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MIDDLETOWN ELKS VISIT HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

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BELFORD, NJ The Middletown Elks Lodge #2179 Elks National Service Committee or better known as the Veterans Committee recently went to a local Nursing Home to conduct Bingo for the residents. Twelve members of the Committee and the children of Chairman Frank Cole, Aiden and Maggie were in attendance. They delivered snacks such as, cookies and chips and diet sodas to the residents. Twelve games of bingo, with four winners per game, were played with each resident in attendance winning at least one game. There were no losers. While Bingos were going on, committee member Mo Krus went from table to table, getting information from each veteran, so as to prepare for a Christmas Party to be held on December 21st at the home.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has pledged that as long as there are hospitalized veterans, the Order of Elks will never forget them, and the Middletown Lodge has always done its part. The Committee has made several visits to Laurel Bay and the Menlo Park Veterans home this year, and is looking forward to bringing a nice Christmas to more than 100 veterans.



Elks Lodge Chairman Frank Cole, assisting veterans at Laurel Bay Nursing Home in Keansburg

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The Lodge committee conducts several internal fund raisers to pay for these functions and is even supported by cash donations from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Elks Lodge.

The Middletown Elks Lodge, located in the Belford section of Middletown, has members from all over the immediate area. They are primarily a fraternal and patriotic organization, dedicated to serving their community in areas such as the Youth of Middletown and surrounding communities, serving the Handicapped Children, Senior Citizens, and Hospitalized Veterans. For further information about the Elks, and the Middletown Elks Lodge #2179 Veterans Committee, contact the Lodge at 251 Church Street, Belford, NJ 07718 or by calling (732) 787-9674. You can even visit their web site at <http://middletownelks.com>.

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