

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA  
**THE KENTUCKY ELKS NEWS**



## **RAY PAULY, JR. KEA STATE PRESIDENT**

It just doesn't feel like it was six months ago that I was sworn in as your State President. It does go faster than I thought! I have to say it has been quite an experience. Our visit to West Virginia's State Convention was amazing. We were treated like family from the moment we arrived. The meetings started on Thursday and concluded with their banquet on Saturday evening. It was a great learning experience, and we were honored to attend their Memorial Service where Jeff Miller gave a wonderful eulogy for PGER Ted Hess.

I have made several Lodge visits and the hospitality and Elkdom was on full display. Each visit was unique and that is what makes our State Association so strong. Each Lodge has its own strengths and weaknesses. Each Lodge reflects the community they are in and the personalities of the involved members. Because we are all different, we can learn from each other. We share our strong points with each other and ask for help to strengthen our weaknesses. We communicate and that is how we all grow stronger. We communicate within our Lodges to make our members stronger; between our Lodges to make our Association stronger; and between states to make Elkdom stronger.

What an honor it was to carry the flag of the great Commonwealth of Kentucky at the Grand Lodge Convention. Special thanks to the Louisville #8 Color Guard for allowing me to use one of their flag cups on my belt. I was able to carry our flag with a lot more confidence.

The Grand Lodge Convention is always informative, but again, I find that talking with members from around the country to be a real learning experience. There is a treasure trove of knowledge and all you must do to tap into it is . . . Communicate. I always learn different perspectives and new ways to approach projects and problems in my own Lodge and State Association.

I am looking forward to the next six months. If Vicky and I have not visited your Lodge yet, we will be there soon. To the members of the Kentucky Elks Association, thank you for all the hard work you do and giving me this opportunity to serve as your State President. This is more than an honor; it is a privilege.

Fraternally,  
Raymond J. Pauly Jr.  
KEA State President



Rick Gathen has reported that he is expecting a second straight year of membership growth for the Order, with 33 of the 48 State Associations having a gain. Kentucky is anticipating a gain of 143 members, bringing the state membership total to 5,672. I attribute much of our gain to the increased use of the “free” ENF Community Investment Grants, allowing us to engage even more with the Community in so many meaningful ways. Kentucky received 56 grants for over \$150,000 last year, proving that our Lodges are a reliable partner in the communities they serve. Membership is the life blood of our Order and Grand Lodge has introduced a new orientation video, the first since 2014, that comes at no cost to the Lodge. It is much improved, only four minutes long, and I find it perfect to use during the orientation of your new members.

## **Ronald L. Hicks** **PGER/STATE SPONSOR**

It talks about your new Member getting active and the opportunity for them to be more than they might have imagined. Please have your Lodges download this video and use it to help improve involvement and retention in the Lodge. The Grand Lodge Billing System is now running smoothly with over 1,200 Lodges participating in the program. While it is a voluntary program, there is really no reason for all Lodges, big and small, not to be on the program. It saves the secretaries time with billing and re-billing, and saves the Lodge money, especially with increasing postal rates. It is proving to be a great tool and a generational change in how Lodges collect their dues and other donations. Our Lodges have experienced much success and we will be celebrating this success in Frankfort at the KEA Mid-Year Convention in August. So come prepared to be loud and proud as we recognize and thank many outstanding Elks and Lodges for their achievements. It will be a special time of reflection, learning, and fellowship, so I hope you come prepared to share the experience and have a great time together.



**Greg Swinney**  
**1ST VICE PRESIDENT**

This year has shown that the Kentucky Elks Association continues to grow and demonstrate to our communities what we are as Elks. As always, Lisa and I were thrilled to see so many of the faces we love in Newport this past February and look forward to seeing you all again at the Mid-Year Convention. I want to commend our two Past District Deputies for the job they performed last year, they have done an outstanding job. I also want to welcome our two new District Deputies, Sherry Suttles of Ashland, and Janet Cartwright of Madisonville. I have every confidence they will shine in their roles. Membership continues to grow in Kentucky and I want to thank our Membership Chair Ron Caffee for all the work he has done.

I continue to be amazed at the work we get done together regarding our State Major Project. Please keep up the good effort. Your Executive Committee is always here if you need us. I hope to make some visits to the lodges as soon as I can and look forward to working with you as we continue to make the Kentucky Elks Association the best in Elkdom!

Lisa and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

**Ken Hooper**  
**2ND VICE PRESIDENT**



Hopefully everyone is doing well as it has been an up and down year so far with the passing of two great

Elks, but we must move forward. I am hoping that after the national convention everyone came back with some new ideas that leaders can take back to their respective lodges and implement to help grow Elkdom.

Please continue to work on membership and always take time to talk to someone interested; if you show them interest, they are more likely to want to become an Elk.

I would like to congratulate our District Deputy's Richard Rosenbaum and Rick Fryman on exceptional years. I am sure Hub is waiting for a chance to do it again.

