



Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas

238th Army Birthday Celebration

After Action Report

Friday, June 14, 2013

10:00-1:00pm

Attending Coalition Members:

Nekima Booker	Operation Healthy Reunions
Loretta Brown	REACH
Tyrone Hunter	VA Dallas
Tammy Vanderleese	Devry University
Lena Taylor	
Chris Cantu	Parker University
Bruce Williams	Concordia University
Joe Applewhite	Texas Department of Public Safety
Maria Marquise	Army Survivor Outreach Services

The Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas (VCNCT) partnered with the US Army Recruiting Battalion Dallas for the 238th Army Birthday Celebration. The VCNCT donated four cakes, two chocolate and two vanilla for the event. The cakes were sponsored and made by the Wal-Mart Bakery of Desoto and Costco of Duncanville. The following organizations served as event supporters and or served on the event planning committee:

1. Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas(VCNCT)
2. Daughters of the American War
3. Goldstar Mothers
4. DAAB members
5. Taco Cabana
6. JROTC: South Oak Cliff HS
7. Army National Guard

The event was held at Dallas City Hall Plaza and kicked off at 10:00am with presentation of colors and national anthem by South Oak Cliff High School JR ROTC color guard and the Dallas Police Department Choir. Mayor Pro Tem Atkins gave remarks presenting the reading of the letter of recognition which was accepted by Captain James Simpson. Captain James Simpson to give remarks and an Army History celebrating the 238 years of dedicated service. SFC Harris and Capt. Simpson administered the Oath to swear in 24 new soldiers. They were welcomed by applause and “Hoorahs” from the crowd. For the second year, the Signing of the covenant between the US Army and the City of Dallas was performed by Mayor Pro Tem, Capt Simpson, and Capt Jimenez (signed prior). In closing, the S. Oak Cliff HS Jr ROTC cadets dismissed colors and presentation of F.L.A.G. (Fly, Lower and Gather).

At this time, the attendees were dismissed to the Flag room for the cutting of the cake ceremony, conducted by MSG Richardson. Nekima Booker gave words on behalf of the VCNCT, thanking Wal-Mart and Costco for their sponsorship of the cakes. Approximately 200 attendees were able to visit the VCNCT member exhibitors and learn of resources and programs available to military families (listed above).

The following agencies gave the following collaterals:

Cakes- Ms. Nekima Booker, VCNCT

Knife for cake – MSG Richardson

Cooler, Drinks, plates, cups- A&PA

Army Colors – MSG Richardson

Army Vehicles – National Asset

Flags/Lapel Pins – A&PA

Covenant/Markers/Easel – A&PA

Pull-Up Banners – Training Shop

Formation of All Army Elements – MSG Richardson