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"Be An Elk Everyday"

Fraternal Greetings Arizona Elks – March is here – we'll see if the old adage is true – "In like a Lion, out like a Lamb". Lodge elections are over and it is exciting for our Lodges to be preparing for the start of a New Fraternal Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR ARIZONA LODGES. It will be a time of renewing excitement and new commitments to our Order. Your and new focus will be calling out our tenants of our Order. My article this month will focus on the tenant of Brotherly Love.



My quote of the month comes from Audrey Hepburn who once said, "As you grow older you will discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, the other for helping others". To me these words exemplify Brotherly Love. Brotherly Love – is a noun indicating a kindly and lenient attitude toward people and it can be synonymous with benevolence as an inclination to do kind or charitable acts.

For the hard work of the subordinate Lodges during their 2018-2019 I give a hearty applause and my undying thanks for the brotherly love you have demonstrated doing charitable work for Elkdom every day. Your devotion to each other and our causes have been evident as I travel around the state on your behalf.

I am extremely proud of your ongoing work for the Veterans, Children and communities in our State and I challenge you to keep up the good work. I want to give a special thank you to all Arizona Elks for their ongoing support of the Hoop Shoot. I am looking forward to cheering them on at the Regional Hoop Shoot for Area 7 in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 9th. I believe we will have good representation moving on to the National Shoot in Chicago for this year.

In the March Grand Lodge Newsletter there is a reference to the ENF annual report named the "Mighty Army" – check it out for interesting news in the final report from Lou Sulsberger, Past Grand Exalted Ruler of our Order who is the ENF Board Chairman. The report is available at: https://www.elks.org/SharedElksOrg/enf/files/2018Chairmanletter.pdf

Now the broken record part – as usual I remind you of our goals for the coming year and we have one more month for the current officers to get us over the top – then the work transfers to new officer teams. Remember our goals are: (1) Growth in Membership, (2) Supporting our Lodges, and (3) Increasing support to the Elks National Foundation to \$10.00 per member.

We are deep into the home stretch with one inning left. I expect each of you to continue reaching out to delinquent members with a phone call this month as we have a few short days to bring them back and get the delinquency down.

We still have lots of work to do and I am proud to be working beside and for you. Arizona Elks truly are the BPOE (Best People on Earth).

Fraternally, Mike Murphy, AEA President



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Elks donate to VRC

Mr. Mark Tierce, Site Director for Veterans Resource Centers of America (VRC) is presented a check for \$1,500 to further assist them in their efforts to serve the homeless and struggling Veterans in the tristate area which they serve. Tierce also said that socks and canned food with pop tops are needed along with many other things



and welcomes anyone who wishes to tour the facility located at 1343 Hancock. Shown from left is Exalted Ruler Pat Kelly, Tierce and Lodge Veterans chair Susie Stillabower.

Article and photo submitted by Terri Frear, PER, Public Relations Chaie

CVG Women's Auxiliary Donates To Community



Casa Grande Elks 1957 Women's Auxiliary, known as WAVES, donated \$500 to the Valley Humane Society for assistance with animal needs; \$500 to Against Abuse which provides shelter for victims of domestic violence and \$500 to Seeds of Hope, an after school and hot lunch program. The Waves are a dedicated and integral group of volunteers at the Lodge. They selflessly spend untold hours putting together events to raise money to donate to local agencies. The Waves embody the national Elks motto of "Elks"

Care - Elks Share".

Pictured at the Valley Humane Society presentation are from left to right – Office Manager Christina Sarver, Elks Waves Linda Dodson (holding puppy Snuggles), and Shelter Manager Crystal Armioia.

Article and photo submitted by Donna Johnson, Secretary

Elks National Foundation Presentation

Exalted Ruler Ed Kromer was presented with the Elks National Foundation's Permanent Benefactor certificate for his donations exceeding \$2000.00. Pictured from left; E.R. Ed, and Esteemed Loyal Knight Don Jacobs.

Article and photo submitted by Carol Fuller



Super Bowl Party For Vets



It almost didn't happen, but if it had happened, it would have been greatly subdued.

Most avid football fans started planning for the 2019 super bowl, when the 2018 bowl had just ending.

Not so with many of our Veterans.

