

# Virginia Elks Association News

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## Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Continues to Help Reagan Airport USO



On March 4<sup>th</sup>, a cold and blustery day, three intrepid Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Elks - Donna Crisp, Dale Crisp and Sharon Dunfrund - headed out on a mission. After a quick visit to a wholesale club to stock up on a large assortment of frozen breakfasts, sandwiches, and meals, they headed to the Reagan National Airport USO Center. Their mission was to stock the freezers with food to feed the hungry military members and families awaiting their flights.

The USO manager and volunteers, and service members from all branches including a Brigadier General from the US Army Reserves, met them enthusiastically. They all avidly eyed the “goodies” as they were unloaded, happy to have so many appetizing choices. As the USO staff expressed their appreciation for a full refrigerator, choices were made and a line formed at the microwave led by the General. Many “war stories” were exchanged about the military and family member’s trips that had been delayed, prolonged or cancelled by bad weather, i.e. SNOW STORMS, expressing sympathy for service members in the same boat.

The three lodge members left with grins on their faces and cheer in their hearts to have helped feed hungry military members awaiting their flights. Arlington-Fairfax 2188 is proud to serve this program on a regular basis. Our volunteers get as much joy from these deliveries as the recipients do!