

Elks Care - Elks Share

- Organized in 1868- San Antonio Lodge 216 was chartered in 1886
- 2,100 Lodges throughout the world
- > 1 million members
- Committed to the ideals of Charity and Patriotism
- Raised \$3.6 Billion for our programs
- Created, staffed, managed the 1st VA Hospital and then donated it to the government
- Started and funded the program that became the GI Bill
- 70,000 Elks served in WWI- a high percentage of the membership. 1,000 died
- Directly responsible for recruiting 140,000 soldiers for WWII
- Donated 500,000 pints of blood during one blood drive in WWII
- 400 Lodges Conducted flight training courses that qualified thousands of WWII pilots
- Paid for air conditioners in Tripler Army Hospital during Vietnam to comfort vets
- Elks Leadership serves without salary
- A Helping Hand in Times of Trouble
- We continue to Support our Vets at VA Hospitals around the world
- Support our Children
- Over \$2 million in Scholarships awarded annually
- We promote Drug Awareness among children