

Camps Springs Elks Lodge, Calvert Elks Lodge, Waldorf Elks Lodge Use their Freedom Grants to Build a Bocce Ball Court for the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home located in Charlotte Hall, MD

Three Lodges in the MD-DE-DC South West District, joined together to construct a Bocce Ball court at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home located in Charlotte Hall, MD. The Veterans Home serves 393 Veterans, both male and female and some of their residents are Elks.

Each one of the Lodges donated their Freedom Grants (\$2,500 each) for a total of \$7,500 to complete this project.

The members of all three lodges had intended to help build the Bocce Ball Court prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, Covid-19 is still preventing the Veterans living at Charlotte Hall from leaving the facility. The Director, Ms. Sharon Murphy, requested that the funds be placed in their Veteran Assistance Fund until the court can be constructed. This request was granted by the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. Members from all three Lodges will assist with construction of the Bocce Ball court when the pandemic is over.

As Elks, we want to help improve the health of our Veterans. During this time of the Covid-19 Pandemic, it is even more necessary to provide our Veterans with the opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities which allow for social distancing, the wearing of protective masks and are accessible to those who require a walker or wheelchair. Often residents of the Home do not go outside as there is nothing for them to do. This will also provide an opportunity for some friendly, individual and team competition.



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Kelley Randolph, Past District Deputy Camp Springs Lodge Treasurer

Mary Cardinal-Vogt Past District Deputy, Past State President Calvert Lodge Treasurer

Sharon Murphy Director Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

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David Marchyshyn, Exalted Ruler Calvert Elks Lodge

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***"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will
never forget them"***

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