

Virginia Elks Association News

November 17, 2012

Martinsville 1752 has Veterans Appreciation Dinner 11-10-12



Martinsville 1752 hosted a Veterans Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, November 10th at the Lodge. There were almost ninety in attendance, of which thirty were Veterans. A meal was provided to all. Special music for the occasion was provided by Jordan Kyle and India Martin. Presentation of Colors was provided by the Martinsville and Henry County Honor Guard.

Speaker Mark Mortenson, author of the book, "George W. Hamilton, USMC: America's Greatest World War I Hero," provided history and anecdotes of George W. Hamilton and his own grandfather who served with Hamilton in WW I. Mark is a member of the World War I Historical Association and is the assistant moderator of military books for the internet site – Goodreads History Book Club.

Lynnette Kyle, Veterans Chairman, provided the history of Veterans Day and reported that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has supported our military men and women throughout its history and will continue to do so – our motto, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Secretary Lynnette Kyle was given a plaque of appreciation from Exalted Ruler Neal McCubbins for her work with the Veterans. She goes to the VA Hospital in Salem, VA monthly to play Bingo. The Veterans can win canteen books and are provided snacks.

Veterans who attended: **Air Force:** Ural Harris, Robert King, Paige Griffin, Roy McGuire, G. W. Fisher, Jr., Duke Powell, Philip Winn, Jonathan Barker; **Army:** Paul Radford, Troy Mitchell, Billy Lawrence, Earl Simpson, Marshall Moore, Jesse Shumate, Daniel Gardner, Tom Goss, Warren Robertson, Richard Gordon, Harold Joyce, Bobby Draper; **Navy:** Gary Fleming, Jim Murray, Herbert Gibbs, Robert French, Neal McCubbins, Don Stoneman; **Marines:** Wayne Cozart