



2015-16 Freedom Grant Recipients

Congratulations to this year's Freedom Grant recipients! We look forward to serving veterans and military members this year with each of the following lodges.

St. Louis, Mo., Lodge No. 9 will install a stair lift and make other repairs for the home of a disabled veteran's family.

Washington-Rockville, Md., Lodge No. 15 will expand an adaptive kayaking program for wounded veterans and their families to include year-round training.

Willoughby-Cleveland, Ohio, Lodge No. 18 will provide winter clothing for homeless veterans and take veterans from the VA to a baseball game.

New Orleans, La., Lodge No. 30 will distribute clothing, blankets, supplies, and information about local services to homeless veterans.

Omaha, Neb., Lodge No. 39 will partner with Community Alliance to provide move-in kits and application fees to formerly homeless veterans moving into apartments.

Minneapolis, Minn., Lodge No. 44 will host an ice fishing contest on Medicine Lake and facilitate video chats between children and their deployed parents.

Chillicothe, Ohio, Lodge No. 52 will purchase household items for veterans in transitional housing, and provide rental and utility assistance. Elks will also participate in their local VA Stand Down.

Dayton, Ohio, Lodge No. 58 will host a monthly veterans' dinner for patients from the Dayton VA Medical Center and local homeless shelters.

Dallas, Texas, Lodge No. 71 will host a Christmas party for veterans from the local veterans' hospital, and distribute blankets, hats and supplies.

Portsmouth-Chesapeake, Va., Lodge No. 82 will host a chartered boat fishing trip and an outing to a minor league baseball game for veterans from the Hampton VA Medical Center.

Seattle, Wash., Lodge No. 92 will provide breakfast, lunch, supplies, and clothing at the Seattle Armory Stand Down.

Trenton, N.J., Lodge No. 105 will participate in Operation Chillout, assembling and distributing backpacks of survival gear for homeless veterans.

Gallipolis, Ohio, Lodge No. 107 will provide clothing and personal items to veterans who live in nursing homes.

Sioux City, Iowa, Lodge No. 112 will partner with Siouxland Veterans to provide winter clothing to the children of wounded, retired, and active duty service members.

Fort Worth, Texas, Lodge No. 124 will provide guitars and supplies for the Guitars for Heroes program at the Fort Worth VA Outpatient Recreational Therapy Clinic.

Lancaster, Pa., Lodge No. 134 will host a dinner for homeless and disabled veterans, with gifts of clothing and other needed items for each attendee.

Milwaukie-Portland Ore., Lodge No. 142 will provide Christmas dinner boxes with turkeys, staple ingredients, and fresh produce for Army National Guard families.

Houston, Texas, Lodge No. 151 will take disabled and homeless veterans from three hospitals to a Houston Astros baseball game and buffet meal.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Lodge No. 155 will collect and deliver clothing and necessities to local homeless and disabled veterans.

Kenton, Ohio, Lodge No. 157 will host a breakfast and a trip to the Wright-Patterson AFB and Museum in Dayton, Ohio for area military families and veterans in need.

Springfield, Ill., Lodge No. 158 will partner with the Sangamon County Veterans Assistance Commission to provide food vouchers, rental, and utility assistance for veterans at risk.

Bellingham, Wash., Lodge No. 194 will partner with a local social worker to supply household goods for homeless veterans transitioning into new apartments. Elks also plan to hold a Christmas party for these veterans.

Capital Area, Mich., Lodge No. 196 will hold a Veterans Day dinner at the VOA Homeless Veterans Shelter. They will participate in a Stand Down with an Elks booth, distributing backpacks full of supplies, and providing toys and clothing for a VFW home for children of veterans.

San Antonio, Texas, Lodge No. 216 will organize fishing trips for the families at the Warrior and Family Support Center at the Brook Army Medical Center. Elks will also partner with Goodwill Industries to host two job fairs for veterans.

Stockton, Calif., Lodge No. 218 will partner with the San Joaquin Homeless Veterans Stand Down Committee to escort veterans through the event stations and provide backpacks, clothing, blankets, and food.

Charleston, S.C., Lodge No. 242 will partner with the Community Resource Referral Center to provide housing assistance, meal vouchers and medical services. Elks will also help run the local Stand Down.

Green Bay, Wis., Lodge No. 259 will partner with the Milo C. Huempfer VA Clinic to provide clothing, personal kits, bus passes and laptops for homeless and disabled veterans.

