and occasions, the pertinent line (second sentence of the Toast) is now, **"This is to remind us that with Elks the hour of eleven has a tender significance."**

Please be sure to incorporate this language in your upcoming Memorial Day observance and initiations, effective immediately.

**"You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes. This is to remind us that with Elks, the hour of eleven has a tender significance. Wherever an Elk may roam, whatever his lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass him by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the west, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message --
"TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"**



To our Absent Members

ELKS ATTEND VETERANS DAY SERVICE AT VETERANS MEMORIAL IN LEXINGTON



North Carolina Elks Judiciary Committeeman David Doherty is pictured along with the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard at the Veterans Memorial in Lexington. Sam Powell the gentleman on the far right and Fred Learned standing beside David are SAR Color Guard members who have presented the Colors at the Elks Convention.



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

VETERANS DAY

— UNITED STATES OF AMERICA —



News from the East District

OAK ISLAND ELKS USE SPOTLIGHT GRANT TO ASSIST HOMELESS VETERANS



In early August Mary Jo Schnepf and Candy Tietjen from the Oak Island Elks Lodge visited the Veterans Welcome Home Resource Center in Little River. The VWHRC is a small, grassroots organization dedicated to helping homeless Veterans by providing them transitional housing in Horry and Brunswick counties. They currently have 11 Tiny Homes and are building 25 more on land donated in Myrtle Beach. The Oak Island Elks Lodge Veterans Committee received permission to use their Spotlight Grant of \$2,000 to help furnish these new Tiny Homes. The \$2,000 Spotlight Grant monies were spent at Lowe's Home Improvement in North Myrtle Beach to provide construction items for the project. Ed Drzewiecki and Mary Jo Schnepf met with Lowe's Pro Salesman, Ryan Elswick on August 22nd. With his assistance and a significant discount, they were able to purchase 25 ceiling fans and 22 of the sinks required for the new homes. The VWHRC director sent Mary Jo a response: "You all are amazing, thank you!!"

Pictured are Ed Drzewiecki; Lowe's Pro Salesman, Ryan Elswick; and Mary Jo Schnepf

CALABASH ELKS AND LADIES AUXILLIARY DONATE FOOD TO HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED



In a friendly competition between the members of the Calabash Lodge and the Ladies of the Ladies Auxiliary, over 600 pounds of food was donated to Brunswick Family Assistance in time for the holidays. Brunswick Family Assistance is dedicated to improving the lives of families and individuals in crisis in Brunswick County by providing food, shelter, and emergency assistance.

