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## Arlington-Fairfax 2188 and KofC Treat VAMC Veterans to Bingo



L-R: Knights of Columbus (KofC) member Dick Owen, 2188 member Linda Gardner, 2188 PER Ken Hensley, KofC member Leo Weltin, KofC member Carroll Glass; 2188 ER Patti Graves, and 2188 member Betty Kuennen

Although there were snow flurries early on and high winds late in the day, the Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Veterans Committee members could not be deterred from their visit to the Martinsburg VA Hospital on Friday, January 30. Along with members from the Annandale Knights of Columbus, Lodge 2188 members hosted another Bingo night for approximately forty-five hospitalized Veterans.

The 2188 bingo is a favorite of the patients thanks to the multiple canteen coupon books given out as prizes during the 19 bingo games. Two additional coupon books were also given to each Veteran who came out for bingo as a small token of gratitude from 2188.

Prior to the bingo games, the Veterans can browse through our make-shift "free" store, providing the veterans with books, games, puzzles, clothes, back scratchers, etc. The Veterans were also provided a few snacks to enjoy while they played.

Some of the comments heard: "I am so excited with all my puzzles"; "I look really good in this new blazer"; and "Thank you for such a fun evening". One Veteran also asked if there was anything with butterflies that he could give his mother for her birthday. He was provided a puzzle with butterflies and flowers, a small calendar adorned with Angels and a birthday card to give her. His excitement over the gifts was thanks enough for all the workers!