Beaumont, Tex., Lodge No. 311 will expand their backpack program for homeless veterans and provide work clothing for veterans seeking jobs.

Port Townsend, Wash., Lodge No. 317 will provide medical and dental medications and supplies for a Stand Down hosted at the Lodge.

Yakima, Wash., Lodge No. 318 will prepare and serve a meal for over 700 veterans at the Central Washington Veterans Coalition Stand Down.

Traverse City, Mich., Lodge No 323 will partner with Operation Homefront to provide food baskets, cards created by students, and toys for Coast Guard families.

Plymouth-Ann Arbor, Mich., Lodge No. 325 will hold two steak luncheons for veterans at local VA facilities and homeless shelters. Elks will also help to fund a Christmas gift program for these hospitalized and homeless veterans.

Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge No. 335 will host monthly bingo events, quarterly pizza parties, and provide necessary supplies and entertainment for the residents of the Arizona State Veterans Home.

Allegheny, Pa., Lodge No. 339 will partner with the Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania for their yearly Stand Down, providing equipment and volunteering at the event.

Naval/Port Angeles, Wash., Lodge No. 353 will host two fishing trips for service members and their families from Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, Washington.

Eugene, Ore., Lodge No. 357 will sponsor a dental van, equipment and supplies for the Lane County Stand Down. Lodge members will also volunteer at the event.

Hornell, New York, Lodge No. 364 will host a family day in the park to support at-risk veterans, with a VA information booth, cookout, children's activities and gift bags for attendees.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Lodge No. 393 will partner with the VA, the Tuscaloosa Soup Bowl and the United Methodist Church to hold a Stand Down. They will be responsible for providing shower shoes and toiletries for the participants.

Eau Claire, Wis., Lodge No. 402 will host a Veterans Day dinner for homeless and nursing home resident veterans as well as the National Guard unit. Elks will also

provide gas gift cards to homeless veterans and sponsor a veteran family's trip to Camp Wawbeek.



Fresno, Calif., Lodge No. 439 will host Christmas Parties at two local veterans' homes with refreshments, entertainment, and gifts.

Bozeman, Mont., Lodge No. 463 will partner with several local veteran organizations to present a Stand Down, where they will coordinate vendors, provide food, and distribute clothing.

Frankfort, Ky., Lodge No. 530 will host a veterans' cookout, a holiday breakfast, and provide bus passes for transportation to medical appointments for veterans at a local hospital.

Red Lodge Beartooth, Mont., Lodge No. 534 will partner with the Carbon Stillwater Counties Yellow Ribbon Community to provide emergency and short term assistance to veterans, reserve, and active duty families.

Grass Valley, Calif., Lodge No. 538 will partner with Wags for Warriors to train and provide ten service dogs to local veterans with PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Lodge No. 545 will make care packages of toiletries, sheets and clothing for homeless veterans staying at the Pennyroyal Veterans Center.

Rutherford, N.J., Lodge No. 547 will provide clothing and hygiene items for the veterans residing at the Paramus New Jersey Veterans Home.

Painesville, Ohio, Lodge No. 549 will partner with the VA and other organizations to purchase and distribute winter clothing to local veterans in need, and will also host a trip to a Cleveland Indians baseball game.

Durham, N.C., Lodge No. 568 will partner with Veterans to Veterans United Inc. to provide veterinary care and training equipment for service dogs for veterans.

Wilkins, Pa., Lodge No. 577 will partner with The Veterans Place to hold a picnic lunch and trip to a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game for 68 homeless veterans.

Brainerd, Minn., Lodge No. 615 will organize and lead a camping trip for ten military and veteran families in need at Deparq Woods on Camp Ripley.

Manistique, Mich., Lodge No. 632 will partner with the Snowmobile Association of Seney Michigan to hold the Veterans Snowmobile Event. This event is aimed at offering veterans and military families access to a safe and healthy activity.

Eureka, Calif., Lodge No. 652 will host a veterans' reintegration event with workshops and presentations about VA benefits, PTSD awareness, nutrition, stress reduction, and other useful topics. The event will include children's activities and lunch.

Salisbury, N.C., Lodge No. 699 will partner with the Salisbury VA Medical Center to hold a Christmas event for homeless veterans and a Stand Down in May.

Tampa, Fla., Lodge No. 708 will host recreational outings and holiday events for veterans in transitional housing, along with providing supplies needed at the housing facility.