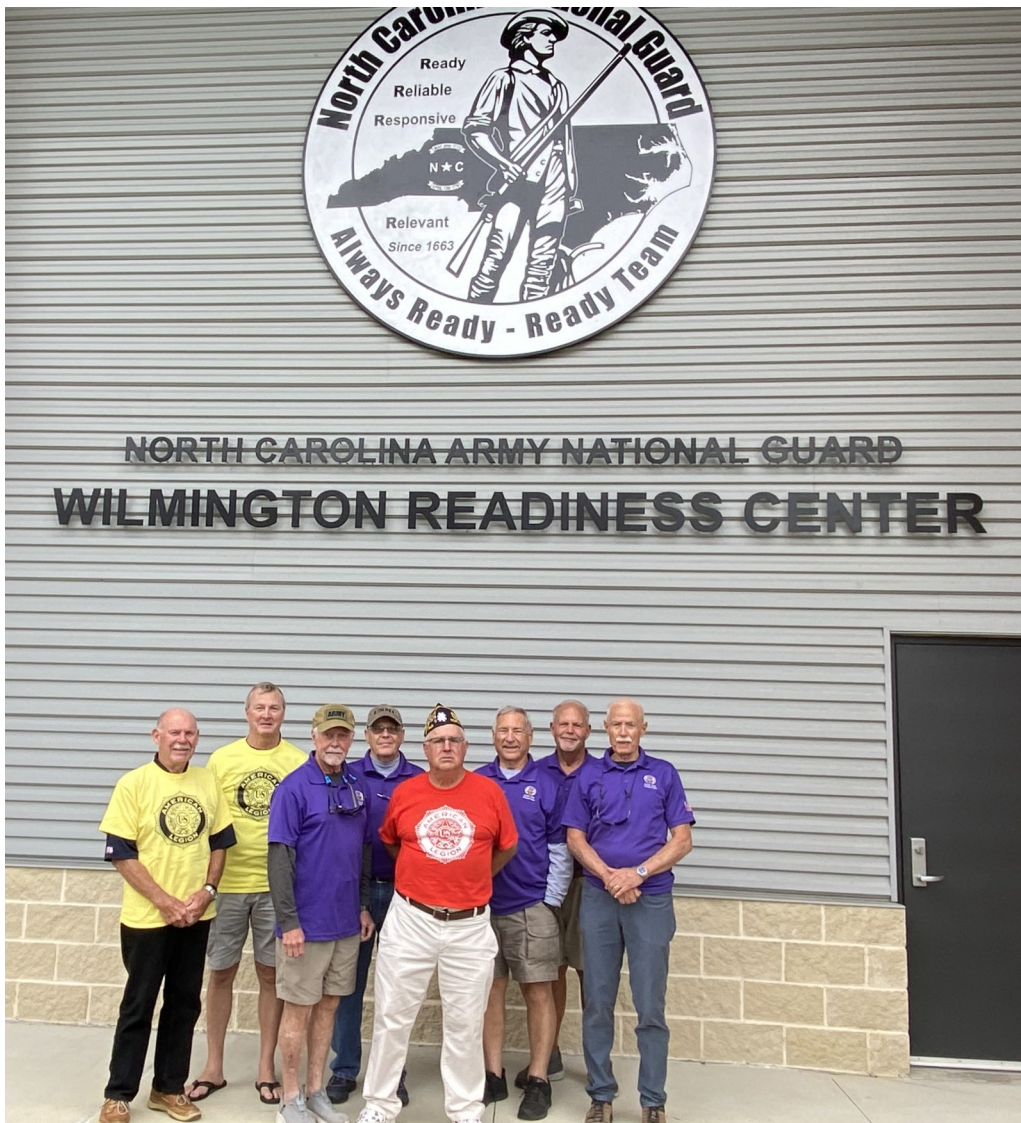
Pictured L-R: Jeremy Pechin, BFA Program Manager; Elk Mark Kerr; and Ladies Auxiliary member Sandy Gaetano.



OAK ISLAND LODGE HELPS ASSIST VETERANS

The Oak Island Elks Lodge recently donated \$3,000 to the Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC) event. The VEAC was held in Wilmington NC over a 3 day period. In addition to the donation, the Lodge provided 9 volunteers to help staff the event. 559 Vets were seen and assisted. Many Vets got answers regarding their disability claims and experienced life changing increases in their VA disability compensation.

Pictured left to right are the volunteers : Rich Ewing, Stu Goodall, Kevin Swenie, Jim Shire, Steve Muir, Ed Drzewiecki, Carl Schnepf, George Tietjen.



OAK ISLAND LODGE USES GRANT TO ASSIST LOCAL NON PROFITS

During the month of September the Oak Island Lodge were able to spend some of the \$4,000 Beacon Grant by purchasing hygiene items for Community in Schools (CIS) and purchase of a motorized kayak for the Davis Canal Marsh Cleaners.



Pictured with the Kayak are Davis Canal Marsh Cleaner Terrance Muldoon; Kevin Artzner Owner of Yakworks; Davis Canal Marsh Cleaner Edward Lovett; and Elks Bob Ciullo; Carolyn Prevette; and Carol Ciullo.



Pictured with items for CIS; Elks Bob Ciullo and Carol Ciullo; and Mallory Wells with CIS

CALABASH ELKS DONATE TO "OPERATION PAPERBACK"

The Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Calabash Elks Lodge recently made a \$600.00 donation to "Operation Paperback," a program that collects, sorts, packages and ships Soft and Hard Backed Books to veterans and stateside military units. In addition to establishing a collection location at our Lodge, the VAC has recognized the expense for shipping of these books and has continued to support this local program of Veteran Services. Debbie Helman manages this program for the VAC. This donation brings the VAC support of "Operation Paperback" to \$1,100.00 over the last 2 years.