Please continue to work on your FRS. The more detailed you are with it the better cost accounting you can achieve. Some new changes will be coming to our accounting system, and I will need some assistance from some select lodges to help with new directions that are being worked on to make lodge accounting easier.



### **Sherry Suttles DISTRICT DEPUTY GER, KY EAST**

I am honored to be chosen and installed as your KY East District Deputy for 2023-2024. I have worked

with the District Deputies for the past two years and I feel that June and Hub have taught me well. Thanks Guys!!! I will do my best to make you proud. I continue to be amazed at the work we get done together regarding our State Major Project. Please keep up the good effort. Your Executive Committee is always here if you need us. I hope to make some visits to the lodges as soon as I can and look forward to working with you as we continue to make the Kentucky Elks Association the best in Elkdom!

I am looking forward to visiting the East Lodges this year with my traveling team: Esquire Pat Spaulding, Auditor Roberta Parsons, and Safety Inspector Dave Mullins. My DD clinic will be held on August 20 in Ashland.

### **Janet Cartwright DISTRICT DEPUTY GER, KY WEST**



My name is Janet Cartwright and this year I have the privilege

of being your DD for the West for this 2023-2024 year. I am very excited about visiting your lodges with my team and helping to spread the word, "We are Elks".

I have served in a variety of positions; ER, Trustee, State Soccer Chairman, West District Hoop Shoot Chairperson, and VAVS Veterans representative for the Western Ky Veterans Center.

### **KIDS WITH CANCER**

*Charlie Martin , State Chair, State Major Project Committee*

Starting in August 2023, we will be in the last year of the JBK Fund. We have been very fortunate to have this money because it has been a life saver for kids and their families. After the fund has been used up, we need to continue to fundraise to keep the program active. We are in the process of deciding on having Trustees specifically for the Kids With Cancer fund. We need to continue the Parade of Lodges in order to keep this fund solvent and to be able to continue to help these kids and their families.



LOCAL VETERANS IN ATTENDANCE (L TO R): JOHN COLDIRON, JERRY WALCYK, DON HARDY, JIM PETERSON, AND DARRYL LAWSON  
CORBIN ELKS VETERANS MEMORIAL

## TRI-COUNTY #2826 Elks Lodge Celebrates Flag Day with Patriotic Spirit and Community Engagement

The Tri-County Elks Lodge, in collaboration with Downtown Corbin, proudly celebrated Flag Day on June 14, commemorating the symbol of our nation's unity, strength, and freedom. The event brought together enthusiastic individuals, young and old alike, to honor the Stars and Stripes while fostering a deep sense of patriotism.

Flag Day, observed annually across the United States, was marked with a remarkable display of dedication and reverence by members of Elks Lodge #2826. Known for their commitment to charitable endeavors and community service, the Elks organized the event to highlight the significance of the American flag and to unveil an updated Corbin Elks Veterans Memorial community garden. Several Elks members contributed time and labor in landscaping the area, with a generous donor providing a new flag pole for the garden.



CORBIN HIGH SCHOOL JROTC

The highlight of the Flag Day festivities was the moving and reverent Flag Detail performed by the Corbin High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC). Other activities included brief remarks related to Flag Day history shared by Darryl Lawson (Exalted Ruler of Lodge #2826), recognition of local military veterans, comments of gratitude delivered by Corbin Mayor Suzie Razmus, and the playing of the National Anthem as Old Glory rose to the overcast sky.

The Elks Organization remains steadfast in its commitment to serving communities across the country and promoting American values. Through their efforts, they inspire individuals to embrace their civic duties and foster a spirit of unity, making a positive impact on the lives of those around them.



Pictured (L to R): Trooper Jason Smith, Laura Logan, Darryl Lawson, Trooper Max Angel, Debbie Sutton, and Trooper Scottie Pennington

## **TRI-COUNTY #2826 Supporting Tri-County Youth and Trooper Island Camp**

Tri-County Elks Lodge is a proud sponsor of Trooper Island Camp. Throughout May and June, local Elks Lodge members collected summer camp items to support Kentucky youth camp participants. On June 20, 2023, Kentucky State Troopers Jason Smith, Scottie Pennington, and Max Angel collected the donations. The Kentucky State Police Post 11, London, KY, welcomes area youth to the 2023 Trooper Island Camp June 26-30.

Since 1966, Trooper Island Camp has provided food, fun, and mentorship to area youth—free of charge. The camp serves youth ages 10-12 years old giving them a true summer camp experience. Activities include fishing, archery, swimming, canoeing, water safety, crafting, environmental education, and much more. The camp provides good food, fresh air, recreation, guidance, and structured, esteem-building activities to build good citizenship and positive relationships with law enforcement.

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Learn more about Trooper Island Camp at <http://kentuckystatepolice.org/trooper-island/>.

For more information about the Tri-County Elks Lodge and their upcoming events, please contact Darryl Lawson at [dlawson20@yahoo.com](mailto:dlawson20@yahoo.com).

