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## **First-of-its-kind Collaboration Bringing Food Pantry to Eastham and Outer Cape for Area Veterans**

HYANNIS, MA – The **Eastham Elks** and the **Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center (CIVOC)**, have established an ongoing collaboration to begin a twice-monthly food pantry for veterans on the Outer Cape. The program is a “first-of-its-kind” for the region, and demonstrates the deep commitment these two groups have to the men and women who have served our nation.

This food pantry, which begins on **Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, and is open from **10 am to 1 pm**, will be an on-going event, **returning on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, going forward**. It is open, at no cost, to all veterans who can prove their veteran status (i.e., a DD 214).

The food pantry will be located on those days at the **Elks Club located at 10 McKoy Road, Eastham**, and both organizations involved expect that the program will likely expand as interest and participation increase.

The Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center’s mobile food pantry will be delivering food kits for veterans that contain nonperishable goods, and the kits will be supplemented with fresh foods and meats that will vary each week and will be available on-site.

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