



2016-17 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.

Tri-City, RI, Lodge No. 14 will assist recently discharged veterans with housing security deposits, home set-up, benefit referrals, groceries, and other needed supplies.

Willoughby-Cleveland, OH, Lodge No. 18 will create warming kits with clothing, personal care items, and baked goods for veterans at a homeless shelter in Cleveland.

Wheeling, WV, Lodge No. 28 will partner with Helping Heroes, Inc. to provide beds and appliances for veterans in a new transitional home. Elks will also paint and clean residences to prepare for furniture delivery.

Norfolk, VA, Lodge No. 38 will partner with Veteran's Kitchens, Inc. to provide start-up kits with kitchen supplies for veterans transitioning into new homes.

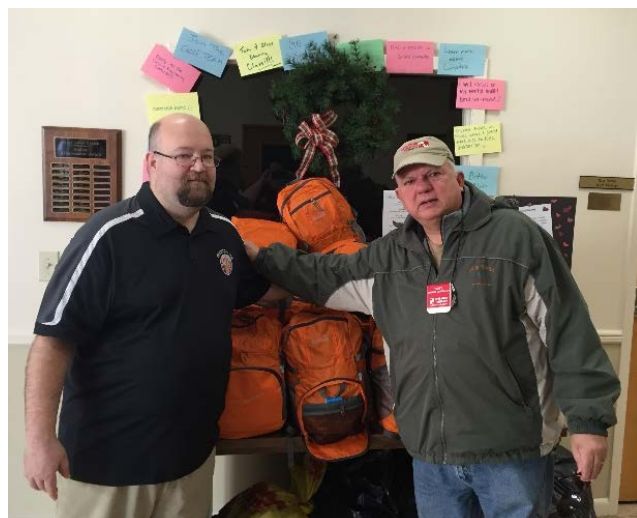
Omaha, NE, Lodge No. 39 will partner with Community Alliance to cover move-in fees and provide household supply kits for veterans moving into apartments.

Elmwood Park-Paterson, NJ, Lodge No. 60 will host dinners for veterans and recently returned military families. Elks will also serve meals and provide household supplies for the Alfred J. Thomas Home for Veterans.

Lawrence, MA, Lodge No. 65 will provide food for an area veterans' food pantry. Elks will also hold a cookout and supply winter clothing for distribution through the New England Veterans Liberty House.

Hoboken, NJ, Lodge No. 74 will provide personal care, bedding, and other household supplies as well as food baskets for veterans moving into new apartments.

Trenton, NJ, Lodge No. 105 will partner with Operation Chillout to prepare packs filled with warm clothing, personal care items, survival gear and local resource information for homeless veterans.



Gallipolis, OH, Lodge No. 107 will partner with the VFW to supply clothing, personal care items, and blankets to veterans in area nursing homes.

Sioux City, IA, Lodge No. 112 will partner with Siouxland Soldiers to provide warm winter clothing to veterans.

Fort Worth, TX, Lodge No. 124 will support the Guitars for Heroes program at the Fort Worth VA, supplying musical equipment and instruction, and hosting performances.

Battle Creek, MI, Lodge No. 131 will coordinate food drives and provide food to stock the on-site pantry at an apartment development for veterans at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center.

Milwaukie-Portland, OR, Lodge No. 142 will provide holiday baskets of food and supplies for veteran and military families in need.

Lafayette, IN, Lodge No. 143 will supply welcome kits and needed equipment for veterans transitioning into new homes.

Manchester, NH, Lodge No. 146 will partner with Liberty house to provide sleeping bags and backpacks with warm clothing for homeless veterans.

Taunton, MA, Lodge No. 150 will coordinate a food drive and deliver food baskets to homebound veterans. Elks will also hold a holiday breakfast and gift giving program for veterans in need.

Fort Wayne, IN, Lodge No. 155 will supply care boxes of clothing and personal care items to homeless and disabled veterans in transitional housing through the Volunteers of America.

Kenton, OH, Lodge No. 157 will host a breakfast and field trip for veterans and their families. Elks will also partner with Blue Star Mothers to create care packages for troops at home and abroad.

Springfield, IL, Lodge No. 158 will provide Welcome Baskets with clothing and household items for veterans moving into permanent homes.

Savannah, GA, Lodge No. 183 will provide clothing, coats, food vouchers, and personal care items for veterans who are participating in Savannah's tiny house program.

