

# Virginia Elks Association News

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## Bedford 2844 Holds Flag Day Ceremony at D-Day Memorial



Alex Broadwine of Boy Scout Troop 417 stands at attention with the current 50 star Flag.

Bedford 2844 Held its Flag Day Ceremony June 14 at the Victory Arch of the D-Day Memorial Plaza in Bedford, VA. The Order of Elks mandates Lodges have an annual Flag Day

ceremony including the History of the Flag. Bedford 2844 PER John Owen welcomed everyone to the Flag Day Service. After his introduction, Chaplain Nancy Owen opened the service in prayer. Boy Scout Troop 417 from Montvale, VA carried each of the eight flags of our Country as Lodge Esquire Carol Breitinger read a short history of each flag. Patriotic songs were sung by the Elks National Home choir and all in attendance were asked to stand and recite

"The Pledge of Allegiance" to the Flag. Lecturing Knight Keith Campbell shared insight into the battles that have been fought for the freedom to fly the flag. April Cheek-Messier, President of the National D-Day Memorial, was the guest speaker for this event. Her words were full of history and gave a new perspective on the true meaning of the flag



Alex Broadwine enters with the current 50 star flag.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 417 pose with the eight flags that have flown over this country.

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