

DECEMBER VETERANS BBQ

The Fraternal Order of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, Port Orange Lodge 2723 feed the veterans at the Emory L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home for a Barbeque luncheon on Tuesday, December 11. To assist the PER Jerry Peterson, who spearheaded the event were 19 Port Orange Elk members present early in the chilly morning. Members cooked, and served the veterans who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Buns and soft drinks were on the menu. The veterans, on their turn were happy to see us ELKS, doing what we do "To Serve" and "Never to Forget Our Veterans." A check for \$1500 was also presented to the Activity Fund for the Veterans that day by ER Linda Lee.



On battlefields of long ago and today, America's military and veterans made sacrifices for all of us. Through their service, their pride, and their patriotism, the men and women of our armed forces made our nation what it is today. They defended our freedoms. They fought for justice. They preserved our ideals. Through it all, they forged our character. They are our real heroes. Indeed, our nation was built, and continues to be built by their actions.

Since 1917, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has demonstrated its compassion for the veterans of our armed forces through numerous programs and activities. Since 1946, the order has maintained the pledge, **"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."**