**FRANKFORT #530****In Memoriam**

Charlie Cunningham, PSP PER and KEA Trustee Chairman passed unexpectedly this June. Charlie was a long time member of the Frankfort Elks and served in many roles over the years, most recently as Lodge Esquire. He was a wealth of knowledge; not only about the Frankfort Elks, but the Elks as a whole. And he was always willing to share that knowledge - when asked, of course. He was kind and generous to a fault and would not hesitate to come offer a helping hand to those in need. He loved his family and he loved the Elks and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

**Pappy Van Winkle Charity Raffle**

Frankfort Elks raffled off a 5 bottle collection of Pappy Van Winkle bourbon on June 23 for the benefit of our charitable activities. We raised approximately \$12,000. Congratulations to Marg Wilhoite on being the big winner of the collection!

**Veterans Activities**

The Frankfort Kentucky Elks Lodge #530 has submitted and received approval from the Elks National Veterans Service Commission on the rehoming of 17 veterans into the St. James Place transitional housing in Lexington Kentucky. A shout out of thanks to Rene' True for his stepping up to get these forms submitted. The lodge will be receiving a refund of \$3040.98. The lodge will have three more rehoming kits for submission during July bringing our total number of Veterans rehomed at 20. This is an excellent use of volunteer time and if you would like to help please reach out to Terry LaFontaine.



MARK SKEETERS, PER  
WITH PAPPY VAN  
WINKLE RAFFLE  
WINNER MARG  
WILHOITE

## FRANKFORT #530



### Boost Grant

Earlier this year, the Frankfort Elks Lodge #530 applied for and received a Boost Grant from the National Elks. The Boost Grant is used to supplement the normal monthly funding serving

veterans at the VA Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, with one-time funds for equipment that promotes the health and well-being of our veterans.

Veterans at VA Hospital have an exercise equipment room for use by those housed at the Hospital. With the \$1000 Boost Grant, the Frankfort Elks Lodge used the funds to purchase an exercise gym to add to the existing exercise equipment. The exercise gym has over 40 different exercises that can work all major muscle groups in the body, while only taking up a small amount of space. The VA staff contact, Beth Feedback - Rec Therapist for the 29-1 Program, is excited about the addition to their gym. Beth said the equipment is already in daily use.



### Freedom Grant

The Frankfort Elks Lodge #530 applied for and received a Freedom Grant from the National Elks. Lodges can apply for a \$3,000 grant to hold an active project that directly serves veterans in need, or

Lodges could apply for a \$1,000 grant to hold a smaller project with more flexibility. There will be 200 Freedom Grants available for the Classic option, and 400 available for the Spark option.

The Freedom Grant was used to provide funds for gardening equipment, supplies, materials, and plants to provide healthy activities supporting the mental well-being of our veterans. The gardening equipment and supplies are geared to engage veterans for both inside and outside gardening. Having programs like gardening help veterans that are in recovery at the VA Hospital. The VA staff, Beth Feedback - Rec Therapist for the 29-1 Program and Dr. Alexandria Boswell - Psychologist, are excited about the addition to their veteran's programs. The greenhouses, roll up desk top gardens and other equipment are already in use by veterans.





## FRANKFORT #530

### Elks Care - Elks Share

Frankfort Elks Lodge has been selected by the Elks National Foundation as one of only 200 lodges nationwide to receive the Classic Freedom Grant this year. Many thanks to Rene' True and Kenny Abrams for all their work with the Lexington VA. We will be helping with the construction and maintaining of a indoor greenhouse system and outdoor planting for the veterans that reside there.

Two of Frankfort's hard-working hoop shoot volunteers received awards. The Butch Stewart Hoop Shoot Award was presented to Tanner Crowley and Troi Cunningham for their dedication and service to the Frankfort Hoop Shoot program. We thank Chris Devers for his hard work coordinating these contests for our district!



KEA PRESIDENT RAY PAULY, JR AND FIRST LADY VICKY PAULY AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

## NEWPORT #273

We have been very busy here at the Lodge since February. We held the February Convention with the installation of our new State President, Raymond Pauly, Jr., who we are extremely proud to have from our lodge. We had our installation of Lodge Officer's & installation of our Auxiliary Officer's, we also had our appreciation dinner announcing our Officer, Elk, and Member of the Year.

The State Soccer Chairperson, Jim Staubach (also from our lodge) went to Pennsylvania for the Regional Soccer Shoot with nine awesome kids from around the state.

We had our 1st annual car show and the proceeds went to our State Major Project: Kids with Cancer. We will also be having another car show in August.

In May, Kathy Frommeyer & Nancy Roell hosted our Lodge's annual Derby party. That was a great success! In June, we had our annual Kids with Cancer Benefit and our yearly flea market, everyone seemed to enjoy both of these events.

As a lodge, we continue to have our Monday night bingo, Wednesday night member's dinner, and our Friday's night fish fry's. We were also blessed to be able to go to the National Convention in Minneapolis and proudly watch not only one of our members and State President, but someone we dearly call our friend, Ray Pauly, Jr., carry the state flag across the stage and proudly represent Kentucky!

