



PRESS RELEASE
Veteran's Affairs Committee
Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks ~ Lodge 2679
937 Carter Drive, Calabash, NC 28467

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

“CALABASH ELKS DONATE \$3,500.00 TO LOCAL VETERAN’S RESOURCE CENTER”
“Helping Our Veterans Transition Back Into Civilian Life”

By John Corbett

The Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of the Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679 recently made a \$3,500.00 donation to the “Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center” located in Little River, SC. This donation brings the total of Committee donations to the Center to over \$19,000 since 2014. The Elks National Foundation, the Charitable arm of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, provided the funds to the VAC under a special “Beacon Grant” that permits direct donations to organizations supporting needy veterans during the COVID-19 crisis. This grant will allow the Center to financially assist veterans with rent, utility payments, food, and basic necessities. In addition, it will support the development of a “little house” community at the Center to provide housing for veterans needing assistance as they transition from military service to civilian life. The VAC is working with other Calabash Elks Lodge organizations to raise fund (\$15,000) to sponsor one of the “little houses.”

As a long-time friend of the lodge, the Resource Center is a private, all volunteer, non-profit South Carolina Corporation unaffiliated with any government agency, including the Veterans Administration. The focus of the Center is helping local Veterans make the necessary adjustments when transitioning back into Civilian Life. They help our Veterans obtain Benefits to which they are entitled; - Provide Job Placement assistance; - Help with obtaining Treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) issues; - Help with Housing needs; - Provide Financial counseling, and - assist with general life adjustment issues.

To find out ways in which you can help, or – if you are a Veteran in need of assistance, - you can contact the Center at (843) 427-4568, or by e-Mail at OperationWelcomeHome.MBeach@GMail.Com , or by visiting their web site at <http://VeteransWelcomeHomeAndResourceCenter.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, 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 <https://www.calabashelks.org/html> and click on the [Veterans Affairs] TAB.

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