Bessemer, Ala., Lodge No. 721 will visit veterans in nursing homes during the holidays and provide personal necessity items and gifts.

Kinston, N.C., Lodge No. 740 will provide transportation, advertising, barber services, winter clothing, and bedding for homeless veterans at the Wayne County Stand Down.

Provo, Utah, Lodge No. 849 will provide iPods and music downloads for the Music and Memory Initiative, which helps veterans with cognitive and physical challenges to find meaning and connection in their lives through music. Elks will also volunteer with the program.



Elizabeth City, N.C. Lodge No. 856 will host a veterans fishing trip to the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Lake City, Fla., Lodge No. 893 will provide equipment, snacks, personal items, and entertainment events to veterans at the Community Living Center at the Lake City VA Hospital and the Robert Jenkins State Veterans' Domiciliary Home.

Waterville, Maine, Lodge No. 905 will pay emergency security fees and provide

household goods for veterans moving into new homes. Elks will also provide Christmas gifts to veterans in nursing homes.

Santa Monica, Calif., Lodge No. 906 will host a dinner and show at the lodge called Operation Veteran Warmth. Veterans from the VA and homeless shelter who attend will receive winter coats.

Indiana, Pa., Lodge No. 931 will take eight veterans from the assisted living home to a Veterans Day breakfast, lunch, and Christmas shopping for coats, clothing and other needed items.

Ashland, Ore., Lodge No. 944 will provide undergarments and personal care items to women veterans at the VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics.

Augusta, Maine, Lodge No. 964 will repair equipment at the Togus VA Medical Center and provide emergency gas and grocery cards for the veterans there.

Bristol, Pa., Lodge No. 970 will treat veterans' home residents to a baseball game, luncheon, and an ice cream social.

Huntingdon, Pa., Lodge No. 976 will establish a Veteran Home Improvement and Relief Program, to help veterans with housing repairs, school supplies, food, clothing, and personal items.

Gulfport, Miss., Lodge No. 978 will host a Military Family Appreciation Day and a Junior Fishing Rodeo for military families on the Gulf Coast, including meals, music, children's activities, the Drug Awareness trailer and mascot.

Bristol, Conn., Lodge No. 1010 will host a Christmas event at the local veterans' home with refreshments, gifts and supplies needed by the residents.

Somerville, N.J., Lodge No. 1068 will partner with Community Hope and the Support Services for Veteran Families program to provide grocery and household supply gift cards for homeless veterans. Elks will also participate in a holiday gift drive focusing on children's winter clothing.

Plainview, Texas, Lodge No. 1175 will partner with God's Love and Dogs to support the training and care of service dogs as well as the counseling and support for veterans who receive the dogs.

Houma, La., Lodge No. 1193 will partner with the Nicholls State University Veterans Organization to hold an intergenerational barbeque for veteran students and residents from the Southeast Louisiana War Home.

Anacortes, Wash., Lodge No. 1204 will host a community outreach event with a meal, veteran advocate speaker and information about local resources for veterans. Gift cards and supplies will be distributed to veterans in need.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Lodge No. 1224 will take VA residents on a visit to the Big Cat Rescue center in Tampa.

Coeur D'Alene, Id., Lodge No. 1254 will distribute clothing to homeless veterans at their local Stand Down, and sponsor services such as haircuts and meals at the event.

Middleboro, Mass., Lodge No. 1274 will partner with the Brockton VA Hospital to initiate a Recognition Day for residents and families, with two cookouts and a DJ. Elks will also collect items for combat care packages with Project Frontlines.

Franklin, N.H., Lodge No. 1280 will be providing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner baskets for families with a parent serving in the military. The lodge will also purchase gifts for residents at the Veterans Home.

Lakeland, Fla., Lodge No. 1291 will host an Elks' Day Outing for veterans from the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa, Florida. The day will include a picnic lunch served to the veterans and comfort kits for each attendee.

Malone, N.Y., Lodge No. 1303 will partner with the Salute Military Golf Association to put on an eight week golf clinic and tournament for wounded warriors.

Wallingford, Conn., Lodge No. 1365 will organize a Secret Santa program and holiday party for the veterans at the Connecticut State Veterans Home.

McAllen, Texas, Lodge No. 1402 will partner with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Honoring America's Veterans to coordinate household start up kits for homeless veterans and provide a hot meal for them at the lodge.

