

WAREHAM-NEW BEDFORD LODGE #73 VISITING OUR SCIU VETERANS ~ BROCKON, MA



Above photos show some fun at the Brockton Campus of the Boston VA Medical Center with the “dealer of the day” Al Gardner (with the black hat) of Gardner Concrete Forms doling out the lucky cards.

October cookout for the SCIU (Spinal Cord Injury Unit) at the Brockton VA Campus was as a result of Al Gardner’s good will and dedication to our Veterans! Our Lodge Veterans Chairman Mike Ward along with committee member Ron Capolla travelled with Al and helped with the cooking, serving, cleaning and camaraderie at the event.

On a sunny day in the yard, a complete annual cookout provided by Al Gardner, et al was enjoyed before they all retired to the day room for a little friendly game of nickel dime poker with a quarter limit. This annual act of kindness by Al and including our Lodge was a breath of fresh air to all those attending.

Many of our readers know what a treat it is to have company and do outings for these more severely injured veterans who require motorized wheel chairs to get around, all the while, thankful for what they have and ever proud to have served this great nation. Al’s dedication to these Veterans goes above and beyond as he does this 3 to 4 times a year with the next event in December weather permitting.

It is no wonder why one of our creeds of the BPOE is “so long as there are Veterans the BPOE will never forget them” is so important. Please always take a moment to *THANK A VET!!*

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