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**Veteran's Affairs Committee**  
**Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks ~ Lodge 2679**  
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**~ A LITTLE PIECE OF HOME ~**

**“ELKS LODGE SENDS CARE PACKAGES TO TROOPS OVERSEAS FOR HOLIDAYS”**

Goodies for Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines Abroad Say “Thank You” & “We Care”

*By Michael Trescak*

When one is a Soldier, Sailor, Airman, or Marine deployed in a foreign land, nothing lightens your heart and lifts your spirits more than hearing your company mail clerk yell out your name, and then say “. . . you have a package!” No one knows this better than the members of the Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) at the Elks lodge ~ 2679 in Calabash, NC.

Recently, a sub-group of the 80-member strong VAC of the Calabash Elks Lodge packed 30 Care Packages for shipment to our Military Personnel Overseas, and sent them on their way. This was the second time this year that they sent care packages, made possible by a grant received from the “Committee to Honor America's Veterans” in Sunset Beach, NC. The VAC realizes the importance of helping our deployed service men and women receive a “Little Piece of Home,” especially during the Holidays.

The items in the packages vary, but can include: Personal care and toiletry items; Stationary and writing implements; Games and puzzles with which to pass the time; Possibly candy and snack items; Reading materials such as books and magazines; Maybe socks; and anything else the committee may acquire which they deem appropriate and will be appreciated by the soldiers at the receiving end of the package.

The mission of the Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Lodge ~ 2679, in Calabash, NC, is to provide occasional funding, fraternal activities, and general support for our local Veterans, various Veteran's Programs, and our Military located throughout South-Eastern North Carolina, as well as for our Retired and Wounded Warriors located in the Fort Bragg area of Fayetteville, NC, and Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, NC. For more information about other ways our Elks Lodge supports our Veterans' and Military Community, visit their web site at <http://www.calabashelks.com> and click on the [Veterans Affairs] Tab.

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*Pictured above, a group of members from the Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679 Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) proudly stand behind their recent work of preparing 30 Holiday Care Packages ready to be sent to our Armed Forces serving abroad. As a "Little Piece of Home," the Care Packages contain personal sundry items such as Games, - Puzzles, - Magazines, - Local Newspapers, - Snacks, - Lotions, - and other personal hygiene items appreciated by our troops serving overseas, especially during this Holiday Season. This gesture is just one of the ways the VAC says . . . "Thank You for Your Service!"*