

Virginia Elks Association News

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Lodges 758, 2188, 2406, and 2512 Join in Flag Day Ceremony



On Sunday June 8, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., Arlington-Fairfax 2188 held its **Annual Flag Day and Flag Retirement Ceremony**. In the true spirit of Brotherly Love, fellow Elks from Loudoun 2406

were invited to participate in a joint ceremony. The Elks North District Honor Guard presented the Colors. Members from the Washington-Rockville 15, Manassas 2512, and Alexandria 758 were also present. The program was designed to be informative, as well as inspirational. The crowd of attendees was 80 strong, as they honored the history of the Flag, and afterwards retired 55 American Flags. When the hour-long ceremony concluded, members and guests congregated for a meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, watermelon, cookies, brownies and





an ice cream sundae bar. A 50/50 drawing was held to support the Honor Guard's travel expenses to Grand Lodge Convention in New Orleans. Member Jessica Hensley was

the winner of the drawing, of which she donated a portion of it back to the Honor Guard.

The following Elks organized or participated in the ceremony: Kimmie Sullivan, Honor Guard, Loudoun 2406; Dave Daniels, Honor Guard, Loudoun 2406; Guy Chiarolanza, Lecturing Knight, Loudoun 2406; Geoff Cox, DD PER, Loudoun 2406; Sandy Hanlon, Exalted Ruler, Loudoun 2406; Don DeLap, DDGER, Alexandria 758; Karen DeLap, VEA Treasurer, Alexandria 758; Dana Petrak, Honor Guard, Manassas 2512; Patti Graves, Exalted Ruler, Arlington-Fairfax 2188; Brenda Slingerland, Leading Knight, Arlington-Fairfax 2188; Gary Indre, Lodge Member and Past Chaplain, Arlington-Fairfax 2188; Laurie Fearis, PER and Lodge Esquire, Arlington-Fairfax 2188; Vernon Gardener PER and Loyal Knight, Arlington-Fairfax 2188; Michael Stevens, Inner Guard and Co-Chair of Flag Day, Arlington-Fairfax 2188; and Lisa Stevens, Lodge Member and Co-Chair of Flag Day, Arlington-Fairfax 2188.

