

# Wareham-New Bedford Lodge of Elks #73

## District Deputy Visitation



District Deputy  
Chip Teele



Leading Knight Joan Serverson  
presents check to Cadets



Ted Hatch presents flag to  
Mike Ward

On Saturday October 28, 2017 the Wareham-New Bedford Lodge of Elks #73 hosted the South District's Deputy, Chip Teele and his Suite. The formal tuxedo event included the initiation of 13 new Lodge Members, and Honor Guard from Massachusetts Maritime Academy and presentation of the American Flag used in the Elks Ceremony at the Vietnam Moving Wall while it was in Wareham in August.

The District Deputy "Chip" congratulated the Lodge on the business and community efforts of the Lodge and welcomed the new members into one of the nations leading fraternal organizations which focuses on many fronts including the youth, elderly and our veterans. He thanked the vast number of lodge committee chair people and their members for continuing to abide by the motto "Elks Care ~ Elks Share" throughout the local communities it serves.

The Massachusetts Maritime Academy's Honor Guard at the behest of Lodge Trustee Jim Callan presented the "Colors" during a formal portion of the meeting and at the conclusion were the recipients of a \$2,500 donation from the Lodge which will help enable participants in that program to attend and participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC. While the Honor Guard team from the Academy tries to self fund and send as many cadets as possible to this parade the additional funds from the Lodge will enable them to send more less fortunate cadets, again keeping the motto of the Lodge "Elks Care ~ Elks Share" alive.

As part of the District Deputy Visitation the Lodge was also recognized for the hour long ceremony performed by the Wareham-New Bedford Lodge and the Massachusetts Elks Association at the Vietnam Moving Wall while it was visiting Wareham in August, the MMA Cadets were involved in the appropriate "Folding" of the flag and what each fold meant. The Flag that was used during this solemn program was placed in an elegant flag case and base with a plaque that reads "This Flag is a memento of the Wareham-New Bedford Elks Lodge #73 participation in the Vietnam Moving Wall Ceremony held on August 20, 2017". The presentation was made to the current Lodge Veterans Chairman Mike Ward by past Veterans Chairman and Co-Chair of the Moving Wall program Ted Hatch. The Flag was donated by Craig Shurtleff also Co-Chair of the event and our Area 2 Special Representative. while the flag case and plaque were donated by the Chapman Cole and Gleason Funeral Home under the direction of Chris Berg. This Flag will be permanently displayed at the Lodge in concert with our "Missing Soldier Table" and POW/MIA area in the foyer of the Lodge.