Bellingham, WA, Lodge No. 194 will deliver needed items to veterans in transitional housing and provide supplies for a local Stand Down. Elks will also host a Christmas party for local homeless veterans and a Veterans Day dinner.

Charleston, WV, Lodge No. 202 will serve the Roark Sullivan Veteran's Homeless Shelter by providing bedding and personal care items for the facility.

Petersburg, VA, Lodge No. 237 will visit veterans at the McGuire VA Medical Center, distributing health kits, and providing pizza parties, field trips, and other activities. Elks will also collect clothing for a Stand Down.

Bangor, ME, Lodge No. 244 will take veterans from a local VA home on a road trip to Boston to see a Red Sox game at Fenway Park.

East Liverpool, OH, Lodge No. 258 will team up with the Columbiana County Action Agency to hold a Stand Down for homeless veterans. Elks will provide clothing, coats, blankets, and food for the event.

Green Bay, WI, Lodge No. 259 will support the Milo C. Huempfer VA Clinic's homeless veteran welcome event by providing bus passes, personal care kits, backpacks, and clothing for attendees.

Walla Walla, WA, Lodge No. 287 will host a breakfast, distribute personal care kits, and coordinate a trip to Fort Walla Walla Museum for military families and veterans in need. Elks will also provide a meal for veterans and give tickets to a local baseball game.

Oshkosh, WI, Lodge No. 292 will provide personal care packages and winter clothing to homeless veterans in the community.

Davenport, IA, Lodge No. 298 will participate in the local Stand Down by preparing and serving meals, and providing backpacks full of personal care and other needed items.

Salem, OH, Lodge No. 305 will join the county Stand Down by providing personal care items, clothing, and food vouchers.

Port Townsend, WA, Lodge No. 317 will work with healthcare providers to give medications and dental supplies needed to distribute at the Stand Down.

San Luis Obispo, CA, Lodge No. 322 will team up with Amazing Surf Adventures to hold Operation Surf 4 Veterans, a six-month recreation therapy program of mentorship, family support and community.

Traverse City, MI, Lodge No. 323 will create and distribute Christmas meal baskets for families of veterans in need.

Plymouth-Ann Arbor, MI, Lodge No. 325 will hold two steak luncheons for hospitalized veterans from the Detroit and Ann Arbor VA hospitals, and two veterans' homeless shelters. Elks will also provide Christmas gifts for hospitalized and homeless veterans.

Ashland, KY, Lodge No. 350 will partner with Volunteers of America to make accessibility updates and repairs for the homes of veterans with disabilities.

Eugene, OR, Lodge No. 357 will volunteer and sponsor two dental vans at the Lane County Stand Down, while providing needed supplies and medications.

Lewiston, ME, Lodge No. 371 will host a holiday meal for homeless veterans and distribute blankets, personal care items, and other supplies to the Veterans Inc. shelter.

Newark, OH, Lodge No. 391 will partner with the Licking County Coalition for Housing to provide Welcome Home Kits for veterans transitioning into permanent housing.

Billings, MT, Lodge No. 394 will host a job fair and provide resume writing and interview skills training to veterans. Elks will also offer emergency assistance with utility bills for military families.

Eau Claire, WI, Lodge No. 402 will provide personal care items for the homeless shelter in Chippewa Falls, sponsor an Honor Flight, and host a Veterans Day dinner for a local National Guard unit, homeless shelter, and nursing home.

Springfield, MO, Lodge No. 409 will partner with Home at Last to purchase, package, and deliver household goods to veterans moving into new homes.



Fresno, CA, Lodge No. 439 will hold Christmas parties for the veterans at the Fresno VA Hospital's Community Living Center and the California Veteran's Home.

Atlantic, IA, Lodge No. 445 will partner with Table of Mercy to provide kitchen equipment that will be used to cook meals for veterans living outdoors.

Everett, WA, Lodge No. 479 will provide Thanksgiving meal

baskets for veterans living at Sebastian's Place, a transitional housing facility.

Centralia, IL, Lodge No. 493 will provide food, clothing, and personal care items for the Stand Down at the Marion VA Medical Center.

Watertown, NY, Lodge No. 496 will host sailing trips and a picnic at the Fort Drum rehabilitation center for returning wounded warriors.

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

Grass Valley, CA, Lodge No. 538 will hold a Stand Down and prepare lunch for the veterans who attend the event.

