



# ISEA NEWSLETTER

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## Elks Gather at Summer Convention



### Summer Convention

It's like a mullet, business in the front, party in the back. Installation of State Officers, State Memorial Service, and social activities.



## Veteran Volunteers of the Year 2023-24

Each year the Elks National Veterans Commission honors two volunteers, one male and one female, from each state for unselfishly working with and for our Nation's Veterans. This is a lifetime award and a high honor. The award along with a plaque, desk flag set, pen & pencil set and lapel pin, is awarded at the banquet during the ISEA Summer Convention. The 2023-24 recipients are:

Larry Hovorka (Caldwell Lodge #1448) is a 25-year US Navy Veteran. He strives to invest his time and money to make his fellow veterans feel better and enjoy life to the fullest. Larry is always looking for an opportunity to serve his fellow veterans; visiting veterans at the Boise VA Medical Center and he has participated in the Adopt-A-

Vet program, adopting a fellow Navy Veteran, John Brubaker of Nampa who has been diagnosed with Stage 2 Parkinson's disease. Larry has repaired his fence, installed planter boxes, and took Mr. Brubaker to the Nampa WarHawk Air Museum for the monthly Coffee Klatch. Additionally, Larry has volunteered to lay wreaths at the annual "Wreaths Around the World" project and was a presenter of the ISEA wreath during the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery.

Pat Truden (Boise Lodge #310) is currently the Elks Representative for the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise, as well as the Veteran Co-Chair for Boise Lodge #310. Pat spends countless hours weekly serving in the canteen,

writing letters for residents, helping with car shows, shopping trips, motorcycle shows, music programs and much more. She also assists her own lodge with veterans' activities including, November Veterans Month, Veteran Thanksgiving, Christmas parties, and Flag Day. Pat began her work as a veteran volunteer in 2019 and to date has logged over 650 hours of service to the Idaho State Veterans Home. She has been awarded the Spirit of Freedom Award from US Senator Mike Crapo for her dedicated service to Veterans.

These two dedicated Elks are true examples of our motto: "So long as there are Veterans, the BPOE will never forget them".

Lyle Gessford,  
ISEA Veterans Service Chair ♦

## Elks Member Organizes Stand Down for Area Veterans

Debbie Nadrchal, a member of Coeur D'Alene Lodge #1254 and many of her fellow Elks have been instrumental in hosting a yearly Stand Down for all Veterans in the local area. This includes over 90 vendors offering haircuts, medical information, legal information and assistance in many more areas. It has served more than four hundred Veterans, some homeless and 4000 pounds of food has been



distributed. Funding of \$2500 has come from Idaho State Elks Association and \$3000 from the Coeur D'Alene Lodge, along with donations from other businesses and organizations. Along with Coeur D'Alene lodge members, she has had help from the Boy Scouts, Civil Air

Patrol, Hayden Chamber of Commerce and commercial organizations. This has been a huge success, helped numerous Veterans and is an admirable

undertaking by one of our fellow Elks in addition to those that helped her. Her devotion to our veterans goes above and beyond! To get involved next year, contact Debbie at [jazzyd@prodigy.net](mailto:jazzyd@prodigy.net) ♦



## About Our Newest State Trustee

I would like to take a moment to thank you for your support as the newest State Trustee for the east district, and to tell a little bit about myself to those who don't know me yet.

I grew up in Idaho Falls and graduated in 1979. I then went to cosmetology school and got my license in 1980. I worked as a hair stylist for a

few years and then started working for a beauty supply company for over 30 years. Starting out part time and then becoming a manager. I was manager for 20 years and 15 of those years I trained the new managers for the company. I retired from working in 2020. 22 years ago, I joined the Elks. I was the Exalted Ruler for my lodge

2011-12, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler 2015 and 2016, elected V.P. East 2017 and State President 2020.

I believe I know how to operate a successful business, manage money, and am confident that I will do a good job for you as a State Trustee.

