

## Front Royal 2382 Delivers Wheel Chair Gloves to Local VAMC



L to R: ER Dennis Henline, Ralph Hauser, Sally Chapin, Rich Crawford, and PDDGER Horace Jones.

On Monday, December 1, 2014, a contingent of Front Royal Elks presented two-dozen leather wheel-chair gloves to the Occupational Therapy section of the Martinsburg VA Hospital. The Front Royal Elks were accompanied by VEA State Secretary Horace Jones who is the VAVS (VA Volunteer Services contact) for this Medical Center from the State of Virginia.

The VA point-of-contact, Ms. Dottie Hough, Director of the VAMC Voluntary Services, had recently requested a re-supply of these gloves from the VEA North District Veterans Service Chair, Rich Crawford, stating that she was receiving increasing requests from their wheel-chair patients. These Elks-provided gloves are highly valued and are much sought-after by these patients. They are not only very well constructed, they are also comfortable and very durable. The gloves are provided by Elks National at no charge to the requesting lodge - another of the many services that Elks provide to our Nation's veterans.

As the VAVS, Mr. Jones worked with the Elks National organization and obtained a supply of gloves in a variety of sizes. Arrangements were made to make the delivery and the actual presentation was conducted by the State Secretary and Front Royal Lodge Exalted Ruler Dennis Henline. Accepting on behalf of the VAMC was Ms. Sally Chapin of the hospital's Occupational Therapy department. Ms. Chapin said that these gloves are considered so valuable to those wheel-chair bound users that, while she has occasionally heard of a patient misplacing a prosthesis device, she has never known of anyone who lost or misplaced their Elks leather wheel-chair gloves.

Present for this informal ceremony, in addition to Ms. Hough, Ms. Chaplin, Horace Jones and Dennis Henline, were Ralph Hauser and Dave Butler (both active members of the Front Royal Veterans Service committee), and Rich Crawford, Chair of the North District and Lodge 2382 Veterans Service committees.