

## Fredericksburg Elks 875 Supports Three USOs

Fredericksburg Elks Lodge 875 is supporting three USOs, one at the Richmond Airport and two at Quantico Marine Base. Our journey began in July with a \$2000 Gratitude Grant and added \$500 bonus for membership quota for ENF.

We started delivering to the Richmond Airport USO on a monthly basis in September supplying them with \$500 worth of food and supplies. PGER First Lady Nancy Hicks and member Fran McCalley helped make the first delivery. Thank you notes were also delivered with the supplies thanking all the service men and women and veterans for their dedication to our country.

A request from the Quantico USOs for help was received in the fall. Since Richmond supplies were being purchased from the Gratitude Grant, our lounge manager, Rose Kluxen, had a basket raffle in December for Quantico. The raffle raised \$1200 and \$375 from poinsettia sales was added to the \$1200. In January we began delivering \$500 of food and supplies to Quantico. ER Joe Toscano and Leading Knight Chris Jourdan delivered those supplies to Quantico.

In order to keep the \$1000 a month for the three USOs, our members approved another \$1500 to keep our promise of supporting the USOs until grant season comes in April.

Thank you to everyone that supports ENF. Grants from the ENF allow us to help our community.

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