Thank you again for your support!  
Teal Stahl, Trustee East ♦



## Multi-Lodge BBQ for Boise VA

The VA BBQ for veterans and families was held on June 28, 2024 at the Boise VA parade grounds. Hamburgers, hot dogs and chips were provided by Oregon Elks. Water and cookies were donated by Stinker Stations. Boise Elks, Caldwell Elks and Nampa Elks Lodges volunteers helped with cooking and serving. Volunteers: Boise Lodge #310: Michael Knickerbocker, Jonita Schofield, Barb

Martin, Rick Emerson, Ross Chadd, Jenny Forrester, Zo Hallett, John Verkerk and Lorie Johnson. Not pictured: Pat Truden.

Caldwell Lodge #1448: Sharleen McIntire, Butch Clancy, Jennifer Ann and Steve Hynek.

Nampa Lodge #1389: Ron Estep, Jr. & Lucile Summerlin

Burns Lodge #1680 (Oregon): Ron Estep, Sr. ♦



## Idaho Elks Membership Gains

Way to go Idaho! We finished eighteenth in the nation with a gain in membership and this will be a consecutive

gain for six years in a row. Let's keep bringing in new members, as well working on maintaining current

members.

State Membership Chair,  
Lori J. Marvin ♦

## PSP Marvin Attends Discover Elks Racing Event



Hey race fans, in June my husband Mike (Past State President) and I had the privilege of attending the live race in Polson, MT where brother and sister duo (Kaidyn and Madex Moran) took to the racetrack sponsored by DiscoverElks.org. We were treated to VIP seating and pit passes. The brother

and sister duo represented the Elks with respect and class. 500 Discover Elks flags were handed out to those that attended. You can catch them racing live September 7th on the Racing America TV Network at [racingamerica.tv](http://racingamerica.tv)

Lori J. Marvin ♦

## A Word From Our Newest Vice President

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for your support. As the newest Idaho Elks Vice President South, I'm sure I will experience a learning curve; however, I can assure you that I will make every effort to pay attention, be an active participant and fulfill whatever duties and tasks that come my way. While Elks are always busy,

let's remember that the Idaho State Elks Association is working hard to manage state funds and to ensure they support local lodges with scholarship programs. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with these programs and enrich your lodge by participating in the programs. As I become more familiar with the ins and outs of the

ISEA, you will be receiving more detailed articles from me as I truly believe this is one of the best organizations in existence and the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. Finally, please remember to be kind to each other.

Fraternally,  
Traci Roberts Marmon, VP South ♦

## Blackfoot Lodge Donates Grants



The Blackfoot Elks Lodge #1416 donated their \$4,000 ENF Beacon Grant and \$2,500 Gratitude Grant to the Community Dinner Table and the local food pantry. This was matched by Bingham Co-op. Gene Baismeier (Co-op Board member) presented Trustee

Travis Packer, State Membership & Marketing Chair Lori J. Marvin and Past State President Mike Marvin with this hand-carved plaque at the community BBQ. ♦

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**Someone you want to nominate?**

Email their name, Lodge, title of office and a brief description of their service supporting other Elks or Veterans to [suesturn@aol.com](mailto:suesturn@aol.com)

**SPOTLIGHT ON ELKS**

At our summer convention in Nampa, I learned first hand how Elks exhibit a true sense of caring. There were so many who helped me while I was on crutches at the convention. I want to thank you all. In particular, Sera White-Bosen, Larry Hovorka, Mandie Salzsieder and Lucile Summerlin, who turned her car around and drove out of her way to give me a ride to the lodge a block away.

Thank you all so much!

Susan Ketchum, Newsletter Editor

**Our President's Experience at National Convention**

Just back from Grand Lodge in Austin Texas, Wow! What a fantastic Convention. Our hospitality suite was one of the best we have had in years. Thanks to Kurt and Alicia Neely for their help in stocking and re-stocking the suite with all the needed refreshments.

We raffled off a large "Spuddy Buddy" that we purchased from the Idaho Potato Commission prior to our trip. In total, we raised more than \$600 in donations for the State Project. We were able to play our new state project video on a loop in the



suite to share with all the visitors. Many commented on the high quality of the video and want to do something similar for their own states. During the convention we had the opportunity to meet many of the New State Presidents from around the country and learn of their state projects and how it affected their local communities.

In October we will once again meet in Salmon for the Fall Training session. Hope to see and meet new friends.

Fraternally,  
Ed Willson, ISEA President ♦

