

Veterans Committee

As you are well aware this year has and will be a challenge. Due to COVID-19 Veterans was unable to hold two of our annual fundraisers, Armed Forces Day and Fourth of July.

For the past few years our fundraising has enabled our lodge to provide the following:

Annual Cook Out to James A Haley VA Hospital

Necessities(i.e. toiletries, clothes, etc.) to inpatient and homeless veterans at James A Haley VA Hospital

Donation of coffee & drinks to the Lakeland Veteran Center

Christmas donations to the Lakeland Veteran Center for veterans

Christmas gifts/gift cards to the James A Haley Foster Veterans

Wednesday meals once a month to the James A Haley Foster Veterans

Sponsorships for the Flight to Honor

Various sponsorships for the inpatient veterans at James A Haley hospital for outings

Donations to inpatient veterans at James A Haley Hospital for rehabilitation needs

While we may not be able to make as many contributions this year due to lost fundraising opportunities, we will focus on veterans needs as best we can. We will need your support in the months ahead and hopefully we can have a huge fundraiser around Veterans Day.

One thing we would like to ask from you the members, is to please write a short note or a card to a veteran. Let them know that we are thinking of them. We want to deliver cards and letters to the James A Haley hospital patients along with some supplies we will be purchasing with our grant funds. We will be collecting the cards and letters until September 6th. We will have a drop box for them at the lodge, or give them to Char or Kristen. Your support and assistance with this is truly appreciated, as we really would like a lot of letters and cards to go to the veterans.

“So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will never forget them.”

Char and Kristen

Please practice self-distancing