Painesville, OH, Lodge No. 549 will partner with the VA to assist homeless and low income families with warm winter clothing. Elks will also take hospitalized veterans to a local baseball game.

Norfolk, NE, Lodge No. 653 will provide a lift chair for a veteran with disabilities, household supplies for local veterans in need, and care packages for recently enlisted service members.

Fairview Heights, IL Lodge No. 664 will partner with Boots on the Green to provide recreational golf for veterans with disabilities and serve them lunch on the day of the event.

St. Charles, MO, Lodge No. 690 will establish an Adopt-A-Veteran program for Veterans Home residents that includes holiday visits, gifts, and special meals. Elks will also organize a trip for veterans to a local baseball game.

Salisbury, NC, Lodge No. 699 will partner with the VA Medical Center in Salisbury to hold a Christmas party for homeless veterans with food, clothing, and other necessities provided for the attendees.

Greenville, TX, Lodge No. 703 will support a veteran transitioning into housing with needed household items, and provide supplies for incoming patients at the Bonham VA.

Bridgeport, PA, Lodge No. 714 will take veterans from the Southeastern Veterans Center to a Reading Phillies baseball game and lunch. Elks will also distribute winter gear kits to homeless veterans.

Nashua, NH, Lodge No. 720 will host a Sunday brunch and clothing closet, where veterans will select needed winter clothing, blankets, and personal items.

Raleigh, NC, Lodge No. 735 will partner with Project Healing Waters to provide fly fishing supplies to veterans in recovery. Elks will host meals during winter with space for veterans to learn to build their own fly fishing equipment.

Kinston, NC, Lodge No. 740 will provide clothing, bedding, ID cards, and transportation for the Wayne County Stand Down for homeless veterans.

Peekskill, NY, Lodge No. 744 will take veterans from the local VA and their family members to a New York Jets Armed Services Appreciation Day football game, with breakfast and tailgate lunch before the game.

New Bern, NC, Lodge No. 764 will provide coats and other winter clothing for homeless veterans at the Craven County stand down.

Lake Hopatcong, NJ, Lodge No. 782 will hold a year-long Operation Outreach program, with a Thanksgiving dinner and summer picnic for homeless veterans and veterans with disabilities. Elks will also provide handmade blankets, clothing, and personal care items to veterans at the Lyons VA Hospital.

Salisbury, MD, Lodge No. 817 will operate the Phalanx veteran support program, providing rent and mortgage assistance, home improvements, food, clothing, and educational support for veteran families in need.

Staten Island, NY, Lodge No. 841 will distribute baskets of housewares, personal care



supplies, and other needed items to veterans who have recently returned from long periods overseas.

Elizabeth City, NC, Lodge No. 856 will host a fishing trip and lunch for veterans, including those with disabilities, and their family members at a pier in the Outer Banks.

Webb City, MO, Lodge No. 861 will provide appliances and other needed home supplies to veterans moving into new apartments. Elks will also host a Veterans Day ceremony and picnic in the park.

Gloucester, MA Lodge No. 892 will provide textbooks, school supplies, and childcare for the spouses of veterans attending Endicott College.

Galesburg, IL, Lodge No. 894 will partner with the VA to host a veteran and military family picnic with a cookout, carnival games, drug awareness trailer, and a raffle for household items and food gifts.

Petaluma, CA, Lodge No. 901 will take disabled veterans from a local transitional home on a team building kayak trip. Elks will also team up with Mothers of Military Service to distribute care packages to service members overseas.

Santa Monica, CA, Lodge No. 906 will provide clothing, food, personal care items, and educational supplies to homeless veterans through Operation Veteran Support.

Quincy, MA, Lodge No. 943 will partner with Operation Homefront to provide school supplies and backpacks to children from military families.

Ashland, OR, Lodge No. 944 will provide clothing and other supplies for women veterans at the VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics.

Kaukauna, WI, Lodge No. 962 will provide transportation for veterans with appointments at the John H. Bradley VA Clinic in Appleton. Elks will also visit and provide canteen books to veterans at the Wisconsin Veterans Home, and deliver notes from local students.

Bristol, PA, Lodge No. 970 will take VA residents to a local baseball game, and hold a barbeque at the VA hospital with youth from the local Boy Scout Troop.

Gulfport, MS, Lodge No. 978 will host a Military Family Appreciation Day event and take veterans from the Biloxi VA Medical Center to the pier for fishing.