## **Stephen Moore**

*Past State Chairman, Drug Awareness Program*

To My Fellow Elks.

Next Week I move to Virginia Beach. This move is sudden, I had not planned to ever leave Kentucky, but family needs have made the move unavoidable. I leave 40+ years of friends, service, investment, and home behind. What the Kentucky Elks have given me will never be forgotten. The honor of being your State Drug Awareness Chairman from 2015 - 2023 will remain my high point as an Elk. The lives we touched during these 8 years should be valued by every Elk in Kentucky, We Made a Difference. To those that helped in this effort ---- THANK YOU.

It is said "Once an Elk Always an Elk". I say Once a Kentucky Elk Always a Kentucky Elk. I will always maintain my Lodge 8 & Kentucky Elk membership no matter where I live. What the Kentucky Elks do for the community is needed and each Lodge should be proud of their efforts.

I encourage each Lodge to reevaluate their Drug Awareness Program and establish a Lodge budget for Drug Awareness in their area. There is not a more rewarding experience than helping a family to avoid the death and hardships of drugs in their family. Please contact Lora Forde, your State Drug Awareness Chairman for assistance.

I would be neglect if I did not thank and recognize Lyndon Lodge 2052 for my start in Elkdom. The members of Lyndon supported me and gave me the opportunity to advance in the Elks.

There is no way I can name everyone, but I have to say Richard & Helen, Brenda & Solly, Cowboy & Sara, Tom & Ann, and Terry Brooke made my path possible. The path was rough at times but looking back their support was appreciated.

I hope to see everyone in February in Louisville as we install Greg Swinney as State President at our State Convention. "I hope to avoid the Virginia Border Guards".

## **KEA YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

*Charlie Martin*

*State Chair, Youth Activities Committee*

It has been another successful year for Youth Activities in Kentucky. Americanism, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Scholarship, and Dictionary Project just to name a few. Also, each individual lodge has their own youth activity program. It is not too early for each lodge to begin planning for this year. School will be starting soon.

This will be my last year as KEA and Youth Activities Chairman. I have served in this position since 2005, when Jim McRae appointed me. I have always said being youth activities chairman is the best job in the KEA. I have been able to work with many Elks throughout the years and meet many great kids. Thank you for having faith in me to serve in this position for the past 18 years. Remember, the youth of today are the Elks of tomorrow. As Elks we need to continue as role models, and help these kids through tough times in the future.

## CYNTHIANA #438

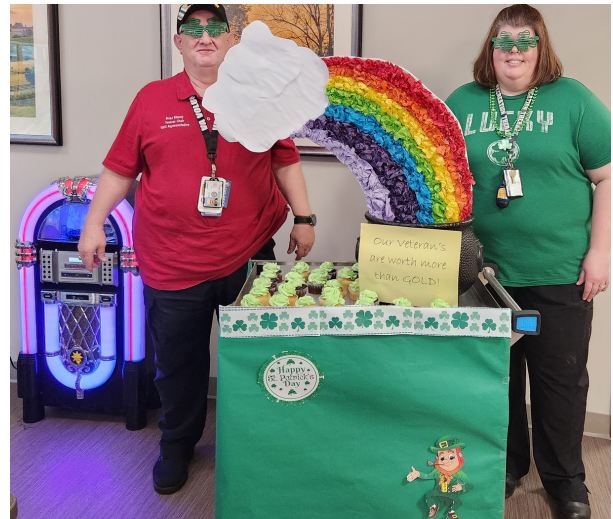
We had a Derby Day party, an Indy 500 party, and our ceremonies for Mother's Day, Flag Day, and Father's Day. We had our Lodge Officer's installation and ER awards ceremony (pictured at right). We want to congratulate **BRIAN KINNEY** (Lodge member of Cynthiana Elks #438) on receiving "THE NATIONAL VA MALE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD" at the 2023 CDCE National Advisory Committee conference held in Denver, CO. We also helped with the Veteran's Baby Shower by providing volunteer help and car seats and Rocking Chairs for the families which was held at the Lexington VA (Sousley Campus). Our new permanent Lodge building is moving right along; the concrete pad is down, and plumbing is in, waiting on frame and walls, and we are hoping to be in it by September or October. After that it should go quickly! We would like to thank our ER for his leadership during this time and for all the support our KY ELKS lodges and lodges in other states have given us as we continue to help our community and our Veterans.



