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Upcoming Events

Veterans Day November 11, 2015

Winter Convention January 28-31, 2016

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Fraternal Greetings From the desk of... THE STATE PRESIDENT

Nov 1, 2015

This year is zooming by. It is hard to believe that this calendar year is three-fourths over. Sandy and I have had a busy, but rewarding year. We hope that all who attended the National Convention and especially, the Summer Convention had a good time. The Winter Convention will occur in just a few months.

The weather is cooling in some areas, the fall colors are showing up now. Our lodges will be hosting events for those less fortunate. Dictionaries will be given to school students. Food boxes will be distributed. Soccer Shoot and Hoop Shoot events will be occurring. Gala events will be scheduled, but most of all, Elks will be doing what Elks are best known for: Elks Helping America. We do so very much for our communities, but we don't "toot our horn" often or loud enough to get the attention of those communities we help. Work hard to get a contact in the news media who will get your lodge and events published.

During my visits to your lodges, I stressed that I may be the Association State President, but each and every one of you are the members of the State Association. That means that when changes to the State By-Laws come up at the Convention Business Meeting, you as a delegate for your lodge, have a vote in that change. Each lodge is entitled to a minimum of ten delegates. If only one or two people from your lodge attend the business meeting, then your lodge has been shorted it's "allocated votes". I strongly encourage lodge members to attend the convention and especially the business meeting, to "make your vote count".

Sandy and I promised to be the best representatives for the great Elks of South Carolina that we could be. We are trying our best to fulfill that promise. We are humbled by being presented with this honor, we are trying not to let all of you down.

Robert J. "Bob" Cher,
SCEA State President



L-R Gerry Kirkland, PER, Carol Kirkland, and SC State Sponsor PGER Arthur "Jack" Frost, III

Our State Drug Awareness Chairman, Gerry Kirkland, PER, Little River Lodge #2840 (Formerly Fort Mill Lodge #2859), received the "Drug Awareness State Chairman of the Year Award" in July at the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

Congratulations to you, Gerry!!



L-R Tim Polzin, PER, Bob Block, Ed Orser, ER Summerville Elks Lodge # 2719

The Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Bob Block of Summerville Lodge #2719. This unique award was presented to Bob at the most recent District Deputy Meeting held in Charleston, and again at the Summerville Lodge regular meeting on August 25th. This award is only given to citizens who have demonstrated many, many hours of volunteerism throughout the past years. Not only did Bob contribute volunteer hours within the Summerville Lodge, but many hours of driving the DAV van, holding the office of District Commander within the DAV, and hours of volunteering at the Charleston VA Hospital.

We are proud of you Bob!

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT
VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2015**

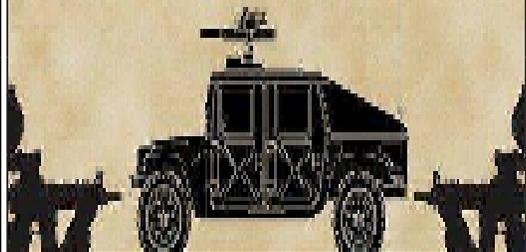
**FLOOD VICTIMS
NEED YOUR HELP**



What Is A Veteran?

A "Veteran" - whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to, and including his life."

That is honor. And there are way too many people in this country today, who no longer understand that fact.



PLEASE KEEP OUR SISTER LODGES IN YOUR PRAYERS AND HELP THEM AND OUR FELLOW ELKS REBUILD FROM THE RECENT FLOODS IN SOUTH CAROLINA . ORGANIZE A FUNDRAISER IN YOUR LODGE TO HELP THEM OUT FINANCIALLY OR WITH CLEANUP LABOR.

ELKS HELP ONE ANOTHER AND THE COMMUNITY.

DON'T FORGET THEM IN THIS TIME OF GIVING FOR THE HOLIDAYS COMING UP. SOME PEOPLE HAVE LOST EVERYTHING AND WILL NOT HAVE A THANKSGIVING OR CHRISTMAS.

ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE

**2016 WINTER CONVENTION
JANUARY 28-31, 2016
CROWN REEF RESORT
MYRTLE BEACH, SC**

Daily Rates are:

Queen/King Efficiency - \$49 w/o breakfast; \$59 w/up to 2 breakfasts

Queen Deluxe Suite - \$55 w/o breakfast; \$65 w/up to 2 breakfasts

Queen/King Jacuzzi Suite - \$55 w/o breakfast; \$65 w/up to 2 breakfasts

Must choose breakfast plan when making reservations

(\$10 resort fee and tax will be added to room rates)

To Make Reservations:

1. Call the Crown Reef Resort at 843-626-8077
2. Ask for "In House Group Reservations"
3. Use the group code "SC Elks"
4. Give arrival and departure dates
5. State type of unit desired and if you want breakfast included each day or not. If they ask, use the code or reference numbers as follows: W/Breakfast #230604; W/O Breakfast #208519
6. Confirm daily room rate
7. Provide credit card information
8. Write down confirmation number and ask for email confirmation.

This should eliminate any reservation problems; however, if you do experience any problems, please contact Woody Collins at 864-328-9733 or skccollins@hotmail.com

South Carolina Elks Association Registration form for the Winter Convention is on the SC Elks State Association Website. scelks.org

Registration Fee is \$35 per person

Mail-in registration DEADLINE **01-19-2016**

Make checks payable to **S.C.E.A.**

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