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ELCO FOOTBALL PLAYERS BECOME “ELVES” FOR THE VETERANS

Seven ELCO football players recently assisted the Lebanon VA Medical Center (VAMC) Voluntary Service department assemble Christmas bags for the Veterans.

Mark Evans, Guidance Counselor and football coach at ELCO believes it is important to teach young men and women stewardship, philanthropy, and to “just give back”. Evans’ grandfather, who was a WWII Veteran, received his services at the Lebanon VAMC before he passed away in April of 2011. When Debrah Mentzer, Chief, Voluntary Service contacted Mr. Evans about an opportunity for ELCO students to “give back” to the Veterans that have fought for their freedom, the coach immediately agreed. Voluntary Service annually assembles Christmas bags with comfort items, books, stamps and phone cards. This year 250 bags were assembled and will be distributed to Veterans at the Lebanon VAMC on December 22, 2011.

Senior Joseph Fisher from Myerstown said he felt good about bringing holiday cheer to the Veterans. It gave him a “feeling of giving to Veterans”. His grandfather is an Army Veteran.

Senior Lucas Heck from Schaefferstown said his experience was meaningful since his grandfather is also an Army Veteran. Lucas is a Boy Scout who hopes to join the EMT volunteers in Myerstown when he completes the EMT course at ELCO this spring.



Front row L-R
Joe Fisher, Zach Carly, Lucas Heck, Phil Kline, John Gilbertson

Back row
Mr. Mark Evans, Kyle Keefer, Brandon Mays

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