



CHRISTMAS 2011

"Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.
The good you do for others is good you do yourself."

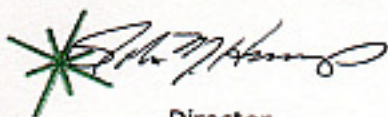
These words were written by Norman Wesley Brooks, and perfectly describe the work of our Elks Veteran Volunteers. Every day of the year, they provide companionship, sustenance and all forms of support the men and women who serve and have served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Yet, this is a special time, when we take extra measures to show our love to those we care about. We all tend to the needs and wants of family and friends, but we also want to show our appreciation for those who have sacrificed so much defending our freedom.

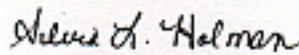
We may invite Veterans to the Lodge for a holiday dinner, deliver gifts to hospitalized Veterans, or send packages overseas to those serving in remote parts of the globe. By all this and more, we make them a part of our own family and share with them the same warmth, generosity and appreciation.

On behalf of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, I thank all of you who give so much, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. It is you, the Veteran Volunteers, who prove our motto: *"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks will never forget them"*.

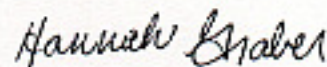
All the Best to you this Holiday Season, and may you have a healthful, joyful and prosperous New Year.



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