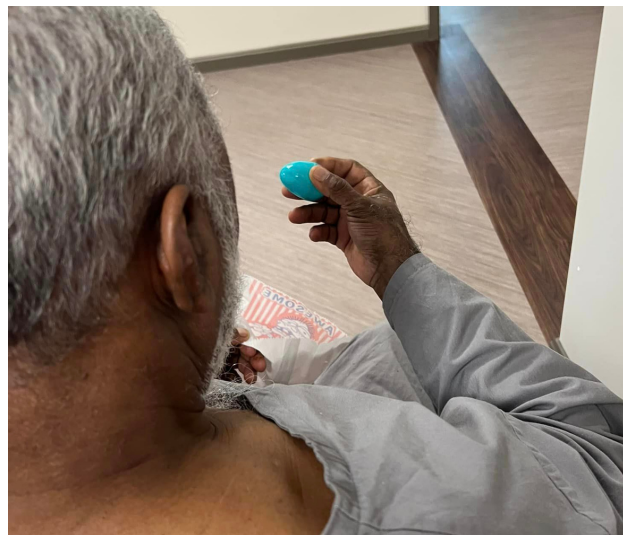
WE DONATED 6 PUMP COFFEE THERMOSES FOR HOSPICE/BEREAVEMENT CARTS, VALENTINE THEMED COOKIES FOR VALENTINE'S DAY, AND RESTOCKED THEIR BOTTLED WATER WITH 50 CASES. EVERYTHING WAS PROVIDED TO THE LEXINGTON VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. (ABOVE) BRIAN KINNEY IS DELIVERING THE THERMOSES AND (AT LEFT) THE COOKIES LAID OUT ON THE TABLE BEFORE THEY WERE GIVEN OUT WITH THEIR LUNCHES.

**CYNTHIANA #438**

VA Rec. Dir. (Community Living Center) Shirley Wise Willis posted on Facebook "Big Thank You to Brian Kinney and Cynthiana Elks Lodge #438 for purchasing cupcakes from Ashford Acres Inn in Cynthiana and for purchasing ALL the ingredients to make shamrock shakes for the Veterans at the Lexington VA Medical Center, Sousley Campus. Brian always helps make my holiday treat ideas a reality! OUR VETERANS ARE WORTH MORE THAN GOLD and they enjoyed their St. Patrick's Day treats. We appreciate all you do for our Veterans!" (Pictured with cart is Brian Kinney and Shirley Wise Willis)



VA Rec. Dir. (Community Living Center) Shirley Wise Willis posted on Facebook "Having some fun with our Veterans at the Lexington Sousley Campus VAMC-CLC today. We even had a 99-year-old WWII Navy Veteran participate in our Easter Egg Hunt. He really enjoyed hunting the eggs and eating the chocolate. Big shout out to Brian Kinney and Cynthiana Elks lodge #438 for supplying us with the eggs filled with candy."



**CYNTHIANA #438**

VA Rec. Dir. (Community Living Center) Shirley Wise Willis posted on Facebook "A big thank you to Brian Kinney and Cynthiana Elks Lodge #438 for purchasing most of the ingredients needed for our non-alcoholic Mint Juleps and for our miniature derby pies. Shout out to Brian for making the little stands to put our horses on for our racetrack. Our Veterans at Lexington VAMC -CLC (cottages) had the best time at our Derby Party rolling dice and racing the horses down the track while enjoying a mint julep and derby pie."



Cynthiana Elks Lodge#438 in collaboration with Elks National Veteran Service Commission provided the Boost Grant to restock supplies (coffee, snacks, cups, bottled water, etc.), these are just some of the supplies provided to Lexington VA Healthcare System.



PICTURED ABOVE: VETERAN CHAIR/VAVS REP.-BRIAN KINNEY PRESENTING THE SUPPLIES TO LEXINGTON VA CDCE (VOLUNTARY SERVICE) STAFF REP.-JOHN MERRILL

## CYNTHIANA #438

We donated a Bronze Sponsorship (\$500.00) to support the Veterans VA 5K which helps the Fisher House and the Voluntary Service at the VA to provide clothing, personal care products, snacks, etc. to the Veterans.

PICTURED IS ER STEVE ANDERSON PRESENTING A CHECK TO VA 5K BOARD AND RACE COMMITTEE TEAM MEMBER-BRIAN KINNEY (ALSO AN ELK MEMBER)!



## LYNDON #2052

On Saturday, May 20th the Lodge hosted a Fish Fry / Silent Auction to benefit Haley's Closet. Everyone enjoyed fried fish, homemade side and desserts. the event has raised over \$17,000 to support needy children across Kentucky throughout the year.





## FLORENCE #314

Florence finished off the 2022-2023 lodge year with the start of our annual Friday Fish Dinners. This year the dinners were held in the members lounge. Dinners were well attended and quite successful for the change in venue. We had over 50 submissions in our Americanism Essay Contest. This year's essays were some of the best we have heard. We are proud that one of the students, Caroline Lewis, a 5th grader from Calvary Christian School, placed 1st in the state contest. A good time was had by all at the Installation of Officers Banquet. I know our newly installed officers will make this a great year. We had three students representing Florence at the National Soccer Shoot in York, Pennsylvania in March. All three students placed. 1st place in the boys U8, 3rd place in girls U8 and 3rd place in girls U10.

