

Front Royal 2382 and Izaak Walton League Host Veterans

Front Royal 2382, along with the Warren County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, held their Third Annual Veterans Appreciation Day on Tuesday, June 13. The activities started with the morning arrival of



some twenty-two veterans from the Martinsburg VA Hospital to the Izaak Walton Park, just outside of Browntown, Virginia. There the guests were greeted by numerous volunteers from both organizations, and were treated to light refreshments. Among the various activities offered were archery, hiking, cornhole, and fishing. (One or two of the veterans took advantage of this outing to simply bask in the sunshine – of which there was plenty).



After several hours of these events, the veterans re-boarded their buses and made the short trip to the Front Royal Elks Lodge where they partook of a hearty roast pork loin luncheon, prepared and served by Lodge volunteers. Following lunch, the guests relaxed by engaging in table games and a few hotly contested games of darts.



As is the custom, groups of veterans departing the Front Royal Elks Lodge are provided a Police escort by several patrol cars from Front Royal's finest. This escort not only helps the buses navigate traffic while exiting the town, it also displays a true sense of honoring the men and women veterans who are being hosted that day.

In summary, the joyful hoots and hollers emanating from the Cornhole game area and the genuine satisfaction of assisting a young veteran catch their first-ever fish was only equaled by the sense of contentment resulting from a great, relaxing lunch. All of this, coupled with the overall sense of camaraderie, equaled a great day for all involved.