



Grass Valley Elks Lodge hosts Veterans Dinner for 160 Vets and guests. The evening's program honoring story telling Vets and "Oh what a nite it was". From Jessica, our youngest guest, US Navy, age 34, to our eldest attendee, age

90, Walter Scott, shared their service. It was indeed memorable, purple heart balloons were flying and there was laughter and joking as stories were shared. **US Naval Ret Chief Bill Dobbins**, USS West Virginia, **Pearl Harbor Survivor** emotionally remembers his buddies loaned to the USS Lexington before she sank. He was stationed on the West Virginia when it was sunk in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. He retired from the Navy in 1970 and is currently 89 yrs old.



Elks Veterans Chairman Bill Dobbins presents Kat Regan with a motorized scooter. She has been battling MS for 18 years but in the past two years has suffered debilitating movement, and cannot walk unassisted. She is the daughter of a 40 year Army Vet and served from 1970-1980 as an Army nurse in Germany. She's also a member of the Soldiers Angels. Grass Valley Elks and Vets Chair, Ret. Chief Dobbins has a joint project, rehabbing motorized carts for needy members of the community, especially Vets. "We work in harmony with the GV Knights of Columbus" says Bill, to re-furb and retro fit the scoots. Bill has a garage full of walkers, crutches and wheelchairs and all donations are gratefully accepted.



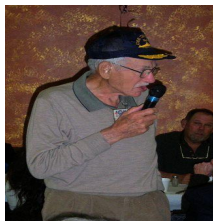
US Air Force Ret Ed

Maj John Griffin, broke speed record in an X-1 set by Gen Chuck Yeager and is the recipient of two Naval Flying Crosses.

Wydra, flew re-fuelers, fondly referred to as "gas passers".



USS Cliff



Tennessee, Walton, Elk



We were honored with 90 year old Vet Walter Scott, 27 year Air Force and Lari Solomon, US Air Force and Elk Chair, Project Hope.

Jerry Mehren, 101st Airborne, gave us insight on Atlanta Training.

Jessica Miller, age 34, US Navy Vet

