

Virginia Elks Association News

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Southwest District Lodges Join for a Cookout for Veterans



1067 Leading Knight Glenna Cox and Activity Coordinator Brianna Hodges

Southwest Virginia District Lodges gathered on May 18 for a cook out for the Virginia Veterans Care Center of Salem, Virginia. Members and volunteers of the Southwest Elks manned the grills and served up a traditional holiday cook out meal to residents and their visiting family as well as support staff members. Over sixty Elks and volunteers pitched in with serving these real American Heroes of our armed services.

Glenna Cox, Leading Knight of Pulaski 1067, stated that when the members were not cooking or serving, they were sitting down and talking with the men and women who reside at the Care Center. She said the comments mentioned how grateful the residents were for the food, fun, and most of all for just caring about them. Cox stated that just talking and visiting is a treat to learn more about the residents. During the visit the Lodges also donated reading materials, personal items, along with monies to the account used for special activities.

Over 125 plates were served during the outing. The meal was served in the mess hall and patio area, with some meals delivered by Elks to the patient's rooms who could not make in down for the event. Ms. Hodges thanked the Elks for their visit and keeping the veterans in their thoughts and prayers.