



Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas

“Thanksgiving for Veterans 2014”

After Action Report

Saturday, November 22, 2014

9:00am-1:00pm

The Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas (VCNCT) celebrated its 4th Annual “Thanksgiving for Veterans “. The event took place at the Veterans Resource Center in Dallas. The purpose of the event was to provide Thanksgiving dinner for Veterans and their family members and to provide the attendees information on available resources. Supporting organizations provided the following items:

VCNCT Events Committee:	Overall Event Coordination
VSweeps:	250 12lb-16lb turkeys (Title Sponsor)
Minnies Food Pantry:	Food order and Volunteers
Kennett Consulting:	Monetary Donations (Sponsor)
Elks Lodge #71:	Facility storage and Volunteers
Texas Land Board:	250 bags
Veterans Resource Center:	Event Location
CRC Health Care:	Volunteers, Lunch, Resources
UT Dallas Center for Brain Health:	Volunteers, Resources
Dallas VA:	Volunteers, Resources
Dallas City Hall:	Volunteer, Resources
Legal Aid of North West Texas:	Resources
Western and Southern Life:	Resources
Community Dental Care:	Resources
Montrell Living:	Volunteers, Coordination
NVOP-Dallas:	Volunteers, Coordination
Gods Caterer:	Volunteers, Driver
Mutual of Omaha:	Volunteers
Dallas County Veterans Service Office:	Volunteers, Coordination
Veterans Place:	Volunteers
Our Family of Family Church:	Volunteers
The Veterans Resource Commission:	Volunteers
Family of Faith Church:	Volunteers
CBS KTVT KTXA-TV:	Marketing
Nurturance Network:	Volunteer
Raytheon:	Volunteer
Equest:	Resources
InHome Wholisticare and Wellness:	Volunteers
NAACP Veterans Affairs	Canned Goods
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The coordination and preparation of the event took approximately two months. There were 35 volunteers representing 24 different community based organizations. There were 250 turkeys totaling approximately \$3,800, 16 different side items totaling over \$3,000. There was one bagging session with 17 volunteers bagging totaling 6 hour.

Primary recruitment and registration for participating Veterans were the North Texas Health Care System(Dallas VA), Seagoville Medical Battalion, and Army National Guard Headquarters in Grand Prairie. On the day of the event 250 Veterans received turkeys, serving 943 reported family members, 250 bags with side items, and resources. An additional 15 Veterans received bags of food, and

approximately 35 Veterans received tickets to receive turkeys from partnering organizations the following week. Of the Veterans present, there was a total of 852.4 reported combined years of military service. Representation from all branches of services were present.

Thank you to the 206th Broadcast Operations Detachment for onsite interviews and event video, see links below.

<http://www.dvidshub.net/video/377303/turkeys-veterans#.VHTUsxZiOM4>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CsDY_lizvJM&feature=youtu.be

