

Virginia Elks Association News

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Front Royal 2382 Celebrates a Veteran's Centennial Birthday



On May 29, 1915, one hundred years ago, Fern Perry was born. Over the years she has been many things to many people, including being a Daughter, Mother, Wife, Navy Lieutenant (junior grade) during WWII, School Teacher, Friend to many, a long-time active member of the Front Royal community and so many other positive roles. On Thursday, May 21st, the Front Royal Elks Veterans Service Committee sponsored a Birthday Party for Fern at her present residence, the Commonwealth Community Assisted Living facility in Front Royal. Lots of fun, laughs, and story telling and, of course a couple of cakes. As part of the celebration, Elk Dan Murray (also current Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors) presented Ms Perry with a framed copy of a formal Proclamation by the County Supervisors recognizing her past accomplishments and contributions and honoring her 100th birthday.

During the Second World War, Fern served her country as a U.S. Naval Officer in the Supply Corps. Being a WWII Veteran and celebrating her 100th birthday were certainly justification for Lodge 2382 recognizing this amazing lady and thanking her for her service. Julie Berrios (the Activities Director at the Assisted Living Facility and also a member of lodge 2382) helped organize the event. Other Elks in attendance were: Evelyn Ricci, Ralph Hauser, Dan Murray, and Veterans Chair, Rich Crawford.