



Liverpool Lodge #2348 recently hosted 15 in-patient Vets from the Syracuse VA Medical Facility at our lodge. They were taken to "Lights on the Lake" then back to the lodge for a delicious spaghetti dinner. After dessert they each received a Syracuse University sweatshirt, lap blanket made by lodge and auxiliary members, and puzzle books. All had smiles!



Zack Murphy was stationed with the 1st Armored Division in Baghdad, Iraq. While stationed in Iraq Zack sent his parents Tom and Annette Murphy the flag that flew over his building in Iraq. His parents are members of the Oswego Elks and donated the flag to **Oswego Lodge #271** to be displayed proudly in their Memorial Room. There was a small reception following their presentation with the Lodge Officers and friends and family of Zach Murphy. Zach is stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii with the Commander of the Pacific. Pictured above; Exalted Ruler Michael Loughrey of the Oswego Elks Lodge # 271 and Zack Murphy.

Haverstraw Lodge #877 ended the year with a fifth dinner for the patients from the FDR VA Hospital in Montrose, NY. After dinner and bingo with awards of canteen books, 40 pairs of pajamas were given to the group. In addition to this, 200 pairs of pajamas were given to the NYS Veteran's Retirement Home in Montrose. These pajamas were donated to the Giving Tree at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point. And was initiated by Teresa Mayer Gamboli, Past President of Ladies Club 877. Plans have been made to bring patients to our Lodge five more times this coming year, including deck parties overlooking the Hudson River.



Staten Island Lodge #841 participated in the Great Kills Memorial Day parade. Member's Don and Lorriane Buttermark, Artie Phair and Sandra Lotz, PER leading the way in a vintage convertible while Exalted Ruler Richard followed with Stephanie Hansa, Lecturing Knight and Tiler, John Petsche proudly holding the lodge banner. Trustee Joe Bilotti and other members marched as well each showing pride for our flag and country.



Staten Island lodge #841 joined local residents as they turned out for a Hero's welcome for wounded veterans from Walter Reed Hospital. The veterans were treated to a well deserved weekend, spending time with local veterans as well as members of the Coast Guard. Representing the lodge were Joe DiNatale, Grace and Walter Osborn, Rita and Joe Camaratta, Richie Gentile and Pat Ryan. Elks will always remember the supreme sacrifice made by our Armed Forces.



Staten Island Lodge # 841 celebrated Memorial Day, a day that gives thanks to the many men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice and to those who continue to protect our country and the families who live here. Following a local Memorial Day parade on Forest Ave. S.I., and under the command of LCDR Rob Carton, sixteen servicemen, all aboard the USS John Hall FFG-32 and all HSL-48, attended a BBQ as well as enjoying home cooked food donated by various lodge members. The lodge was also honored to have Congressman Michael Grimm representative for the 13th Congressional District who spoke of the sacrifices made by the men and women who protect our country. Also to pay tribute to the men and women who are prisoners of war and to those still missing, Americanism Chairman, Joseph Cammarata and Loyal Knight, Falph Facciola performed the POW/MIA Ceremony. As the Elks pay homage to all Veterans and those in active service, Staten Island lodge continues to support that promise.



Clifton Park Lodge #2466 had the pleasure of treating four Veterans from Ellis Hospital's Residential & Rehab Center in Schenectady, NY to breakfast at their monthly Veterans/Scholarship Breakfast held on Sunday, May 22, 2011. The men and the assistants from the Center were also each given a patriotic lei in honor of the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday. Funds raised on this day were approximately \$160 which benefits both the Veterans' and Scholarship programs of the Lodge. Also, tips in the amount of \$92.00 were donated by the workers which will be split between the 2 programs and the Lodge's "Adopt a Vet" program. Photo above;

From Left to Right (sitting): Veterans Ray Bouleris - US Navy, Levio Angelozzi - US Air Force, Med Auger - US Navy and Pat Parillo - US Navy. Standing from left to right: Darnell Baker - Ellis Assistant, Tami Popielarz and Cathy Lumpkins - Clifton Park Elks Ladies' Auxiliary Members (waitresses) and Rebecca Atwell - Recreation Therapy Manager, Ellis Residential & Rehab Center.



Mid Westchester Lodge # 535 hosted two busloads of Veterans from Montrose Veterans Hospital. They were greeted by the Elks and served meat loaf, mashed potatoes and corn. Following lunch they were served cake with a picture of the American Flag on top. A DJ played music and some of the Veterans danced. The Veterans enjoyed the company of the Elks and vice versa. The Elks thanked the Vets for their service to our country. This Program was funded by part of an ENF Gratitude Grant.



Staten Island Lodge #841 opened its doors and hearts, donating its banquet hall to Richmond County American Legion. As we know Elks donate time and effort to the community and the Legion went one step further during their Law & Order Recognition Night, honoring the Veterans of the New York Police Department, Fire Department of New York and New State Correction Officers. Those honored were as follows: Veteran Firefighter, William O'Brien, E-165 Operation Enduring Freedom, Master Sgt, USAF 4/5/2010-10/1/2010, Veteran Police Officer, Jonathan Herbest, 120 Pct, Afghanistan, Staff Sergeant, USA, receiving the Bronze Star and Purple Heart during his tour from 11/2009-1/2010 and Veteran NYS Correction Officer Jerome Cipriati, Arthur Kill Correction Facility, Sergeant, USA, Afghanistan, 2001, Iraq, 2003 & 2006. Anthony G. DeNatale, RCVC made the introduction of Presenters and Honorees as other Elks including Thomas Griffiths, P.S.V.P gave thanks and appreciation for all these brave men have done as they gave service to the city, state and country during a time of war. We are grateful the Legion and Elks have continued a strong relationship, acknowledging the good works of the community and those who protect it. Pictured above Left to right, Anthony DeNatale, RCVC, Mary LaManna, County Commander, Battalion Chief Priesty, FDNY representative, recipient William O'Brien, USAF/NYC Firefighter, Jonathan Herbst, USA/ NYC Police Officer, Lt. Robert Bava, NYPD representative, and recipient Jerome Cipriati, USA/NYS Correction Officer.