The Veteran residents at the "Cloud Break" facility at 850 East 7th. Ave. and its neighbor facility, the newly founded, "Community Bridges Inc. facility at 804 East Jones Ave., both Veteran housing facilities, who share the same kitchen, are just hoping for a daily fulfilling meal.

A major super bowl party was not even in the equation.

The kitchen manager of the kitchen, Jimmie Mason and his wife Rae, were going to do the best that they could, but

with limited food stocks and limited money, a really satisfying super bowl party was out of the question. Approximately 90 Vets were expected to attend.

The running backs of the Sun City Elks lodge Veterans committee, rushed in at this point, less football gear of course, to help score a touchdown for the Vets.

The Elks were given an emergency call by Pastor "Ace" Carter, of the "Community Bridges Inc." facility, to help save

the day. (Call was made two days prior to the Super bowl)

The "Community Bridges" facility was only recently opened, December 3, 2018, but have come to rely heavily on the generosity of the Sun City Elks.

The Elks Veterans committee, because of cash donations by some of its members, rushed out to Walmarts and purchased \$560 worth of food, to provide for a successful party.

The purchase provided all of the required food products for the super bowl party, plus enough extra food to last the kitchen for several days.

From all indications, the super bowl party was a great success.

Thanks to all great American Patriots for their generosity and God Bless our Veterans.



Picture captions: (1) Three of the Elks Veterans Committee (all veterans themselves) placing the purchased food products on the conveyor belt, at the Walmart store in Peoria, Arizona. (The Walmart store reduced the total price of the purchase by 10%) (Standing left to right) Terry Hunt, Army; Bill Hudson, National Guard; Gary Drumheller, Army, Elks Arizona State Veterans Chaiman.

(2) (Left to right); Rae Mason, wife of kitchen Ex. Chef, Jimmie Mason (Third From Left) Gary Drumheller, Army, Elks Az. State Veterans Chairman, (Second); Bill Hudson, National Guard, and Terry Hunt, Army. All Standing in front of table piled with purchased food for the super bowl party.

Val Bianchini, Sun City Elks Veterans P.R. Chairman,

How To Save Money On Your Medication

I take several medications for multiple health conditions and the prices keep going up, even with insurance. Can you recommend any tips that can help me save?

The rising cost of prescription drugs is a problem that stings millions of Americans. While there is not a simple solution, there are strategies and resources that can help reduce your drug costs so you can afford what you need. Here are several to consider.

If you have insurance, know your formulary: Most prescription drug plans today have formularies (a list of medications they cover) that place drugs into different "tiers." Drugs in each tier have a different cost. A drug in a lower tier will generally cost less than a drug in a higher tier. Higher tier drugs may require you to get permission or try another medication first before you can use them.

To get a copy of your plan's formulary, visit your drug plan's website or call the toll-free number on the back of your insurance card. Once you have this information, share it with your doctor so that he or she can prescribe you medications in the lower-cost tiers, when possible. In the alternative, your doctor can help you get coverage approval from your insurer if you need a more expensive drug.

Also, find out if your drug plan offers preferred pharmacies or a mail-order service. Buying your meds from these sources may also save you some money.

Talk to your doctor: Ask your doctor if any of the medications you are currently taking can be reduced or if you can stop taking them completely. Find out if the ones you must continue taking are available in generic form. About 80% of all premium drugs on the market today have a lower-cost alternative. Switching could save you between 20 and 90%.

Ask for a three-month prescription: This can be significantly cheaper for drugs you take long-term. If you use insurance, you will pay one co-pay rather than three.

Split your pills: Ask your doctor if the pills you are taking can be cut in half. Pill splitting allows you to get two months' worth of medicine for the price of one. If you do this, you will need to get a prescription from your doctor for twice the dosage you need.

Find and use online discounts: Start by trying online services such as GoodRx, BlinkHealth or WeRx. They will ask for the name of the drug, the dose, the number of pills and where you live. Then they will show you what you can expect to pay at various pharmacies if you use their discount coupons or vouchers, which you can print out or download to your phone to show a pharmacist.

Pay cash: Most generic medications cost less if you do not use insurance. For example, chains like Target and Walmart offer discount-drug programs that sell generics for as little as \$4 for a 30-day supply and \$10 for a 90-day supply if you pay out-of-pocket. While some insurance companies charge a \$10 copay for a 30-day supply.

