

## Front Royal 2382 Cares About Martinsburg VAMC Veterans Wheel Chair Gloves to Veterans

On Tuesday, March 15, 2016, a dreary, drizzly, overcast morning, members of Front Royal 2382 delivered a shining beam of sunlight to patients and staff at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center by once again presenting them with two dozen Elks-provided leather Wheel Chair gloves. These much sought-after gloves are specifically designed to be used by wheel chair patients. With a thick padding covering the palm area, they help the user to avoid the painful blisters and calluses that frequently occur with regular wheel chair use.

The gloves, stamped with the Elks logo, must be ordered through National Elk channels and are available in limited numbers for use by veterans. They come in a variety of sizes, ranging from small to extra-large and are extremely popular with both the Therapy and Rehabilitation staffs as well as wheel chair bound veterans.

Lodge 2382 ER Dennis Henline, Veterans Committee member Ralph Hauser and VEA North District Veterans Chair Rich Crawford made the presentation. Accepting on behalf of the VAMC was Sarah "Sally" Chapin, Occupational Therapist, of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services department.



L to R, Ralph Hauser, Sarah Chapin, Dennis Henline, and Rich Crawford

## VA Hospital Recognizes Front Royal Elks

During a regular visit to the Martinsburg VA Medical Center to deliver Elks-provided Wheel Chair gloves, the Acting Director of the VAMC Voluntary Services, Patricia Dehaven, surprised the visiting Elks by making a presentation to Lodge 2382 ER Dennis Henline, in the form of a Certificate of Appreciation, for the support the Front Royal Lodge provided to the Martinsburg Veterans Medical Center during calendar year 2015. The certificate specifically states "...support to the Hospitalized Veterans." Of course, we Elks don't do this important work so that we can receive recognition; rather, we do it out of a sincere desire to assist and support our Nation's Veterans. However, it is



gratifying to have these efforts acknowledged by the Veterans Administration. This is indeed a true partnership and Elks have a role to play in addressing the needs of our Veterans.