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Veteran's Affairs Committee
Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks ~ Lodge 2679
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“CALABASH ELKS DONATE TO BRUNSWICK COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE”

~ Helping Fund “Project Lifesaver” in Brunswick County, NC ~

By Michael Trescak

The Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of the Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679 recently made a \$1,000.00 donation to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office in support of their **“Project Lifesaver,”** a rescue program for individuals with **“Wandering Syndrome,”** a symptom common to many brain related disorders. Veterans, if eligible, are serviced by this program.

“Project Lifesaver” is a national, proactive, electronic tracking program used to assist in locating missing people. The Brunswick County Sheriff's Office offers this service for county residents who are caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's, Dementia or other special needs conditions, such as children with Down Syndrome or Autism Spectrum Disorder, who are likely to wander away from caregivers or have difficulty communicating with rescuers. A personalized state-of-the-art battery powered transmitter, the size of a wrist watch, is worn by the person, and provides a unique radio signal 24 hours a day. If a person is missing, the caregiver immediately notifies 911. All Brunswick County residents who qualify are eligible for free enrollment. To learn more about **“Project Lifesaver,”** or to find way in which you can help, call the Sheriff's project Coordinator at 910-253-2745, or visit their website at

<http://www.brunswicksheriff.com/site/uploads/2015/09/BCSO-Project-Lifesaver-Brochure.pdf>

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, as well as for our Retired and Wounded Warriors located in the Fort Bragg area of Fayetteville, NC, and Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville, NC. For more information about other ways our Elks Lodge supports our Veterans' and Military Community, visit their web site at www.CalabashElks.Org and click on the [Veterans Affairs] TAB.

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Pictured above, all smiles, making the presentation of a \$1,000.00 check to the Brunswick County (North Carolina) Sheriff's Office in support of their "Project Lifesaver" on behalf of the Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of Elks Lodge ~ 2679 located in Calabash, NC is (Left to Right), - "Norm" Morelli, VAC Member, - Barbara Heffernan, VAC Member who introduced the project to the VAC, - Deputy Sherriff Rebecca Allen, Brunswick County Sheriff's Office, - John Corbett, Co-Chair of the VAC, and - Pamela "Pam" Kimble.

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