



Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas

“Thanksgiving for Veterans 2016”

After Action Report

Saturday, November 19, 2016

9:00am-2:00pm

The Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas (VCNCT) celebrated its Annual “Thanksgiving-4-Veterans.” The event took place at the Veterans Resource Center in Dallas and was the biggest to date. The purpose of the event is 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
Aviall:	Monetary Donations(Title Sponsor)
Goldman Sacs:	Monetary Donations (Co-Title Sponsor)
Eagle Ridge Ele.:	Food Drive
Elementary	Food Drive
Texas Land Board:	257 bags
Veterans Resource Center:	Event Location
Blue Cross Blue Shield:	350 Bags
NFL Players Assoc.:	100 Turkeys and 80 hams
U-haul of Dallas	U-haul truck
Volunteers	50 Handmade Scarves
Various Volunteers	Turkeys and side items
Mother Ruckers Cookies	540 Boxes of Cookies
Jodi Dean	63 turkeys
Jervis Williams	DJ Music & Entertainment

Volunteers & Resources

Dallas County Veteran Services Office:	Volunteers/Resources
Goldman Sacs:	Volunteers
Aviall	Volunteers
The Mission Continues:	Volunteers
Dallas Vet Life:	Volunteers/Resources
North Texas Food Bank:	Resources
Legal Aid of Northwest Texas:	Volunteers/Resources
211:	Volunteers
Texas Veterans Commission:	Volunteer

The coordination and preparation of the event took approximately two months. There were approximately 59 volunteers representing 12 different community based organizations, and all branches of service. There were 473 turkeys donated and 80 hams totaling approximately \$8,050, 16 various products totaling 8,800 side items over \$8,200, producing 607 bags of food. There was one bagging session with 49 volunteers bagging totaling 6 hours. There were two food drive sites that collected

canned and boxed goods for the event and several walk-in donations. Lunch was provided for volunteers on bagging day and donuts for volunteers and attendees on event day.

On the day of the event 465 turkeys were given to Veterans and 80 hams, serving 503 reported family members, 507 bags with side items, and resources were given. Of the 100 remaining bags, 65 were donated to the Veterans Resource Center to feed homeless Veterans and 35 to Friendship West Baptist Church Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless. The average age of the Veteran attendee was 51.

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
- Cookies
- Turkeys
- Hams