Gainesville, FL, Lodge No. 990 will provide cleaning supplies, linens, and personal care items to local veterans in housing assistance programs.

Yankton, SD, Lodge No. 994 will provide meals and support for the local National Guard unit's Formal Winter Ball Reunion.

Alameda, CA, Lodge No. 1015 will volunteer and sponsor a tent at the East Bay Stand Down, send care packages to active duty service members, host Welcome Home breakfasts for returning coast guard personnel, and host a Veterans Day dinner for active duty military.

Florence, SC, Lodge No. 1020 will provide kitchen supply kits for local veterans transitioning into new apartments.

Harrisburg, IL, Lodge No. 1058 will provide winter clothing and personal care supplies to homeless veterans in the area.

Idaho Falls, ID, Lodge No. 1087 will partner with Vietnam Veterans of America to refurbish power wheel chairs for disabled veterans.

Shenandoah, IA, Lodge No. 1122 will take Purple Heart recipients on a duck and deer hunting trip with accessible hunting blinds and wheelchair transportation.

Daytona Beach, FL, Lodge No. 1141 will partner with the Veterans Assistance Coalition to provide household appliances, bedding, kitchen equipment, and other items for veterans moving into new apartments.

Fairbury, NE, Lodge No. 1203 will join Blue Valley Community Action Partnership to supply food and home good care packages to homeless veterans, deployed service members, and their families.

Anacortes, WA, Lodge No. 1204 will host a veteran outreach event, providing meals, warm clothing, personal care supplies, and other needed resources.

St. Petersburg, FL, Lodge No. 1224 will take VA residents on an interactive, educational field trip to the Big Cat Rescue facility.

Claremore, OK, Lodge No. 1230 will hold a Veterans Day celebration at the Claremore VA Center and Nursing Home, as well as events for Christmas and football game day parties.

Klamath Falls, OR, Lodge No. 1247 will provide food, cleaning supplies, clothing, and utility assistance for residents at The Veterans Enrichment Center.

Newark, NY, Lodge No. 1249 will make care packages of warm clothing and personal care supplies for homeless veterans and purchase household items for veterans moving into apartments.

Middleboro, MA, Lodge No. 1274 will hold a Recognition Day cookout for residents at the Brockton VA Medical Center and a Veterans Expo with VA representatives to assist veterans with benefits. Elks will also collect items for combat care packages.

Modesto, CA, Lodge No. 1282 will provide bed sets for the VA and create Welcome Kits for veterans who are transitioning into housing.

Lakeland, FL, Lodge No. 1291 will host an Elk's Day Outing and picnic for veterans from the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, as well as supplying personal care items and t-shirts to veterans in need.

Rock Hill, SC, Lodge No. 1318 will provide two hot meals at a soup kitchen and distribute food pantry items, blankets, and winter clothing to homeless veterans.

Lubbock, TX, Lodge No. 1348 will create Welcome Home Kits full of household supplies in laundry bags with personalized notes from Elk members.

Redondo Beach, CA, Lodge No. 1378 will host a Christmas party at the Long Beach VA and provide clothing, personal care items, and other supplies for the veterans there.

Nampa, ID, Lodge No. 1389 will contribute to the Operation "Brave Heart" program by assisting veterans with emergency needs such as rent and utility payments, medical care, and child care.

McAllen, TX, Lodge No. 1402 will partner with Family Endeavors to provide home start-up kits full of personal care items, cooking tools, and cleaning supplies. Elks will also host a Veterans Day lunch at the lodge for these veterans.

Corvallis, OR, Lodge No. 1413 will partner with a local homeless veterans' shelter to provide supplies for their housing and employment program. Elks will also host a dinner for military families and a Christmas party for the children of military members.

Tulare, CA, Lodge No. 1424 will initiate Operation Health, Hygiene, and Home, by providing packages of personal care items and healthy snacks for active duty military personnel.

Las Vegas, NV, Lodge No. 1468 will host holiday dinners for homeless veterans, and distribute comfort kits and clothing.

Kelso/Longview, WA, Lodge No. 1482 will provide medications and dental care at the county stand down, with a follow up dental event on Veterans Day.

Barre, VT, Lodge No. 1535 will hold a Veterans Day meal and celebration at the Woodbridge Nursing Home. Elks will also create Welcome Home kits for residents at a transitional housing facility.

