

SPRINGFIELD ELKS LODGE 1560 AWARDS BEACON/SPOTLIGHT GRANT TO VA MEDICAL CENTER & VERMONT VETERANS HOME

We are pleased to announce Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 received the Annual Elks National Foundation (ENF) Beacon/Spotlight Grant for \$6000 on behalf of the VA Medical Center, WRJ and the VT Veteran Home, Bennington. We are very excited to have been awarded this Grant for the 6th year to help support these viable veteran facilities.

On March 22nd, Team BPOE 1560 was accompanied by VT Elks State President Team and local Bennington Lodge 567 members to the **VT Veterans Home** to present both material goods and monetary check to the directors.

This Grant is designed to work closely with the directors to compile a list of items most needed by the patron veterans, in this case waterproof Norelco razors. The VT Veterans Home established in Bennington in 1884, offers a complete range of specialized care services for its residents. Their goals focus on ensuring the dignity, independence, & the highest possible care & quality of life for each resident. **DONATIONS are gratefully accepted.**

Checks: VT Veterans Home Business Office, 325 North ST Bennington, VT 05201

Tuesday, March 25th Team BPOE 1560 traveled to **WRJ VA Medical Center** to present their half of this ENF Grant. The VA Center directors carefully assessed the patron needs and an assortment of Comfort items – sweat suits, reading glasses, toiletries, Entertainment items, Items for the Women’s Center Support and Homeless Veterans Support were delivered with a monetary check.



Backrow: Kelly Kervan, ER Bennington Lodge 567, Joe Hueschkel, Gary Lewis, VT Elks State President Fred Gilbar, Front row: Killian Kervan, Patron Frank, Karen Whitney, Marjorie LaFountain, Therapeutic Activities Supervisor, Ruth Gilbar

Karen Campbell, Chief for Center for Development & Civic Engagement had this to say, *“Thank you for continuing to support WRJ VAHCS with the annual Beacon Grant. Your effort in applying for Grants to support the VA has resulted in donations valued at \$10,000 these past three years. Thank you BPOE 1560, your generosity is greatly appreciated!”*

WRJ VA Medical Center provides primary care and specialty health services, including mental health services, audiology, nutritional counseling, women’s health services, and more. **Donations: WRJ VA, c/o Center for Dev & Civic Engagement, 215 North Main, White River Jct., VT 05009**



Pictured: Karen Whitney, Carey Russ, Assistant Director, Jean Crosby PER, Carolee Murchie, PER

Congratulations to both the VT Veterans Home and the VA Medical Center, recipients of this year’s Beacon/Spotlight Grant from Springfield Elks Lodge 1560. We are proud to participate in these ENF Grant programs which help support our local Veteran communities with their on-going needs.