Augusta ELKS #205

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Looking Ahead

December 1	Elks Memorial Service 4:00 p.m.
December 5	Lodge Meeting 7:30 p.m.
December 8	Elks #205 Float in Columbia county Christmas Parade
December 8	Elks Aidmore Christmas Party, Conyers 10:30 a.m.
December 11	Ga. War Veteran's Nursing Home Social 2:15 p.m
December 13	Lounge Open 6:00 p.m. until…
December 17	Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m. House Committee 8:00 p.m.
December 19	No Lodge Meeting
December 20	Cash Night Christmas Dinner & Dance, Dinner 7:00p.m., Dance 8:00 p.m.
December 25	Merry Christmas!
December 27	Lounge Open 6:00 p.m. Open Mic 6:30pm
January 1	Happy New Year!
January 2	Lodge Meeting 7:30 p.m.
January 3	Lounge Open 6:00 p.m. until…
January 8	Ga. War Veteran's Nursing Home Social 2:15 p.m.
January 10	Lounge Open 6:00 p.m. until…
January 14	Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m., House Committee 8:00 p.m.
January 16	Lodge Meeting 7:30 p.m.
January 17	Dance 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
January 24	Lounge Open 6:00 p.m. until...
January 31	Lounge Open 6:00 p.m. until…Open Mic Night 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

January date TBD Hoop Shoot (details will be announced via calling post and January newsletter)

To all Augusta Elk Members and Friends,

I know I am not the only one who feels like this year has flown by! It feels like we were just putting all our decorations into storage yesterday. Yet, here we are, going through all the motions of preparing for the season once again. I hope you, and your families, have an awesome Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have several activities planned at the lodge to provide opportunities for us to gather with our Elk Brothers and Sisters, as well as opportunities to support our local community.

On the community service front, by the time you read this, we will have served our Veterans, Active Duty, and First Responders a meal on 11/16. Thank you, Frank, for organizing this annual event; and thanks to all the other volunteers who helped with cooking, serving, and clean up. I know all of those who serve us so proudly, were thankful to be served on this occasion. We have our annual Toys for Tots toy drive taking place. I'd love to see the box in the lobby overflowing by the time we turn it in to the Marines.
This time of year is always full of social actives for our members and guests. We have Open Mic Night on November 29th, the Christmas Parade on December 8th, and our annual Cash Night/Christmas Dinner Dance on December 20th. I look forward to enjoying each of these events with all of you!

Until next time,

Adam McFadden
(706) 495-3519
j.adam.mcfadden@gmail.com

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lounge will be open every Friday night at 6:00 p.m. (unless there is a utilization that night). So drop in for Happy Hour. Stay for darts, cards, games, etc. Hot dogs and chips will be available for a nominal fee.

Chaplin s Corner

Elks, let's keep Christ in Christmas. Find someone to help or a family to help… And make a precious memory for them and their children. Text or call me if I can be of assistance. Also, if you know of someone who needs to be added to the Sickness and Distress List, please call/text me 706-294-7911.

Blessings to you and yours,
Chaplain Earl

The Lodge is moving slowly towards electronic distribution of our communications. To the ones who receive our newsletter by mail, if you are willing to receive information from the Lodge by email please send an email to augustaelkslodge205@gmail.com. Your email address will not appear in the email that you will receive.

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LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Phyllis Moccio
1st VP	Beth Clarke
2nd VP	Iris Lanier
Secretary/Treasurer	Valarie McLeroy
Chaplain	Billie Hunter
Auditor	Carolyn Thompson

Heard Through the Grapevine

The election to fill the Lecturing Knight and First Year Trustee vacancies was held at the November 7th meeting. Congratulations to Cody Mercer who was elected as Lecturing Knight and to John Miller who was elected as First Year Trustee.

The Annual Appreciation Dinner Honoring our Veterans, Active Duty Military and First Responders was held Saturday, November 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event was attended by approximately 70 people, a combination of veterans, active military and first responders and their families and/or caregivers. That number included 13 veterans and 3 helpers from the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home. Everyone enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving meal prepared and served by Frank Buffington and his "platoon" of volunteers. Funding for this event was provided in part by the Elks Veterans Administration Voluntary Services (VAVS).

The Third Annual Sportsman's 26–Drawing GUN Raffle is well underway. Bob says "We are off to a good start! A big Thank You to all those who have sold tickets. Keep up the good work! We need all members to participate to make this Lodge fundraiser a big success." Tickets will be sold from October 23rd until February 12th. The first drawing will be February 12th and will continue weekly through April 8th . Stop by the Lodge and pick up tickets or call or text Bob (706-421-9069), Shawn White (706-631-3251), or Chuck Burke (706-414-6933) for tickets. Please see the Third Annual Sportsman's 26–Drawing GUN Raffle FLYER in this Newsletter for more detailed information. Especially review the list of firearms – the word on the street is "Wow!!... Great Quality!!... Even a HENRY!!!..."