Gardner, Mass., Lodge No. 1426 will assemble and deliver Thanksgiving meal baskets for families at the Northeast Veteran Training and Rehabilitation Center.

Duarte, Calif., Lodge No. 1427 will partner with the National Guard to invite local service members and veterans to two meals at the lodge. At the events, resource information will be distributed and food donations will be given to veteran and military families in need.

Sonora, Calif., Lodge No. 1587 will assist with remodeling and repair of Victory Village, a facility that provides housing services, employment assistance and substance abuse counseling for homeless and low income veterans and their families.

Easton, Md., Lodge No. 1622 will coordinate with local dentists to provide dental services for veterans in need.

Hickory, N.C., Lodge No. 1654 will partner with several community organizations to provide housing assistance and household goods to a disabled veteran.

San Benito, Texas, Lodge No. 1661 will cover apartment application fees, and supply household items and pantry staples for veterans entering transitional housing. Elks also plan to provide food and donate necessities at their Stand Down.

Toledo, Ore., Lodge No. 1664 will host a bottom fishing trip and lunch for forty disabled veterans.

Burns, Ore., Lodge No. 1680 will assemble bags of toiletries, towels, socks and other needed items for the veterans Stand Down.

Crescent City, Calif., Lodge No. 1689 will partner with the VFW to assemble and distribute weekly sack lunches to homeless veterans in the community.

Auburn, Calif., Lodge No. 1691 will host a holiday meal for veterans in need, provide a lunch at the local VA hospital, create a Community Food/Gift Card Program for homeless veterans, and ship care packages to troops overseas.



Point Pleasant, N.J., Lodge No. 1698 will cook and serve a holiday breakfast for the 514th Air Mobility Wing at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. Gift baskets and children's gifts will be distributed to families in need.

Hemet, Calif., Lodge No. 1740 will host a Pacific Ocean fishing trip, providing food, fishing gear rental, cleaning, and support for veterans.

St. George Dixie, Utah, Lodge No. 1743 will operate a yearlong support program for community veterans, including holiday lunches, household items, gifts, guides for families of deceased veterans, and a Christmas party.

Colville, Wash., Lodge No. 1753 will provide support for the Veterans Court, participate in the Tri-County Stand Down, support the Band of Brothers hunt for disabled veterans, and support the educational needs of veterans at the community college.

Lewisburg, W.Va., Lodge No. 1758 will deliver holiday gift bags to veterans in local nursing homes and provide monthly bingo visits to long term and hospice care patients.

Farmington, Mo., Lodge No. 1765 will make weekly visits to eleven nursing homes, delivering entertainment, supplies, and a monthly meal that rotates to each nursing home. The lodge will also host a Christmas breakfast and give gifts to each of the 120 veterans.

Onancock, Va., Lodge No. 1766 will assist with renovations and build ramps at the homes of disabled veterans.

Myrtle Beach, S.C., Lodge No. 1771 will partner with the Veteran's Welcome Home and Resource Center to hold a Stand Down. Elks will collect nonperishable food, clothing and hygiene items for the event.

Vero Beach, Fla., Lodge No. 1774 will sponsor a Stand Down, partnering with several local veterans organizations. Elks will provide supplies, a meal, haircuts, and assistance with VA services.



Lakewood, Colo., Lodge No. 1777 will contribute clothing and volunteer as escorts at their local Stand Down.

Westbrook, Conn., Lodge No. 1784 will supply labor and materials to repair the roof of a local Vietnam veteran's home. Elks will also hold a summer barbeque for veterans at local VA homes.

Fayetteville, Tenn., Lodge No. 1792 will provide clothing, supplies and multiple luncheons to disabled

veterans at the Alvin C. York VA Hospital in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Blythe, Calif., Lodge No. 1799 will hold a Stand Down, providing supplies, a meal, snacks and water for the attendees. Elks will also gather backpacks full of school supplies for kids in military families.

El Cajon, Calif., Lodge No. 1812, along with the Cuyamaca College Veteran Services program, will co-sponsor the Veterans Ed-Plan Jam for Vet Success. The event will include a Veterans Day barbeque, supplies for students, and the expansion of a textbook lending library.

Venice Nokomis, Fla., Lodge No. 1854 will create comfort packages and provide canteen vouchers for the 140 residents of the VA Bay Pines Nursing Facility.

Hillsboro, Ore., Lodge NO. 1862 will hold a health and resource education event followed by a chartered fishing trip called Teach a Vet to Fish for local veterans in need.

