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Front Royal 2382 Entertains Veterans at Martinsburg VAMC



Standing from left are Ralph West, Richard Shappek, Dan Pesto, ER Dennis Henline, Linda Henline, and Dara Breeden. Kneeling are Julie Berrios and Rich Crawford, Lodge Veteran's Chairman. Taking the photo was Dave Butler.

On Saturday, August 24th, nine Elks from Front Royal Lodge 2382 visited Martinsburg VA Medical Center and conducted an afternoon of bingo for resident patients. Some 33 veterans attended, and by all accounts, everyone had a great time. Many said they can't wait for us to come back. Our own Bingo Caller, Julie Berrios did an excellent job. Elk volunteers worked the floor and assisted patients. Bingo prizes consisted of VA Canteen tickets (redeemable at the Medical Center canteen) as well as playing cards, provided by the Elks.

Our volunteers will be going back on September 21st, to help with their annual Fall Carnival. Since many of the Medical Center patients are non-ambulatory and are confined to wheel chairs or walkers, we will be assisting them with easy-horseshoes, ring tosses, etc. While helping someone move around in a wheelchair may not seem like a big deal, to the individual in that chair, it is a BIG deal. We will be their escorts for that afternoon.

We have many more visits planned during the year.