Pictured Left to Right; Joanne Bendy, VAC Member; Debbie Jewson-Velasek, VAC Member; Carole Long, Operation Paperback; Jeanne Colletta, VAC Member; and John Zschoche, VAC Vice Chairman.



News from the East Central District

RALEIGH ELKS PROVIDE WELCOME HOME KITS



The Raleigh Elks have been very busy providing Welcome Home Kits to 23 veterans with 5 more to follow soon. To date our members have donated 18 chairs, 15 lamps, 6 couches, 5 TVs, and beds to follow for those who need them. Welcome Home Kits containing household items are based on the recipient's requests and shopped for by our members.

Mr. Brodie was hoping for a recliner, an area rug and some bedding. Those items were delivered to him this week

L-R: Bill Carrington-Smith; Veteran Mr. Brodie; and Robert Gregory.

A little BBQ happened on a random Thursday afternoon by the Raleigh Elks, for the recent recipients of Welcome Home Kits. This program is ongoing for the Raleigh Elks, with 23 veterans helped to date!

L-r: Jared Fischer; Billy Carrington-Smith; Kebin Brodie; Reginald Sailor; Robert Gregory; and Marcel Barnes



RALEIGH LODGE HOSTS FAMILY FUN DAY FOR NATIONAL GUARD

On Sunday 10/15 The Raleigh Elks hosted 80 adults and 45 children who represent the active National Guard stationed locally at the RDU airport.

Families were treated to grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, a bouncy house and a visit from military vehicles!

Pictured standing in uniform is Shane Glass, DET 1B Co2-151 Aviation Security and Support, speaking to his National Guard team



RALEIGH GOLF TOURNEY FOCUSED ON WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

The Raleigh Elks had their Golf Tournament on October 20. This tournament focused on the Wounded Warrior Project and our military veterans. We sponsored 2 Wounded Warrior teams with many more veterans in attendance. Donations received toward the project came to \$1200. Also in attendance was Retired Staff Sergeant Richard Lopez. He served 30 years in active service with 4 tours in Iraq.

Pictured: Robert Gregory, Elks Member and Veteran, Billy Carrington Smith, Chairman and Member, Retired Staff Sgt. Richard Lopez and Wounded Warrior Member (wishing not to be identified by name)



SANFORD ELKS DONATE BOOKS TO NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS HOMES

The Sanford Elks Lodge #1679 asked its members to clean off their shelves and share any books that they thought our North Carolina Veterans would enjoy. Our members came through as they always do. We collected nearly 600 books consisting of many genres to include History, Political, Best Sellers, Mystery, Fantasy Fiction, Spirituality, Western and Non-Fiction books. We took these books and delivered them to all of our North Carolina Veterans Homes across the state. They were very appreciative to have new books to add to their library collection for our Veterans to read.



RALEIGH DELIVERS SUPPLIES TO "SCHOOL CHOICE PANTRIES"

The Raleigh Elks Backpack Buddy team delivered needed toiletries purchased with the Charitable Trust grant. These items are delivered to the "School Choice Pantries". This is a program through The Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, supplying these items to 50 schools within 7 bordering counties.

Pictured L-R: Cheryl Howard, Chairman; Steve Olshansky; Kasey Barber; Rob Dodds; Becky Hiller; Gary Bush; ER, Shirley Monroe; Child Hunger Programs Manager, Dana Kahn.

Front: Colleen Dodds, Barb Amos



RALEIGH LODGE HOSTS VETERANS DAY DINNER

Raleigh Elks hosted a Veterans Day dinner for 150 cherished Veterans. The meal was provided by the Elks Lodge to thank local Veterans who served our country.

