



Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas

“Thanksgiving-4-Veterans 2017”

After Action Report

Saturday, November 18-19, 2017

9:00am-1:00pm

The Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas (VCNCT) celebrated its 7th Annual “Thanksgiving-4-Veterans event. “ The event took place at the American Legion Post 511 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. This event also reduces the amount of stress and depression from the extra expenses of the holidays, attributing to good mental health. Supporting organizations provided the following items:

Sponsors and Partners

VCNCT Volunteers:	Overall Event Coordination
Albertsons	250 12lb-16lb turkeys
Tom Thumb:	Food order
Texas Capital Bank	Monetary Donation
Goldman Sacs:	Monetary Donation
Aviall:	Monetary Donation
Texas Land Board:	250 bags
American Legion Post 511	Event Location
/VFW Post 1406:	
Vet Center:	Mobile Unit
NBC Sunday Night Football Bus:	Mobile Unit
DFW Chaplaincy:	Pictures
Orthofix:	Lunch

Volunteers & Resources

Texas Capital Bank:	Volunteers
Goldman Sacs:	Volunteers
Aviall:	Volunteers
Legal Aid of Northwest Texas:	Volunteers/Resources
Friendship West Baptist Church:	Volunteers/Partners in feeding the homeless a hot meal
Leaderquest:	Volunteers/Resources
Orthofix Inc.:	Volunteers/Resources
The Mission Continues/Equest:	Volunteers/Resources
Family Endeavors:	Volunteers
Cyani Love LLC.:	Volunteers
Center for BrainHealth/UTD:	Volunteer/Resources
Wells Fargo Bank:	Volunteers
Bryker Hyde:	Volunteers
Dallas Rotary Club:	Volunteers
Jones Day:	Volunteers
Airbus Helicopters:	Volunteers
Fully Freed Ministry:	Volunteers/Resources
DFW Chaplaincy:	Volunteers
Veterans & Family Members:	Volunteers
Survivor Outreach Services:	Volunteers/Resources
Npower:	Volunteers/Resources
VCNCT Board:	Volunteers

The coordination and preparation of the event took approximately two months. There were 67 volunteers, 10.5 in volunteer hours, representing 27 different community based organizations, and all branches of service. There were 250 turkeys given totaling approximately \$4,000, 16 different side items totaling over \$4,000, a total of 6,049 items given.

On the day of the event 238 turkeys and bags were given to Veterans and family members, feeding approximately 431 reported family members. The remaining 12 turkeys, 24 boxes frozen pre-packaged meals, and 31 bags of food were donated to a local church and shelter, feeding approximately 500 homeless.

The majority of items given were as follows:

- Rice
- Canned corn
- Canned mix veggies
- Canned green beans
- Canned Carrots
- Canned yams
- Stove Top Stuffing
- Cranberry sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy mix Packets
- Tomato sauce
- Onion soup mix
- Brownie mix
- Evaporated Milk
- Marshmallows
- Soups
- Apple Juice
- Pinto Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Turkeys

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