



Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas

“Thanksgiving for Veterans 2015”

After Action Report

Saturday, November 21, 2015

9:00am-1:00pm

The Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas (VCNCT) celebrated its 5th Annual “Thanksgiving4Veterans.” 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:

Sponsors and Partners

VCNCT Events Committee:	Overall Event Coordination
Albertsons:	300 12lb-16lb turkeys
Tom Thumb:	Food order
Goldman Sacs:	Monetary Donations (Title Sponsor)
Ridgeview Ele. PTA:	Food Drive
Texas Land Board:	500 bags
Veterans Resource Center:	Event Location
Chipotle of Watauga:	Monetary Donation
114th RC Aero Squadron:	Monetary Donation
The Mission Continues	U-haul Truck
J.O. Davis Elementary School	Food Drive

Volunteers & Resources

Dallas County Veteran Services Office:	Volunteer
VAMC-FWOPC:	Volunteers
Goldman Sacs:	Volunteers
Community Dental Care:	Resources
Members of the Armed Forces:	Volunteers
Battle Buddy:	Volunteers
The Mission Continues:	Volunteers
Dallas Vet Life:	Volunteers/Resources
North Texas Food Bank:	Resources
Allies in Service:	Volunteers
Maximus:	Volunteers
Legal Aid of Northwest Texas:	Volunteers/Resources
Friendship West Baptist Church:	Volunteers
Dallas City Hall:	Volunteers
211:	Volunteers
Reserve Aid:	Volunteer
Texas Veterans Commission:	Volunteer
Health Market:	Resources
Reading Partners:	Resources
Starlite Recover Center:	Resources

The coordination and preparation of the event took approximately two months. There were 58 volunteers representing 16 different community based organizations, and all branches of service. There were 313 turkeys donated totaling approximately \$4,000, 16 different side items totaling over \$3,800. There was one bagging session with 26 volunteers bagging totaling 9.5 hour. There were two food drives sites that collected canned and boxed goods for the event.

On the day of the event 313 turkeys were given to Veterans, serving 503 reported family members, 366 bags with side items, and resources. Veterans came from 36 different cities to participate, representing each branch of service. Of the Veterans present, there was a total of 1,454 reported combined years of service. The food given will last approximately 1 to 2 weeks, based on family size.

The majority of items given were as follows:

- Minute maid Rice
- Delmonte canned corn
- Canned mix veggies
- Delmonte canned green beans
- Canned Carrots
- Canned yams
- Stove Top Stuffing
- Ocean Spray Cranberry sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Idaho Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy mix Packet
- Tomato sauce
- Lipton onion soup mix
- Cake mix
- Pillsbury brownie mix
- Pet. Evaporated Milk
- Marshmallows
- Soups
- Turkeys

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