Lakeview, OR, Lodge No. 1536 will bring together veterans from across Lake County for a meal and education about available health care resources.

Santa Maria, CA, Lodge No. 1538 will provide groceries to veterans who are setting up new homes, and continue donating household furniture.

Oceanside, CA, Lodge No. 1561 will host dinners for veterans in need and provide a food pantry where attendees can select groceries to take home.

Eustis, FL, Lodge No. 1579 will continue a partnership with Veterans Organization of Resource and Recovery for the Homeless by providing items for a food pantry and weekly meals. Elks will also donate clothing, Christmas gifts, transportation, and host quarterly events.

Cullman, AL, Lodge No. 1609 will partner with Saving Forgotten Warriors to provide wheelchair ramps, clothing, food, and housing assistance for veterans in Cullman county.

Indio, CA, Lodge No. 1643 will adopt a ward at the Loma Linda VA Hospital and visit regularly to distribute clothing, personal care items, books, and barbeque meals.

Littleton, CO, Lodge No. 1650 will deliver Thanksgiving dinner baskets and children's items to families of deployed soldiers who are in need.

San Benito, TX, Lodge No. 1661 will provide tote bags full of survival gear for homeless veterans. Elks will also provide resource information, food, household items, and move-in fees for veterans who are transitioning into new homes.

Toledo, OR, Lodge No. 1664 will take disabled, elderly, and homeless veterans on a bottom fishing boat trip, with breakfast and lunch served to all attendees.

Winter Haven, FL, Lodge No. 1672 will provide meals for the Lake Nona Veterans Hospital and provide food, clothing, and housing through the county's emergency assistance call list.

Morehead City-Beaufort, NC, Lodge No. 1710 will coordinate a Stand Down with the VA and other organizations. Elks will provide clothing, blankets, personal care items, tents, and food for the event.

Cahaba Valley, AL, Lodge No. 1738 will support the Three Hots and a Cot program by providing an introductory meal and distributing personal care items, kitchen supplies, and food for the pantry.

Hemet, CA, Lodge No. 1740 will take residents from the Loma Linda Veterans Home on a deep sea fishing boat trip.

Onancock, VA, Lodge No. 1766 will collaborate with Community Partners of the Eastern Shore to expand their current ramp building project to include additional home repairs for veterans in need.

Vero Beach, FL, Lodge No. 1774 will partner with Vietnam Veterans of Indian River County to serve a Veterans Day meal, provide home repairs and household supplies, and establish a job training program.

Lakewood, CO, Lodge No. 1777 will provide clothing for homeless veterans at several Stand Down events.

Walnut Creek, CA, Lodge No. 1811 will host a holiday meal for active duty personnel, veterans, and their families who are in need.

El Cajon, CA, Lodge No. 1812 will hold an Elks Support Veterans Education event at Cuyamaca College. The event will include a lunch, distribution of school supplies, and books for the veteran students' textbook lending library.

Lordsburg, NM, Lodge No. 1813 will provide utility assistance for veterans who are on a fixed income.

Statesville, NC, Lodge No. 1823 will partner with Piedmont Veterans Assistance Council to provide bedding, personal care items, food, clothing, and transportation for residents at a new transitional housing unit.

Morganton, NC, Lodge No. 1852 will make monthly visits to the Western North Carolina Veterans Hospital, serving food and entertainment to elderly and disabled veterans.

Hillsboro, OR, Lodge No. 1862 will host an outreach dinner for veterans living at the



Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center. Elks will also provide warm winter clothing and personal care supplies for those who attend the event.

South Kingstown, RI, Lodge No. 1899 will provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meal baskets to the families of enlisted military personnel at the Newport, RI Naval Base.

Branford, CT, Lodge No. 1939 will host steak dinners and bingo for blind veterans from the West Haven Veterans Hospital. Elks will also provide meals for the Take a Vet Fishing Program.

Hastings, MI, Lodge No. 1965 will host a dinner for veterans in need and provide baskets of clothing, blankets, and utility assistance gift cards for them.

Cartersville, GA, Lodge No. 1969 will provide tote bags full of personal care items, entertainment, and snacks for veterans in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, as well as area homeless veterans.

Redwood City, CA, Lodge No. 1991 will create Home Sweet Home welcome kits full of household supplies for veterans transitioning into housing. Elks will also host a dinner for the welcome kit recipients.