Also, ask your pharmacy if they offer a drug discount card program and compare costs with your insurance plan. You can also find free drug discount cards online through organizations like NeedyMeds. These cards can be used at most U.S. pharmacies.

Shop online: You may also save by using an online pharmacy, but be sure to use an online retailer that operates within the U.S. and is licensed. The website should display the VIPPS symbol, which shows it is a Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Site.

Search for drug assistance programs: If your income is limited, you may be eligible to receive help through drug assistance programs offered by pharmaceutical companies, government agencies and charitable organizations. To find these types of programs use services such as BenefitsCheckUp, Patient Advocate Foundation, RxAssist and NeedyMeds.

Al Skorupski, PSP AEMP Planned Giving

Sun City Elks Support Arizona Stand Down Program

At least once a year, the State of Arizona holds a "Stand Down" program for our local Vets and at least once a year, Sun City Elks Lodge #2559 is present to lend there support.

The "Stand Down" program is a program where local Vets can attend and receive many services they otherwise would not receive. Services like free dental work, medical attention, legal services, haircuts, veteranary services for their animals, free food, etc.etc.

"Stand Down", is similar to a military R and R, where the soldier is send to the rear lines where he can rest, receive medical care if needed, new uniforms and hot meals, before being sent back up to the front lines.

The "Stand Down" program is held at the Arizona Fair grounds in Phoenix, Arizona and has been held at that location for several years.



In past years, volunteers were allowed to bring clothing, medical supplies, hygiene products and other items, which were given for free to the Vets, this year, private donations of the above mentioned items have been deleted from the program.

In the past, the Sun City Elks provided thousands of dollars in non perishable items.

This year, the Sun City Elks could not provide the non perishable items as they had in the past and were mostly limited to handing out gift cards.

So hand out gift cards the did.

The Sun City Elks Veterans Committee members in attendance, walked the fair grounds and randomly handed out \$560 in Walmart gift cards. Each card was valued at \$10 and at least 56 Vets benefited from the cards. It wasn't exactly what the Elks had hopped for, but it was better than not being involved at all.

God Bell all of our Vets and may they ever prosper and be healthy.

Picture Caption: Gary Drumheller, Arizona State Elks Veterans Chaireman standing alongside Gary Workman, Navy, after Gary Workman was given his gift card.

Val Bianchini, Sun City Elks Veterans P.R. Chairman

Special Olympics Golf Tournament



On Saturday, February 16, the Casa Grande Elks teamed with Special Olympics athletes for a day of FUN GOLF at the Tierra Grande Golf Course. After a round of golf, the group returned to the Lodge for a pizza party and raffle prizes. The Casa Grande Elks/Special Olympic Golf Day will become an annual event. Funding for this project was obtained through a grant from the National Elks Foundation.

Article and photo submitted by Donna Johnson, Secretary.

State Hoop Shoot









The six champions that will represent the AEA at the Regional Shoot in Las Vegas are set. On February 16th, in Apache Junction, the State Shoot was held and was it ever a contest. The volunteers all showed up bright and early and did an outstanding job in every faucet. My thanks to all of you. The crowd was the biggest that I can ever remember. There was not a seat to be had. The 1st place winners will advance on March 8th, 2019 and take on the best in Region 7. They are as follows;

8-9 year old girls R to L; 4th place Lissandra Lomeli came down with the flu and was not present 3rd place Samantha Wortman Apache Junction #2349 2nd place Alondra Hernandez Wickenburg #2160 and 1st place Carla Arreola Show Low #2090

8-9 year old boys L to R; 4th place Juan Castillo Yuma #476 3rd place Tucker Brady Kingman #468 2nd place Nathan Huber Green Valley #2592 and 1st place Brayland Smith Mesa Buckhorn #2656

10-11 year old girls R to L; 4th place Yazzlyn Salazar Casa Grande Valley #1957 3rd place Briana Lopez Raceway #2852 2nd place Cecilia Burruel Green Valley #2592 and 1st place Kenadi Stuart Show Low #2090