2023-2024 kicked off with an Easter celebration and a visit from the Easter Bunny. While the kids waited to see the Easter Bunny, they had a chance to color and hunt for hidden eggs. In May, we hosted our annual Kentucky Derby Party. There was plenty of fun, food and laughter as members took part in a hat contest, stuffed animal races, and more. As part of Veterans Appreciation Month, Florence Elks partnered up with the Walton American Legion to do a lunch for Veterans and their families.

We provided lunch for 19 veterans, as well as the many lodge members who attended. As always, we celebrated Mother's Day with a lunch consisting of fried chicken and sides prepared by our PERs. We were finally able to once again host our Boy's Home Fishing Derby the first weekend of June. This event is held during Kentucky's Free Fishing Weekend. We had about 30 volunteers to help with the 11 kids who attended to fish. Breakfast and lunch were provided and awards handed out after the event. The kids look forward to this event every year. We also had a great turnout for the City of Florence Memorial Day Parade. Everyone complimented us on our float. The members and volunteers worked hard on it. We were very proud of it.

At the time of printing, we have a few exciting events coming up. Our Flag Day Celebration, Father's Day Grill-Out to honor our dads, a benefit for a couple of our members on June 25th who were victims to housefires, a fireworks celebration to celebrate our county's independence, Boogie on the Blacktop, and of course our car show in September.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our Auxiliary. They have been working hard as usual to help support the lodge while also maintaining their fundraising efforts for The Rose Garden Mission in Covington.



## **Kentucky Elk Receives Coveted Veterans Administration National Advisory Committee – Male Volunteer of the Year Award**

*Martin Harbolt, State Chair, Veterans Committee*

Your Kentucky Elk Veteran Volunteers continue to impress. Your Community Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) representative from Cynthiana Elks Lodge # 438, Mr. Brian Kinney attended the National Advisory Committee (NAC) conference in Denver, CO. where he was awarded the NAC Male Volunteer of the Year Award.

The NAC awards two (one-male and one-female) to Volunteers who have served the VA in impressive manners. Candidates are reviewed from all NAC member organizations to include the Elks, VFWs, DAV, American Legion, AMVets and more. There are more than 22,321 volunteers and gave 3.3 million hours of time. This is the second year in a row this award was received by an Elk. Great Job! Brian Kinney. The Kentucky Elks Association is so very proud of you.

Fraternally,  
Martin L. Harbolt, ENVSC Chairman,  
[Martin.L.Harbolt@gmail.com](mailto:Martin.L.Harbolt@gmail.com);  
502-345-6724



Shown below left to right are Patrick Sinclair, Chief of Voluntary Services, Lexington, VA., Brian Kinney, Cynthiana Lodge # 438 and Prince Taylor, Acting Director, Veterans Administration.





## Kentucky Elks Association Veterans Programs Thrive

Your Kentucky Elk Veteran Volunteers came out of the Pandemic enthusiastic to get back in contact with Veterans across the commonwealth. Due to fluctuating COVID-19 community impact levels, it often required a call to the facility on the day of the visit to determine if the volunteers would be allowed. Later in 2022 it was the same when the FLU traveled through the facilities. Despite these challenges, KY excelled again.

There have been some significant changes within the Veterans Administration as well. An example, our volunteers are no longer Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS) representatives. Their new title is Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) representatives.

During the 2022-23 Elk year, KY CDCE Representatives provided 1,927 Volunteer Hours and made 230 visits to facilities. That is an increase of 338.5 hours over the previous year. They also provided a total of \$20,250.43 in funding. An increase of \$5,691.62 and served 2,775 veterans in VA Facilities. An increase of 550 veterans served. Great Job ENVSC Reps. You make us proud!

In addition to monthly funding, KY CDCE Representative serving the Cincinnati Fisher House, Lexington (Bowling), Radcliff and Hanson facilities requested and were approved for an additional \$1,000.00 Boost Grant each. This means we were able to provide a total of \$24,250.43 in funding for the veterans in the Commonwealth.



VOLUNTEERS FROM LYNDON LODGE # 2052 DELIVER CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR HOMELESS VETERANS IN LOUISVILLE. (LEFT TO RIGHT) JACKIE LANCTOT, KATHIE PIELL (ER) AND NORMAL SWEET (SECRETARY)



The Elks National Veterans Service Commission was established in 1946, immediately after World War II, with the sole mission of serving our nation's veterans. Learn more about the ENVSC history [here](#). Though much has changed since then, the Elks' dedication to serve veterans and military members in need has never wavered.

## **Kentucky Elks Association Veterans Programs Thrive, cont.**

2022-23 was also the first-year multiple lodges partnered on Freedom Grants to provide funding for clothing for veterans visiting a VA Medical Center or Outpatient clinic.

