



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Veteran's Affairs Committee**  
**Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks ~ Lodge 2679**  
**937 Carter Drive, Calabash, NC 28467**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**“CALABASH ELKS DONATE TO BRUNSWICK COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION”**

~ Helping Veterans and Others with Resources to Meet Housing Needs ~

*By Michael Trescak*

The Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of the Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679 recently made an \$800.00 cash donation to the Brunswick County Homeless Coalition (BCHC). The Coalition was selected because they service, among others, our increasing population of Homeless Veterans in Brunswick County, NC.

BCHC is a group of volunteers from Faith-based ministries, - Not-for-Profit organizations, - local agencies, and - concerned citizens, coming together for the greater good of Brunswick County's homeless and in-need population. The mission of the BCHC is to serve as an advocate for the homeless and those in need by increasing awareness and education in Brunswick County, and by exploring, promoting, recruiting, facilitating, and providing resources to meet these needs. For Emergency Assistance or for more information on how you can help, one may call them at 1-888-519-5362, or visit their Web Site at [www.BrunswickCountyHomelessCoalition.Com](http://www.BrunswickCountyHomelessCoalition.Com)

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](http://www.CalabashElks.Org) and click on the [Veterans Affairs] TAB.

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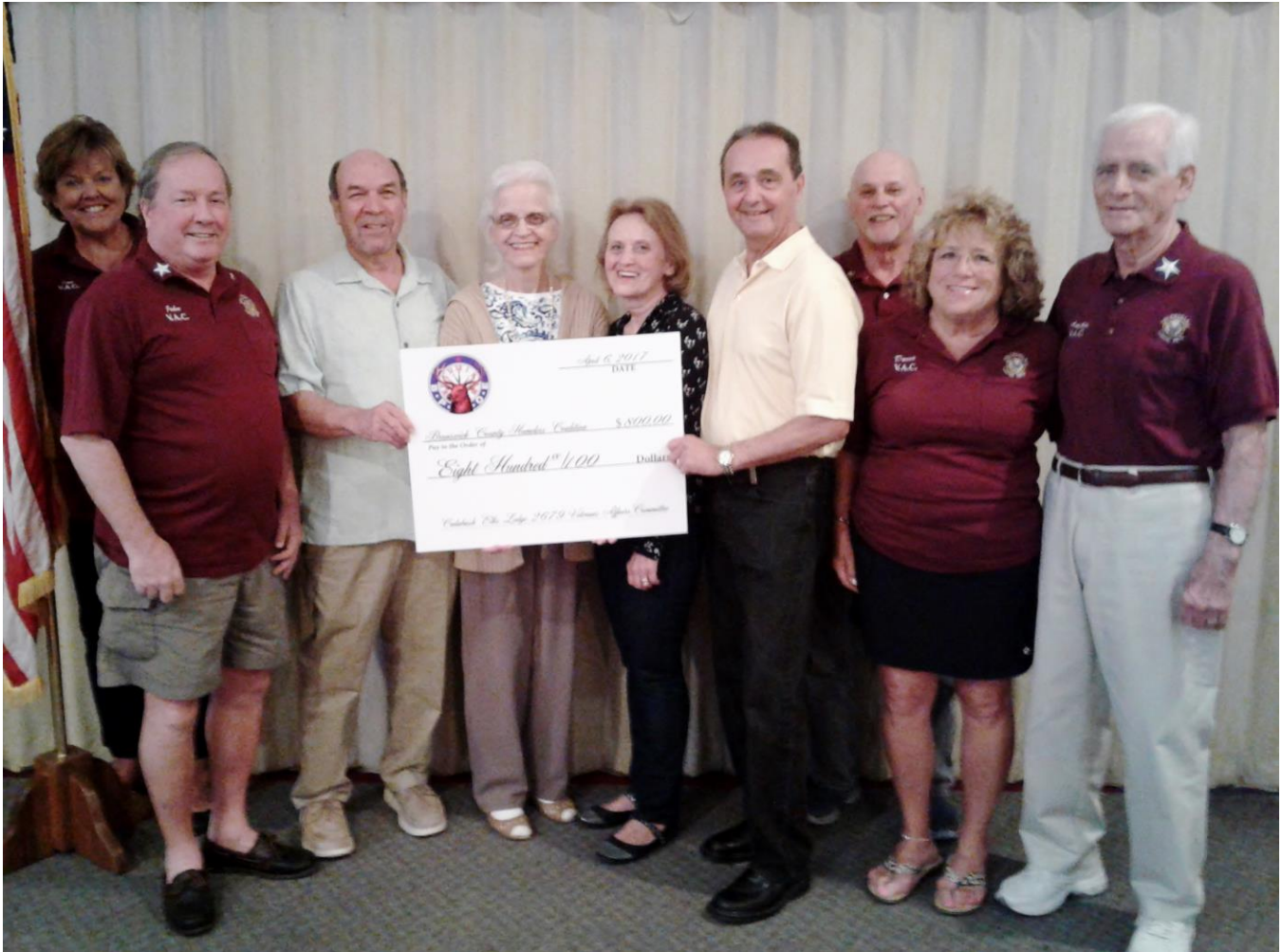
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*Pictured above making the presentation of an \$800.00 check to the Brunswick County Homeless Coalition (BCHC) -- On behalf of the Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of Elks Lodge ~ 2679 located in Calabash, NC is (Left to Right), - Janet Heinis, VAC Member, - John Corbett, Co-Chair of the VAC, - Jerry Rothenberg, Co-President, BCHC, - Barbara Serafin, Co-President; BCHC, - Kathy Cyrulik, Member, BCHC, - David Cyrulik, Treasurer, BCHC, - Gerald "Jerry" Kimble, Co-Chair of the VAC, - Donna Kozlowski, VAC Member, and - Austin Sammon, Chairman, Veteran's Affairs Committee*

*Photo by Michael Trescak*