Arcadia, CA, Lodge No. 2025 will host a Veterans Day dinner with entertainment for veterans from the Sepulveda Ambulatory Hospital in Los Angeles.

Westchester, CA, Lodge No. 2050 will provide Welcome Home kits for veterans moving into a new apartment building. Elks will host a Grand Opening party for the building where the kits will be presented.

Potsdam, NY, Lodge No. 2074 will provide health care supplies, personal items, and transportation for local elderly veterans in assisted living and retirement homes.

Kerrville, TX, Lodge No. 2081 will provide clothing and personal care items, expand monthly activity visits, and host a monthly dinner for elderly veterans and veterans with disabilities at the Kerrville VA Medical Center.

Grandview-Hickman Mills, MO, Lodge No. 2088 will provide toiletry kits, apartment supplies, lunches, and Christmas baskets for the residents at three veterans' facilities. Elks will also provide snacks for the hospital Stand Down.

Brewster, NY, Lodge No. 2101 will provide bedding, small appliances, and gardening equipment for residents in Putnam County veteran housing.

Warrington, FL, Lodge No. 2108 will partner with several area veterans' organizations to coordinate the Pensacola Homeless Veteran Stand Down. Elks will provide meals, snacks, and bus passes for the veterans.

Titusville, FL, Lodge No. 2113 will host a Stand Down to provide clothing, personal care supplies, and medical and dental exams for homeless veterans.

Fremont, CA, Lodge No. 2121 will provide Welcome Baskets of cleaning supplies for veterans moving into permanent housing.

Englewood, CO, Lodge No. 2122 will host a holiday lunch for homeless veterans with distribution of clothing and other needed items. Elks will also create Christmas gift baskets for veterans living in nursing homes.

Lynnwood, WA, Lodge No. 2171 will sponsor an apartment at Sebastien Place, a new veteran apartment building. Elks will provide furniture, linens, cleaning supplies, food and personal care items.

Jamesburg, NJ, Lodge No. 2180 will expand their Souper Vets weekly lunch program by offering an on-site nurse and social worker to conduct health screenings and share

resource information. Elks will also host veteran family dinners and provide food packages for veterans to take home.

Hopkins, MN, Lodge No. 2221 will provide a bus trip for homeless veterans to see the Traveling Vietnam War Memorial and supply groceries for their Welcome Home Kit project.

Arvada, CO, Lodge No. 2278 will operate a clothing closet where veterans and active duty personnel can select clothing for job interviews and have access to tailoring services.

Coventry-West Greenwich, RI, Lodge No. 2285 will partner with Dare to Dream Ranch to provide equine therapy, woodworking, yoga, gardening, and other recreational therapies for veterans.

Clear Lake (Kemah), TX, Lodge No. 2322 will provide personal care kits, snacks, and activities for hospitalized veterans at DeBakey VA Medical Center.

Irving, TX, Lodge No. 2334 will build a greenhouse for Farmers Assisting Returning Military, where veterans with PTSD learn agricultural skills and take produce to the local farmer's market.

East Providence, RI, Lodge No. 2337 will create storage bags full of personal care supplies for veterans who use wheelchairs and walkers. Elks will also hold a celebration luncheon where the bags will be presented.

Manahawkin, NJ, Lodge No. 2340 will provide duffel bags filled with warm clothing and personal care items for homeless veterans in need of emergency support.

Apache Junction, AZ, Lodge No. 2349 will host a Christmas party for veterans from the Mental Health Intensive Care Unit at the Phoenix VA, a July picnic at the lodge, an August pizza party, and a steam boat ride with dinner on Canyon Lake.

East Brunswick, NJ, Lodge No. 2370 will create and deliver clothing gift baskets to the veterans at the Menlo Park Home and the Lyons VA Hospital.

Cocoa Beach, FL, Lodge No. 2387 will hold a cookout at a veterans' transitional facility, and provide new residents with cleaning supplies, personal care items, haircut vouchers, and bus passes.

Milford, DE, Lodge No. 2401 will update the bathrooms at the Home of the Brave facility to be accessible for residents with disabilities. Elks will also provide care packages for homeless veterans.

Forest Grove, OR, Lodge No. 2440 will host a Veterans' Room where they'll serve weekday meals and distribute clothing, blankets, personal supplies. A representative will be on-site to assist veterans with paperwork.

