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Southwest District Lodges Do Cookout for Vets at Salem VAMC



(L to R): Gary Cox and Richard Showalter

The combined Elks Lodges of Southwest Virginia provided a cook-out meal on August 25th for the residents of the Veterans Hospital in Salem Virginia. The Lodges gather each year to provide a grilled cook out for the residents of the Hospital and visiting family members. During the meal the patients are entertained and post exchange vouchers are distributed along with reading materials, cosmetic and health care items, and individual gifts.

Pulaski Lodge members Jim Chitwood, Leslie Turpin , Glenna Cox , and Gary Cox along with Lodge members from Galax, Martinsville, Danville , Roanoke, and Bedford grilled, manned the serving line, pushed wheel chairs, and visited with the veterans during the feast. Over 200 dinners were consumed and distributed to the cook out guests.

In the photograph is Gary Cox of the Pulaski lodge and Mr. Richard Showalter, of Newbern. Richard is recuperating from an illness and is wearing a cap from the Lodge that came from a soldier serving at Fort Hood, Texas.

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