

The Elks have set up a haven at the Elks National Home at Bedford, Virginia for the children of Elks living in war zone areas such as Puerto Rico, Panama, Alaska and Hawaii. Many members in Puerto Rico have already taken advantage of this offer.

In the past year, 68 ELK FRATERNAL CENTERS have been established in as many lodges to offer entertainment, relaxation and service to our men in the armed forces. In addition to sixty-six lodges in the continental United States, there is a Fraternal Center also at San Juan, Puerto Rico and another at Ketchikan, Alaska. Of these 68 Centers, 61 receive financial assistance from the War Commission.

These Centers are offering free cigarettes, cookies, dancing, light drinks, stationery, use of athletic equipment, swimming pools, shower baths, and in some instances are even affording sleeping accommodations. It is estimated that upwards of 200,000 uniformed men make use of these conveniences monthly. Hundreds of letters have been received from our members and their buddies in service expressing their appreciation of the friendly hospitality extended to them, and how much it has meant to them to enjoy the use of the Elks Home while away from their own home.

Seventy thousand COURTESY CARDS have thus far been issued to men in service who are close relatives of our members, which cards are being recognized by most subordinate lodges whereby the bearers are extended the courtesies of the lodges.

It is estimated that we have at the present time 60,000 Elk members in the armed forces of our Country.

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