

E SHOZEM 7

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The E Shozem is an opportunity to present items and articles that are too large to give a whole page in the State Newspaper. Any one can submit an EShozem page and if it is MO Elk-able I will add it here. Thanks to everyone for sending me submissions

Americanism Essay Contest

(Too Late for Shozem)

Congratulations to our 2014-15

Americanism Essay Contest Winners:

Division 1: (5-6th grades)

1st-Camryn Basler, St. Genevieve
Lodge #2674

2nd-Monte Seminole, Joplin Lodge #501

3rd-Ryan Gray, Troy Elks #2805

Division 2: (7-8th grades)

1st-Tyler Bates, Christian County Lodge #2777

2nd-Rhys Prosser, Crestwood Lodge #2503

3rd-Maggie Pfaff, Chillicothe Lodge #656

A special TY to the students, lodge chairmen, district chairmen and Ernie, Kevin, Tony and Tony who helped me narrow down the finalists. Our theme was, "What the Pledge of Allegiance Means To Me".





First Lady Betsy Crawford with Cindy Heimann, wife of Administrative Assistant Mike Heimann, introducing the newest member of their entourage to Dang and Dong, their traveling mascots. Kitty was purchased at Potosi Lodge's annual Christmas Auction.



State President Brian Crawford and Betsy, along with Administrative Assistant Mike Heimann and Cindy, and other State and Lodge Officers enjoy breaking curfew while visiting and celebrating Potosi Lodge's successful auction.

On January 24th, Louisiana Lodge 791 held the 9th Annual Bob Battern Chili Cookoff. This fundraising event is the sole source of technical school scholarships awarded annually in local schools by the Louisiana Lodge 791. Bob Battern's daughters started the Cookoff as a tribute to their father's memory and the hard work he contributed to Lodge 791. He worked hard helping the Lodge members raise funds for the George Keith Memorial Scholarship as well as the Elks Lodge 791 Scholarship and they felt it only fitting to set up an additional scholarship in his honor. The event is well attended with several categories of Chili being judged (and eaten!), commemorative t-shirt/sweat shirts being sold, raffles, and a huge washers tournament. The winners in the Chili cookoff are pictured and the winning team from the washers tournament. Next year's fundraiser is expected to feature a DJ and additional contests. It's a great fun event as well as a fundraiser for a worthy cause.



Pictured left to right are: Ritchie Minor, Jan Edwards, Tim Carter, Elaine Gore, Rob Lumley, Aimee Hirst, Marilyn Woods, Christina Windmiller, Donnie Stewart

St. Clair Happenings:

\$1200 was donated to a local little league baseball team to help purchase a portable pitching mound.

\$2500 was also donated to St Clair High School sports programs to help purchase equipment.

Donated their hall and clean up to several fund raising events which helped to generate over \$25,00 via silent auctions, bake sales and other food sales. This included a benefit(\$15,00 raised) we had for a local youth that was struck and killed while waiting for the school bus.



The Louisiana Elks Lodge 791 contributed \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of a new thermal imaging camera for the Louisiana Volunteer Fire Department. The department has begun a fundraising campaign to finance the nearly \$12,000 necessity and looked to the Elks Lodge to help kick start the effort. Fire Chief Mike Lesley and Captain Mike Chidster are both Elks members and know the Elks motto "Elks Care Elks Share" means they can be counted on to step up for community needs. Lodge 791 Exalted Ruler Porter Elliott challenges other local civic groups and businesses to help fund the purchase of this critically needed equipment. The City of Louisiana has pledged up to \$6,000.00 in matching funds to facilitate the purchase. Pictured left to right: Louisiana Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Porter Elliott, Louisiana Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mike Lesley, Captain Philip Quattrocchi, Captain Mike Chidster, and Elks Lodge Leading Knight Robert Brown.



St. Clair ER Ralph Thurman presenting check for \$1200 to Doug Thurman from the St. Clair Baseball Association for a pitching mound.



St. Clair ER Ralph Thurman pictured with award Lodge received for Organization of the Year from the St Clair Chamber of Commerce.

The Northeast District held their First Annual Mardi Gras at St. Clair Lodge on February 21. A good time was had by all with proceeds going to Benevolent Trust and for other works in the District.



State President Brian Crawford with Administrative Assistant Mike Heimann kick off the event.



Jefferson City’s Eileen Scrivner and Anna Kabler take time out to pose with Administrative Assistant Mike Heimann at the NE District Mardi Gras.



Santa enjoying time with veteran and getting a lesson in playing bingo.



Tyler and Jacob Schrimpf assist their grandfather Jim Logan from Jefferson City Lodge 513 serve refreshments to the Veterans, their families and staff at the Harry S. Truman Veterans Hospital at the Christmas Eve Dinner.

Elks Lodge # 1721: Festus-Crystal City



Elks Lodge #1721 made some much needed changes: we tore down an old building and built this new pavilion overlooking the lake.