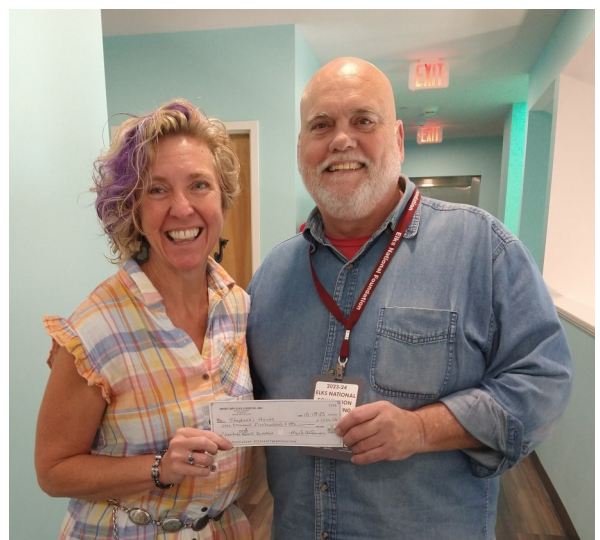
Beautiful room, wonderful meal, great guest speaker, terrific volunteers! 150 Cherished Veterans!!



News from the West Central District

MOUNT AIRY LODGE USES GRANT TO HELP FEED AND HOUSE HOMELESS

The Mount Airy Elks Lodge used the ENF Gratitude Grant of \$ 3,500.00 to provide monetary donations to three Homeless Outreach Groups, The Maranatha Homeless Outreach Ministries, The Shepherd's House and The St. Andrew Lutheran Outreach Ministries for them to continue to feed and house the homeless and less fortunate in our communities.



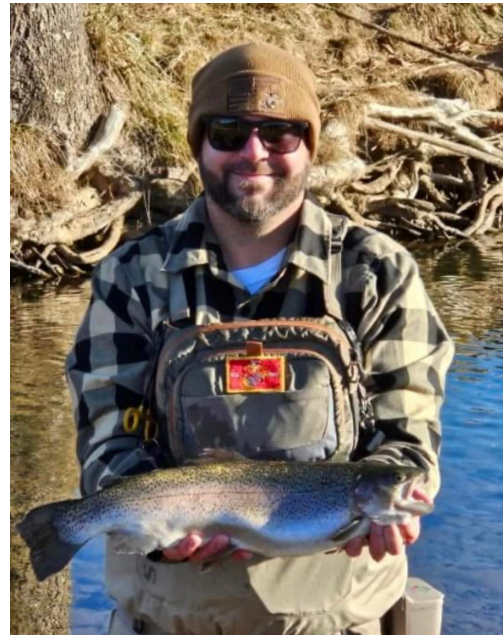
MOUNT AIRY ELKS PARTICIPATE IN VETERANS DAY PARADE

On Saturday November 11th, Mount Airy Elks participated in the local Veterans day parade. Lodge Veterans rode a float through town, while the Lodge motorcycle club followed along with the State Association trailer.



MOUNT AIRY CO-SPONSORS FISHING TOURNAMENT

Over 100 Veterans from as far as Hawaii, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Maryland and surrounding states come to Trout Fish in the 2023 Veterans Fishing Mission in Rural Retreat Virginia provided by Cedar Springs Sportsman Lodge, Semper Fi Farms, Mount Airy Elks Lodge 2061, Semper Fi and Americas Fund and Limit 6 Trout Team. Pictured is Korean War Veteran 94 year old Floyd Sexton from Mount Airy along with Marine Veteran Dennis Williams also from Mount Airy. Floyd and Dennis caught their limit of 6. Several Veterans won door prizes given away by Mount Airy Elks Lodge on three different days.



Iraqi Conflict and Marine Veteran Zach Williams of Mount Airy Elks Lodge catches a nice one.

News from the West District

MEMBERS FROM THE HICKORY LODGE ASSIST THE NORTH WILKESBORO LODGE INSTALLING NEW MEMBERS



The North Wilkesboro, Elks Lodge gained 8 new members as District Deputy Gary Gantt from the Hickory Lodge stood in as Exalted Ruler and District Esquire Mark Couch from the Hickory Lodge stood in for Leading Knight.

HICKORY LODGE RECEIVES DONATION TO HELP CHILDREN



Past Exalted Ruler Robert Brisben presented the Hickory Lady Elks a check from his company Amerisafe. Amerisafe donates to non-profit groups across the U.S. This money will help children in our community.

Pictured Marisa Wallace, Lady Elks Chair receiving the check from Robert Brisben.

