

For National Drug Awareness Red Ribbon Week (Oct 23-31), the Winchester VA Elks Lodge 867 issued out over two thousand red ribbons, coloring books and pamphlets to area schools and provided two Young Marine units with drug awareness material. The Winchester VA Elks lodge Shenandoah Valley Young Marines attended Long Branch Hot Air Balloon Festival where The Young Marines passed out approximately 150 packages with pamphlets, red ribbons, bracelets and lollipops. Elroy was a huge success with the kids, he hoola hooped, went through the maze, showed his stuff on the dance floor and passed out a lot of lollipops. The most entertaining was watching kids and adults attempt sport stacking with the alcohol impairment goggles.

On Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> The Winchester VA Elks Lodge Shenandoah Valley Young Marines went to the Pentagon for the opening ceremonies of Red Ribbon Week and provided color guard with the Civil Air Patrol. The Young Marines handed out red ribbons with assistance from another Young Marine unit visiting from Ohio. They also held a Red Ribbon Week Pancake breakfast with a special treat from Officer Pyles of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office and his K-9 partner Max. Max demonstrated his ability to locate narcotics on vehicles as well as his ability to apprehend the bad guys. Detective Vic Cruz of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, also part of the DEA Task Force, attended with his K-9 partners "Otis" and "Lucy." Both Lucy and Otis showed their abilities as well at sniffing out the drugs on vehicles.

