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P-C 82 and Santa and his Vets Host Christmas for the Kids



Santa, ER Vicki Kincaid, Joe Lewis (2nd from left), and several veterans

Three young ladies and Santa

Santa and his Vets showed up at Portsmouth-Chesapeake 82.

On Saturday, Dec. 8th, Santa (aka PER Willie T. Wilder) visited the Portsmouth-Chesapeake Elks Lodge, and he brought plenty of food and presents for the neighborhood children. But, he didn't come alone, because he was helped by 35 veterans and staff from the Hampton VA Medical Center.

Pictured here (photo 1) with Santa and ER Vicki Kincaid are new member-elect Joe Lewis (2nd from left), Recreational Therapist; and several veterans who participated in the morning's festivities.

Also on hand (photo 2) were these adorable young ladies, who were excited to see Santa, but what they're wishing most this Christmas is for their daddy to come home from Afghanistan.

There were over seventy in attendance, and all were treated to a bountiful and delicious breakfast prepared by Leading Knight Michael Miller, Lecturing Knight Tom Connor, and Treasurer George Hartsell. Assisting with breakfast were ER Vicki Kincaid and Chaplain Mike Vedomske. Several other Lodge members and family were involved in the activities enjoyed by the children, including arts and crafts, face painting, and balloon animal art by Lenni the Clown.

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