10-11 year old boys L to R; 4th place Daniel Garcia Tucson #385 3rd place Preston Ross Page #2498 2nd place Dimitri Armendariz Yuma #476 and 1st place Carson Rose Tempe #2251 12-13 year old girls R to L; 4th place Francisca Boltarez Kearny #2478 3rd place Yazlynn Nosie Show Low #2090 2nd place Madison Reibel Raceway #2852 and 1st place Aracely Dicochea Tucson #385

12-13 year old boys L to R; 4th place Fabian Ramirez Ajo #1576 3rd place Aiden Roestenberg Raceway #2852 2nd place Trey Montgomery Show Low #2090 and 1st place Barron Silsby Chandler #2429

On March 8th, 2019 the 1st place Champions will board the "The Junk Food Express" and we will head to Las Vegas. Good Luck to all. The winners of the Regional Shoot will advance to Chicago Ill. on April 27th, 2019 to compete in the National Finals.

Also pictured are Mike Murphy, AEA State President and Gregg Boyce, PDDGER, AEA Hoop Shoot Director Article and pictures submitted by Gregg Boyce, PDDGER, AEA Hoop Shoot Director

Gregg Boyce, PDDGER AEA Hoop Shoot Director



Elks Honor 4 Eagle Scouts

The Bullhead City Elks honored four Boy Scouts who attained the rank of Eagle Scout recently. The young men are all from the same Troup 104 and each performed a task which benefits our community and were promoted to Eagle Scout. The Lodge had a pizza party for the Troup and family members which was enjoyed by all. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks fully supports the Scouts and have made available a special certificate in honor of the occasion and it is customary to present an American Flag as well. Shown with Past Exalted Ruler Mike Swain, right, are Jonathan Hess, Richard Duncan, Dylan Eaton and Tristen Morganson.

Article and photo submitted by Terri Frear, PER, Public Relations Chair



Southern Arizona SATURDAY **APRIL 6, 2019** Doors 7:30am | Walk Begins 9am KINO SPORTS COMPLEX Pre-Register Now at www.as-az.org 520-770-1541 info@as-az.org

Catalina Mountain Donation to Students

Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge Project Chairperson Joyce Garcia and Robert Hurt delivered \$900 worth of playground equipment and \$600 in gift certificates for art supplies to Roadrunner Elementary School in the Marana Unified School District. The teachers will purchase art supplies at Walmart with the gift certificates. The equipment delivered to the school included soccer balls, basketballs, tetherballs, a variety of different size balls, soccer goals and hula hoops.



Funds from an Elks National

Foundation Grant and generous donations from members of Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge made this gift possible. "The continued support from the Elks Lodge has meant the world to our students, faculty and community," said Roadrunner School Principal Kristina Brewer.

Pictured (from left) are Robert Hurt, Principal Kristina Brewer and Project Chairperson Joyce Garcia.

Article and photo submitted by Pat Cox, Public Relations Chair

Elks Car Show



First Annual David Sierra Memorial Show N' Shine car show held in February was very successful with 50 vintage and newer cars entered, hosted by Margaret and Allan Yeargan. Trophies made by Ron Ratz were given for best in decade categories. A 1947 Mercury green convertible owned by Warren Eller took the ER's trophy and Mr. Joe Souza was awarded the special David Sierra trophy for his 1967 Pontiac GOT, which was presented by the Sierra family. Shown from left are

Cesar and Gina Martinez, Belinda Sierra, David Sierra Jr. and wife Marybelle. Proceeds from this event will go to support the



Special Olympics kids in our area. Thanks to the many Elks and friends who made this day a success.

Article and photos submitted by Terri Frear. PER, Public Relations Chair.

Drug Awareness Poster Contest

On Friday, February 8, 2019, Casa Grande Elks were recognized by the Mary C. O'Brien Elementary School for their support of their students and activities. The students at Mary C. O'Brien took part in the annual Elks Drug Awareness poster contest. The winning student received a first prize ribbon, a certificate and a gift.

Pictured are (LtoR): Grover Ramsey; Bob Jaworski, Exalted Ruler; Janet Bishop, Drug Awareness Chair; Larry & Kate Schmidbauer, Dictionary Volunteers; Jennifer Peters and Lisa Raymond, Mary C. O'Brien School representatives.

Article and photo submitted by Donna Johnson, Secretatry.



