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**Veteran's Affairs Committee**  
**Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks ~ Lodge 2679**  
**937 Carter Drive, Calabash, NC 28467**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**“CALABASH ELKS RENEW SUPPORT FOR WOUNDED WARRIOR BATTALION”**

**“Veteran's Affairs Committee Donates Gift Cards to Soldier Assistance Center”**

*By Michael Trescak*

In conjunction with the kick-off ceremony for “Warrior Care Month” held at the Warrior Transition Battalion (Wounded Warriors), which is part of the Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, NC, the Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of Elks Lodge 2679 in Calabash, NC, donated \$1,000.00 in Wal-Mart Gift Cards to their “Soldier and Family Assistance Center.” The Battalion and their Assistance Center is on the list of Veterans' organizations which the Calabash Elks' VAC has supported multiple times over the past few years.

The Mission of the Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB) at Fort Bragg is to provide all wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers, and their families, with Physical, - Emotional, and – Spiritual healing services, as they make their transition either back to Military Service, or to separate from Service and return to civilian life as productive Veterans.

The Gift Cards are especially valuable to the Battalion's Assistance Center, because they allow them to purchase necessities and miscellaneous operational Items for the soldiers, or the families, which are not funded through normal appropriations, and they would otherwise not be able to obtain.

The mission of the Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Lodge ~ 2679, is to provide occasional funding, fraternal activities, and general support for our local Veterans, various Veteran's Programs, and our Military located throughout South-Eastern North Carolina, as well as for our Retired and Wounded Warriors located in the Fort Bragg area of Fayetteville, NC, and Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville, NC. For more information about other ways our Elks Lodge supports our Veterans' and Military Community, visit their web site at [www.CalabashElks.Org](http://www.CalabashElks.Org) and click on the [Veterans Affairs] TAB.

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*Pictured above (L to R), Dempsey O. Whitt, Command Sergeant Major, Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB), - Lawrence "Larry" Tedesco, Member, Calabash Elks' VAC, - Martha Brown, Director, Soldier and Family Assistance Center, WTB, - John Corbett, COL, USA (Ret), Co-Chair, Calabash Elks' VAC, and - Phillip B. Brown, Jr., LTC, SF, Commander, WTB.*