Plano-Richardson, TX, Lodge No. 2485 will provide supplies for the VA Stand Down, present Welcome Kits to veterans moving into new housing, and deliver personal care items to hospitalized veterans.

Sarasota South, FL, Lodge No. 2495 will host a monthly lunch for veterans living in nursing homes and hospitals. Elks will also travel to the VA to hold two barbeques for veterans and their families.

Blue Springs, MO, Lodge No. 2509 will provide backpacks filled with personal care items and clothing for the veterans who attend the Stand Down.

Seminole, FL, Lodge No. 2519 will deliver household supplies and bedding to veterans living in transitional housing.

Kinderhook, NY, Lodge No. 2530 will host two fishing trips for immobilized veterans, followed by games and dinner at the lodge. Elks will also partner with a local support group to send care packages to deployed troops.

Islip, NY, Lodge No. 2533 will provide food and volunteers to Beacon House, a food pantry for veterans.

Corinth, MS, Lodge No. 2573 will host a lodge meal where veterans can pick up a kit full of personal care items and spend time talking with support personnel.



Edmond, OK, Lodge No. 2578 will hold luncheons for the residents at the Norman Oklahoma Veterans Center and provide supplies for two food pantries.

Ocean Shores-North Beach, WA, Lodge No. 2581 will organize health screenings at a Stand Down and make home repairs for veterans.

Battle Ground, WA, Lodge No. 2589 will host a

pancake breakfast and small stand down to distribute cold weather clothing, food, and personal care items to homeless veterans.

Katy, TX, Lodge No. 2628 will provide professional job interview clothing through a closet on wheels for veterans in transitional housing.

Vacaville, CA, Lodge No. 2638 will team up with the county sheriff to provide backpacks filled with clothing, personal care items, snacks, and vouchers for veterans being released from incarceration.

Desert Hot Springs, CA, Lodge No. 2639 will participate in a Stand Down, providing benefit information, job opportunities, clothing, transportation, and personal care items to veterans in need.

Eagle River, AK, Lodge No. 2682 will host a Single Soldiers Christmas Dinner for active duty personnel who have no family in the area during the holidays.

West Citrus, FL, Lodge No. 2693 will visit veterans in assisted living facilities, providing holiday gatherings, picnics, and other activities. Elks will also provide supplies for the Mission in Citrus and deliver water and tents to homeless veterans.

Calera, AL, Lodge No. 2703 will host a supply pantry where veterans can obtain personal care items and living supplies each month.

Phoenix West, AZ, Lodge No. 2729 will hold a holiday party for residents at the Arizona State Veterans Home. Elks will also host a Never Forgotten: Building the Network Holiday Fair to distribute resource information and other services to National Guard families while celebrating the holidays with a meal and entertainment.

Ellsworth, ME, Lodge No. 2743 will host quarterly Stand Downs, providing meals, personal care items, and local resource information to veterans in need.

Jackson, NJ, Lodge No. 2744 will partner with Operation Chillout to deliver survival gear backpacks to homeless veterans in the community.

Snake River, ID, Lodge No. 2807 will partner with the VFW and the county veteran service officers to provide winter clothing, blankets, and personal care bags to area veterans in need throughout the year.

St. Lucie West, FL, Lodge No. 2823 will partner with the county police and fire department to distribute bags of personal care items and nutritious food to homeless veterans.

Tri-County, KY, Lodge No. 2826 will host a Family Day picnic for members of the National Guard. Elks will coordinate a softball tournament and connect families to local support resources.

Fountain Hills, AZ, Lodge No. 2846 will develop an on-site vegetable garden to supply fresh produce daily to Victory Place Café, which serves meals to veterans who are homeless or in transitional housing.

Sahuarita, AZ, Lodge No. 2851 will provide baskets of infant necessities to new mothers related to deployed military personnel. Elks will also host a Thanksgiving dinner celebration for military families and veterans from the VA's vision rehab unit.

Shoals, AL, Lodge No. 2860 will partner with area veterans' groups to hold a lunch and information event to connect veterans with health related resources. Elks will also provide rental and utility assistance for local veterans in need.

Harrison County, WV, Lodge No. 2875 will provide clothing and personal care kits in screen printed bags for residents at the VA nursing facility and veterans transitioning into housing.

Tri-Cities, TX, Lodge No. 2877 will pack and deliver Christmas bags filled with clothing, personal care supplies, blankets, grocery cards, and other necessities for residents at the Bonham VA Health Center.