



# **The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of USA**

## **News Release**

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**For immediate release**

### **Veterans Memorial Repair and Beautification Fund**

FOREST GROVE, USA - The Forest Grove Elks have opened up an account with N.W.Priority Credit Union for the sole purpose of assisting in the repair and beautification for Veterans Memorials. Over the past few months there have been several incidents of vandalism of Veteran's Memorial sites, not only in Oregon, but around the country. Our veterans decided to do something about it! They have asked the Lodge to start a "Veterans Memorial Repair and Beautification Fund" to assist in the repair and maintenance of Veterans sites. We will be working with the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs and other Veterans groups to get the word out. We not only need to make sure that our veterans memorials are preserved, we need to educate the vandals in what the memorials truly represent.

Our goal as Elks is to get other Elk Lodges involved as well as Scouting programs and Antler programs, where available. There have been several requests asking where money can be donated to help with this important issue. N.W.Priority Credit Union services veterans and government employees and also wanted to help this cause. We have partnered with them to start the fund. Our feeling is, if we can create a central fund from which to assist, we would have a better opportunity to help.

If you would like to help this cause, there are currently two avenues to use. 1. Write a check or Money Order to "Veterans Memorial Repair and Beautification Fund" in care of Forest Grove Elks 2440, PO Box 296, Forest Grove, Oregon 97116 or 2. Write check or Money order to "Veterans Memorial Repair and Beautification Fund" in care of NW Priority Credit Union 14193 Millikan Way, Beaverton, Or 97005-2307

This fund will be operated by volunteers in non-paid positions. We would like to get others involved and create an advisory committee and set-up an online presence. If you are interested in contributing to this fund, or would like more information: please contact John Wahl at the above addresses.

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