

# Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Honors Veterans on 11-10-13

Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Veterans Remembrance - Nov. 10. 2013



Arlington-Fairfax Lodge 2188 held a Veterans Remembrance Dinner on 10 Nov 2013.

Over 110 people attended including veteran guests from Martinsburg VA Hospital, Fort Belvoir Wounded Warriors program, State Veterans Chairman, Don Delap, as well as Lodge and community members.

Music was provided by the Kings Park Concert Band, followed by featured guest speaker, Jim Mayer. Jim, a double amputee from the Vietnam War, has devoted his life to helping other wounded soldiers. Jim is currently a part time Warrior Outreach Coordinator with the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). Jim visits and assists wounded warriors and their families in military hospitals in the local area. Following his 33 year career with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Jim was the WWP Director, Peer Mentoring from June 2007 through January 2011. He helped create a continuing, national program to train wounded warriors, spouses and caregivers to be certified Peer Mentors for more recently injured service members. He and his volunteer work were cited by Garry Trudeau in the comic strip *Doonesbury* as Jim, the Milkshake Man. Everyone enjoyed the music, Jim's message, and a fried chicken-pork barbecue dinner following the program. Veteran guests were delighted to receive a handmade scarf made by Lodge members and family, Heart to Hand Knit and Crochet, and NOVA Crocheters.