

COMMUNITY/YOUTH/VETERAN ACTIVITIES



Auburn Elks Lodge #474 used an ENF and teamed with the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office and members of the Cayuga County Deputy Sheriff's Benevolent Association and held free child safety seat inspections. Certified child passenger safety technicians from the Sheriff's Office, Cayuga Seneca Action Agency, and Auburn Internal Medicine and Pediatrics provided the inspections and assisted with installations of the restraints. Replacement child restraints were available at no cost. Elroy The Elk was in attendance and he distributed drug awareness coloring books and book marks. The Auburn Elks Lodge also held a Chicken BBQ during the Inspections. Pictured from left to right are Officer Mario Campanello, Detective Lieutenant Brian Schenck, Elroy The Elk, Tracie Coulson (certified installation technician), and Sheriff David Gould. Officer Mario Campanello and Detective Lieutenant Brian Schenck are Lodge Trustees of the Auburn Elks Lodge 474.



Cohoes-Waterford Elks #1317 participated in the "Cohoes on the Move" which was an event to promote active transportation, recreation and safe routes to school that included bike skill obstacle course, bike safety training, bike and walking routes, helmet fitting - 200 free helmets, highlighting access points to parks and trails. The Lodge distributed healthy snacks and bottled water to the children. PER and Lodge Drug Awareness Chairman David Foldi set up his Drug Awareness Display. Pictured from far left to right is member Gerald Falconio, Sr., Lecturing Knight Rich Hogan, Leading Knight Bill Heffelfinger, Loyal Knight Bill Rosenberger and PER David Foldi.



Beacon, NY Elks Lodge #1493 donated \$1000 worth of children's clothing to the children of Astor's Head Start Program in Beacon, NY with the assistance of a ENF Promise Grant. The Elk members identified a need in the community, shopped for the clothes and delivered the clothes for the children. Pictured left to right: Sara Rounds Astor teacher, Tara Young Elk member, Andrea Montanez Astor Teacher and Michelle Wintenburgh Astor Teacher.



The Towns of Haverstraw, NY and Stony Point, NY honored **Haverstraw Elks Lodge #877** at their annual 5K run to raise money for two families in the North Rockland area. The plaque presented to the Lodge is inscribed: "In recognition of your dedication and devotion to the North Rockland community and for your humanitarian and charitable efforts in assisting those in need. It is with our strong admiration and deepest gratitude of the Towns of Haverstraw and Stony Point and elected officials thereof to recognize and applaud your accomplishments." It is signed Howard T. Phillips, Town of Haverstraw Supervisor. Pictured, left to right, Howard Phillips, Town of Haverstraw Supervisor, James Monaghan, Town of Stony Point Supervisor, Joseph Casarella, North Rockland Athletic Director, PDDGER Scott Taylor, PER Joe Gara, Esteemed Lecturing Knight Tom Colarusso, and Esteemed Loyal Knight John Downs.



Cohoes-Waterford Elks #1317 Exalted Ruler Regina Hogan and Leading Knight William Heffelfinger presented \$100 checks and a Lodge Pin at the Cohoes Middle School 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony to two students chosen by the school for demonstrating outstanding service to the Community.



Members of **Homer Elks Lodge #2506** paid a visit to the Military Courtesy Room at Hancock International Airport to donate supplies and a \$1000 donation. The Military Courtesy Room is geared for any Military personnel who come through the Airport for deployment to their next destination. Some layovers can be long and enduring. The Courtesy Room offers food and relaxation for those who are qualified to visit. The money and purchase of supplies was all due to the Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant. Along with that, the JM Murray Center donated toothbrushes and dental floss to the room.



During the **Cohoes-Waterford Elks #1317** Flag Day Ceremony, the Guest Speakers for this event was the Americanism Essay Contest Winner Lucas Cassin. A 7th Grader from Waterford-Halfmoon School, he won First Place in New York State Region 2 for his fabulous essay. Pictured (L-R) is Past Grand Tiler/Past State President Paul A. Galarneau, Lodge Essay Chairman, John Lord, PER, Lucas Cassin, SVP Renee Bott, and Assistant Principal Richardsen.

Members of **Yorktown, NY Elks Lodge #2324** accompanied 40 Veterans from the Montrose, NY facility to a Rockland Boulders minor league baseball game held at Palisades Credit Union Park in Pomona, NY. The Veterans enjoyed a pregame meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecued chicken, salads, beverages and desserts. This event was made possible by a Beacon Grant received by the Lodge.