Kissimmee, Fla., Lodge No. 1873 will be volunteering at the Orlando International Airport USO Welcome Center, offering Welcome Home packages for returning service members and their families.

Toms River, N.J., Lodge No. 1875 will host a Veterans Day luncheon and seminar for veterans in nursing homes, active duty military members, and other local veterans. The event will educate veterans about access to VA benefits and other resources.

Manchester, Conn., Lodge No. 1893 will provide meals, warm clothing, haircuts, dental services, and transportation for veterans in need visiting the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall in Manchester.

Greater Wildwood, N.J., Lodge No. 1896 will partner with the Cape May County coordinator for veteran affairs to find housing and supply clothing, furniture and household items to veterans who are returning to the workforce.

Pompano Beach, Fla., Lodge No. 1898 will work with a local soup kitchen to establish a bike academy for homeless veterans, teaching them how to repair bicycles and develop business skills.

Holiday Isles, Fla., Lodge No. 1912 will take veterans from the Bill Young VA who are dealing with PTSD on a trip to a big cat rescue facility and dinner at the lodge.



Branford, Conn., Lodge No. 1939 will host a dinner for blind veterans from the VA hospital in West Haven and make visits to the hospital to play bingo and serve ice cream. Elks will also provide meals for their Take a Vet Fishing Program.

Ken-Ton, N.Y., Lodge No. 1942 will provide starter kits to previously homeless veterans who are leaving the Altamont House for permanent residency.

Independence, Ore., Lodge No. 1950 will provide fly fishing equipment for veterans participating in Project Healing Waters. Elks will also stock supplies for a veterans' pantry and serve monthly meals to the veterans who use the pantry.

Garland, Texas, Lodge No. 1984 will have a booth at the Dallas VA Hospital's annual carnival with pulled pork, tacos, popcorn, and snow cones. Elks will also host a Christmas party at the hospital with gifts and a meal for the veterans.

Fayetteville-Springdale, Ark., Lodge No. 1987 will host six birthday parties for the residents of the VA Nursing Home in Fayetteville. Elks will also provide hygiene items, haircuts, personal services, and meal and movie certificates for homeless veterans.

Concord, Calif., Lodge No. 1994 will provide dinner, sleeping bags, clothing, and other supplies, as well as co-sponsor a tent at the Delta Homeless Veterans Stand Down.

St. Helens, Ore., Lodge No. 1999 will provide supplies, insurance and phone/internet service to the Elks Veterans Bunker, a facility that offers training, counseling, and job search resources to local veterans.

Weslaco, Texas, Lodge No. 2057 will provide Welcome Home Kits full of household goods for veterans who are being placed in apartments and need assistance.

San Clemente, Calif., Lodge No. 2068 will host a holiday meal and event for active duty Marines from Camp Pendleton Marine Base who cannot be at home for the holidays.

Billerica, Mass., Lodge No. 2071 will partner with the National Guard to hold a Military Family Appreciation Day, offering assistance with supplies or personal needs to the families who attend.

Kerrville, Texas, Lodge No. 2081 will provide clothing and supplies, expand their monthly bingo program, and provide monthly dinner and entertainment for elderly and disabled veterans at the Kerrville VA hospital

Titusville, Fla., Lodge No. 2113 will host a Stand Down at the lodge, offering medical and dental treatment, clothing, food, and assistance with VA benefits.

Arlington, Texas, Lodge No. 2114 will host three summer cookout and activity outings for veterans from the Dallas and Fort Worth VA hospitals. Elks will also host a Christmas party with a meal, entertainment, gifts, and wellness items.

Livermore-Pleasanton, Calif., Lodge No. 2117 will work with their local community college to set up a textbook library for veteran students.

Englewood, Colo., Lodge No. 2122 will build holiday gift baskets for residents of the Denver VA nursing home and partner with the Denver area Navy Chiefs to hold a holiday luncheon for homeless veterans.

Franklin, Mass., Lodge No. 2136 will provide heating oil for veterans in need and their families during the winter.

Groton, Conn., Lodge No. 2163 will make a trip to the VA home in Rocky Hill, Connecticut to deliver Christmas packages and hold a welcome party at the nearby Navy base for Thanksgiving.

Boca Raton, Fla., Lodge No. 2166 will partner with Wounded Warrior Anglers of America, Inc. to facilitate a weekend fishing trip for veterans with disabilities.

