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Give Thanks and Give Back

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season quickly approaching, there is no better time than November to pause and give thanks, both for our personal blessings as well as for those who have tirelessly served our country, our veterans.

While Elks support our veterans all year long (it is a cornerstone of our mission as Elks, after all), each year we have the opportunity to take our efforts one step further with the celebration of Veteran's Day throughout the country on November 11. This month, I urge you to honor and thank the veterans in your Lodge and community. You can host a veteran's dinner at the Lodge, visit or give goods or funds to your local VA center, volunteer at a VA facility, or donate to the Elks Army of Hope. No matter how you show your support, I'm certain your work will be noticed and appreciated.

In addition to giving thanks through your veteran's outreach, Thanksgiving itself is another important moment for Elks this month. Before you sit down to the turkey and football games with your loved ones, take a moment to remember those less fortunate. Even simple actions such as organizing a food collection or having a Thanksgiving dinner at your Lodge help folks in need, while also strengthening the bonds between Elks.

As Pat and I prepare to head home for the Thanksgiving holiday, I'd like to express our gratitude to many of our fellow Elks who have welcomed us with open arms over the past few months. We look forward to continuing our journey soon with full bellies and full hearts.