12 of our 16 Lodges were selected to receive one of the 325 available Freedom Grants to assist veterans in their local communities:

Louisville Lodge # 8	Middlesboro Lodge # 119	Newport Lodge # 273
Florence Lodge # 314	Ashland Lodge # 350	Cynthiana Lodge # 438
Frankfort Lodge # 530	Hopkinsville Lodge # 545	Lyndon Lodge # 2052
Marshall County Lodge # 2707	Winchester Lodge # 2816	Tri-County Lodge # 2826

These are great examples of Kentucky Elks providing a positive impact to their veteran communities. We are planning for additional growth in 2023-24 with the opening of the Fisher House (Spring 2024) serving the Lexington VA and in late 2024 a new State Veterans Home is scheduled to open in Bowling Green. If your lodge would like to support of these facilities, please reach out to State Veterans Chair.

## **Kentucky Students Excel Locally and Nationally**

*John Snyder, State Chair, Scholarship Committee*

In the MVS contest, Kentucky had one national finalist who made the top 20 nationwide, Ashley Adams, who attended the Elks Scholar Leadership Weekend in Chicago and will receive a \$20,000 scholarship. Ashley is the sixth Kentucky student in the last six years to be a national finalist. Kentucky also has three other national semi-finalists, who each received a \$4,000 award.

The State Association generously allotted \$20,000 to provide state association scholarships for eight boys and eight girls in the class of 2023. Kentucky students had seven Legacy Award Winners (Children and Grandchildren of Elks).

Again, I would once again encourage your lodges to send representatives to the Senior nights for our MVS, State, and Legacy winners. Let your communities know how proud we are as Elks to help this kids.

## Kentucky Scholarship Recipients

### 2023 Kentucky MVS Scholarship National Award Winners

Ashley Adams, Marshall Co. #2707, Livingston Central | National Finalist \$20,000

Macey Evitts, Paducah #217, Graves County | National Semi-Finalist \$4,000

Nicholas Pace, Louisville #8, duPont Manual | National Semi-Finalist \$4,000

Caden Lucas, Madisonville #738, The Gatton Academy | National Semi-Finalist \$4,000

### 2023 Kentucky Elks Association Scholarship Winners

Laci Hurst, Frankfort #530, Anderson County, \$2,000

Lynden Noll, Florence #314, Beechwood, \$2,000

Emily Oden, Hopkinsville #545, Todd County Central, \$1,000

Abigail Campbell, Florence #314, Conner, \$1,000

Laken White, Princeton #1115, Caldwell County, \$1,000

Abigail Bevil, Marshall Co. #2707, Marshall County, \$1,000

Hannah Oliver, Hopkinsville #545, Todd County Central, \$1,000

Emma Peake, Princeton #1115, Caldwell County, \$1,000

John Segebarth, Winchester #2816, Tates Creek, \$2,000

Sean Ihrig, Florence #314, St. Henry, \$2,000

Wesley Horsley, Henderson #206, Breckinridge County, \$1,000

Lleyton Penn, Frankfort #530, Mercer County, \$1,000

James Bowden, Louisville #8, duPont Manual, \$1,000

Aaron Vogt, Newport #273, Bellevue, \$1,000

Joseph Case, Florence #314, Villa Madonna Academy, \$1,000

Brady Jones, Henderson #206, Butler County, \$1,000

### 2023 ENF Legacy Award Scholarship Winners

Jacob Bolling, Newport #273 / Karen Markus, Grandmother, Highlands, \$4,000

Megan Calme, Newport #273 / Thomas Calme, Grandfather, Highlands, \$4,000

Jaden Conner, Newport #273 / Sherry Conner, Mother, Notre Dame Academy, \$4,000

Ty Hancock, Frankfort #530 / Joe Hancock, Father, Frankfort, \$4,000

Stella Londrigan, Frankfort #530 / Jennifer Hicks, Mother, Woodford County, \$4,000

Ava Torrano, Newport #273 / Pamela Torrano, Mother, Highlands, \$4,000

Will Van Horn, Marshall Co. #2707 / Laurel Morris, Mother, Marshall County, \$4,000

### 2024 Scholarship Applications

The MVS Scholarship application opens August 1, 2023 and the ENF Legacy Award Opens September 1, 2023.



ELKS SOCCER SHOOT WINNERS

## **SOCCER SHOOT**

*Jim Staubach, State Chair, Soccer Shoot Committee*

On March 9th, we went to York, Pennsylvania for the Elks Regional Soccer Shoot and are very proud to announce that we had nine awesome kids that were able to go. They represented Kentucky very well and we are extremely proud of them. Congratulations! They are all winners!

- U8 girl - Harper Cobb: 3rd place, Florence #314
- U8 boy - Charlie Steffen: 1st place (Charlie also the highest score in his division), Florence #314
- U10 girl - Hadley Cobb 3rd place, Florence #314
- U10 boy - Nyles Tapp 1st place Madisonville #738
- U12 girl Riley Richardson 2nd place, Madisonville #738
- U12 boy - Brady Middleton 5th place, Tri County #2826
- U14 girl - Destiny Caudill 3rd place Madisonville #738
- U14 Boy - Nash Tap 2nd place Madisonville #738
- U16 boy - Kolby Krook - 3rd place Madisonville #738

Overall, Kentucky came in 3rd place with a score of 340. Thank you to Jesse Shipp & Mary Kay O'Hara from Florence #314 for coming up to Pennsylvania this weekend and supporting the kids!