Potosi, Mo., Lodge No. 2218 will make monthly visitations to the St. James Veteran's Home, delivering necessities and Christmas gifts to the residents.

Hopkins, Minn., Lodge No. 2221 will provide groceries and other services such as basic repairs, lawn care, or a parents' night out to military families each month.

Kailua, Hawaii, Lodge No. 2230 will hold six barbeque cookouts for the Wounded Warrior Complex on KMCAS base in Kaneohe.

Cedar Grove, N.J., Lodge No. 2237 will purchase pots, pans, and cooking utensils for Valley Brook, the low income housing unit for veterans at Lyons Hospital.

Cranberry, Pa., Lodge No. 2249 will send care packages to active military members in Afghanistan, hold a Christmas party at the VA hospital in Butler, select ten additional veterans for the Adopt-A-Veteran Program, and support the hospital's recreation fund.

West Shore, Pa., Lodge No. 2257 will hold a Christmas party at the Lebanon, Pennsylvania VA hospital, giving away canteen books and individualized Christmas gifts for the veterans.

Virginia Beach, Va., Lodge No. 2268 will purchase and distribute start-up kits of household items for veterans transitioning into housing.

Lompoc, Calif., Lodge No. 2274 will partner with Operation KUDO to hold a mock deployment line for children of military personnel to better understand what their parents experience when they are deployed. Elks will provide a "Welcome Home Barbeque" for the participating families.

Yucca Valley, Calif., Lodge No. 2314 will hold a Veterans Day cookout, distribute Christmas gifts to veterans in senior living facilities, and provide boxes of food to veterans in need at the VFW.

Slidell, La., Lodge No. 2321 will visit nine nursing and retirement homes at Christmas time to deliver personal items, clothing, food, and gift certificates.

Irving, Texas, Lodge No. 2334 will partner with Farmers Assisting Returning Military to purchase and build two structures used to extend the growing season and double the space available for growing vegetables.

Manahawkin, N.J., Lodge No. 2340 will provide care packages to veterans in need of emergency or supportive services.

Apache Junction, Ariz., Lodge No. 2349 will hold a Christmas party, a July picnic, an August pizza party, and a steam boat ride and dinner on Canyon Lake for veterans from the Mental Health Intensive Care Unit of the Phoenix VA Hospital

Woodbridge, Va., Lodge No. 2355 will sponsor a wounded warrior bus trip to Atlantic City for a day of meals, games and walking the boardwalk.

East Brunswick, N.J., Lodge No. 2370 will provide new clothing to veterans at the Menlo Park Home and Lyons Hospital.

Brandon, Fla., Lodge No. 2382 will partner with other area organizations to hold a veterans' resource fair. Elks will provide monthly dinners for veterans from Liberty Manor and James Haley Hospital, and a picnic for homebound veterans with spinal injuries.

Cocoa Beach, Fla., Lodge No. 2387 will support veterans at a transitional facility with supplies, bus passes, haircut vouchers, and a Veterans Day ceremony and dinner hosted at the lodge.

Milford, Del., Lodge No. 2401 will hold a horse racing event for the veterans at the Milford Veterans Home, with a video of a race, games, prizes and clothing giveaways.

Loudoun, Va., Lodge No. 2406 will support the USO at Dulles International Airport with food items, family activities, and blankets, as well as volunteering to be greeters when needed.

Farmington, Maine, Lodge No. 2430 will support the annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans at the Togus VA Hospital with event preparation, transportation, a meal, and boxes of food and literature for the veterans to take home.

Northglenn, Colo., Lodge No. 2438 will support the Denver Homeless Veterans Stand Down registering veterans, serving breakfast, and distributing clothing and supplies.

Forest Grove, Ore., Lodge No. 2440 will serve soup, hold a monthly brunch, offer a clothing closet and provide blankets, supplies, and food to homeless veterans at their Veterans Room.

New Egypt, N.J., Lodge No. 2457 will sponsor a Chat and Chew program for veterans to learn about cooking and nutrition from a professional chef. Elks will hold a bingo and pizza party at the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home and host a dinner for active duty military personnel from a nearby base.

Rockville, Ind., Lodge No. 2471 will provide emergency supplies in Gratitude Baskets to veterans in need.

Madison, Tenn., Lodge No. 2473 will bring welcome baskets with household goods and personal items to veterans entering new housing.

