

# Virginia Elks Association News

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## Hampton 366 has Hampton Fire Dept. Rescue its POW/MIA Flag

Recently, Hampton 366's POW/MIA flag became hopelessly snarled in the lanyard pulley. With no ladder high enough (and no member brave enough) we thought we were going to have to cut or tear it down. Leading Knight Rob Elam, remembering that we have several Elk members who are with Hampton Fire & Rescue, made a brief call to the Fire & Rescue dispatcher asking if they could do us a favor.



Within the hour, "Tower 1" and crew were on scene and had Tide Mill Lane totally blocked off in front of the Lodge. With Exalted Ruler Michelle Clayton and Leading Knight Rob Elam detouring traffic thru the Elks parking lot, the Tower 1 team went to work.

With speed and precision, the Tower riders were in place. Then, with honor and respect, the POW/MIA flag was retrieved and gently folded. When they returned to the ground, the firefighters proudly returned the folded flag to

Lodge Officers Michelle and Rob.

Our sincere thanks to Hampton Fire Department and the Tower 1 team.

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