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Veteran's Affairs Committee
Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks ~ Lodge 2679
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“LOCAL MAN AND WOMAN GARNER ELKS STATE AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERISM”

~ NC Elks Veterans Service Commission's Male & Female Volunteers of the Year ~

By Michael Trescak

Robert “Shorty” Dennany of Carolina Shores, NC, and Kathleen “Kathy” Smith of Calabash, NC were recently awarded the North Carolina Elks State Association's (NCSEA) Veterans Service Commission's Volunteers of the Year Award for 2018 – 2019 for their outstanding work in supporting our Veterans and Veterans' Programs here in South-Eastern North Carolina.

Every year, the NCSEA collects nominations from the local Veteran's Affairs Committees of the 33 Elks Lodges spread throughout the state of North Carolina, and then - selects only 1 Female, and 1 Male member, to receive the annual award. There are more than 9,000 Elks among all the lodges in the state of North Carolina, and it is a distinct honor to have both recipients from the Calabash Elks Lodge receive the award at the same time in the same year. The basis for the selections reflect the nominee's commitment and actions in service to our Veterans in a meaningful way. The award can only be received once-in-a-lifetime.

As members of the Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of the Elks Lodge ~ 2679, in Calabash, NC, both Mr. Dennany and Ms. Smith exhibited outstanding initiative, participation, and leadership in working to serve our Veterans through many of the Committee's and Lodge's Veterans' Service events and programs.

The mission of the Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Lodge ~ 2679, is to provide occasional funding, fraternal activities, and general support for our local Veterans, various Veteran's Programs, and our Military located throughout the South-Eastern North Carolina area, 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 www.CalabashElks.Org and click on the [Veterans Affairs] TAB.

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