

# Virginia Elks Association News

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## Front Royal 2382 Donates Hobby Supplies to Martinsburg VAMC



L to R: Elks Susan Conway & Dara Breeden, Lodge Veterans Chairman Rich Crawford and Recreational Assistant at the Hobby Shop Daphne Johns.

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, members of Front Royal 2382 delivered four large containers of supplies to the Martinsburg VA Medical Center Hobby Shop. Accepting on behalf of the VAMC was Ms Daphne Johns, Recreational Assistant at the Hobby Shop.

In August, Lodge 2382 Veterans Committee identified a significant need for more inventory, quantity, and assortment of items, to be employed by Veterans making use of the Hobby Shop. Shop projects are often viewed by the Medical Center as therapy for many of their resident Veterans. Even outpatient Vets are occasionally referred to the Hobby Shop for therapy tasks.

The Lodge Veterans Committee Point of Contact for this project is Elk Dara Breeden, who has put in a significant amount of time and effort in collecting donated and purchased items for the Hobby Shop. The committee works closely with the VAMC in determining what types of supplies are most needed.

Arlington-Fairfax 2188 and Winchester 867 are also offering their assistance with this project by putting out collection boxes for donated items.

Lodge 2382 intends to make this an ongoing project; hopefully, making deliveries to the Hobby Shop on a quarterly basis.

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