

Youth activities

On Sunday January 24, 2010, the **Clifton Park Lodge #2466** held their monthly Veteran's/ Scholarship Breakfast at the Lodge. Proceeds from the breakfast, along with the tips of all of the waitresses which are donated, go towards the lodge's Veterans Fund and their Scholarship Fund. Almost every month, they host some Veterans from the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany who are transported to the lodge by the Center's volunteers. This month, 12 Veterans came to enjoy the breakfast. They get to order whatever they'd like and it's made to order. Other patrons that come to the breakfast don't mind waiting for their orders while the staff prepares the special guests' breakfasts. The Vets truly enjoy coming to the Lodge, visiting with the crew, enjoying breakfast and getting a break from being in the hospital!



The Venture Crew Seventy-Two, a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 yrs of age, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to **Ticonderoga Elks Lodge #1494**. The certificate read as follows "On this Day in the Year Two Thousand and Nine, Venture Crew Seventy-Two Recognizes the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Of Lodge Number 1494 for their Contributions and Continuing Support of the Venture Crew Since Its Founding in September of 2005, as well as their dedication to the Betterment of Ticonderoga's Scouting Organizations and Youth as a Whole". This award was presented at the Lodge's Monthly Activities Meeting held the first Monday of each Month.

The Venture Scouts serve meals at lodge functions and the lodge reciprocates with a donation. The Scouts have assisted the Lodge in painting and maintenance projects. Ticonderoga donates space to the group for meetings and monetary donations for their help. Pictured above, Elk Mem-



New Hyde Park Lodge #2107 recently attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Stephen Palazzolo of Boy Scout Troop 544. For his Eagle Scout project, Stephen worked with the Nassau County Office of Housing and Homeless Services in collaboration with the Homeless Intervention Program to provide assistance for homeless families living on Long Island. Through Stephen's efforts the scouts of troop 544 collected nearly 1000 pounds of household items, 200 pounds of food items and an additional \$300 in gift cards from Walmart, Target and CVS. The Elks Lodge gave Stephen an Elks Certificate, an American flag and a \$50 gift. Pictured (L-R) Stephen Palazzolo and Mitchel Lidowsky, PER.

PSVP Edward Baniak pictured at right along with Nancy Caswell [Publicity Chairman) from **Watervliet Lodge #1500** attended Watervliet elementary school to present them twenty American Flags on Feb. 5th., 2010.