We also tore down our old “Caretakers Building” and replaced it with a second pavilion that overlooks the lake.



Our old BBQ pavilion was also torn down and replaced with a new updated pavilion. It has a built in grill and an extended patio.



With the help of a generous donation, we were able to tear down our old playground and replace it with what you see here. We named it “**The Tower.**”

Children are enjoying this new addition, which will also include a “Wishing Well” in the near future.



Thanks to the donation, and our Elk Members supplying some of the much needed labor, it has become a reality.

Missouri Elks
State Golf Tournament
August 1-2, 2015

Hole Sponsorships
\$60 for signs on both courses

Name/Info you would like on the sign:

Your Phone and email: _____

Payment Deadline July 15, 2014.

Make Check Payable to Clinton Elks Lodge #1034

Mail to: Steve Cummings
901 E Ohio
Clinton MO 64735

Additional info contact: Steve Cummings
scumming@amfam.com
660-885-1123

State President Visits Oakville



State President Visits Trenton



PSP Rich Larkin, Brian, PSP Richard Techau, President Elect Duane Heldenbrand, PSP Gary Ballinger



President Elect Duane Hidenbrand and Angie at the start of the Trenton Parade

MEA State Bowling



ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

MARCH 2015 GRAND LODGE NEWSLETTER MESSAGE

“Army of Hope”

For the past 11 years, our **“Army of Hope”** has provided a wide variety of assistance, support, and relief for those who are serving in the Military and their families. This Elk program of service was a natural and formal addition to our other Elks National Veterans Service Commission programs at the time and officially expanded our Commission’s efforts to include currently serving Military personnel as well as Veterans.

Our **“Army of Hope”** was established and organized as a program, enabling and encouraging Lodges and State associations to provide support and assistance for the families of their local Military Reserves and National Guard Units who were deployed in “harm’s way”, to defend our National Interests during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Well, the **“Army of Hope”** of today has evolved into much, much, more, providing direct support for all deployed troops, as well as their families. Lodges and State Associations have and continue to provide all sorts of personal hygiene, clothing and comfort items, food items, phone cards, etc. to these troops. In addition an even greater effort is being made to make their return home as easy and pleasant as possible for both the trooper and the family. Elk Lodges and individual Elk members continue to participate in “Welcome Home” events at airports, military bases, and the like for these returning Heroes. Lodges and **“Army of Hope”** Committees are holding “Welcome Home” celebrations, as well as providing financial and other individual forms of assistance, all to help each returning Hero in their individual and personal effort to pick up and continue a normal life with their family.

Many of our Heroes return with injuries, both physically and psychologically - the Wounded Warriors. Others, tragically, are even less fortunate and return as Fallen Heroes. Once again, our **“Army of Hope”** has stepped into the breach by providing assistance and relief to the individual Hero Warrior, as well as the families of those Fallen Heroes. Through a wide range of fund raising activities Our **“Army of Hope”** is providing funds for rehabilitation activities, services and facilities. Funding is also being provided to purchase rehabilitation equipment and aids. In the case of the Fallen Heroes, our **“Army of Hope”** organizes groups of Elk members to show proper honor and respect to the Fallen Hero, and comfort to the family when they are returned home, as well as continuing events to honor their service and memory. Elks all across our Order make up our **“Army of Hope”** and are bringing comfort and relief to our troops and their families, day in and day out.

The question is – is your Lodge involved and are you personally involved in this most worthy effort? If not, why not? The troops, these Heroes and their families certainly deserve the support and assistance of all Americans. They serve and give up so very much that we might be free and able to pursue our lives as we wish.

If you and your Lodge are not currently involved in our **“Army of Hope”** effort, please contact the following for information on how to get started. Every Lodge and every Elk should be involved in this effort!!

Elks National Veterans Service Commission
2750 North Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614-1889

If you are currently involved – Thank you, and please forward any information about your program and efforts, letters, pictures, reports to the same address listed above.

Fraternally,

Paul D. Helsel, PGER - Chairman
ENVSC Commission

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
APRIL 2015 GRAND LODGE NEWSLETTER MESSAGE

MEDAL OF VALOR

As part of your Lodge Veterans Program, have you looked for a way to appropriately recognize the death of a local service member who has made the ultimate sacrifice on the field of battle in Iraq or Afghanistan? Please consider the ENVSC Medal of Valor Program. The Medal of Valor can be presented by your Lodge to the family of a fallen hero. It is intended to honor the memory of those who lost their lives in the voluntary defense of our country.

The Medal of Valor is available from the Elks National Veterans Service Commission at a modest price of \$8.00, which includes shipping. It is attractive, nicely made, comes with a presentation case and can be engraved. It bears the legends "Operation Enduring Freedom" and "Operation Iraqi Freedom", and the message "Presented by the Grand Lodge of the B. P. O. Elks to the family of (*Engraved Name*)".