Chestertown, Md., Lodge No. 2474 will host a chartered boat fishing trip on the Chesapeake Bay for hospitalized veterans.

Oceano/Five Cities, Calif., Lodge No. 2504 will partner with Global Hearts to provide three monthly Family Night Out dinners and activities for families from Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Vestal, N.Y., Lodge No. 2508 will hold an ice cream social and bring Christmas gifts to residents at their local veterans' retirement home.

Forks, Wash., Lodge No. 2524 will sponsor and coordinate repairs for Sarge's Place, a facility for homeless veterans.

Kinderhook, N.Y., Lodge No. 2530 will host two fishing trips and a holiday party for immobilized veterans from the local VA hospital.

Tucson East, Ariz., Lodge No. 2532 will supply bike parts for the blind rehabilitation program at the Southern Arizona VA Health Care Center. Elks will also purchase and distribute supplies for new mothers at the Women's Veterans Health Care Clinic.

Egg Harbor Township, N.J., Lodge No. 2563 will host quarterly pizza lunches and a Santa visit at Christmas for veterans at the Meadowview Nursing Home. Elks will also cook and serve a Thanksgiving dinner for the Cape May Coast Guard Training Station, with phones and computers available for recruits to contact friends and family.

Edmond, Okla., Lodge No. 2578 will supply food for the Veterans Corner food pantry and provide three luncheons with karaoke for the Norman Oklahoma Veterans Center.



Lake Elsinore/Wildomar, Calif., Lodge No. 2591 will host a Veterans Expo with housing, health and employment resources available. Elks will host a quarterly meal for the residents at the Jerry L. Pettis VA Hospital in Loma Linda, and two holiday parties.

Vacaville, Calif., Lodge No. 2638 will partner with the Solano County Sheriff's Department to supply veterans recently released from incarceration with backpacks, bus passes, food vouchers, a motel voucher, and other supplies needed for their transition.

Santa Ynez Valley, Calif., Lodge No. 2640 will partner with Global Hearts to offer children's Christmas gifts to the families from Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Casas Adobes, Ariz., Lodge No. 2663 will partner with the Tucson Veteran's Hospital to supply backpacks full of essential items to homeless veterans.

Tahoe/Douglas, Nev., Lodge No. 2670 will transport veterans to area homeless shelters and medical services as well as assist low income veterans with housing deposits and household goods.

Calabash, N.C., Lodge No. 2679 will host a Lodge Day with fishing, lunch, and activities for residents of the VA home and assisted living homes. Elks will host a barbeque and a Thanksgiving lunch at the VA home, as well as send care packages to military members overseas.

Eagle River, Alaska, Lodge No. 2682 will host a Christmas dinner with gifts for active duty service members from Joint Base Elmendorf/Richardson, who are unable to return home for Christmas.

West Citrus, Fla., Lodge No. 2693 will assist with remodeling and furnishing a room at The Mission in Citrus for homeless veterans. Elks will also provide transportation and supplies for the veterans who are moving into new homes or attending school.

Cumberland County, Tenn., Lodge No. 2751 will hold a Christmas party for veterans in two area nursing homes, with individual visits, gifts, and food.

Bonita Springs-Estero, Fla., Lodge No. 2753 will partner with the Lee County Veterans Service office to provide household items for veterans who are transitioning into new apartments.

Pahrump, Nev., Lodge No. 2796 will participate in a Stand Down and assist Disabled American Veterans by stocking their food pantry and supplying batteries for electric wheel chairs.

Fredericktown, Mo., Lodge No. 2812 will assist military and veteran families with housing repairs, ramp building, and appliance replacement.

Catalina Mountain, Ariz., Lodge No. 2815 will partner with the American Legion to hold a Battalion Family Day for the National Guard and support the families with school supplies, Christmas gifts, home and auto repairs, and employment counseling.

St. Lucie West, Fla., Lodge No. 2823 will partner with the county police and fire departments to distribute care packages to homeless veterans.



Little River, S.C., Lodge No. 2840 will host lunches and provide transportation for veterans from Summit Place assisted living facility in Little River.

Galloway Township, N.J., Lodge No. 2845 will partner with Blue Star Mothers and the US War Dogs Association to write letters and send packages to active military members and working dog teams.

Sahuarita, Ariz., Lodge No. 2851 will work with the Family Readiness Unit at the Air National Guard to provide supplies for new mothers and babies and host a Thanksgiving celebration for active duty families.