

Virginia Elks Association News

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Arlington-Fairfax 2188 and K of C Visit Martinsburg VAMC



Pictured are Dick Owen and Ken Hensley. Dale Crisp and Leo Weston are in the background.



Leo Weston, Bob Bobniak and Dale Crisp.

On May 30, 2014, Elks Lodge 2188 Veterans Committee members and representatives of the Knights of Columbus traveled to the VA Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia, to entertain patients with bingo games. Exalted Ruler Patti Graves joined Lodge Committee members Ken Hensley, Linda Gardner, Betty Kuennen, Dale Crisp and Knights of Columbus members Dick Owen, Leo Weston and Bob Bubniak, on their quarterly visit to the hospital.

The Lodge provided canteen coupon books to be given as bingo prizes as well as decks of cards, games and puzzles. The Knights of Columbus donated 150 tee shirts, books and games which the patients had fun selecting from. Patients who did not win a bingo game were given 1 book of canteen tickets as a consolation prize for coming out for the evening. All left with big smiles on their faces and expressed their deep appreciation for the visitors. The volunteers left with happy hearts and enjoyed a lovely dinner and fellowship on the way home.

The quarterly visits to the VA Hospital in Martinsburg are part of the Lodge 2188 Veterans Committee activities, and much of the success of the program is due to the partnership with the Knights of Columbus.