

## Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 awards Beacon/Spotlight Grant to VA Medical Center and Vermont Veterans' Home

On Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 presented the '23-'24 Elks National Beacon/Spotlight Grant to the VA Medical Center in White River Jct., VT and the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington, VT. This was a total Beacon/Spotlight Grant for \$6000, which was split between the (2) facilities, each receiving \$3000 in goods and monetary form. The Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 works closely with the directors at each location to compile a list of most needed items for the patrons.

Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 presented the VA Hospital in White River Junction in person with their wish list items – sweat suits, and underwear, and a check to be used for ongoing personal and social needs of the veterans. BPOE 1560 Team – Karen Whitney, Gloria Gunn and neighboring Windsor Lodge 1665 Elk, Jean Crosby helped present the goods and check to Karen Campbell, *Chief of Center for Development and Civic Engagement* shown here in the picture, with Stacy Wright-Hodge, *Specialist, VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement* present. (Picture on left)



The Lodge was happy to also present the VT Veterans' Home with - Norelco waterproof razors and their check portion so they can continue to meet the needs of their patrons.

BPOE 1560 Team – Ed Knoras, ER, Karen Whitney, Vic Baskevich shown with Marjorie LaFountain, Therapeutic Activities Supervisor and patrons – Oliver Allen and Donald McGee.

Congratulations to both the VT Veterans' Home and the WRJ VA Medical Center facilities, recipients of this year's Beacon/Spotlight Grant - Springfield Lodge BPOE 1560 is happy to participate in these ENF Grant programs to help support our local Veteran communities with their on-going needs.