Iraq and Afghanistan continue to be hotly contested battlefields. We pray no more lives will be lost in those venues. However, until conflict ends, the Order of Elks will do all it can to honor those men and women who voluntarily defend our freedom. The Medal of Honor beautifully expresses this to the families of those who will not return.

The Medal of Valor can be easily and quickly ordered from the Elks National Veterans Service Commission at Vets@Elks.org, or by calling the Chicago office at (773)755-4736.

James L. Nicholson, PGER
Vice-Chairman
Elks National Veterans Service Commission

Elks Mobile Dental Program



Newsletter No. 22 December 2014

Truman Medical Center Lakewood
7900 Lee's Summit Rd.
Kansas City, MO, 64139
Dr. John N. Dane, Dental Director

Home Office #816/404-6904
Fax #816/404-7783

Online @ www.trumed.org
View: TMC Lakewood
Click On: Dental (Under Lakewood Services)
Then: Read More

Tremendous Service

Photo and Article Excerpt Courtesy
Jessica Drews, Bolivar Herald Free-Press—
October 10, 2014:

Dawnya Mashburn, Medical Director at
Marshburn Residential Learning Center, said she
is appreciative of the Elks Mobile Dental Unit.

Many of the residents, Mashburn said, are non-
verbal and cannot follow verbal commands.

She said Beck is very patient with the residents
and knows how to take care of patients with
special needs,

“ This is a tremendous service they provide here
for us, “ Mashburn said about the Dental Unit



From Left, Dawnya Mashburn, Cindy Smith, Dr. Robert Beck,
Paula Koehly, Russella Lamontagne and Joyce Howson

Visit www.youtube.com for an official Elks video
Search: **Missouri Elks Mobile Dental Program**

Statistics: 9/29/14—10/09/14
Marshburn Residential Care Center
Bolivar

- Patient Visits **49**
- Procedures **395**
- Estimated Value **\$18,547.00**

Upcoming Locations

The Mobile Unit starts taking appointments for an upcoming stay one
week prior to arrival. Please call #573/690-6003.

Appointments are made on a first come first serve basis.

Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
Cape Girardeau	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Perry, Scott, Stoddard	11/24/14	12/30/14	Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge
Columbia	Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard, Moniteau, Randolph	1/5/15	1/29/15	Columbia Elks Lodge

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Will State of MO Share Expense?



Statistics: 11/10/14—11/20/14
Poplar Bluff Regional Center

- Patient Visits **41**
- Procedures **422**
- Estimated Value **\$17,885.00**

Both the Missouri House of Representatives and the Senate are working on a new budget for the new fiscal year beginning in July. Both chambers of the Legislature will adopt a new budget late April or first of May. It will then go to the Governor Nixon for approval.

The new budget includes a \$200,000.00 proposal that would help fund The Elks Mobile Dental Program through the Missouri Department of Mental Health. This would provide a much needed service to their adult clients who have been without state support for dental care since 2005.

In 2014 the Elks Program received \$200,000.00 from the State, and although the Missouri General Assembly approved funding for FY 2015, it was later vetoed by the Governor.

The monthly expenses for the Mobile Unit are approximately \$28,000.00 a month. Funding the Elks Mobile Dental Program will ensure that the Developmentally Disabled will continue to benefit from the services that are currently funded solely by the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust.

Missouri Governor Jay Nixon Link:
<https://governor.mo.gov/>

Missouri General Assembly Contact Links:
<http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/SenateRoster.htm>
<http://www.house.mo.gov/member.aspx>

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Cameron	Buchanan, Caldwell, Clay, Clinton, Dekalb, Platte, Ray, Sullivan	2/23/15	3/5/15	Cameron Elks Lodge
Gladstone	Clay, Jackson, Platte, Ray	3/9/15	3/19/15	Kansas City Northland Elks Lodge

MISSOURI ELKS ASSOCIATION

Officer Training

2015-16

When: May 16, 2015, 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM – Jefferson City Lodge #513

Training designed for Lodge Officers and members.

Those who wish to attend mail the following to James A. Hahn, Past Grand Esquire/Past State President – 102 Monroe Street, Desloge, Missouri 63601 or call 573-431-5161 no later than May 9, 2015.

-----Cut and Mail-----

The following information is required to register for this session:

_____ No. _____ will have _____
(Lodge Name)

Officers and members attending.

Lodge Contact Person: _____
(Name) (Office)

(Telephone)

(DUE NO LATER THAN May 9, 2015)

MISSOURI ELKS STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



- Start recruiting your teams now
- If your lodge can't make an entire team talk to other lodges in your district to combine for one
- New Addition: Home Run Derby
- Join a local league for practice
- Hope to See You There!!

AUGUST 15-16TH 2015

Hosted by WASHINGTON ELKS LODGE #1559

Further details and registration will be sent to Lodges at a later date

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: NICHOLAS MUELLER

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Room Reservations Available at Super 8 636-239-0088 under Elks Softball Tournament