Virginia Elks Association News

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Martinsville 1752 has Veterans Appreciation Day November 12

The photo above shows the oldest Veterans in attendance along with Lodge Veteran Chair Lynnette Kyle. Pictured from left to right are: Ed Cozzetti, former SW District Veterans Chairman Roy McGuire, Lynnette Kyle, WW II Veteran Earl Simpson, and Boyd Gray.

Martinsville 1752 held its annual Veterans Appreciation Event on Saturday, November 12 at the lodge. There were about fifty Veterans in attendance who represented all branches of the service. The Martinsville Sheriff's Office presented the Nation's Colors and the attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and then were led in the National Anthem by Garrett Sirt. A delicious meal was served that had been prepared by our volunteers from the lodge. Garrett also sang "Not Just a Name on a Wall" and "God Bless the USA" which received a standing ovation.

Various businesses donated a total of seventy-five gift certificates and gift cards for the Veterans and these were handed out during a door prize drawing. The Lodge also presented each Veteran with a key chain/bottle opener that was engraved "Lodge #1752 Thanks YOU."

Lodge Veteran Chairman Lynnette Kyle then presented a program on what the Elks have done for the military and Veterans since WWI.

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