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

*Darlana Jones, State Chair, Education Committee*

Benjamin Franklin said, "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." Following his advice, I would like to "involve" you in your own learning with this article.

Many people have asked, "Where can I find that?" "How did you know where to look?" The best answer I have to that is, "Trial and error and a lot of reading!"

What I would like to do here is walk you through accessing all of the manuals that you might need to find answers. I know that the [elks.org](http://elks.org) site is not the most user friendly, but once you learn the navigation, you will find that there is so much information available to you Lodges. So let's get started:

- Go to [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)
- From the bar across the top, select "Members Only"
- Login or create an account
- Again, select "Members Only". You will see several options now
- Choose "Manuals"

You have now arrived at the page with all the KNOWLEDGE! The first thing I want to point out is the "Virtual Manuals" section. This contains Membership and Marketing information that is given in video form. There are some amazing ideas here that you can use to attract, engage and retain members. There is also a great area here for orientation of new members.

As you scroll through the list of manuals available, you notice that they are grouped by subject. For example, "Auditing and Accounting" contains the Auditing and Accounting Manual and the FRS Manual (and, no, there is nothing SEXY about this manual).

You can find manuals here about Hoop Shoot, Internet, Insurance, Safety Checklists, Veteran's Services, Drug Awareness, and so much more. You can also find two of the manuals that most people will be looking for: The Statutes and the ERs, Officers, and Committee Members Manual. The Annotated Statutes are located under the "Judiciary" section. The ERs Manual is located under Local Lodges.

Selecting any of these manuals will open a PDF of the manual. You can read it, print it, or, like me, save it to your computer. By keeping these on my computer, in PDF form, I can access them quickly and use the PDF search function to find words or phrases. This makes navigating the statutes much easier.

So, before I sign off so you can start your own Manual-journey, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to involve all of you in your learning!

## DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM POSTER CONTEST

*Lora Forde, State Chair, Drug Awareness Program*

**Poster Theme: To Be Announced**

The purpose of the Drug Awareness Poster Contest is to involve children, schools and parents in the Drug Awareness Program.

### POSTER RULES:

1. All Students in the 3rd to 5th grades are eligible to participate.
2. Poster size should be limited to 8 ½ by 11 inches.
3. Posters should be neat, original, grammatically correct and words should be spelled correctly. Judging will be based on “closeness to the theme.
4. The use of copyrighted characters on the poster, except Elroy the Elk, will be disqualified.
5. All winning entries become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and will not be returned.
6. Each Lodge submits the top three posters to the District Chairperson based on the dates established by the District Chairperson.
7. Each District Chairperson submits one original poster to the KY State DAP (Drug Awareness Program) Chairperson as the first-place winner for their District.
8. Posters must be received by the KY State DAP Chairman, from the District Chairman, no later than **January 1, 2024.**

9. Each winning entry should be attached to the completed Poster Contest Entry Form and the completed Parental Consent Form Waiver. The following information must be included on the Entry Form:

- Name of Student
  - Age and Gender of Student
  - Grade of Student
  - Home Address of Student
  - Telephone Number of Student/Parents
  - Teacher’s Name
  - Name of Student’s School
  - Elks Lodge Name and Number
  - Entry must be accompanied by Parental Consent Form Waiver.
10. How posters are judged:
- Is the poster based on the theme?
  - Is it original?
  - Is it neat?
  - Is it grammatically correct and are words spelled correctly?
  - Is it free of copyrighted characters, with the exception of Elroy the Elk?
11. Each State Drug Awareness Chairman will choose one overall winner. This winning poster will be submitted for entry into the annual National Elks contest and for inclusion in the Elks DAP Coloring Book. Winning Posters may also be featured on the [www.elkskidszone.org](http://www.elkskidszone.org) website -online coloring book and/or in ENF or DAP publications.



## KY ELKS LAUNCH UPDATED MOBILE APP

*Ky Elks Association Online Committee*

The Ky Elks Association is launching an updated mobile app for Ky Members. The application works in concert with the KY Elks Association State Website and links the members, blogs, events and more to bring our KY Elk members the information they need, when they need it.

You can download the mobile app here:

<http://wix.to/-8DqCCI?ref=cl>

Some of the features in the app include:

- Push Notification to members
- Event Inheritance and Reminders
- State Directory Listing
- Inherited Security
- Private Group Features
- Announcements / Blogs
- more

the online committee has already created several private groups for DAP, Veterans Services, Soccer Shoot and Hoop Shoot and assigned virtual administrators to those groups. Groups can also be created for each District and Each Lodge and virtual administrators can be assigned to each of these for local administration and management.

Find out more at the upcoming Mid-Term Convention or text your administrator, Martin Harbolt @ 502-345-6724.



## KENTUCKY ELKS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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