

# Woodbridge 2355 News of Recent Spring 2015 Events



## Woodbridge 2355 Takes Seniors and Veterans to Atlantic City



On April 25, 2015 Woodbridge 2555 utilized their 2014–2015 ENF Gratitude Grant by sponsoring and supporting forty senior citizens and warriors from the Woodbridge area to a trip to Atlantic City, NJ. The trip provided the opportunity to ‘let their hair down’ and spend the day in Atlantic City seeing the sights, attending a show, walking on the beach or maybe even visiting a casino or two. During the ride to and from Atlantic City members of the Lodge provided ‘stewardess’ services serving food, drink, and snacks.

Trip organizer PDDGER Roger Highfield stated that these are “America’s Heroes and providing them a day away from base with the opportunity to escape the pressures of recovery is the least we can do.” He echoed the Elks mantra: “So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”



## Woodbridge 2355 Announces the June 2015 Elk of the Month

*Reserved Parking For Elk Of the Month*

The Woodbridge 2355 June 2015 Elk of the Month is PER Wayne A. Wirick who has been a member of our lodge for seventeen years. During these years, Wayne continues to serve our lodge in his quiet, unassuming way.

He held the position of Exalted Ruler during Lodge Year 2003-2004 and held the position of Lodge Esquire for many years. He is also a member of the Past Exalted Ruler Association and for the past ten years has been their Secretary/Treasurer. Wayne is the editor of our monthly newsletter, “The Antler,” a position he has held for the past thirteen years!!!!

Soon after becoming a member, Wayne quickly gravitated to the needs of the ARC of Woodbridge Christmas Program held annually at the Lodge. This program provides a holiday party for eight-five county citizens that are physically and developmentally challenged. This includes coordinating with the ARC of Woodbridge’s Executive Director, securing shoppers to buy gifts for each client, ensure the Lodge is aware of special food preparation requirements, provide entertainment AND contact SANTA to present Christmas Gifts to each client.

Wayne is a long time member of “McGuire Team” representing the Lodge during our annual visit to Hunter G. McGuire Veterans Medical Center located in Richmond, Virginia. He knows the staff members and many patients who reside at the facility whom we visit each year. Along with other members of the Team, Wayne visits each patient in the Hospice and Nursing Home Units, engages in conversation regarding their service to our country and their families and presents each patient with gifts to brighten their day. Additionally, he recently attended the “Wheel Chair Games” competition for veterans that was held in Richmond.

When there is a need at the Lodge, Wayne is always there to help to ensure everything runs smoothly. Congratulations Wayne



## Woodbridge 2355 Initiates 5 New Members in May



During the regular Lodge Meeting held on May 20, 2015; Woodbridge 2355 welcomed five new members into the order via initiation: Richard Hetrick, Fletcher Johnston, Michael Quidley, Kevin Simpson and William Sydow. Congratulations and welcome to Woodbridge 2355 and the BPO Elks family.



## Woodbridge 2355 Supports SADSAC



With the assistance of Woodbridge 2355, Save a Dog, Save a Cat holds Bingo the first Sunday of each Month. Woodbridge Lodge helps this non-profit organization by donating our meeting hall for monthly bingo. SAD-SAC profits from bingo go to support their activities.

Save a Dog, Save a Cat is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in Prince William County, Virginia. Their goal is to humanely reduce the overpopulation in dogs and cats through spay/neuter, rescue, and adoption. They also strive to keep companion animals out of local shelters by providing assistance to owners so that they may keep their pets.



## Woodbridge Elks Lodge Congratulates Hoop Shoot Finalists



Woodbridge Lodge was fortunate to have three finalists compete at the State Level Hoop Shoot Contest held in Charlottesville, Virginia on Sunday, February 8th.

All three contestants are from Montclair Elementary School, Dumfries, Virginia and are no strangers to our successful program. Madelynn, Ali and Victoria have competed in the "Hoop Shoot" contest in previous years. A big shout out to their Physical Education Teacher, Randy Muster, for promoting this Grand Lodge Youth Activities Program that encourages sportsmanship, competition and skill development.

Lodge members attending the competition in Charlottesville and cheering them on were PER Mary Louise Mawn, Susan McDaniel and Robert Kane.



In addition to the plaques they each won, the contestants were presented with an Elks Hoop Shoot Shirt from the Lodge.

A big Thank You goes to PDDGER Bob Nelson, Chairman of this program, for all his hard work and generosity devoted to promoting Youth Activities within the community with the Hoop Shoot Program.

Front Row: Victoria Gill, Girls 10-11; 4<sup>th</sup> Place; Madelynn Barbour, Girls 8-9; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; and Ali Elboushi, Boys 8-9, 4<sup>th</sup> Place. Back Row: Susan McDaniel, Teacher Randy Muster, PER Mary Louise Mawn, Nancy McFarland, and ER Mike Haman



## Woodbridge 2355 Announces the May 2015 Elk of the Month

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Woodbridge 2355 is pleased to recognize Ken Catterton as the Lodges' May 2015 Elk of the Month. Ken Catterton was initiated into our organization eight short years ago and was immediately

elected to the position of Lodge Secretary. Over the years, Ken continually demonstrates his ability to multitask in a position that is demanding and ever changing. He is always prepared for the occasion and can provide answers to lodge questions either from memory or his massive collection of manuals and minutes to meetings. He is familiar with Lodge ByLaws and the Elks Constitution and Statutes of the Order.

Three years ago, Ken designed and had manufactured a Veterans Coin that depicts the Elks Organization and all five Military Services. These coins are used for trading among Lodge members and within the community. During the Spring Convention held in Falls Church, Virginia in 2011, Ken presented a Veterans Coin to then GER David R. Carr. He was greatly praised for his initiative and keeping the Military ever present in everyday life.

Additionally, in 2011, with the assistance of an ENF Grant, Ken single handedly purchased fifty backpacks and filled them with school supplies for children to start the new school year. Their homes were destroyed when Hurricane Irene hit our area.

Through Ken's knowledge of ENF grants and initiative, he secured a \$2,000 grant for the ARC of Greater Prince William County. These funds were desperately needed and used to buy Christmas gifts for 83 residents of the ARC with developmental disabilities. Without securing these funds, it would have been impossible for these clients to have a Christmas party with gifts.

Also in November 2011, Ken, representing the Marine Corps along with three other retired military members, placed a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery in honor of Veterans Day.

Congratulations Kenneth A. Catterton on being selected Elk of the Month for May.



### **Woodbridge 2355 Celebrates Recent Eagle Scouts**



Woodbridge 2355 is proud to recognize recent Boy Scout Troop 1390's scouts who attained the rank of Eagle Scout. These Scouts are: Matthew Doyle, John Dumoulin III, Ryan Johnson, Michael Juchem, Sean Scanlon, and Billy Ward

Each newly promoted Eagle Scout received a letter of congratulations and certificate signed by GER John Amen and a certificate from Woodbridge Elks Lodge along with a American Flag that was embarked on the USS SOMERSET (LPD 25). Boy Scout Troop 1390 is chartered through Woodbridge 2355.

Submitted by Ken Catterton

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