Monthly Social at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home (affectionately called the Blue Goose by locals) – On the second Wednesday of every month at 2:15 p.m., loyal Elks Carol Jeffries, Connie Magriplis and Patrisia Miller arrive at the Blue Goose loaded down with sub sandwiches, chips, and beverages to share with the Residents. They are also joined by Elk Bill Lanier who provides listening and dancing music for the group. This group of Elks enjoys an afternoon of sharing food and companionship with approximately 30 to 35 men and women veterans. And sometimes they even enjoy a dance or two with the veterans. Patrisia says "We have one veteran, 97 year of Mr. Bill Allen, who really loves to dance. His feet start tapping as soon as the music starts. He is a delight to dance with. I think Connie, Carol and Bill would agree with me, we get so much more than we give when we visit our wonderful veterans at the Blue Goose." Please consider taking time from you busy schedule to join the Elks Blue Goose Crew on the second Wednesday of the Month. Call/text Patrisia at 706-726-2070 for more information. Funding for this activity is provided in part by the Elks Veterans Administration Voluntary Services (VAVS).

Did you know that the Lodge has "adopted" a veteran, Mr. William (Bill) Harmon, who is a resident at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home. Mr. Harmon really enjoys having visitors. For those Elks that can get "out and about", please make an effort to visit Mr. Harmon. You can go at a time that fits your schedule. Even a short visit is appreciated. For those who visit Mr. Harmon, please call/text Patrisia Miller 706-726-2070 and let her know you visited. Patrisia will get basic information about your visit to include in the Veterans Services Report that our Lodge submits to the Grand Lodge. Mr. Harmon resides on the fifth floor.

Heard Through the Grapevine

Nutritious Snacks Delivered to McBean Elementary School – Patrisia Miller recently delivered nutritious snacks, breakfast bars and hygiene articles to McBean Elementary School. The teachers will place these items in the backpacks of children-in-need and will also keep some of the breakfast bars and snacks "on hand" to offer to children- in-need who arrive at school after school breakfast has been served. Funding for this charity is provided by a Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation (ENF).

Annual Hoop Shoot – The Augusta Elks Lodge Annual Hoop Shoot will be held in mid-January. The specific location, date and time are still to be determined. Thanks to Bob Amy for coordinating this event. More details will be in the January newsletter and will also announced via Calling Post.

Here's Your Chance…. Did you know we have a small fundraiser underway? Have you seen the Vase sitting on the Lounge Bar with a deck of cards lying beside it? And did you know you have a chance to win $270.00 for a small $10.00 donation?? Interested ??? Well here is how it works: You pull a card out of the deck, tear the card in half, write your name and contact number on one half of card and keep the other half, and drop that half card and your $10.00 donation in the vase. You can enter as many times as you want – just keep adding a half card and $10.00 to the vase. When all the cards are sold, a half card will be pulled out. And if it is your half card, you win $270.00 and the House wins $270.00. Good Luck!!

Mr. Larry Sconyers was given a appreciation award for all he does for the Lodge, donating Bar B Que for several of our events.

Meeting at Dalton for the State Meeting

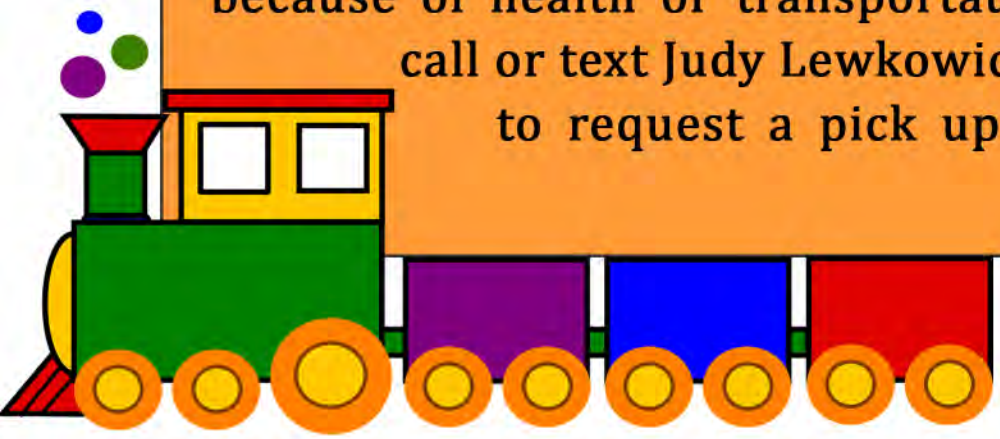
Mr. Bill Allen really enjoys the music played by Bill Lanier when we visit the "Blue Goose".