AEMP March Article

As we approach the start of the Elks Calendar year, I would like to encourage each lodge to reach out to your district reps or myself with the name and contact information for your AEMP Chair. Having regular contact with the chair for each lodge will assist us in our efforts to continue raising money for the children in Arizona. I want to start the year out strong and would like to assist you all in your efforts to do the same.

Our new and improved website should be up and running soon and there will be a section completely dedicated to lodge events that benefit AEMP. Included in this section will be the ability to not only showcase your event, but there will be an option to purchase tickets as well. Please feel free to start sending me your event flyers and/or pictures so we can get them up on the website prior to launching.

Don't forget about camp opening April 8-14! We need volunteers to help!

Here are the names for each district representative:

North: Tim McKean, East: Randy Appel, West: Bob Gleason, South: Shalimar Haas

Please don't hesitate to reach out to them should you need anything!

Katie Murdoch Executive Director

Elks Honor Students

Bullhead City Elks Lodge is proud to recognize these seven seniors for their academic excellence for the past month. Each was given a certificate to commemorate the occasion. Shown from left from Mohave High is Kaylynn Williamson who will attend NAU to study communications and criminal law with her eye on becoming a FBI agent. From River Valley High is Sarah Stephan who is looking forward to BYU Idaho to study nursing. From Mohave High are Anthony Hart who will attend NAU to get the basics to become a lawyer, Madison Gutierrez wants to go to ASU and study Marketing along with mass communication and Anthony Arellano wants to become an electric engineer but no college selected as yet. From Mohave Accelerated Learning Center are Madeline Mulligan wo will attend NAU to study physical therapy and Skyler Loofburrow who wants to learn the art of communications and be a host of a pod



cast along with other media adventures. Sorry Seth Solano couldn't be with us.

Article and photo submitted by Terri Frear, PER, Public Relations Chair.

Palos Verde Senior Living Receiving Their Activity Items From The Sun City Elks



The Lodge has a Memory Care Meet and Greet volunteer team who each week visit Alzheimer's/dementia units in 23 different facilities located in Glendale, Peoria, Surprise, Sun City and Sun City West and within about a 12 mile radius of the Lodge. For the first time the Memory Care group applied for and received a Beacon Grant from the Elks Grand Lodge to purchase and distribute much needed activity items to several of these facilities. The facilities were asked what type of items they needed and were not able to provide to their residents. The requests were varied and the shopping began! These gifts provided a wide variety of activity items such as puzzles, coloring books, paints, sensory perception items, jewelry bead kits, board games, CDs, DVDs etc. -- all to help preserve memory, coordination and physical movement -- and lots of fun for the residents.

The Memory Care volunteer team consists of 10 regular volunteers and about 8 part time volunteers and is the only program of this kind in the Elks anywhere. Along with a retired professional musician

and 2 therapy dogs they bring music, singing, and love to the residents. Stuffed animals are given to each resident, Veterans are recognized with a pin and t-shirts and birthdays in the visit month are celebrated with cards for the men, corsages for the women and lap robes for both. The program ends with giving out small flags to the residents, saying the Pledge of Allegiance and singing "God Bless America". Lodge Members generously keep the program supplied with the stuffed animals and the other items are purchased with Lodge funding. These residents often are a forgotten group in our aging population and receive few to no visitors. This program brings smiles, laughter and hugs from the residents and care givers of the facilities.

Pictured: Sun City Elks - Lori McDonnell, Mary Stokes, John Stokes, Palos Verde resident Jennie, Palos Verde Memory Care Program Coordinator, John Shoff

Article and photo submitted by Mary Stokes.

Elks Are Reminded Again As To Why They Support Our Vets







If you are a long time volunteer, do you sometimes feel that someone else should start picking up the torch, to help our Vets?

Do you sometimes wonder, why you spend so much time and energy, giving aid to others?

Do you sometimes feel that you would rather just sit in your lounge chair and read a good book, rather than going out for another charitable event?

Do you sometimes wonder, why you even have these silly thoughts, as the answer is obvious?

On Tuesday, January 22,2019, all of those questions were passionately answered!

On that day, January 22, 2019, members of Sun City Elks Lodge #2559 Veterans Committee, delivered three power wheel chairs to the "Community Bridges Inc." headquarters and Veterans facility, located at 804 West Jones Street in South Phoenix, Arizona.