MORGANTON LODGE HOSTS DINNER FOR VETERANS

On Tuesday, November 7th, the Morganton Elk's Lodge #1852 hosted a dinner and tribute to a number of local veterans and their spouses. We were privileged to have the Color Guard of Freedom High School JROTC and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #43 to assist us with our presentation. We honored all veterans who served with the U.S Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard. The total number of members of our Lodge that were honored was 46. Following the ceremony, each veteran was presented with a token of our appreciation, an Elk's Veteran Pin. Our pledge remains "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them".



HICKORY LODGE MEMBERS HELP PACK FOOD FOR BACKPACK PROGRAM



Members of the Hickory Lodge #1654 volunteered to help pack bags of food that are distributed to area schools. Carole Anderson, Lodge Secretary, Cary Bowman, Lodge President, and a group of Elk Members presented a check for \$5000 to Ms. Amanda Newton, Coordinator for the Catawba County Backpack Program, which is under The Corner Table, in Newton NC. The Elks have been supporting this program for 14 years through The Elks National Foundation Grants and donations. The Backpack Program serves children in 40 local schools who face hunger on the weekends in Catawba and Alexander County. Each week school is in session, over 1,200 children receive a bag full of food weighing up to 7 lbs. The food supplied is either purchased in bulk (at cost) or donated by various community members and local businesses. According to calculations, it costs \$200 for one child to receive meals each weekend, all school year long. To donate to the Program, Hickory Elks Lodge 1654, 356 Main Ave. NW Hickory, NC 28601.

HENDERSONVILLE LODGE SUPPORTS EDNEYVILLE FIREFIGHTERS AND RESIDENTS

The Hendersonville Lodge delivered two vehicles full of supplies and a check to support the firefighters and residents of the Edneyville area. The large forest fire in the area resulted in evacuations of residents and the need for supplies to feed those in the shelters.



HICKORY ELKS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

The Hickory Elks Lodge Drug Awareness Program participated in its first “National Drug Take Back Day”. The event was a drive thru at the Elks Lodge parking lot. Several Lodge members and a Hickory Police Officer were in attendance to accept expired & unused medications.



Pictured L-R; Brenda Wronek Western District Drug Awareness Program Chairperson, Charlie Self, Deb Sipes, Linda Laws, Phyllis & Stephen Killian and Master Police Officer Johnathan Mayhue.

HICKORY LODGE MEMBERS HELP MEMBER IN NEED

“Elks Care Elks Share” is one of our mottos. This was proven when one of our Elk members came to us and said they needed help with a handicap ramp. Several Lodge members jumped into action and made this happen. First, one of them approached Lowes Hardware who provided most of the lumber needed for the project. Then several other members donated money to cover the rest of the project. The project was completed with the help of several members who jumped in and donated their time and their talent.

ELROY HELPS THE HICKORY LODGE CELEBRATE OCTOBERFEST

The Hickory Elks Lodge, Drug Awareness mascot Elroy the Elk was at Oktoberfest passing out toys to the children, Friday and Saturday. He enjoyed giving hugs to the little ones. Elroy had such a good time talking and greeting the children.



HICKORY ELKS WALK FOR CHARITY

PDD Carole Anderson, Lodge Secretary and Samantha Bowman, Veterans Committee Chair, had an idea about walking for Charity. Each Tuesday morning a group of members meet at the Lodge, making a small donation to walk for charity. Over the past summer, the group raised \$600 for the North Carolina Charitable Trust and they continue to walk for their next charity. Having fun while raising money to help our community and state. Elks Do!



HICKORY LODGE HOLDS SPECIAL NEEDS COSTUME PARTY

The Hickory Elks Lodge, E.L.K.S. Committee held a Halloween costume party for Special Needs Group Homes in our area. The party started off with a tasty meatloaf dinner. Following dinner, our favorite DJ got everyone on the dance floor. Elroy the Elk even joined in on the fun and busted a few moves of his own. All the residents had a great evening and look forward to the next event on December 5th.



**From the North Carolina State
Elks Association**

**We wish all our Members and their families
A joyous and safe Holiday Season.**



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