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As part of its Veterans' Support Programs, Assembly 3272 of the Knights of Columbus, joined Friday , December 16, in visiting with the veterans at the myrtle Beach Clinic of the Ralph H Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, located on the formal Myrtle Beach Air Force Base. The mission of the center is to improve the health of the veteran population by providing primary, specialty, and extended care and related social support services through an integrated healthcare delivery system.

The Assembly "adopted" the VA Clinic in Myrtle Beach to help them with some of the special needs they have that are not obtainable through the VA Department, such as making appointment reminder telephone calls and providing snacks. The Knights brought with them goodie bags (69 in all) filled with food stuffs, socks, and personal care items. The veterans, joined by the Knights and Elks Organizations, were also treated to hotdogs and refreshments.

There were approximately 100 veterans, spouses and friends in attendance. The veterans served in WW 2, Korea, Viet Nam and Desert Storm. Those in charge said they were very pleased with everything and indicated that this is "what the Holiday is about". "This is a nice way to have these groups get together with those that are in need of medical treatment and share the true meaning of the season"

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