Connie and Patricia with Mr. Bill Harmon Adopted Veteran

Veterans Appreciation Dinner

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Lodge is collecting toys for the Marine Corps Reserve Annual Toys for Tots campaign which is running from now through December 15th. Please bring your NEW and UNWRAPPED toys to the Lodge and drop them in the Toys for Tots container in the lobby. Toys for Tots of Augusta accepts toys for all ages but especially needs toys for ages 8 and older. If you want to make a Toy donation but are unable to shop for a toy or unable to bring a toy to the Lodge because of health or transportation issues, please call or text Judy Lewkowicz (706-421-9068) to request a pick up and/or shopping assistance.



Volunteers are the 'lifeblood' of our Lodge. And 'we' would like to do a better job recognizing our silent volunteers. Our Roving Reporter needs your help in identifying and acknowledging our volunteers. So when you see someone pitching in, lending a hand, going beyond etc., please text Judy Lewkowicz (706-421-9068) the name of the person and the volunteer activity. Those volunteers and their volunteer contributions will be recognized each month in the THANK YOU section of the Newsletter.

AUGUSTA ELKS LODGE $50 Per Ticket

THIRD ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S 26-Drawing GUN RAFFLE

LESS THAN $2.00 PER CHANCE

EACH TICKET ELIGIBLE FOR ALL 26 DRAWINGS

26 GUNS – ONE TICKET - Ticket DRAWING EACH WEEK ON WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 p.m. located at the AUGUSTA ELKS LODGE DURING HAPPY HOUR (6 P.M. UNTIL (?) We will draw 3 tickets each week until all 26 winning tickets are drawn.

Sponsored by Augusta Elks Lodge # 205 and MB DEFENSE SOLUTIONS
The First drawing is Wednesday, February 12, 2020 and ends April 08, 2020.
EACH TICKET HAS A CHANCE TO BE A MULTIPLE WINNER – Only 500 tickets will be sold.
Each drawn ticket is returned to the drum after each drawing. See list below for winning gun of the week.

The winners must be 18 years old for Rifles and 21 years old for Pistols and must be able to pass a background check.

Tickets must be redeemed within 30 days at: MB DEFENSE SOLUTIONS Call Manny Melendez Phones: CELL: 253-961-8958 HOME 706-305-3932 to set an appointment.
Non-GA residents may purchase tickets and MB Defense Solutions will coordinate winners through a local FFl Dealer of their choice. Winners are responsible for shipping and transfer fees.
Proceeds are intended as a fund raiser for Augusta Elks Lodge#205. A 501C8 Charitable Organization.
Must present ticket to claim prize. NO REFUNDS DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN
TICKETS SOLD AT AUGUSTA ELKS LODGE call 706-860-3223 for a gun raffle representative.
OR CALL Bob Lewkowicz Cell 706-421-9069; Shawn White Cell:706-631-3251.Chuck Burke cell 706-414-6933.
Winning tickets will be posted on the Augusta Elks Lodge#205 Facebook Page.
https://www.facebook.com/augustaelks205.

$50.00 PER TICKET – 26 CHANCES TO WIN! Less than $2.00 per chance. *Elks* Care – *Elks* Share

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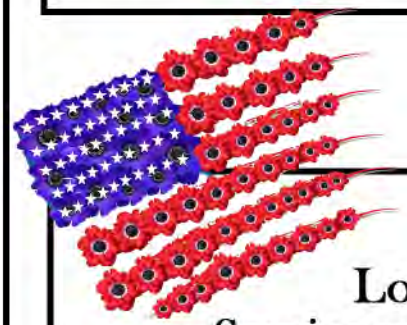
02/12 - SW22 Victory .22	02/26 - FNS9C 9mm	03/11 - SigSauerP320 9mm	04/01 – Anderson AR-15 .223
02/12 - SW M&P22 .22	02/26 - SigSauerP365 9mm	03/18 - Mossberg 590 Tactical 12Ga	04/01 - Remington783 Scoped 30-06
02/12 - Glock 27 .40	03/04 - H&K VP9 9mm	03/18 - Mossberg 88 Field 12 GA	04/01 – Henry Lever Action 30-30
02/19 - S&W M&P40 .40	03/04 - CZ P07ThrdBL 9mm	03/18 – Stoeger Over/Under 12 GA	04/08 – Century Arms AK-47 7.62x39
02/19 - SprngFld XDS45 .45	03/04 - SprngFld1911 .45	03/25 Mossberg Shockwave 12 GA	04/08 - DPMS AR-10 Panther .308
02/19 - SWBdygrd 38Spl	03/11 - Glock 22 .40	03/25 - Ruger10-22 Takedown .22	
02/26 - S&W ShieldEZ380 .380	03/11 - RugerSP101 38Spl	03/25 - S&W M&P15-22 .22	$$ 11/04/2019

