

# Veterans Day 2017 Outreach Events



**WALTER REED MEDICAL CENTER, BETHESDA, MD**  
*7 NOVEMBER 2017*

**CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK, WASHINGTON, DC**  
**ALL VETERANS PARK BEAUTIFICATION, ALEXANDRIA, VA**  
**NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL GROUNDBREAKING, WASHINGTON, DC**  
**U.S. VETS, WASHINGTON, DC**  
**VIETNAM VETERANS PINNING CEREMONY, USCG HQ**  
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**The U.S. Coast Guard Band's Brass Quintet performed at the Wounded Warrior Cell at Walter Reed Medical Center during an USCG-sponsored event to distribute donations to veterans and hospital staff. (Photo by: Telfair Brown)**



**Donations and refreshments were well received by the veterans and hospital staff at the Wounded Warrior Cell at Walter Reed Medical Center. (Photo by: Telfair Brown)**



**Members of Team Coast Guard at the Capital Area Food Bank.  
(Photo by: LCDR Paul Green)**



Coast Guard volunteers were tasked with sorting and packing food items essential to the nutrition and health of the elderly who rely daily upon the Capital Area Food Bank. Coast Guard boxed more than 15,000 pounds of food and organized more than 480 boxes onto 24 pallets in 1 ½ hours. (Photo by: LCDR Paul Green)



**Local area veterans worked alongside Coast Guard volunteers to give the All Veterans Park in Alexandria, VA, some needed TLC. (Photo by: LCDR Scott McBride)**



**Park clean-up activities including flower bed maintenance, overlook deck staining and invasive plant species removal. (Photo by: LCDR Scott McBride)**



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**U.S. Coast Guard men and women served veterans hot breakfast at the U.S. VETS-Washington, D.C., facility. (Photo by: Gwenda Bradford)**



**Coast Guard men and women had an opportunity to engage and recognize veterans for their service to our country. Veterans also had an opportunity to tell their stories, share their feelings, and offer suggestions for those serving today. (Photo by: Gwenda Bradford)**



A lapel-pinning ceremony was held at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters to recognize Vietnam-era veterans who served between 1955 and 1975. Those recognized with the Vietnam War Commemoration lapel pin included employees and family members from Base National Capital Region as well as from the greater Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary communities. (Photo by: LT Emily Brockway)



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## Fun Facts

- More than 90 volunteers turned out to recognize and honor veterans living in the National Capital Region.
  - Walter Reed 10
  - Capital Area Food Bank 21
  - All Veterans Park 25
  - World War I Memorial 9
  - U.S. VETS 21
  - Pinning Ceremony 10
- USCG collected more than 200 donated items (soap, lotion, blankets, socks, toys, etc.) to hand out to patients and employees at Walter Reed Medical Center
- Boxed more than 15,000 lbs. of food and organized more than 480 boxes on 24 pallets in 1 ½ hours at the Capital Area Food Bank.
- Recognized more than 60 Vietnam-era veterans from all five branches with Vietnam War Commemoration lapel pins.