The day started out as routinely as usual, by picking up and delivering donated material to Veterans. In this case, picking up three refurbished power chairs from the Southwest Mobility Co. in Sun City Arizona.

Southwest Mobility partners, with the Sun City Elks, in repairing donated power chairs. The Elks provide the chairs and Southwest repairs them, replacing batteries, wiring, and various other parts, so that they may be given to the Vets or any other individual in dire need of transportation.

Southwest requests reimbursement only for the parts, the labor they provide free.

These particular chairs were designated for three Vets at the Community Bridges Facility.

Three Vets with sever walking difficulties were anxiously waiting for a means of transportation, as walking was not an option for them.

Only two of the three Vets were aware of the pending gifts, the third was mentioned only at the last minute, and fortunately, a third chair was available.

One Vet, Frank Soza, Army, had a power chair, but it was constantly in need of repair and was indeed, "on its last legs".

The second Vet, Charles Citron, army, barely got around using a walker. His walker also was in terrible shape as the material on the seat was in tatters and the metal rusted and bent.

Charles used the walker to walk between his facility and an adjacent facility approximately 100 feet away, for his meals. It took Charles 10-15 minutes to navigate that short distance.

Finally, the third chair, was intended for Paul Ausbun, an Army Vet. Paul also had a walker, and if possible, was in even worse shape than Charles walker.

Paul loves to be outdoors, but his legs, even with the use of his walker, made that extremely difficult.

Paul wasn't around when Frank and Charles received their power chairs and had to be assisted from his room to accept "his gift", a gift he did not know he was

Paul, unaware that he was going to receive a power chair, was assisted to the reception point, by Pastor, "Ace" Carter, Paul's transitional living supervisor. Knowing of the condition of Paul, "Ace" decided to make the gift a little more memorable, he removed the "Army cap" that Paul was wearing and covered Paul's face with it, like a blind fold to surprise Paul, and a surprise it was.

This is where all of the previous questions, as to why the Elks work so hard for the Vets, was answered, and answered in such a way, that all doubt was dramatically and instantly obliterated.

When "Ace" removed the army cap, and told Paul that the chair was his, Paul immediately broke out in tears and stammered out a reply of, "God Bless you", "God Bless you", "you saved my life", "thank you", "thank you".

These cries of gratitude were not idol and the tears were not fake, the sincerity was obvious.

The evening prior to the delivery of the power chair, "Ace" had put Paul on a "suicide watch", as his depression concerning his lack of mobility was so great, that Paul was threatening to kill himself.

There was no doubt in "Ace's mind, that Paul was serious.
"The tears", the "thank you's", the "God Bess you's", continued for several minutes, tearing the hearts out of all present.

That day, that moment, wiped away any possible doubt as to, why the Elks, spend so much time and energy helping our Vets

That moment made it all worth while, and then some.

Paul cemented into the hearts of the Elks Veterans committee members, why they put so much stock in living up to, one of the "Motto's", of the "Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks" (BPOE).

That motto proudly states, "That as long as there is a Veteran, he will never be forgotten."

God Bless our Veterans, past and present, God Bess all of the patriots that provide the donations, to keep the Elks Veterans Program going, and God Bless America.

The story does not end at the Community Bridges Facility, upon leaving the facility, the Elks Veterans Committee, drove a few miles North to the Paralyzed Veterans Facility at 5051 N. 7th. Ave, in phoenix, and dropped off approximately \$1,100 in non-perishable goods, wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, medical supplies and canned goods.

The need never ends.

Picture captions:

- (1) left to right as viewed: William Cook, Army, and Intake Specialist at the CBI facility, walking with Charles Citron, pushing his walker back from lunch; Frank Soza, in his beat up and ready to be replaced power chair.
- (2) left to right as viewed; Paul Asbun, with face covered; "Ace" Carter; Gary Drumheller, Army, Elks State Veterans Chairman; William Cook.
- (3) Group picture; (seated in newly received power wheel chairs, left to right), Frank Soza, Paul Ausbun, Charles Citron. Standing in the rear, left to right; Gary Drumheller, Army, Elks State Veterans Chairman; William Cook, Intake Specialist at "CBI"; "Ace" Carter, Pastor; Lary Schmidt, Navy, resident; President, Casey O'Neil, Southwest Behavioral Health Supervisor; John Bell, Army, resident.