FUND RAISER! Last chance to get your cash night tickets!

November Winners
$50 Matt Masters
$75 John Miller
$100 John Hayes

When you buy 4 tickets your name is in a drawing each month and at December Dinner/Dance you get in free



The Augusta Elks Lodge Annual Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, December 1 at 4:00 p.m.

All Elks and Auxiliary members who died during the past year will be recognized. A reception will be held immediately after the service. Please bring finger foods/desserts for the reception. Officers, please arrive by 3:30 p.m. Listed below are the names of the ELKS and Auxiliary members who died in the past year: Elks – James Dicks, Gus Etersque, Gary Feenstra, Norman Heberer, Joseph Scavone, Warren Stewart, PER, PDDGER. Auxiliary – Frances Lewis, Frances Butler Lewis.

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to all you December Elks and Auxiliary babies! Stop by the bar and enjoy your drink of choice -compliments of the Elks' Lodge!

2nd Ken Dewberry
8th Gregory McCarthy
9th Jessie MacDonald
12th Judith Symonette
14th Glynn Watson
15th Sandra Worley
21st Elizabeth (Ellie) McQuire
25th Horace Foss
29th Robert Hopkins
29th Charles Jenkins
29th Billy Lanier

Thank You to the following volunteers:

Patrisia Miller for shopping for and delivering snacks and hygiene articles to McBean Elementary School.

The Blue Goose Crew - Carol Jeffries, Connie Magriplis, Patrisia Miller and Bill Lanier - for doing the monthly social at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home.

Frank Buffington and his platoon of volunteers for making the Veterans, Active Military and First Responders Appreciation Dinner a big success. Volunteers included: ER Adam McFadden, Chase Ronser, Kristopher and Stephanie Dennis, Travis McDaniel, Roderick and Angela Prince, Cody Mercer, Oliver Jones, Doug Simon, Tiana Roberts, Angel Smith, Victoria Middleton, Connie Magriplis, Judy Simonette and Patricia Miller.
Mr. Walter Hixon for his generous donation to support the Lodge's Veterans programs and activities.

The many unnamed volunteers who assist with setting up the Lodge for our monthly meetings (and putting away afterwards).
If someone has been overlooked, please forgive and let Judy know so the volunteer c an be acknowledged in the next newsletter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Memorial Service – help with set up/take down for service & reception (contact Adam or Patricia), bring finger food/dessert for reception.

Join the Blue Goose Crew for the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home Social (contact Patrisia).

Cash Night Christmas Dinner Dance – help with setup and/or take down of ballroom and dining room, help with decorating, help with sign in and money collection (contact Patrisia).

Elks Float in Columbia County Christmas Parade – help with decorating the float (contact Adam), come to the parade to support the Lodge. (contact Adam)

Augusta Elks Lodge Holiday Dance

Eat, drink and be merry!

Catered holiday dinner!

Friday
12/20
$25 per person

Dance 8-11pm
Dinner 7pm
Bar Opens 6pm

Dress to Impress!

Live Music provided by Swing Shift Band!

Please contact Patrisia to RSVP by Monday, December 16th 706.726.2070

Note: Please RSVP even if you bought cash night tickets for head count purposes

Anyone that purchased $100 dollars worth of cash night tickets gets free entry for up to 2 people!

DECEMBER

SUGAR, SPICE & EVERYTHING NICE

2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Memorial Service 4:00 p.m.	2	3	4	5 Lodge Meeting 7:30 p.m.	6 Utilization	7
8 Columbia County Christmas Parade – Elks Float 2-5 p.m.	9	10 Ga. War Veterans Nursing Home 2:15 p.m.	11	12	13 Lounge Open 6:00 p.m.	14
15	16	17	18	19 No Lodge Meeting	20 Cash Night Holiday Dinner & Dance 7:00 p.m	21 Utilization
22 First Day of Winter	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27 Lounge Open 6:00 p.m. Open Mic 6:30 p.m.	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1	2	3	4