

Elks Care - Elks Share



Pictured above from left to right are ~ Cadet Ensign Lauren Feeney, Cadet O'Malle7y, Cadet Pierotti, Cadet Reddish, Lodge House Committee Chairperson Melissa Ledger and Cadet Tenore

On a dreary Saturday with clearing skies at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy the Cadets aided the BPOE of Lodge #73 with the distribution of food packages to Veterans and others in need during this current pandemic that the Country is experiencing.

With the ongoing support from this great educational facility coordinated by one of the Lodge Trustees, Jim Callan and the Food 4 Veterans Program in excess of 185 boxes of healthy food items pre packaged were distributed by these volunteers. With the scheduled event to start at 9 am, the line of vehicles began forming around 7:30 and since the workers were set up early, they began shortly after 8 and remained as promised until 12:00 noon. Folks were asked to either "pop their trunk" or open a door in their vehicle as they proceeded through the line and helpers would place the box in the vehicle for them all the while wearing appropriate face coverings.

When the event was completed there were several boxes left (shown above) that were distributed through a combined effort of Commander Steve Kelleher, Assistant Commandant USMC, and our Lodge which were dropped off at Bourne; Wareham; Onset Fire Departments, homes of Elks and Veterans in need. Our Lodge Veterans Chairman, Mike Ward is also coordinating with his Veteran contacts and residences to aid them as well.

With much gratitude and appreciation to the Cadets and ALL who help this program for the greater good, the Lodge says THANK YOU!!! Also, many thanks our Veterans for their endless and tireless dedication to the preservation and safety of our beloved Country.